

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Tazria-Metzora פרשת תזריע-מצורע Shabbos Rosh Chodesh שבת ראש חודש

April 24-25—א' אייר תשס"ט

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:23pm  
Candle lighting: 7:30pm  
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:34am  
Shacharis: 8:45am  
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis: 7:15pm  
Maariv: 8:34pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

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

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 7:37pm  
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am– 8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. C. Diamond	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Choshen Mishpat	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

## THIS SHABBOS

### Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush is being sponsored by Ron & Marguerite Werrin to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Ron's mother, