

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update



273 Montgomery Ave.
(610) 667-3255
Stan Sved, President



Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
www.yiml.org
Rabbi Avraham Steinberg

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.

Chelkeinu

Chelkeinu proudly presents a lecture by Rav Hershel Schachter at Lower Merion Synagogue on Sunday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Chelkeinu is co-sponsored by YIML, LMS, and Torah Academy.

Mazel Tov to...

... Mr. and Mrs. Gorlechen and Family on Eric's bar mitzvah.

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. The siyum will IY"H be on Simchas Torah.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this week at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Reminder - Please pay your yearly membership dues (\$25 per girl) now - checks for "**Bnos**" can be sent to Meira Friedman.

September 29- October 6, 2006

Parshas Haazinu Yom Kippur פרשת האזינו

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	6:30 p.m.
Mincha – Friday:	6:30 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:54 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos (followed by Shabbos Shuva Drasha):	6:15 p.m.
Maariv:	7:31 p.m.

Yom Kippur Davening Times

Erev Yom Kippur (Sunday, Oct. 1)

Shacharis:	(Slichos: 7:45 a.m.) 8:00 a.m.
Mincha:	3:00 p.m.
Fast Begins (stop eat/drink a few min. before):	6:44 p.m.
Tefilla Zaka:	6:05 p.m.
Kol Nidrei:	6:25 p.m.
Candle lighting:	6:27 p.m.

Yom Kippur (Monday, Oct. 2)

Shacharis:	8:00 a.m.
Yizkor:	11:00 a.m.
Mincha:	4:20 p.m.
Candle lighting:	6:27 p.m.
Maariv/Fast Ends:	7:33 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis–Thursday:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis– Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha /Maariv- Tues-Thurs:	6:25 p.m.

Next Shabbos (Sukkos) Davening Times

Candle lighting:	6:18 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	6:20 p.m.



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	CANCELLED
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	
Wednesday	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 Starting Oct. 18
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

R' Steinberg Info:

Shul: 610-667-3255 ext. 1

E-mail: rabbi@yiml.org

Stan Sved, President Info:

Home: 610-660-5002

Reversing the Chain Reaction

By Rabbi Naftali Reich

The spirit of the Shabbos that separates Yom Kippur from Rosh Hashanah is captured in the opening words of the haftorah. "Shuvah Yisrael!" cries the prophet Hosea. "Return, O Israel, to G-d your Lord, for you have stumbled in your sinfulness." This Shabbos signals the last call for repentance for our shortcomings of the bygone year, and therefore, we call it Shabbos Shuvah, the Shabbos of Return.

But a very important question presents itself: How far do we have to come back in order to have "returned"? Must we reach the ultimate levels of perfection? The thought can be discouraging, but the prophecy of Hosea reassures us.

Continued on facing page

Return, O Israel, to G-d your Lord. The Midrash infers from these words that we can consider ourselves to have returned once we feel that G-d is our Lord. When a person sins, he also jeopardizes his relationship with his Creator, and now he must repair that relationship.

We can easily relate to this concept by its parallel in the realm of friendship. If a person is disloyal to his friend, he damages the friendship. A certain coolness develops, and this coolness pushes the friends even further apart. A chain reaction begins. The friendship declines, and an even greater estrangement results - until the two former friends become like strangers to each other. The act of disloyalty in itself may not have been serious enough to warrant the demise of the friendship, but it set into motion the process of destruction.

Fortunately, however, the chain reaction works in the reverse as well. If the disloyal person makes an effort to be particularly thoughtful to his wronged friend, good feelings will be engendered. These good feelings will draw them closer and stimulate more acts of mutual kindness - until the two estranged people are suddenly friends again.

This process also applies to our relationship with G-d, but with a slight difference. G-d never becomes estranged from us. His Hand is always outstretched to His wayward children. But we sometimes become estranged from Him. When we commit a sinful act we drive a wedge into our relationship with G-d. The guilt and embarrassment we feel creates a sense of distance from G-d, and in this state of estrangement we may find it easier to commit more sinful acts, which create even greater estrangement - until we may suddenly find ourselves, Heaven forbid, disconnected from G-d. But we can reverse this process. Step by step, we can draw ourselves closer to G-d and reestablish the spiritual attachment that our souls so desperately crave.

How do we know when we have succeeded? When we have not only acknowledged G-d's mastery of the world but also feel he is our personal Lord, when we truly feel a deep relationship of Lord and cherished servant, then we know that we have truly "returned." But how specifically are we to accomplish this? Once again, the words of prophet hold the key.

For you have stumbled in your sinfulness. We must not be discouraged. We must not think of ourselves as evil people for having sinned. We must realize that we are essentially good people who have unfortunately "stumbled" along the way. We have been led astray by our impulses and desires, and we never deliberately intended to jeopardize our priceless relationship with our Creator. We must forgive ourselves, so to speak, and then we can begin the mending process.

As we prepare for Yom Kippur, let us open our hearts to the encouraging words of the prophet. Let us turn away from the destructive distractions that life places in our paths and focus on what is precious and important. Let us mend our relationships with our friends and families - and above all, with our Creator.

Taken from torah.org