## **This Shabbos**

Parsha Chaburah, given by Dr. Ron Werrin:7:55amRabbi's Mishlei Shiur:8:15am

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Drs. Ron and Marguerite Werrin to commemorate the yahrzeit of Ron's mother, Shaindel bas Beryl.

Between Mincha and Maariv:

-Shalosh Seudos.

-Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

-There will not be a Chabura this Shabbos.

## **Torah Youth of Bala Cynwyd**

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet from 4:30pm - 5:30pm at LMS in the lower level.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet from 4:30pm - 5:30pm at LMS.

## **Chevra Mishnayos**

Now learning Seder Nezikin. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net and include your name and which masechta (or chapters thereof) you intend to learn.

# Save the date – Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, Parshas Bamidbar, May 15th

Rabbi Dovid Heber - Rav, K'hal Ahavas Yisroel - Tzemach Tzedek, Baltimore. Kashrus Administrator, Star-K Kosher Supervision. Author, Sefer Shaarei Zmanim. Exciting details TBA soon.

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org



#### **Weekday Davening Times**

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	
Mincha/Maariv: Sunday through Thursday:		7:30pm

# Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30pm
Nefesh HaChaim: Check with E	Thursday 10:15pm Or Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

# Women's Learning Experience - Spring Session

**MONDAYS** 10:45am - Tehillim for Cholim. Followed at 11:30am by Rabbi Avraham Steinberg's shiur on The Chazon Ish's Faith and Trust. At the home of Mrs. Eve Rosen, 8 Concord Circle, Bala Cynwyd

*TUESDAYS* 9:30am - Rabbi Abraham Shmidman teaching Tehillim at Lower Merion Synagogue.

*WEDNESDAYS* 9:30am - Dr. Steven Goldman teaching Parshas haShavuah at the home of Mrs. Eve Rosen, 8 Concord Circle.

*THURSDAYS* 9:30am - Mr. Drew Dorman teaching Iggeret haRamban at the home of Mrs. Eve Rosen, 8 Concord Circle.

Free babysitting will be available IF you call and let us know it is needed. Classes are \$5 each. For info and to order babysitter please call Janis Fine 610-617-0913

To dedicate a Siddur and/or Chumash in honor and/or memory of someone, contact Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

# Thought of the Week

The bulk of this week's parsha deals with the laws of the Metzorah. The Talmud tells us [Eruchin 15b] that one of the causes of this "leprosy-like" impurity was improper speech (Lashon Horah). In Biblical times, when a person spoke Lashon Horah he received a Heavenly warning that he should "watch his mouth". This warning came in the form of the affliction of Tzoraas. A person so afflicted needed to be brought to the Kohen.

Rav Nissan Alpert, zt"l, comments that when the Torah uses the term 'Adam' (as opposed to 'Ish') to denote a person, it connotes a degree of importance and prestige. Therefore it seems peculiar that in the parsha of Metzorah, which deals with afflictions brought upon people who speak Lashon Horah, the Torah should begin by using the term 'Adam'.

Rav Alpert concludes that the measure of a person -- in terms of whether or not he is a distinguished person -- is not dependent on whether or not he engages in Lashon Horah. A person can even be a distinguished person ("Adam Chashuv") and yet engage in improper speech. What separates the normal person who gossips from the "Adam Chashuv" who engages in Lashon Horah? The difference is the latter's desire to change. A person can be a distinguished person, and yet stumble in the sin of Lashon Horah. However, as long as he retains a desire to improve himself in this area -- he is still a distinguished person.

It is difficult to stop gossiping. The normal inclination is not to seek improvement or change in this area. "And he shall be brought to Aharon the Kohen" [Vayikra 13:2] means he has to force himself to go to the Kohen to seek remedy for his condition. He does not really want to go. He goes kicking and screaming.

A distinguished person can succumb to Lashon Horah. It happens to the best of us. But that which separates the 'Adam' from the 'Ish' (the distinguished person from the ordinary person) is that the former does something about it. He forces himself to become better. He forces himself to seek out atonement. He drags himself to the Kohen. "And he shall be brought to Aharon the Kohen.

Adapted from "The Gossip of "Men of Distinction"" 'by Rabbi Frand. http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5760/metzora.html