



Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the shul in honor of Mrs. Laya Back who will be moving to Lakewood. You will be missed!

Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is being sponsored by the Chase Family in honor of David's finishing of Gemara Makos.

Women's Learning Experience

The WLE of the YIML is off to a GREAT start! The schedule of the shiurim is as follows:

Monday, 9:15 a.m.: Tehillim at the home of Janis Fine (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 Janis Fine, 173 Edgehill Rd.

Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Rabbi Biberfeld on Hilchos Shabbos at the home of Karen Sallen, 325 Merion Rd.

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

Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Ruthie Lynn on Chinuch Banim at the home of Tanya Libesman, 394 Sycamore Ave.

If you are interested in attending such shiurim in the future, please contact Janis Fine (610) 617-0913 or Elana Avis (610) 667-6618. **Thank You to Janis Fine and Elana Avis for coordinating this wonderful program.**

Mazel Tov to...

...**Elisar and Tovi Admon** on the birth of Tamar Batya.

...**Amir and Stacey Goldman** on the birth of a baby boy. The Shalom Zachor will be at their home (509 Waldron Terrace) at 9 p.m.

Chevra Mishnayos

Chevra Mishnayos has begun learning Seder Nezikin. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please speak with Moshe Eisenberg for details. The siyum is tentatively planned for Shavuot.

YIML Members to be Honored at Local Dinners

Congratulations to...

...**Rabbi Judah and Shayna Goldberg**, who will be honored at the Annual Dinner of Stern Hebrew High School on May 13th.

...**Kurt and Melissa Stein** who will be honored at the Aish HaTorah Annual Gala at the Academy of Natural Sciences on May 29th at 6:00 p.m.

YIML/Aish Softball Team- Four Corners

After beating Beth Hillel East last week, Four Corners moves on to play Beth Hillel West at General Wayne Park at 10 a.m. this Sunday, May 6th.

Don't Forget to Count Omer!

Young Israel of the Main Line

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Parshas Emor

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פרשת אמור

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	7:40 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:27 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	7:25 p.m.
Maariv:	8:44 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):	7:50 p.m.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	7:47 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence

YIML is proud to present Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblum who will be our scholar-in-residence on Shabbos, Parshas Bamidbar (May 19th). Sponsorships are available for \$250 and \$500. The shul will be hosting a luncheon with Rabbi Rosenblum. Space is limited. Please contact Janet Eisenberg to reserve your seat, \$18 adult and \$10 child (ages 2-18). More details will be forthcoming. Please speak with Stan Sved or Rabbi Steinberg for more information.

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



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parsha Etymology Based on the teachings of Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch zt"l	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	ALTERNATING BETWEEN Minchas Chinuch Chabura ----and---- The Chabura	Rabbi Steinberg	Topic: Lo Sa'ase Licha: Understanding the Rambam's Position
			Rotating	CANCELLED
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Halacha Shiur	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	Topic: Is Anesthesia permitted for bris?
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	9:15 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		CHANGE OF LOCATION! Details on back!
Tuesday	9:00 p.m.	Advanced Gemora Kesuvas Shiur First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED 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.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 4-5 p.m. in the upstairs classrooms.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 4-5 p.m.

Kiddush Hashem: The Great Sanctifiers

By Rabbi Osher Chaim Levene

The Mitzvah: The important mitzvah of kiddush Hashem, sanctifying G-d and His Holy Name, occurs at every point during the life span of a Jew – and extends to death itself not to contravene the three cardinal sins. At the same time, he is prohibited to engaging in any unscrupulous or immoral behavior that leads to Chillul Hashem, the desecration of G-d's Name (Leviticus 22:32)

The life of a Jew is fully-committed to the advancement of G-dliness.

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He takes great care not to thwart this objective in the opposite manner: to engage in Chillul Hashem but rather, is exclusively focused on “how to become a vehicle in the sanctification of His Name” in this world.

His whole life has to be a force for this cause.

And nowhere does this manifest itself more clearly, than in the dedication expected of a Jew who is prepared to put his life on the line if necessary, to relinquish his very life-force itself, to sanctify G-d's Name.

Why does the obligation of kiddush hashem require such self-sacrifice even to the point of martyrdom? And how can a Jew expected to sanctify G-d's Name in every set of circumstances?

What is clear is that the Jewish national identity is inextricably bound up with the mission to promote kiddush Hashem. This is their raison d'être of their being. And this goes all the way back to Israel's origins immortalized in their founding forefather Avraham's willingness to die in a fiery furnace for his belief in a One, All-Powerful G-d and his absolute rejection of his idolatrous society. Promoting monotheism in a pagan world, the patriarch journeyed far and wide as he went about his mission to “call out in the name of G-d” (Genesis 13:4). And as amplified at the binding of Yitzchak, their descendants, the Children of Israel, would perceive their life force – both in life and in death – as projecting the divine will.

Ambassadors of G-d and proponents of G-dliness, the chosen people's national mission was to be a “light unto the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Living in the continual awareness and knowledge of G-d, means that they were to be held up to the world as champions of morality, of meaningful living, of ethics and righteousness.

Every single activity –both interpersonal and religious duties between man and G-d – would raise the banner of the Master of the Universe by glorying His Holy Name. But, at the same time, their demeanor had to avoid desecrating His Name which negatively creates the opposite impact – rather than increase G-dliness it creates a vacuum and void, so-to-speak, of G-d's Presence (the word Chillul (Hashem) is related to the word Chalal, “vacuum”). Living up to exacting standards in private and public life, the Jew is to project a positive impact and aura before all on-lookers. If he is able to broadcast his exemplary behavior for the world to see, he can be a paradigm, a role model to others.

How Jews live and how they die is defined through their relationship with G-d. Their life force exists – was only granted and is only meaningful – as a tool for glorifying G-d's Name at every occasion he finds himself in. By observing the Torah and fulfilling the commandments, even at great risk or self-sacrifice, a Jew is fulfilling his destiny. Outside of this, he “has” no existence.

Their historic tenacity dramatically attests to a willingness to live and die as a Jew. Through the Roman plunder of our Holy Land, the slaughter of the Crusades, the cruel torture at the hands of the Spanish Inquisition, the brutal Russian pogroms and the Final Solution of the Holocaust, there is no shortage of inspiring stories of incredible faith and Jewish bravery, of an unswerving faith in G-d both in life and in death itself. The highest level of kiddush Hashem to the ultimate sacrifice – that of life itself and to be killed because one is a Jew.

So, G-dliness is THE integral part of the Children of Israel's spiritual make-up.

With this constantly in the forefront of their minds, the Jewish people consistently strive to fulfill their distinct role as “Yisrael mikadashei Shimecha, Israel the sanctifiers of Your Name”.[1]

And for the Jewish people, there can be no greater honor. Taken from torah.org