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Parshas Bamidbar

Shavuos

פרשת במדבר

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	7:53 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:20 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos followed by Scholar-in-Residence Shalosh Seudos:	7:40 p.m.
Maariv:	8:57 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis- Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Shacharis- Monday:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Friday:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv (Sun-Mon):	8:00 p.m.
<u>Erev Shavuos (Tuesday, May 22)</u>	
Shacharis:	6:50 a.m.
Candle lighting:	7:57 p.m.
Mincha / Maariv:	8:00 p.m. / 9:00 p.m.
<u>First Day of Shavuos (Wednesday, May 23)</u>	
Shacharis I:	5:00 a.m.
Shacharis II:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha:	8:00 p.m.
Candle lighting / Maariv:	9:01 p.m.
<u>Second Day of Shavuos (Thursday, May 24)</u>	
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha:	8:00 p.m.
Maariv:	9:02 p.m.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	8:00 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.

Scholar-in-Residence- Rabbi Yonason Rosenblum

Rabbi Yonason Rosenblum is our scholar-in-residence this Shabbos, Parshas Bamidbar (May 19th). The schedule for Shabbos is as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Shabbos Morning (approx. 10:30 a.m.)	Drasha in Shul
Shabbos Luncheon, by reservation only, following kiddush (approx. 12:15 p.m.)	Raising Enthusiastic Jewish Children
Pre-Mincha Lecture (6:40 p.m.)	After Lebanon, after Winograd- What Next for Israel? Dashed Hopes, New Opportunities
Shalosh Seudos following Mincha (approx. 8 p.m.)	Do Torah Jews Care More about Their Fellow Jews?: From WWII Rescue to the Reform Resolution on Iraq

Condolences

YIML extends heartfelt condolences to Sherman Frager on the loss of his father, Mr. Max Frager. Shacharis on Sunday at the Frager home (330 Cynwyd Rd.) will be at 8 a.m. May the family be comforted among the avelei tzion v'yirushalayim.

Special Shiur

At 8:15 p.m. on the nights of Tues, Wed, and Thurs of this week, Rabbi Steinberg will be giving a special shiur series on the topic of Cholov Yisroel.

Shavuos Night Schedule

YIML will be open all night on the first night of Shavuos for learning. In addition, the following shiurim are also going to be given throughout the night:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
12:20 a.m.	Rabbi Steinberg	"Let Us Kill One, or We Kill You All!": What is the Halacha in this Terrible Scenario?
1:30 a.m.	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	Overriding Shabbos Laws for Emergencies that "Can Wait"
2:40 a.m.	Dov Daniel	'The Best of the Blessings': An Analysis of Birchos HaTorah
3:50 a.m.	Josh Weinberger	Encounters with the A-Imighty: A Discussion of Aliyah L'regel and Mattan Torah

Refreshments sponsored by Dan and Michaela Perez in memory of Moshe Arye ben Zev will be served. Shacharis at 5 a.m. Please join us!

Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos siyum on Seder Nezikin will be next Shabbos, Parshas Nasso at Shalosh Seudos between Mincha and Maariv.

YIML Members to be Honored at Local Dinners

Congratulations to...
...**Kurt and Melissa Stein** who will be honored at the Aish HaTorah Annual Gala at the Academy of Natural Sciences on May 29th at 6:00 p.m.

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

We welcome our scholar-in-residence for this weekend, Rabbi Yonason Rosenblum, Director of Jewish Media Resources.
More details on the back.



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.	Parsha Chabura	Rotating	
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parsha Etymology Based on the teachings of Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch zt"l	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	ALTERNATING BETWEEN Minchas Chinuch Chabura ----and---- The Chabura	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED
			Rotating	UPCOMING
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Halacha Shiur	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	CANCELLED
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Moshe Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Chovos Halevovos	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:15 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		173 Edgehill Rd.
Tuesday	9:00 p.m.	Advanced Gemora Kesuvos Shiur First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED until after Shavuos
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED until next season. Stay tuned for details
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 4-5 p.m. in the upstairs classrooms.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 4-5 p.m.

