

### Thought of the Week

The Torah as we all well know is multilayered. The rabbis have taught us that there are seventy facets to every piece of the written Torah. We are also aware that no written word can adequately convey to us all of the nuances and possible meanings that lie embedded in the written word. Therefore the Torah requires elucidation, commentary and explanation in order for any proper understanding of its message to be gained.

The entire book of Dvarim is an elucidation and explanation of the first four books of Moshe. As such, by the inherent nature of explanation and commentary, different words and phrases will be employed to describe events and commandments that were previously mentioned in the Torah.

A prime example of this appears in this week's parsha where the Torah repeats for us the Ten Commandments revealed to Israel at Sinai. The wording here in Dvarim differs slightly from the wording recorded for us in Shemot. The Talmud in its rendition of the Oral Law states that these discrepancies – such as the use of the word shamor instead of the original zachor regarding the observance of the Shabat – indicate that these words were stated simultaneously by God, so to speak, a feat that is beyond human comprehension and ability.

The Talmud means to indicate to us with this statement that all of the possible interpretations and layers of meaning in the Torah were given to us simultaneously and at once at Sinai. Only the Oral Law and the work of the commentators to the Torah over all of the ages has revealed to us these original layers of meaning and interpretation for our study and practice.

By using different words to explain what was already written, the Torah guides our understanding of the Torah only by way of the Oral Law and the great commentators of Israel over the ages.

In the final commandment of the Ten Commandments, the Torah here in Dvarim uses the word titaveh whereas in Shemot it used the word tachmode. The Torah points out to us that there are different forms of desire and wanting something. One is an impulsive, spur of the moment desire that arises out of seemingly chance circumstance – an advertisement in the media or a chance meeting or sighting. Such a desire is not planned and stems from the inherent human weakness within all of us to want to possess what we do not yet have. But there is another type of desire. It is long planned and had been part of our lives for years and decades. It borders on being an obsession or an addiction within our makeup.

Both of these types of desire can destroy a person. The Torah cautions us against these symptoms of self-destructive behavior. And by the use of these different Hebrew verbs, the Torah indicates to us that there ...

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### Shabbos Schedule Shabbos Nachamu



Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Candle Lighting:	7:44pm
Parsha Chaburah by Israel Pendrak:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:38am
Rabbi Steinberg's Drasha and Shalosh Seudos Divrei Torah will focus on Torah perspectives of the great Gaon and Posek, Rav Yosef Eliyahu Henkin zt"l, on the occasion of his yahrzeit this Shabbos.	
Kiddush is communally sponsored.	
Mincha:	7:30pm
Shalosh Seudos is communally sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	8:46pm

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### **Weekday Davening Times**

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday (Tu B'Av) and Thursday:	6:40am
	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday to Thursday:	7:45pm
Mincha Friday, and Kabbalas Shabbos:		7:00pm
Candle Lighting Friday:		7:35pm

### **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 – August Schedule**

Mondays at 9:45am: Tehillim for Cholim.  
Mondays at 10:15am: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha haShavua.  
Thursdays at 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Gesher HaChaim.  
No Gesher HaChaim class the last week of August.  
Classes during August at 403 Bala Circle. Free babysitting is available, reservations must be made in advance. For information or babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477.

### **Kivrei Tzadikim Trip For Women**

Visiting the Graves of the Gaonim and Tzadikim buried in Queens, NY. Sunday, September 4th. The trip will begin with a breakfast at YIML at 9am, at which Rabbi Steinberg will speak about the illustrious personalities to be visited. The group will then travel to the Bais HaChaim to learn more, daven, and recite Tehillim. Tentative cost: \$25 (does not include cost of lunch at a Queens restaurant). In order to help us plan, please send an e-mail to Rabbi Steinberg if you think you would like to participate in this trip – rabbi@yiml.org

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are different types of desires and that one must be defensive against all of them.

The Talmud tells us that the eyes see and the heart thereupon desires. Guarding one's eyes guards one's heart as well. This example of the Torah's self elucidation of the matter makes the lesson clear to all and challenges us to apply it wisely in one's own life.

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- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Barzilai Goldfarb on the bris of their son Chaim this past Monday. Mazel Tov also to the proud grandparents, Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein.

### **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.

### **YIML Annual Barbeque**

Our Community BBQ will be Sunday, August 21 from 4 to 7pm at South Ardmore Park (near Torah Academy). Cost, reserved in advance, \$15 single, \$25 couple, \$8 per child (2-12) , \$54 family max. Cost at BBQ: \$18 single, \$36 couple, \$10 per child, \$72 family max. Prepayment due Motzai Shabbos, August 20. Give payment to Richie and Janis Fine, Sherman Frager, or Sid Laytin. Gourmet Foods with a Baltic flavor, prepared by Master Chef, Israel Pendrak. Bring baseball gloves, frisbees, etc. Please see sign-up sheets around Shul to volunteer to help.

### **Thank You!**

Much thanks to Dr. Inna Pendrak and progeny (including but not limited to Adam, Karen, and Michelle) for doing a spectacular job of straightening and cleaning our new Kid's Groups Rooms upstairs. Thank you!