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Parshas Yisro

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י"ח שבט תשע"ב

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur: 15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura: Mon and Wed after Maariv
Sefer Bereishis: Monday at 8pm.
Nefesh HaChaim: Thursday at 10:10pm
Gesher HaChaim Shiur for Women: Monday at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

Chevra Mishnayos

Please join the Chevra Mishnayos as we make a siyum on Seder Moed during kiddush.
If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Daniel Eisenberg
eisenber@pol.net.
Please sign up to learn with us for the next Seder- to be completed erev Pesach iy"H.

Bnos and Pirchei

Bnos will NOT meet.
Contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.
Torah Youth will meet from 3 to 4pm at LMS on the lower level. To help sponsor a Shabbos or for information, contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or silverdollar@verizon.net

Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos: 5:12pm
Parsha Chaburah by Dennis Rosen: 7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:37am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up. 9:45am
Kiddush is sponsored by Dennis and Eve Rosen to commemorate the yahrzeit of Dennis' father, Avraham Beryl ben Yisrael.

Mazel tov to the Chevra Mishnayos on their completion of Seder Moed. There will be a siyum at kiddush following davening. Thank you to our generous sponsors, Dr. Michael and Linda Elman and Dr. Ari and Inbal Elman, who are sponsoring the siyum in memory of their grandparents.

Mincha: 5:05pm
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.
Chabura given by Koby Milgraum on the topic of Psik Reisha.
Maariv: 6:16pm

Sun, Feb 12	Mon, Feb 13	Tue, Feb 14	Wed, Feb 15	Thu, Feb 16	Fri, Feb 17
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 5:20pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 5:20pm Mincha, and Kabbalas Shabbos 5:20pm
19 Sh'vat	20 Sh'vat	21 Sh'vat	22 Sh'vat	23 Sh'vat	24 Sh'vat

Questions? Comments! Sponsorships\$ weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Mussar Shiur for Women

A Mussar Shiur for Women with Rabbi Avraham Steinberg as part of the Women's Learning Experience (WLE). As our study group concludes the Sefer Gesher HaChaim - vol. III, we will begin: Sefer Mussar Avicha by Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook zt"l. A stirring glimpse of the profound but very applicable religious-ethical thought of Rav Kook. Monday mornings - 9:30am, at the home of Eve Rosen, 8 Concord Circle. Tentative Start Date: February 27th. To join this shiur or to find out more about the WLE, please contact Janis Fine – jfine@comcast.net

Bnos Agudas Yisrael Pre-Purim Event

Ready for some exciting (and silly!), Purim-type fun? Mrs. Malka Liebman will lead us in fun, fun, fun with musical relays, upbeat games, and more! Afterwards, the famous Rebbee Hill of Lakewood will entertain us with his magical tales! Don't miss out on this FANTASTIC event!!! Monday, February 20th at The Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazlehurst Ave, Merion Station, PA. For all girls 3 years-old through 8th grade from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per girl, \$15.00 family maximum. A full selection of Rebbee Hill's CD's & DVD's will be available for purchase at reduced prices! **This event is open to all girls in the Greater Philadelphia area** Contact: Meira Friedman – (610) 617-9529, Chani Goldstein – (215) 742-2932, Rivky Isaacson – (215) 938-5831.

PTACH Purim Costume Gmach

The PTACH Purim Costume Gmach is now open!! Located at 29 Aberdale Road in Bala Cynwyd, we have over 100 costumes from newborn through size 12 for kids, ranging in all sorts of themes. \$8 for first costume, \$6 for each subsequent costume for the same family, \$20 max per family. Contact Shira Kupfer at 610-668-0614 or shirakupfer@gmail.com. Open Sundays 3:30 - 5:00, Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 and by appointment.

Thought of the Week

"Now I know that Hashem is the greatest of all the gods . . ." (18:11)

R' Shlomo Zalman Auerbach z"l (Yerushalayim; 1910-1995) writes: This implies that Yitro was aware of Hashem before; he just did not appreciate His power. It seems difficult to understand how one can know of Hashem but not know His greatness. The explanation is that if one knows of G-d's existence but does not analyze his own day-to-day life to see Hashem's hashgachah pratit / Divine providence, if one doesn't realize that it is not his own efforts that cause his success, then he is in effect an idolator like Yitro had been!

R' Auerbach writes further: What was the idolatry of old? It involved trying to draw sustenance or blessings from the forces of the universe. Contemporary man is focused on harnessing nature for his own ends. He thinks that success is a function of how many hours one spends at work and doesn't realize that nature is merely G-d's agent. He is oblivious to the role of G-d in the world and is no different than the idolators of the past. (Minchat Avot p.125)

"I am Hashem, your G-d ..." (20:2) . "You shall not recognize the gods of others in My presence." (20:3) R' Shmuel Meltzen z"l (Slutsk, Poland; 19th century) cites earlier authorities who state that "Anochi" encompasses within it all mitzvot aseh / affirmative commandments, while "Lo yihyeh" encompasses within it all mitzvot lo ta'aseh / negative commandments. R' Meltzen illustrates how "Lo yihyeh" encompasses within it additional mitzvot lo ta'aseh, for example, the prohibitions against stealing and dishonesty in business. In reality, a person's income is determined by Hashem. One who steals or earns "unclean" money apparently believes that he can supplement what Hashem has allotted to him. This would be possible only if there were a source of wealth other than Hashem, and one who believes there is such a power is, literally, recognizing other gods. (Ha'emunah Ve'ha'hashgachah p.4b)

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