



# Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update



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## CHELKEINU Pre-Rosh Hashanah Event!

There will be a co-sponsored Chelkeinu, Torah Academy, LMS, Beth Hamedrosh, and YIML Pre-Rosh Hashana event featuring Rabbi Michael Rosensweig, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, on Sunday, October 2, 2005, at 7:15 p.m. at Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia (Wynnewood and Argyle Roads, Ardmore, PA). The topic will be "The Mitzvah of Teshuvah: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Year-Round." Food provided by Yi-tzi Peking. For more information or to get involved, please call Rabbi Judah Goldberg at 610-664-3474 or email [chelkeinu@gmail.com](mailto:chelkeinu@gmail.com).

## Lamdeini

Last week's premiere of our new monthly shabbos shiur for women, Lamdeini, was a great success. Thank you to the following people who helped make it happen: Ira and Julia Strassman for hosting the shiur, Dini Steinberg, Janis Fine, Judith Levitt, and Tamar Ellman.

## The Naomi Zeiger Memorial Scholarship Fund

To honor the memory of our beloved friend and mentor, Naomi Zeiger, z'l, who was taken from us suddenly, a scholarship fund has been established. The Naomi Zeiger Memorial Scholarship Fund seeks to sponsor women who are newly observant for study in Israeli Orthodox institutions. Tax deductible contributions may be made payable to the Naomi Zeiger Memorial Scholarship Fund and sent c/o Janis Fine, 173 Edgehill Road, Bala-Cynwyd, PA 19004.

For more information contact Laurie Simkovich at [lsimkovich@aol.com](mailto:lsimkovich@aol.com) or Janis Fine at [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net).

## Chevra Mishnayos

The YIML Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Tohoros. Please sign up on the bulletin board to participate. If you would like to sponsor the siyum on all of Mishna (which is coming up Simchas Torah), please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

## Victim of Hurricane Katrina

Sharone Trager is collecting household items for a frum family from New Orleans who lost their home to Hurricane Katrina. If you can help, please contact Sharone Trager at [redsharone@aol.com](mailto:redsharone@aol.com) or by phone at 610 667 1260.

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All submissions, suggestions, sponsorships, and advertisements should be directed to Moshe Eisenberg, creator of this Weekly Update.

**September 30-October 7, 2005**

**Parshas Nitzavim**

**Rosh Hashana**

**פרשת נצבים**

## Shabbos Davening Times

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>6:28 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sof Zman Krias Shema:</b>	<b>9:52 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha- Shabbos:</b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

## Weekday Davening Times

<b>Shacharis -Sunday:</b>	<b>(Slichos: 7:30 a.m.) 8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis- Monday:</b>	<b>(Slichos: 6:00 a.m.) 6:40 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis- Friday:</b>	<b>(Slichos: 6:10 a.m.) 6:45 a.m.</b>

## Rosh Hashana Davening Times

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>6:23 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>First Day (Oct. 4)</b>	
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Shofar Blowing:</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>6:15 p.m./7:25 p.m.</b>
<b>Candle Lighting:</b>	<b>7:25 p.m.</b>
<b>Second Day (Oct. 5)</b>	
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Shofar Blowing:</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>6:15 p.m./7:23 p.m.</b>

## Tzom Gedalia Davening Times

<b>Fast Begins/Ends:</b>	<b>5:50 a.m./7:21 p.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>(Slichos: 6:00 a.m.) 6:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>6:05 p.m.</b>

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Please daven for a refuah shelaima for  
**Shabsai Shmuel Eliyahu ben Sarah Esther**



## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Chumash Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Rambam Sefer Hamitzvos Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back	<b>CANCELLED</b>
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Mesilas Yesharim	Rabbi Steinberg	<b>CANCELLED</b> this week
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg	<b>NEW SHIUR!!</b>
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Tuesday night	After Maariv	Gemora Sukka Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Women's Pirkei Avos Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	<b>CANCELLED</b> through October
Thursday night	10:10 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

### Parsha Musings by Rabbi Steinberg

#### Sound Citings

*Those who thought that Jewish history does not repeat itself precisely were taught a great lesson two summers ago.*

*The Gemora (Sanhedrin 91a) records that the people of Egypt came before Alexander the Great to file a claim against the Jewish people. They demanded compensation for all of the silver and gold that the Jews looted from the Egyptians during the Exodus. The record of the crime, they said, is in the Torah itself. The matter was put to rest only when a representative of the Jews responded that such compensation would not be forthcoming until the Egyptians paid reparations for the many years of bondage and torture that they perpetrated against the Jews.*

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#### Shabbos Shuva Drasha

The Shabbos Shuva drasha will be on October 8 following 6:00 mincha. Maariv will follow at 7:18. The topic is "...Because you never know..." Men and women are welcome.

*In August 2003, a Dr. Nabil Hilmi, Dean of Faculty of Law at the University of Al-Zaqaziq in Egypt was reported to be preparing a lawsuit against "all the Jews of the world" for the "trillions of tons of gold" pillaged during the Jews' escape from Egypt. When asked for the source of his allegation, Dr. Hilmi responded, "Exodus, Chapter 12, verses 35 through 36..."*

When Moshe completed his forty-day period of Torah study atop Mount Sinai, the Torah says (Ki Sisa 31:18), "And He gave to Moshe, when He finished talking to him on Har Sinai, the two tablets of testimony...." The word meaning "finished" (*kichaloso*) in this verse is spelled in such a way that it could be read to mean "as his bride" (*kichalaso*). Rashi comments: *Just as a bride wears 24 ornaments, as enumerated in the Book of Yeshaya, so must the Torah scholar be expert in the 24 Books (of Tanach)*. The Netziv explains the deep meaning behind this teaching. A bride adorns herself with 24 adornments. If a woman who was not a bride were to don so much jewelry and makeup, she would look terribly overdressed and inappropriate. So too, a Torah scholar, who has mastered the Oral Tradition and understands the true meaning of the Written Torah, may and, indeed should, cite those pesukim. But a person who is not trained in the true meaning of the Torah's verses who has the gall to cite them nevertheless, makes a mockery of himself, like a wedding guest who makes herself up as if she is the bride. Only when Moshe had been taught the meaning of the Torah could he decorate himself with Its Written Books. Anyone who does not follow this model may be no different from the devil citing Scriptures.

But it is more than mere scholarship that is required to ensure proper citation of the Torah's teachings.

In this week's Parsha, after a series of pesukim describing the benefits of doing Teshuva, the Torah portrays what will bring about these benefits (30:10), "...because you will listen to the voice of Hashem your G-d, to guard His mitzvos and statutes **that are written in this Sefer Torah, when you return to Hashem with all of your heart and all of your soul.**" The Meshech Chochma explains that even when a person means to obey the explicit written word of Hashem, he will not succeed unless he returns to Hashem with all of his heart and all of his soul. If we do not purify our hearts, then even when we read the Torah, and try to keep Its laws, we might actually be projecting our own ideas into the Torah's words.

The Torah's verses have forever been cited by people seeking to promote their own ideologies. Taken out of context, and without the interpretation of the Oral Torah, the pesukim in the Torah can be bent and twisted to bolster any perspective in the world. But ultimately the one who loses the most by misinterpreting the Torah is the guilty one himself. He will likely never correct his ways because he thinks he is drawing his views from the Torah itself. We must strive to do Teshuva so that we will have the clarity of thought to truly understand what the Torah asks of us. As we say in our davening three times a day: *Return us, our Father, to Your Torah...and bring us back in complete Teshuva before You...*

Wishing you a Good Shabbos, Rabbi Steinberg