

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Ki Seitzei

### פרשת כי תצא

י"א אלול תשס"ז—25—24 August

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:22pm
Candle lighting:	7:28pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:43am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:15pm
Maariv:	8:29pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.–Thu.):	7:25pm

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	7:17pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	S. Sved	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Etymology	R. Steinberg	<i>Lo Yilbosh</i>
Shabbos	6:30pm	Minchas Chinuch Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.-Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Kesubos	R. Steinberg	Resumes in Sept.
Wednesday	8:45pm	Women's Shiur	R. Steinberg	Resumes in Sept.
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

## THIS SHABBOS

### Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by David and Sara Brudnoy (parents of Tal Weinberger) in memory of their mothers Fanny Brudnoy and Freda Serchuk whose yahrzeits were observed this week. Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

### Special Minchas Chinuch Shiur Topic:

Apropos to the parsha, Rabbi Steinberg's topic this week will be *The Mitzvah of Same-Day Burial*, focusing on some of the important halachic aspects of the mitzva to bury a niftar as soon as possible. At the Young Israel, 6:30pm.

### Medical Halacha Shiur:

The topic of the Medical Halacha Shiur is *Preventative Medicine & Risk*. Between Mincha and Maariv at the Young Israel.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

## COMING EVENTS

### **Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking:**

Mark your calendar. Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer Sta"m (scribe) will be in town (at YIML) beginning Sunday, September 2nd, IY"TH, to check your tefillin and mezuzos.

### **Four Corners:**

Stay tuned for exciting updates regarding the next game for our first-place Four Corners softball team. Yasher Koach to Gershon Ben Shalom and the whole team for such a successful season. Go team!

## MAZEL TOV!

### **To Beth Datskovsky...**

... on her upcoming marriage to Jerry Guthrie this Sunday.

### **To Brendy & Jed Siev and family...**

... on the birth of their daughter Pessil, this past Monday.

### **Mikva Courtesy:**

We have been asked to announce the following:

When scheduling a mikva visit at the LMS mikva for a Friday or Yom Tov night, please be sure to contact the attendant early in the week, and no later than Wednesday. Remember that the attendants are volunteers and that last minute scheduling can be disruptive to their Shabbos or Yom Tov. Thank you.

### **YIML Cookbook for Sale:**

With the Yomim Tovim fast approaching, it's a perfect time to buy a copy of the YIML Cookbook for yourself or a friend. The books are available in the back of the Shul (\$25 for one, \$40 for two) Please put the money in the Shul pushka. Rabbi Steinberg's *The Year in Drashos* can also be found there for \$15.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### **Chevra Mishnayos:**

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Tohoros.

See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

### **Women's Tehillim Group:**

The Women's Tehillim Group meets Mondays at 9:45am at 345 Bala Ave.

## D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

The parsha of Ki Teitzei contains a host of specific mitzvot. In this it resembles more the parsha of Kdoshim in Chumash Vayikra than it does the other parshiyot of Chumash Dvarim, which are more general and are devoted to national history and Jewish destiny. But the truth be said, the mitzvot in Ki Teitzei are the backbone of all Jewish history and are the tools of survival that insure that there will always be a Jewish destiny to pursue. It is undoubtedly with this in mind that the rabbinic commentators over the ages interpreted the opening verse of the parsha—"When you go out to war against your enemy"—in an allegorical and not merely a literal sense. The "war against your enemy" refers to the ongoing war of conscience and morality within ourselves in which we are constantly engaged all of our lives. "The enemy" lurks within us. It is a war between right and wrong, discipline and hedonism, instant gratification and long-term benefit. Every day of our lives we make these choices and fight these battles. The Torah, which always advises us to choose life and eternity, supplies us with these mitzvot—the material aid in our struggle. The rabbis taught us that the Lord wished to give Israel merit and strength and therefore He gave us many mitzvot. All of our lives, in all circumstances, we would be able to win the crucial battle of human morality because these mitzvot would always be at hand.

The example of "yefat toar"—the beautiful woman captured in war is an example. The Torah gave us a mitzvah to help moderate desires of lust. It is obvious, as Rashi points out, that the Jewish soldiers desire to marry such a woman, having no other commonality except for momentary physical passion is not really such a good idea. Passion and physical desire are part of marriage but they are certainly not all of marriage. The Torah, by emphasizing the legal and moral consequences, legal and moral, of his behavior attempts to put the entire matter in perspective before the actual liaison occurs. The mitzva serves as a brake on the passion and therefore mitigates an otherwise immoral and dangerous relationship. The rabbis taught us that, "the Torah spoke only regarding man's evil inclination." All of the mitzvot are intended to save us from ourselves, our weaknesses and foibles, our foolishness and unhealthy desires. From the outside, looking at Judaism with its 613 commandments and rituals, our faith may appear confining and cumbersome. Yet any Jew experiencing and living Judaism from the inside, considers all of the rules, rituals and commandments to be mighty weapons in the war that we perform daily against wrongdoing and self-destruction. Impulse and passion are to be avoided. Perspective and understanding of the consequences of one's behavior are to be treasured and nurtured. Observance of mitzvot allows us to gain that necessary perspective and long view that can make life's struggles holy and worthwhile.

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