

# Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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## This Motzei Shabbos (Sept. 16) Schedule at YIML

**11:45 p.m.** – A video presentation entitled *"Awaken" - Timeless Messages for the Days of Awe. Words for the Soul from the World of Torah.* (A project of the Young Israel Council of Rabbis)

**1:00 AM** - Selichos

## 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.

## B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**September 15-22, 2006**

**Parshas Nitzavim-Vayelech**

**פרשת נצבים-וילך**

## Shabbos Davening Times

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>6:53 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>6:55 p.m.</b>
<b>Sof Zman Krias Shema:</b>	<b>9:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:</b>	<b>6:40 p.m.</b>
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>7:54 p.m.</b>
<b>Slichos:</b>	<b>1:00 a.m.</b>

## Weekday Davening Times

<b>Shacharis –Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis– Mon, Thurs:</b>	<b>(Slichos: 6:10 a.m.) 6:40 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis– Tues, Wed:</b>	<b>(Slichos: 6:20 a.m.) 6:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis– Friday</b>	
<b>(Erev Rosh Hashana):</b>	<b>(Slichos: 6:00 a.m.) 6:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha /Maariv- Sun-Thurs:</b>	<b>6:50 p.m.</b>

## Next Shabbos Davening Times

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>6:41 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>6:40 p.m.</b>

## Shabbos Shuva Drasha

Rabbi Steinberg will be giving a Shabbos Shuva drasha on September 30 following 6:15 Mincha. Maariv will follow at 7:31. The topic will be "Give or Get: What is the Essential Pursuit of Mechila" Men and women are welcome.

Please Note: Rabbi Steinberg will be giving the Shabbos Shuva drasha a second time on Motzei Shabbos Shuva at 9:00 p.m. for those unable to attend on Shabbos.



## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	Michtav me'Eliyahu	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.		Chovos Halevovos	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:45 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		
Tuesday	After Maariv	Gemora Kesuvos First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	Shiur for Women <b>Starting Oct. 18</b>
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

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## Facing the Covenant

By Rabbi Berel Wein

Moshe's final official act of his long career of Jewish leadership is to once again reiterate the everlasting covenant between God and Israel. To make it explicitly clear to Israel that this covenant is eternal and non-cancelable, Moshe states that it binds "those who are with us here standing today and those who are not here standing with us today." All Jews, wherever they may live and whenever their time on earth will occur are bound by the covenant. The covenant pursues us and at the same time inspires us throughout the ages. It is the constitution of the Jewish people and it never fails to enforce its terms upon us and to remind us of its existence and durability. The entire story of the Jewish people of the past century is foretold in the covenant. Ramban stated that it is amazing that someone - Moshe - could stand and accurately forecast and describe events that would befall Israel two thousand years later. What greater wonder shall we have living as we do an additional eight hundred years after Ramban! There is no way to understand or appreciate the Jewish story throughout the ages - the good and the better - without reference to the words and conditions expressed in the covenant. Truly, having to deal with the covenant and its attendant consequences and results is unavoidable.

The covenant states that there will come a time when Israel, reeling from tragedy and Holocaust, will say, "all of these troubles have befallen me because there was not God in my midst." This ambiguous statement, according to Rabbi Meir Leibush Malbim, lends itself to two interpretations. There will be Jews who will react to the horror and pain of Israel by saying that "God is not in our midst" - that we are not pious enough in belief and scrupulous enough in behavior and deeds. But there will be other Jews whose faith will have been crushed by events and tragedy who will state "that God is not in our midst" for there is no God that can come and help us. Thus both redoubled efforts at piety and blasphemy and scorn are the two reactions to the terms of the covenant as it acted itself out in human events. How painful it is in today's Jewish world to witness these two diametrically opposed responses to the covenant marching along side by side. A portion of the Jewish people is determined to strengthen the bonds of the covenant and to live an ever more rigorous Jewish life style while another portion of Israel distances itself from observance of the covenant - even from remembering that such a covenant yet in fact still exists and remains operative.

We are not allowed the luxury of forgetting or ignoring the covenant. Daily, it rises up and smites us in our faces. It gives us no rest, no free passes in life. Only by recognizing its existence and living by its tenets and values can we achieve personal and national achievement and satisfaction. That is Moshe's lasting legacy to us as Jews. Remember the covenant and live by it!

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