

### Mazel Tov to...

... **Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein and Family** on the birth of a granddaughter.

... **Shmuel and Yocheved Lichtenstein and Family** on the birth of a baby girl.

... **Dovid and Meira Friedman and Family** on the birth of a Chaya Shaina.

... **Sherman and Susan Frager and Family** on the auf-ruf and upcoming wedding of Yehuda Frager to Aderet Block.

There will be an auf-ruf this Shabbos for Yehuda Frager, in honor of his forthcoming marriage to Aderet Block. The entire community is invited to join the Frager family at a kiddush celebrating the auf-ruf at the Kollel, following davening at Young Israel.

### Tzeischem L'shalom

Tzeischem L'shalom to Yehuda & Zahavah Avrunin and family as they leave Bala Cynwyd to move to Maryland. We wish them much hatzlacha in their new community.

### New Upcoming Shiurim by Rabbi Steinberg

Stay tuned for the exact start dates and times of the following new shiurim (to begin in September) with Rabbi Steinberg:

- **Chovos Halevovos**- Our daily morning mussar group has already completed *Orchos Tzadikim* and *Mesilas Yesharim*. Now, we are very close to completing *Shaarei Teshuva*. We will then begin the classic *Sefer Chovos Halevovos*. This is an opportune time for new participants to join. The group meets daily, 15 minutes before Shacharis. Sun. – 7:45; Mon, Thurs. – 6:25; Tues, Wed., Fri. – 6:35. We do not meet when Shacharis is early (e.g. Rosh Chodesh, Selichos.)
- **Gemora Kesubos** (first chapter)- The weekly Gemora shiur will move from Shabbos afternoon to Tues. night and will switch from Gemora Sukkah to Gemorah Kesubos. The shiur will focus on the logic and lomdus of the Gemora. Participants are encouraged to prepare the sugya basics a little in advance. Here is an opportunity to experience some of the depth of classic Gemora learning. Speak to Rabbi Steinberg for details.
- **Sefer Shmuel Bais** – Women's Shiur- This text-based shiur, which will meet on Wednesday nights, will give us an opportunity to study the profound hashkafic and halachic insights of the life and times of Dovid HaMelech contained in this sefer of the Nevi'im.
- **Michtav Me'Eliyahu**- One of the most popular of the twentieth century mussar works, this collection of the writings of Rav Eliyahu Dessler has the ability to inspire and move us. Be"H we will be starting to study this sefer on Shabbos afternoons.

All submissions, suggestions, sponsorships, and advertisements should be directed to Moshe Eisenberg, creator of this Weekly Update.

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Parshas Ki Seitzei

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### Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	7:16 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:45 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	7:00 p.m.
Maariv:	8:17 p.m.

### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis –Sun, Mon:	8:00 a.m.
Shacharis- Thursday:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha /Maariv- Sun-Thurs:	7:15 p.m.



Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Frager Family in honor of Yehuda's auf-ruf and will be held at the Philadelphia Community Kollel.

### Women's League Meeting

Please join us at a meeting of the YIML Women's League to plan upcoming events (youth groups and activities, women's education and speakers, etc.) for the coming year. The meeting will take place on Sun., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM at the home of Judith Levitt, 1 Hazel Lane. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.



## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Moshe Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Shaarei Teshuva	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:45 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	<b>CANCELLED</b>

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

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### War-n Out

By Rabbi Pinchas Winston

*When you go out to war against your enemy, and Hashem, your G-d, gives him over to your hand, and you take a captive ...* (Devarim 21:10)

So begins the mitzvah of the *yafes to'ar*, the captive woman. *Pshat* is as it sounds: the soldier, in a time of war, during which the yetzer hara has free reign, is attracted to a non-Jewish female captive, and desires her for a wife. The rest of the parshah outlines the procedure to make her into a "kosher" wife, and *Rashi* points out the potential horrible results of doing so.

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### Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos is currently learning Seder Tohoros. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or speak to Moshe Eisenberg.

### Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheimer, our Sofer STA"M, will be in town **for the week of September 10** for your safrus needs.

On a deeper level, the war is a psychological and spiritual one, against the yetzer hara itself, and the fact that the verse says that it is G-d that conquers it for us is reminiscent of the Talmudic dictum:

*If G-d didn't help him [a person], he could not overcome it [the yetzer hara].* (Kiddushin 30b)

However, there is seemingly an inconsistency in this understanding. If G-d has just handed the yetzer hara over to the man, then why did he take a *yafes to'ar*? If anything, the man should have been able to resist temptation and reject the captive non-Jew, and not fall prey to her (that's right, fall prey to her, because, though he may have captured her, it is she who smote his heart).

The answer is a fundamental concept in the ongoing battle against the yetzer hara. One might think that once a battle is waged against the yetzer hara, and victory is achieved, that the war is over. Wrong, dangerously wrong! This is what the verse hints: ... *And you see a female captive of beautiful form, and you desire her ...* (Devarim 21:11)

In other words, the man went from one war to another. Even though he was successful in the first battle, his eyes dragged him right into the next. In fact, the victory of the first battle set the stage for the second one. Such is life, for one really never has rest in This World, if one is intent on living in the next one, as the Ramchal points out:

*Man was therefore created with both a yetzer tov and a yetzer hara. He has the power to incline himself in whichever direction he desires ... The Highest Wisdom decreed that man should consist of two opposites. These are his pure spiritual soul and his unenlightened physical body. Each one is drawn toward its nature, so that the body inclines toward the material, while the soul leans toward the spiritual. The two are then in a constant state of battle ...* (Derech Hashem 1:2:1-1:3:2)

This is also the result of Adam's sin of eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. As the Talmud points out, and *Shlomo HaMelech* echoed, even righteous people make mistakes, as a result of the spiritual "filth" the original snake imposed upon man. Our job is to reverse the effect by locating our weaknesses, and then overcoming them during our lifetime.

According to the Arizal, this means working on spiritual growth and not getting absorbed into a materialistic lifestyle. The more one feels a pull in the direction of *gashmius* (materialism), the more one is said to be "courting" the yetzer hara, and binding with it.

Eventually, every individual will have to completely rid himself of the effects of the snake, but for many this doesn't occur until after death and burial. However, at that time, it is a painful process, apparently, and righteous people take care of as much of this as possible during their lifetimes. As the saying goes, "you can pay us now, or you can pay us later." But as all of us know, everyone pays something "extra" for being able to push off payment for as long as possible.

*Elul* is here. It is time to get real with life.

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