

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech פרשת נצבים-וילך

כ"ה אלול תשס"ז—7-8 September

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:04pm
Candle lighting:	7:06pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:47am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:00pm
Maariv:	8:07pm

Weekday Davening Times

Slichos Sunday:	1:05am
Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Slichos/Shacharis (Mon.):	6:10am/6:40am
Slichos/Shacharis (Tue.):	6:20am/6:50am
Slichos/Shacharis (Wed.):	6:00am/6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.-Tue.):	7:05pm

Rosh haShanah Times

Eruv Tavshilin!	
Candle lighting - Wednesday:	6:58pm
Mincha - Wednesday:	7:00pm
See: http://www.chaseplanet.us/dchase/yiml/yomtovSched2007.pdf	

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am-8:15am	Parsha Chabura	T. Poe	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Etymology	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	6:15pm	Minchas Chinuch Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.-Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	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 being co-sponsored by Danny and Janet Eisenberg on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Janet's father, Tzemach ben Yechiel; also by Richie Fine in honor of Janis's really big birthday! Seudah Shlishis is being sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Okrent.

Minchas Chinuch Shiur:

With R. Steinberg, 6:15pm at the Young Israel: *Chatzi Shiur and Melacha on Shabbos.*

Slichos:

Slichos begins this Motzoei Shabbos at 1:05am Sunday morning.

COMING EVENTS

Shabbos Shuva Drasha:

Next Shabbos, Sept. 15, following Mincha at 6:50pm (Maariv at 7:56 PM): Rabbi Steinberg will speak on *Developing the Emunah Habit*. At the Young Israel.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Bobby & Galitte Den...

... on the birth of a boy. There will be a Shalom Zachar, I"YH, on Friday night at their apartment this Shabbos: 121 Montgomery Ave, Apt. 201 at 9:00pm. The bris will take place, I"YH, on Sunday after the 8:30 minyan, at LMS.

Mikva Courtesy:

We have been asked to announce the following:

When scheduling a mikva visit at the LMS mikva for a Friday or Yom Tov night, please be sure to contact the attendant early in the week, and no later than Wednesday. Remember that the attendants are volunteers and that last minute scheduling can be disruptive to their Shabbos or Yom Tov. Thank you.

YIML Cookbook for Sale:

With the Yomim Tovim fast approaching, it's a perfect time to buy a copy of the YIML Cookbook for yourself or a friend. The books are available in the back of the Shul (\$25 for one, \$40 for two) Please put the money in the Shul pushka. Rabbi Steinberg's *The Year in Drashos* can also be found there for \$15.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

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

Women's Tehillim Group:

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

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To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to majordomo@chaseplanet.us with the following in the message body (all one line): `subscribe yiml YOUR-EMAIL`

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Beryl Wein

The mood of this almost final portion of the Torah is one of seeming contradictions sadness on one hand and soaring optimism on the other hand. Moshes sadness is evident in his words and his disappointment in not being able to enter the Land of Israel. But his optimism is abundantly evident in his statements regarding the eventual survival and triumph of the Jewish people and the reconciliation of God and Israel at the end of days.

This duality of emotion has continued within the Jewish people throughout our many years of existence. There is more than enough sadness to go around in the story of the Jews in history. Yet Jews on the whole have always been upbeat, even sanguine about their future. This attitude is reflected in the summation of the rabbis regarding the end of the old year and the coming of the new year. Let the curses of the old year end with the passing of that year; let the blessings of the new year commence with the advent of this new year.

Even though we know that the new year will not be free of problems and even difficulties, nevertheless we are confident that we will benefit from its attendant blessings. Hard realism always tempered with optimism seems to be the Jewish formula towards life and circumstances. The mood of the parsha seems to be not a temporary one but rather it is a guideline for all later generations of Jews. Sadness is not in order but seriousness is. The struggle to prosper begins with a spirit of inner optimism.

Moshes demise is not only his personal tragedy. It is a tremendous blow to the Jewish people, though as is usual in human affairs, it is not appreciated until after it happens. Yet the Torah views Moshes death as being a source of comfort and strength for the Jewish people. It teaches us that even without the physical Moshe being present and active in our midst, the spiritual Moshe the Torah of Sinai that he transmitted to Israel will be sufficient in itself to be the guarantee of Jewish survival and success.

No human being, even Moshe is indispensable. Yet no human being is replaceable either. Moshe teaches this to the Jewish people on his final day on earth. He cautions them to heed the Torah and its commandments. It is their only guarantee of success and longevity in this world.

Life will be different without the presence of Moshe. Yehoshua is not Moshe. Yet all of this is immaterial in the long run of the Jewish story. For the people will remain and the Torah, which is eternal, will always be there to guide and inspire Israel.

Moshe, who sees all of the events that will befall the Jewish people until the end of days, is serene and peaceful at the end of his life. He is comforted by the knowledge that the God of Israel will see the people through the times of sadness and not allow them to despair of their future and fate. His optimism overcomes his sadness and out of this is born the nature of Israel in all of its generations.

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