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Parshas Tetzaveh

פרשת תצוה

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Weekday Shiurim

Mussar Chabura: 15 minutes before Shacharis

Mishna Brura: Monday and Wednesday after Maariv, given by Eli Back.

Ruach Chaim: Thursday at 10:15pm, given by Rav Sholom Kamenetsky.

Women's Mussar Shiur: Tuesday at 3pm, at the home of Eve Rosen.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Nashim. Sign up on shul bulletin board or email eisenberg.dj@verizon.net with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

Bnos: 3:30 to 4:30pm

at LMS. Contact Meira Friedman 610-617-9529 or dmf201@gmail.com.

Torah Youth: 3 to 4pm at LMS in the Social Hall. Contact Rabbi Schwartz at sruli@torahyouth.org or Rabbi Silver at silverDollar@verizon.net.



Shabbos Schedule Shabbos Zachor



Light Candles:	5:27pm
Mincha, followed by Kabbalas Shabbos:	5:27pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Naftali Perlberger:	7:55am
Shiur on Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim's Commentary:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:28am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is community sponsored.	
Mincha:	5:20pm
Rabbi Steinberg will give a special pre-Purim shiur after Mincha.	
Maariv:	6:31pm
<i>Megillah:</i>	6:55pm

Hester and the Book of Esther

a Pre-Purim Shiur by Rabbi Steinberg

Perhaps no book of Tanach has had as much beneath-the-surface commentary from the great Meforshim as Megillas Esther. In fact, 'hiddenness' is the megilla's central motif. Take a peak behind the megilla's mask and learn some of those deeper meanings in preparation for Purim 5773.

Megillah Reading

In addition to the Megillah readings at YIML, on Purim eve (Motzai Shabbos), there will be a later reading of the Megillah at the Weinberger home, 316 Cynwyd Rd., at 9:00 PM.

Sun, Feb 24	Mon, Feb 25	Tue, Feb 26	Wed, Feb 27	Thu, Feb 28	Fri, Mar 1
<i>Purim</i>	<i>Shushan Purim</i>	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 5:35pm Mincha 5:35pm
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- Mazel Tov to Dan Selig upon his engagement to Tori Shapiro from Highland Park, New Jersey.

Parshas Zachor Reading

Parshas Zachor will be read in Shul this Shabbos at approximately 10:00 AM. In addition to the regular Youth Groups, parents are welcome to bring even underage children upstairs to the Youth Rooms during Parshas Zachor (and reclaim them afterward), so that it can be attended and heard without distraction.

Please note: we will not be having a later reading of Parshas Zachor.

Matanos L'evyonim

If you have not already given matanos l'evyonim, please do so ASAP. Checks should be made out to: "YIML Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" with a memo note: "Matanos L'evyonim", and given to Rabbi Steinberg.

Basic Colors is Coming

Basic Colors is coming to YIML in time for Pesach. Very Affordable Women's and Girls' Clothing - Skirts, Tops, Shells - Thursday, February 28, 4-7pm. For information, contact Janis Fine.

Thought of the Week

One of the actions which is prohibited on Shabbat is "borer" / "selection." However, not all selection is prohibited on Shabbat. One is permitted (under certain circumstances) to select the "ochel" / "food" out of a mixture, but he is not permitted to select the "p'solet" / "rejects" out of the same mixture. For example, if a person has a salad in front of him, and he wants only the tomatoes, he is not permitted to push aside the other vegetables to get to the tomatoes. (In this case, the other vegetables are the "p'solet" even though they are technically food. In the context of this law, anything desirable is called "ochel," and anything undesirable is called "p'solet.") On the other hand, if any tomatoes are already uncovered, one may select the tomatoes out of the salad if he meets certain other conditions. [Please consult reliable halachic sources for practical applications.]

R' Avraham Eiger z"l (1846-1914; the Lubliner Rebbe) offers the following rationale for these laws: Shabbat was given as a time for man to work on self-improvement. How does one improve himself? Deep down within every Jew is a soul which is inherently good. Man's task, especially on Shabbat, is to draw out the goodness which is hidden within him. (Indeed, on Shabbat, that goodness awakens and tries to show itself.) The laws of borer teach that one should not improve himself by peeling away the layers of "p'solet" / undesirable qualities. Rather, one should reach deep inside himself and bring out the "ochel" / desirable qualities within. (Quoted in Noam Ha'Shabbat p.49)

"And you shall speak to all the chachmei lev/wise-hearted people whom I have invested with a spirit of wisdom." (28:3)

The Gemara (Berachot 55a) teaches: Hashem gives wisdom only to one who has wisdom, as it is written (Shmot 31:6), "I have endowed the heart of every wise-hearted person with wisdom." It also is written (Daniel 2:21), "He gives wisdom to the wise." Hashem operates the world such that a full vessel can receive more, while an empty vessel cannot receive anything. [Thus, one who already has wisdom can receive more, while one who has no wisdom cannot receive any].

If so, asks R' Chaim of Volozhin z"l (1749-1821), how does one acquire wisdom in the first place? The answer is found in the words of both King David (Tehilim 111:10) and King Shlomo (Mishlei 9:10), "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of Hashem." The "wisdom" which precedes Hashem's gift of wisdom is fear of Heaven.

A person can acquire this initial "wisdom" (i.e., fear of Hashem) only through his own toil. The Gemara teaches (Berachot 33b), "Everything is in the hands of Heaven except for the fear of Heaven." Thus, when the Gemara says that Hashem gives wisdom only to one who has wisdom, it means that He gives wisdom only to one who has acquired fear of Heaven through his own hard work. Similarly, the "wise-hearted people" of our pasuk are those who possess fear of Heaven. (Ruach Chaim 4:1)

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