

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar Chabura: 15 minutes before Shacharis

Mishna Brura: Monday and Wednesday after Maariv, given by Eli Back.

Ruach Chaim: Thursday at 10:15pm, given by Rav Sholom Kamenetsky.

Women's Mussar Shiur: Tuesday at 3pm, at the home of Eve Rosen.

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Parshas Terumah

פרשת תרומה

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Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Nashim. Sign up on shul bulletin board or email eisenberg.dj@verizon.net with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

Bnos: 3 to 4pm at LMS. Contact Meira Friedman 610-617-9529 or dmf201@gmail.com.

Torah Youth: 3 to 4pm at LMS in the Social Hall. Contact Rabbi Schwartz at sruli@torahyouth.org or Rabbi Silver at silverDollar@verizon.net.

**Shabbos Schedule**

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| Light Candles: | 5:19pm |
| Mincha, followed by Kabbalas Shabbos: | 5:19pm |
| Parsha Chaburah given by Ron Werrin: | 7:55am |
| Shiur on Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim's Commentary: | 8:15am |
| Shacharis: | 8:45am |
| Sof Zman Krias Shema: | 9:33am |
| Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up. | 9:45am |
| Kiddush is sponsored by Ari and Diane Weintraub in honor of Devora's Bas Mitzvah! Mazal tov! | |
| Mincha: | 5:05pm |
| Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored. | |
| Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg. | |
| Maariv: | 6:23pm |

Congratulations to the New Board!

David Chase, President
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Shkoiach and a Hearty Thank You! to outgoing YIML Board President Sherman Frager and his board for his and their tremendous efforts on behalf of our community.

| Sun, Feb 17 | Mon, Feb 18 | Tue, Feb 19 | Wed, Feb 20 | Thu, Feb 21 | Fri, Feb 22 |
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| Shacharis I 7:15am Shacharis II 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 5:25pm | Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm | Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm | Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm | <i>Taanis Esther</i> <i>Fast Begins</i> 5:33am Shacharis 6:20am Mincha 5:15pm <i>Fast Ends</i> 6:29pm | Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 5:27pm Mincha 5:27pm |
| 7 Adar | 8 Adar | 9 Adar | 10 Adar | 11 Adar | 12 Adar |

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- Mazel Tov to Ira and Lauren Somers and Family on the bris of their son, Yoel Simcha.
- Mazel Tov to Ari and Diane Weintraub and Family in honor of Devora's Bas Mitzvah.

Pre-Purim Shiur

Next Shabbos, be"H, between Mincha and Maariv, Rabbi Steinberg will give a special talk on the subject of Purim in Aggadah.

Matanos L'evyonim

Monies for matanos l'evyonim, to be distributed to the poor on Purim, can be given to Rabbi Steinberg during this coming week (or early on Purim, but don't delay too much). Checks should be made to: "YIML Rabbi's Discretionary Fund," and should have a memo note: "Matanos L'evyonim".

Sushi Making!

Ladies Night out! Enjoy an evening with friends while learning how to make your own sushi! Sunday, February 17 from 7:30 to 9:30pm at YIML. Cost \$18 per person. To reserve a spot, please contact Diane Braid at 516-429-9594 or dianebraid@gmail.com. Women's League Sponsorships available starting at \$36. Sponsored in the zchus of a Refuah Sheleima for Leah Devora bas Gittel and Baila Sara bas Leiba.

Thought of the Week

Giving away some of one's material wealth is never an easy thing. Our instinct tells us that what is mine, earned through my efforts, should always remain mine and in my possession. In the phrase of the rabbis, we have "a jaundiced eye" towards others and we resent their imposing themselves upon us for continued help and financial donations. We do not even think ourselves to be selfish for thinking and behaving in this fashion. After all there is a rabbinic opinion in Avot that states that what is mine is mine and what is yours is yours and that this viewpoint is a balanced and median one. Yet there is another opinion expressed in that very same mishna in Avot that declares such an attitude regarding one's possessions to be the trait of the wicked people from the locality of Sodom. This is in line with the Torah's early description of human nature as "being evil from its earliest youth."

The Torah recognizes human nature for what it is. Man is born as a wild donkey, selfish, screaming, kicking and grasping. The Torah came to adjust human nature to seek higher goals and greater moral and social stature. We cannot completely alter human nature. But we can direct it towards noble goals and higher purposes.

The Torah recognizes that what is mine is mine and what is yours is yours and yet it points out that this seemingly logical balanced view eventually leads down the slippery slope of Sodomite behavior. One must therefore train one's self in the art of giving and donating one's wealth to others, be they individuals in need or worthy institutions and causes such as the Mishkan/tabernacle.

I unfortunately recently spent over a month confined to a sickbed until the infection that I had came under control and I was able to start walking again. The problem was that during that month of complete physical inactivity my back and leg muscles atrophied, so that even though I wished to walk upright and normally again I could not do so without great pain and difficulty. Eventually, I slowly returned to my normal health and my muscles again became reacquainted with bearing my not inconsiderable bulk.

This physical rule applies to charitable giving as well. One who does not give charity regularly will find that the generous hand muscles that sign the check and open the wallet have atrophied so that even when one wishes to give, it is painful and sometimes even impossible to do so. Therefore the Torah places great emphasis in this week's parsha upon the ability to give freely and voluntarily to the great cause – the holy Mishkan/Tabernacle. It almost becomes the primary commandment in the Torah, in terms of the attention devoted to it in the holy text itself. This is because most of the other commandments of the Torah require discipline and control, not to give into our base natures, but here the Torah demands that we completely overcome our natural state of what is mine is mine and what is yours is yours.

Here we are required not to merely channel or control our nature but rather to change it completely. And that requires constant effort, training and habitual behavior.

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