YIML/Aish Softball Team- Four Corners

After beating Temple Shalom last week, Four Corners moves on to play Main Line Reform at General Wayne Park at 10 a.m. this Sunday, May 20th.

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President Stan Sved Info: Home: 610-660-5002

YIML Picnic

The YIML picnic will be on Sunday, June 17th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at General Wynne Park. \$18 adult, \$10 for child, \$60 family maximum. RSVPs to Stan Sved would be appreciated. Bring your sports equipment!

The Preface to the Story of the Moshiach

By Rabbi Yissocher Frand

On Shavuos we read the sefer of Rus. In spite of it being a small sefer, each chapter is "action packed". In the second chapter, the Navi begins by introducing us to Boaz. History is about to occur. Which history? This is the beginning of the history of the Moshiach [Messiah]. We are about to learn of the first meeting between Boaz and Rus -- the union that would eventually produce King David, from whom the Moshiach will descend.

Each pasuk [verse] is laden with great symbolism and significance. When Boaz first arrives "on stage," we learn "Behold, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem. He said to the harvesters, 'Hashem [G-d] be with you!' And they answered him 'May Hashem bless you!' [Ruth 2:4]". Why is this exchange of greetings necessary to the plot? If we were writing a play about this great historical event, would it be so crucial to insert the line "And Boaz came in and greeted his workers and asked, 'How are you?' and they responded 'Fine. How are you?'" This does not make for good script! And yet the Navi found it necessary to include this exchange of "Shalom Aleichem" in this historic chapter.

The Talmud [Makkos 23b] adds significance to this event by explaining that they were performing an enactment of the Court of Boaz. Early in Jewish history, it had not been the case that friends would greet each other with the expression "May G-d be with you," using the 'real' name of G-d (rather than the substitute generic name 'HaShem,' meaning 'the Name'). A specific judicial enactment was required to permit this form of greeting. Prior to the time of Boaz, people never greeted each other in this way, and subsequent to the time of Boaz we no longer perform this enactment. This was a short-term "emergency" enactment.

What was the reason behind this enactment? I saw an insight into this enactment in a commentary on the book of Rus, called Nachlas Yosef. At this particular time, the Jewish people were in a sorry state. There was a terrible famine. The times were so bad that a leader of the people (Elimelech, husband of Naomi) could forsake his people and go off to, of all places, Moav. This was symptomatic of what was wrong with the Jewish people at the time.

What did the "Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah" [Council of Great Torah Sages] of that era decide to do to remedy the situation? They decided that everyone should greet each other with the actual name of G-d. The import of this enactment was that every single Jew is so important and so holy that it is worthy for him to be greeted with none less than the actual name of G-d. This is a very different way of greeting a person than merely saying "Hi".

This enactment changed the mood. It reestablished the easily forgotten concept that every person is created b'Tzelem Elokim [in the Image of G-d]. This enactment emphasized, "All Jews are princes" and they deserve to be treated as such. The psychological impact of greeting someone with the Name of G-d had an entirely different meaning than that of just saying hello.

The enactment hammered home the idea that we must be careful of how we treat people. People are not merely intelligent animals. The recognition that people are b'Tzelem Elokim suggests an entirely different approach as to how to relate to others. This was the enactment of the Court of Boaz.

The Medrash says that when the time comes for us to move on to the next world (after 120 years, G-d willing), we will all be asked two questions: 'Did you make G-d your King?' and 'Did you make your friend your King?' In other words, did you treat everyone like you would treat the Queen of England, l'Havdil?

A new era was beginning. The times necessitated a new era with a new way of dealing with each other. That is why this chapter is the introduction to the story of the Moshiach. The story of Moshiach must begin with greeting our friends with the Name of G-d, indicating the importance and prestige of our friends, and indicating that they deserve to be treated like Princes. This, too, must be our preface to the coming of Moshiach, so that after 120 years, we will be able to respond in the affirmative to that question 'Did you anoint your fellow man?'

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