



The Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Aryeh and Elisheva Cohen in honor of their new daughter, Naomi Rut.

At Shalosh Seudos, Kurt Stein will be making a siyum on Seder Kodshim in memory of his mother z"l.

Women's Learning Experience (Starting the week of July 9th)

Because of the excellent response to the last session of the WLE, an abridged summer session is beginning. The schedule of the shiurim is as follows:

Monday, 9:15 a.m.: Tehillim at the home of Eve Rosen (all are encouraged to come for just 15 minutes, no need to be registered for the 9:30 class)

Monday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Steinberg on Tefilah Insights at the home of Eve Rosen, 8 Concord Circle

Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Biberfeld on Bassar V'Cholov Issues at the home of Karen Sallen, 325 Merion Rd.

Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Carol Greenberg on Parsha Perspectives at the home of Jessica Erlbaum, 354 Sycamore Ave.

If you are interested in attending such shiurim in the future and for more specific dates, please contact Janis Fine (610) 617-0913.

Tzeischem L'Shalom

The Rabbi, President, Board, and membership of YIML wish a hearty tzeischem l'sholom to Kurt & Melissa Stein and family as they leave our community for Passaic, NJ, this summer. The positive contribution of the Stein family to our Shul and community is too great to quantify. We express our hakoras hatov and wish them great bracha in their new home.

YIML COOKBOOK

To purchase your very own copy of "At the End of the Fork" contact Ilana Buchbinder (215-310-9060, ijl927@aol.com) or Shani Daniel (610-667-1509, shani314@yahoo.com). The cost is \$25 per cookbook, or two for \$40. Get great new recipes and support YIML at the same time!

Community Announcements

- Tehila, the Women's Summer Learning Program, will take place again this summer starting June 25. There are a total of 6 courses being offered, each running for 3 or 4 weeks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Beth Datskovsky (Datskovsky@aol.com) or Stacey Goldman.
- The Philadelphia Community Kollel will be showing part one of the Chofetz Heritage Foundation video entitled, "How Do I Inspire My Child?" on June 26th at 8:15 p.m.

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Parshas Chukas

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פרשת חקת

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest Candle lighting:	6:59 p.m.
Candle lighting:	8:15 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:18 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	8:00 p.m.
Maariv:	9:18 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis- Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv (Sun-Thurs):	8:20 p.m.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest Candle lighting:	7:00 p.m.
Candle lighting:	8:16 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is currently learning Seder Kodshim. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. For more information, please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

Mazel Tov to...

...Mendel and Shira Kupfer on the birth of a baby boy.

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Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.	Parsha Chabura	<u>THIS WEEK:</u> Stan Sved	
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parsha Etymology Based on the teachings of Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch zt"l	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>Special Shiur:</u> "The Symbolism and Etymology of Tumah and Taharah as Reflected in the Parah Adumah"
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	<u>ALTERNATING BETWEEN</u> Minchas Chinuch Chabura ----and---- The Chabura	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>Topic:</u> "If one does a mitzvah d'oraysah without the dinim m'drabanen, was he yotzeh at all?"
			Rotating	<u>UPCOMING</u>
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Halacha Shiur	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	<u>Topic:</u> Risky Treatment in Halacha
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		345 Bala Ave.
Tuesday	9:00 p.m.	Advanced Gemora Kesuvos Shiur First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>CANCELLED</u> until next season. Stay tuned for details
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

YIML/Aish Softball Team- Four Corners

Four Corners will be playing Lower Merion Synagogue for fun (not on the record) this Sunday, June 24th at Penn Wynne Field.

The Connection Between The Parah Adumah and the Golden Mean

By Rabbi Yissocher Frand

The Shaloh haKadosh writes that it is impossible to fathom the secrets of Parah Adumah [Red Heifer]. Nevertheless, he says, a person should try to understand whatever lessons he is able to derive from this quintessential 'chok' [non-rational law] of the Torah.

The most perplexing aspect of this procedure is that on the one hand it purifies those who are impure, and, on the other hand, it contaminates those who were previously pure. [Certain methods of handling the mixture result in the Kohen and/or his clothing becoming tameh.] The Shaloh links this paradox of the Parah Adumah to a principle that Maimonides introduces regarding a person's character traits.

The Rambam writes that a person should always try to follow the "Golden Mean" in every human emotion and character trait. In general, extremes are not good. However, the Rambam qualifies this rule by stating that if a person has a particular character defect which causes him to deviate from the "middle road" in one direction, the way to correct this deficiency is to overcompensate in the other direction -- by going to the opposite extreme for some period of time.

For example, if a person is overly miserly, the way to correct that is to go to the other extreme and temporarily be overly generous. If a person is overly frivolous, he should compensate by acting overly serious for a time.

The Shaloh restates this prescription of the Rambam by noting that if a person had been a "tahor" -- namely one who was behaving properly along the middle road -- and then he went to an extreme, such a practice would contaminate him. However, a person who was not behaving properly and had deviated in one direction, may in fact become "purified" by going to the opposite extreme for a time, and thus reestablishing his equilibrium.

The Parah Adumah is an example of something that can be poison to a "healthy" person, but is nevertheless therapeutic to a person who is "ill". The person who is tameh needs the ashes of the Parah Adumah. He is "sick" and this is therapeutic for him. But a person who is healthy who engages in something which is therapeutic for an ill person, may in fact contaminate himself.

This exactly parallels the Rambam's advice regarding character traits: Extremism may be appropriate for someone who is already dysfunctional but extremism is destructive for a healthy normally functioning individual.

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