

Kiddush for this Shabbos is sponsored by David and Sharyn Chase in honor of Sima Lieba becoming Bas Mitzvah.

Shalosh Seudos is being co-sponsored by Richie and Janis Fine for the yahrzeit of Richie's father, Dovid ben Eliezer; and by Sid and Susan Laytin for the yahrzeit of Sid's father, Meir ben Shlomo.

## New Shiur for Women by Rabbi Steinberg

YIML is pleased to introduce a new shiur for women in the Book of Shmuel with Rabbi Steinberg on Wednesday nights at 8:15 at YIML entitled "The wisdom of the Nevi'im through the insights of the Chachamim." Begins Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## YIML Sisterhood Guest Speaker

The Sisterhood of YIML is proud to announce a special talk by Mrs. Sherri Mandell on Monday, November 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Jillyan Sved (296 Sycamore Avenue). Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Sherri Mandell is the author of the book "The Blessing of a Broken Heart" and she will be signing books after the lecture. For women only.

## **Community Women's Shiur**

There will be a community woman's shiur hosted by Janis Fine and Karen Sallen on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 at 8:00 pm entitled "Birth and Rebirth" by Miriam Maslin to be held at the home of Karen Sallen (325 Merion Road). \$10 per person. RSVP to Janis or Karen.

## **Upcoming Community Events**

November 5- Torah Academy PTO Melave Malka November 13- P'tach Dinner November 20- Philadelphia Community Kollel Dinner Please make your reservations as soon as possible!!

## The Naomi Zeiger Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Naomi Zeiger Memorial Scholarship Fund seeks to sponsor women who are newly observant for study in Israeli Orthodox institutions. To make a tax deductible contribution speak with Janis Fine. For more information contact Laurie Simkovich at <u>lsimkovich@aol.com</u>.



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**Parshas Noach** 

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# November 4-11, 2005

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# Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:38 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:40 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:10 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	4:25 p.m.
Maariv:	5:40 p.m.

## Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis –Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sunday:	4:40 p.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.
There will be no weekday Mincha in s	hul until the spring.

## Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to the Chase Family on the occasion of the Bas Mitzva of Sima Lieba Chase.

## Chevra Mishnayos

The YIML Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Zeraim. You can sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

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DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Chumash Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Rambam Sefer Hamitzvos Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch Shiur	Dov Gottlieb	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back	
15 minut Shacharis o	es before on SunFri.	Mesilas Yesharim	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg	Fundamental Definitions in Shabbos and Yom Tov
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Tuesday night	After Maariv	Gemora Sukka Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Women's Sefer Shmuel Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>BEGINS 11/16</u>
Thursday night	10:10 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	
*All shiurim	are at YIML un	lless specified.		

# Dvar Torah

by Baruch Frankel

The destruction of the world by the Flood began with forty days of strong rain and ended with forty days of receding waters until Noach opened the window to see the new world. This doubling of periods of forty is reminiscent of the two times Moshe Rabbeinu ascended Har Sinai, each time for "forty days and forty nights," in the process of receiving the Torah. The Maharal writes that the number forty is a recurring feature of numerous contexts and that the unifying theme is transformation or development. Continued on facing page The Talmud teaches that a fetus begins to take a recognizable form forty days after conception. These forty days of development of life are the counterpoint to the forty days of rain after which "all creatures that drew the breath of life, that were left on land" were dead. Transformations also take place through measures of forty. An impure person is purified by immersion in a mikvah that must contain a minimum of forty seah of water, and a sinner has his guilt expunged when beis din administers forty lashes. There are forty days from the beginning of the month of Elul to Yom Kippur during which we undergo the transformative process of teshuva.

The Jewish people wandered in the desert for forty years to remediate their sin of believing the negative reports of the spies (who spent forty days surveying the land). During these forty years in the desert, the generation that left Egypt died, leaving their children to enter the Land of Canaan. In this process, the composition of the nation underwent a very real change. Even the time the Jewish people spent in exile in Egypt (400 years as promised by Hashem to Avraham in the Bris bein HaBsarim) seems to fit within this pattern. The number ten often symbolizes completeness (I'll leave that discussion to another Shabbos bulletin...), so 400 (or forty times ten) resembles a complete transformation.

The mishna in Pirkei Avos tells us that a forty year-old attains understanding. Yitzchak and Eisav both married at the age of forty and Rabbi Akiva first began learning Torah when he was forty.

Mem is the Hebrew letter that designates forty. When it appears at the end of a word, the mem takes the form of a complete, closed box. Mem stands at the beginning and end of the word mayim (water), which was the instrument used by Hashem to carry out the purifying transformation of the mabul. When the waters were finished, the destruction was complete. After Noach and his family returned to dry land, Hashem promised never again to bring about a complete destruction of the world. From then on, mankind could trust that any calamity brought forth by Hashem was only temporary. As Hashem tells the prophet Yeshayah in this week's haftara, "In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you."

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