

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Yisro

פרשת יתרו

כ' שבט תשס"ט—13-14 February

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 4:27pm
Candle lighting: 5:16pm
Mincha - Friday: 5:15pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:35am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura: 5:10pm
Maariv: 6:20pm

Weekday Davening Times

Please note that Monday, Feb. 16, is Washington's Birthday; davening times will be as normally scheduled.

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.): **6:40am**
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday: 5:25pm
Maariv (Mon.-Thu.): 7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 5:24pm
Mincha - Friday: 5:25pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	Dr. R. Werrin	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaspik 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:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Dennis & Eve Rosen and family on occasion of the yearzeit of Dennis' father, Avraham Beryl Ben Yisroel.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will א'ליה meet this week from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at LMS.

Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Rabbi Steinberg.

MAZEL TOV!

To Sherman & Susan Frager and Family...

... on the upcoming marriage of Michal Frager and Yonatan Frankel.

To Barry Weiss...

... on the birth of a granddaughter—the first child born to Asher & Raizy Weiss of Eretz Yisroel.

To Ari & Shoshana Fischman...

... on the birth of a daughter.

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

Young Israel of the Main Line is pleased to present
An Upcoming Lecture Series
for Men and Women
by Rabbi Steinberg
on Thought-Provoking
Hashkafa Topics

First Lecture:

What Stories Do We Believe?

From Medrash to Maysalach: a Discussion of Jewish Lore

Monday, February 23

At the home of

Dr. Ari & Diane Weintraub

378 Bala Ave.

Reception: 8:15pm

Lecture: 8:30pm

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.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

The Torah teaches us important lessons about wealth and money in this week's parsha. In fact, many of the Ten Commandments deal directly or indirectly with money and wealth. The commandment about the observance of the Sabbath teaches us that money is not nearly everything in life.

The drive for wealth and the necessity of making a living in difficult times drove the immigrant generation in the United States, which was overwhelmingly traditional, to work on the Sabbath. This has inevitably led to the great and tragic assimilation of a great many of Americans of Jewish descent and to a wave of crippling intermarriages. There are exceptions to this rule, but generally it is true. Those who discarded the Sabbath in favor of wealth and seeming physical comfort are the unfortunate and unintentional progenitors of a generation of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are no longer Jewish in any sense of the word.

Wealth and money are necessary parts of everyone's life. But the Sabbath trumps them—it is the most important element of Jewish life and the one guarantee of Jewish success and survival. A more direct view on the problem of money and wealth lies in the commandment not to covet. Coveting the belongings, the possessions, or the spouse of another is one of the prohibitions of the Ten Commandments. One could say it lies at the root of many of the other commandments. One cannot understand the commandment not to kill others and not to steal from them only through the prism of the commandment not to covet what belongs to someone else. It is as simple as that.

Stealing comes in many forms and shapes and circumstances. From misleading advertising to Bernard Madoff, stealing is pretty much rife in the world. The rabbis of the Talmud stated that most people eventually are found guilty of having stolen something in their lives. The drive to acquire more for one's own self, to be richer and apparently more financially secure, drives the person to steal in a myriad ways. The drive for wealth forces moral and eventually legal compromises with the pure conscience that the Torah wished us to possess. The halacha even possesses within it the concept of stealing someone else's mind and intent. One is not allowed to mislead other people in order to obtain financial reward for one's self. I knew a good person who, while selling his home, nevertheless informed the potential buyer of all of the hidden defects that existed in the house. Kosher money is harder to come by than is kosher food. The drive for wealth, if left unchecked and untamed, can also eventually lead to murder. Many a murder has occurred in human life because of money. King Solomon stated that money can answer all problems, but nevertheless he was forced to admit in his own life that he was not exactly accurate in that assessment. It can answer many problems, but it is not all powerful. All money is fungible and impermanent. Don't take my word for it; just look around at our current world.

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