

Rashi in his commentary to this week's parsha emphasizes the idea of cause and effect. Rashi points out that this is true in both a negative and positive sense. In the words of the rabbis of the Mishna, a mitzva causes other mitzvot to occur while a transgression automatically drags along other sins in its wake. This is why the rabbis describe a wise person as being one who can see the future consequences of events and human behavior.

It is not only the individual act itself that is of consequence and importance. It is rather the sequence of behavior and related consequences that flow from that individual act that are just as important. The Jewish soldier who takes the captive woman unto himself in a moment of temporary passion is not intending that the end result of this act will be enduring domestic strife, hatred and eventually a dissolute and dangerous child.

But all behavior creates a ripple effect in life and many unintended consequences are derived from an intentional act of poor judgment and base desire. The opposite is also true. A positive act of tradition and Torah service brings to the person performing that act of goodness and kindness unforeseen opportunities to perform other acts of goodness and kindness.

The performance of mitzvot leads to there being a protective fence that surrounds one's home and is redemptive in so many other unforeseen ways. Again, Judaism is committed to a far sighted view of life and behavior and the understanding that nothing that a person does or says is truly to be deemed inconsequential.

The charitable person will be given many continuing opportunities to be charitable. The miser will soon realize that no one will visit him. Initially he may feel relieved at this situation, but he will eventually regret it for it brings with it a loss of stature, a poor reputation and a loneliness of the soul.

The story is told about a wealthy man who, because of his wealth, gave much charity and had many visitors and was held in great esteem in his community. People came to him for advice and succor, though he was not particularly noted for his wit or wisdom. One day he decided that he would no longer give any charity. As this news spread, the visitors soon dwindled and eventually stopped altogether. The man complained to his wife: "I don't understand why people stopped coming. My funny jokes and good advice are still available to them!"

People often mistake honors and attention paid to them as being their personal right when that honor or attention is only given to them because of their good deeds. It is clear that a person's actions and behavior propels his reputation and standing in the eyes of humankind as well as Heaven.

The Psalmist put it most bluntly: "If only humans would be wise and discerning and appreciate what their end will look like." It is not only about our eventual mortality that the Psalmist speaks. It is also certainly about the consequences here in our lifetime - of our acts, attitudes and behavior.

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Parshas Ki Seitzei

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Shabbos Schedule



Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Candle Lighting:	7:02pm
Parsha Chaburah by Reuven Kovacs:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:47am
Kiddush is communally sponsored.	
Mincha:	6:50pm
Shalosh Seudos is communally sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	8:04pm



▪ Mazel Tov to Mendel and Shira Kupfer and Family on the birth of Rivka Reena this past Shabbos morning.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday to Thursday:	7:00pm
Mincha Friday, and Kabbalas Shabbos:		7:00pm
Candle Lighting Friday:		7:00pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Monday at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Will resume after the summer.

Women's Learning Experience - Fall Session

Mondays 9:00am: Tehillim for Cholim, children welcome.
Mondays 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Gesher haChaim.
Tuesdays 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim at LMS.
Tuesdays 8:00pm: Stacey Goldman - Chana the message of Elul at 161 Highland Circle, Bala Cynwyd, 610-668-1731.
Wednesdays 9:30am: Steven Goldman - Devarim In depth.
Wednesdays 2:35pm: Rabbi Greenspan - V'eschanan In depth.
Thursdays 9:30am: Rabbi Gold - Parsha haShavuah.
Classes are at 8 Concord Circle, Bala Cynwyd, unless stated otherwise. Classes are free. Free babysitting available but you must register in advance of each class. For info and to pre-register for babysitting - Janis Fine 610-888-0477

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Taharos. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

To subscribe to the YIML email list, visit
<http://mail.chaseplanet.us/mailman/listinfo/yiml>

Shabbos Groups at YIML

Where: Upstairs at the end of the hall on your right
When: Shabbos Mornings starting at 9:45-until kiddush
Who: Boys and Girls age 2 and up. There is a baby/nursing room, children under 2 must be supervised by a parent.
What: Games, toys, parsha, davening and snacks.
For info, contact Karen Kraftmann at kkraftmann@gmail.com.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd

Bnos will meet from 4 to 5pm at LMS. Bnos is bubbling over with excitement! Inviting all girls age 3 through 6th grade to a fantastic Bubble Show on Sun, Sept 11th from 3 to 4:30pm at LMS. Live entertainment, fun with friends, great treats - all FREE, with payment of membership for upcoming year (\$36 per girl). For info, contact Meira Friedman: 610-617-9529.

Philadelphia Main Line Mikva Dessert Reception

Save the date! Tues, Sept 20, 2011 for the Philadelphia Main Line Mikva Association's 2nd Annual Dessert reception catered by Max & David's at the Merion Tribute House. Guest speaker Mrs. Avigayil Brailofsky. Cost to attend is \$72. All proceeds will support our community mikva at Torah Academy. To volunteer, make a donation, sponsor the event, or for more information, contact Galitte Den at 610-228-4709 or galitte.den@gmail.com.

Tefilin and Mezuzah Checking

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheimer, our Shul's sofer sta"m (scribe) will be coming to YIML, be"H, on Sunday, September 18th, following 8am Shacharis and staying for as long as is needed, usually a few days, to check tefilin and mezuzos. If you'd like to reach him in advance of his visit, please call (212) 781-5385.

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