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Weekly Update

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Parshas Nasso

ד' סיון תשס"ח—June 6-7
Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:54pm
Candle lighting:	8:09pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:16am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:55pm
Maariv:	9:13pm

Shavuos

Shavuos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	8:10pm
Mincha (Sun., Mon. Tue.):	8:20pm
Maariv (Sun.):	9:13pm
Shacharis I (Mon.):	4:55am
Shacharis II (Mon.):	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema (Mon., Tue.):	9:16am
Light after:	9:14pm
Maariv (Mon., Tue.):	9:14pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis (Sun.):	8:00am
Shacharis (Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Shacharis (Thu.):	6:40am
Mincha/Maariv (Wed.-Thu.):	8:20pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	8:13pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

פרשת נשא

שבועות

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	D. Rosen	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	
Monday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Makkos	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will ה"א meet this week from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at LMS.

Please note that this is the last week for Pirchei this season.

Thank you to Rabbi Silver for organizing Pirchei this year!

THANK YOU!

A Big (Well Fed) YIML Thank You to...

... **Grand BBQ Poo-Bah Stan Sved** for all his cooking and organizing at this past Sunday's YIML Picnic. Thanks also to his crew of happy volunteers, drivers, setter-uppers and cleaner-uppers. The picnic was a great and tasty success, as was the "Four Corners" defeat of LMS beforehand.

SHAVUOS

Refreshments:

Shavous night refreshments are being sponsored by Michaela & Dan Perez in memory of Michaela's father, Moshe Aryeh ben Zev.

Leil Shavuos Learning:

We are pleased to announce that the all-night learning program *Leil Shavuos* will be held at the YIML in conjunction with the Philadelphia Community Kollel.

12:30–1:30am *Torah Study vs. Other Pursuits (From the Chiddushim of Rav Zelig Epstein)*, Rabbi Avraham Steinberg.

1:35–2:35am *Megilas Rus*, Rabbi Yoel D. Zeffren.

2:40–3:40am *The Fifth Commandment: A Look into Kibbud Av Va'eim*, Rabbi Uri Greenspan.

3:45–4:45am *When Did We Receive the Torah?*, Rabbi Yechiel Biberfeld

New Shiur Kicks Off on Shavuos!:

Sunday & Monday nights (June 8 & 9), between Mincha and Maariv: *Special Topics in Choshen Mishpat*. This is a kick-off to a new and upcoming shiur, ת"עב, by Rabbi Avraham Steinberg.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Nezikin. See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at 9:45am at 345 Bala Ave.

Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

This week's parsha deals with the positive and negative sides of wine—the most important liquid drink in Jewish tradition and life. Wine is one of the main libations mentioned in the Torah regarding the sacrificial offerings in the Temple service. Wine is the drink of Kiddush on Shabat, it is the four cups of the Pesach Seder, it is present at every circumcision ceremony, the redemption of the first born son and at wedding ceremonies. In short, wine is the most consecrated drink in Jewish law, tradition and life.

On the other hand, in this week's parsha we find wine as a negative force. It plays a destructive role in the tragedy of the unfaithful wife in the sotah parsha. It is one of the things that a nazir must abstain from during his attempt to achieve greater sanctity and purity of body and soul. We find in the Torah that it was the contributing factor in the downfall of Noach and his family after the great flood. In Mishlei, King Solomon devotes many words to warn of the dangers and downside of drinking wine. It appears to be a villainous player in the scheme of Jewish life. So how are we to view this oldest of all human drinks, the fruit of the grape vine?

Is it a drink of holiness and consecration or is it the drink that leads to debauchery and destruction, both physical and spiritual? This is essentially a general question that governs all of Jewish life in very many areas of human behavior. What is good for us and what is not good—that is the question. I believe that the answer to the above questions and the seemingly inconsistent positions lies in the necessity for implementing the Torah's main rule in living life—a sense of balance and proportion. Wine, when joined to an act of consecration and holy mitzvah—Shabat Kiddush, a circumcision, a wedding, etc.—is a fitting and holy drink. When disassociated from such positive events, when it becomes purely “recreational” drinking, it becomes a potentially dangerous potion. In Judaism, all events in life, no matter how seemingly trivial they may first appear to be, must have some positive purpose associated with them. Without that sense of positive purpose, these actions, though they may appear to be innocuous at their onset, can lead to sin and moral failings.

The Torah presents to us this double edged sword using wine as an example of this rule of life and living. Circumstances, intent, the influence of one's actions on others, are all factors that figure into the probity of one's behavior. Nothing in life occurs in a vacuum. Wine, like many other things in this world, is essentially a neutral item. What one does with it determines its status, whether it is a drink of holiness and consecration or one that can lead to debauchery and personal tragedy. This is an important lesson as to how to treat all matters that appear in our lives.

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YIML General Membership Meeting:

The annual YIML General Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 11 at 9:00pm (Mincha/Maariv at 8:20pm). Please make every effort to attend.