

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Bo

### פרשת בא

ו' שבט תשס"ט—31–30 January

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	4:14pm
Candle lighting:	4:59pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:42am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Shalos Seudos:	4:45pm
Maariv:	6:03pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday:	5:10pm
Maariv (Mon.–Thu.):	7:45pm

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	5:07pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:10pm

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. Fine	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	J. Weinberger	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Choshen Mishpat	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:

Pirchei will ת"י"ה meet this week from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at LMS.

Bnos will *not* meet this week because of the Girls' High School Shabbaton and Play.

### COMMUNITY EVENT

#### Torah Academy Girls High School Play:

Torah Academy Girls High School is proud to present this year's play, *The Sound of Music*, Motzoei Shabbos, Jan. 31 at 7:45pm and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 1:00pm at Torah Academy.

Cost: \$10 in advance/\$11 at the door; Children (10 and under): \$8 in advance/\$9 at the door.

Please note: The play is for women, girls and boys under age 8 only.

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

## COMING EVENTS

### **Shovavim 5769** **Shiurim by Rabbi Steinberg** **at the Young Israel of the Main Line**

For Women: Wednesday February 4 at 8:30pm

- Taharas Hamishpacha Review Pointers
- *Tzenius and the Jewish Home: a Fundamental Hashkafic Discussion*

For Men: Tuesday, February 10 at 9:00pm

- An Iyun Shiur (sources distributed in advance by e-mail)

שיעור הלכה בענין: בדיקות יום ראשון ויום שביעי

## ONGOING EVENTS

### **Chevra Mishnayos:**

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

### **Women's Tehillim Group:**

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:45am** at 8 Concord Circle.

### **Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:**

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

### **Are you on our e-mail list?**

To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to [majordomo@chaseplanet.us](mailto: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 Berel Wein

The great moment of freedom and redemption has finally arrived. The faith of the people of Israel in Moshe and Aharon has been vindicated. The Lord's plagues have finally brought down the arrogance and stubbornness of Pharaoh. If this was an old-fashioned movie script we would write "and then they lived happily after."

But we are all aware that this parsha only represents the beginning of a long and arduous story plot that has yet to reach its eventual happy conclusion. The new situation of freedom from actual physical slavery, as heady and triumphant as it is, presents only new challenges.

Life itself resembles a series of doors. Upon successfully opening one door, it is discovered that there are now different doors—even a series of doors—behind the original one. The challenges of being a free person are, to a great extent, even more challenging than those of being locked into servitude.

We are witness to the Torah's recording of forty years in the desert until there arises a generation of Jews that is able to meet the challenge of establishing itself as a functioning national entity in its promised land of Israel. The word "bo" which serves as the headline of this week's parsha indicates "coming"—a beginning—not a sense of finality and end.

The Torah wishes to indicate to us that "the arrows are always yet ahead of us" to find and deal with. And there are many miracles involved in being freed from slavery but the road from there to true independence and accomplishment requires hard work, human persistence and unflagging spirit and high morale.

In our world of changing eras and bewildering uncertainties we can only reflect upon the enormous challenges facing us. The Diaspora, as Jewry knew it to be for many centuries on end, is no longer. The tremendous accomplishment of the creation of the State of Israel and its sustenance for its first sixty years is behind us.

This process was fraught with many plagues and concurrent miracles. The faith of Israel has sustained us through these times of ordeal and difficulties. But now there are new and perhaps even more difficult challenges that face us. The task of nation-building is a long and arduous one, not given to easy solutions and pat sloganeering.

It is measured not in years but in decades—if not even in centuries. It requires faith and tenacity and a long view of things. That is what God meant when he told Moshe at the beginning of the redemption process that Israel would accept the Torah at Sinai and that He would eventually bring them to the land that he promised to their forefathers. Why bother Moshe with those promises when the people are under the lash of slavery?

But God informs Moshe that freedom from slavery is only the beginning of the story not its culmination. Our modern story of Israel does not end in 1948 or 1967. The realization of this stark truth can fire us to greater understanding and firmer belief and behavior in the justice of our cause and its eventual triumph.

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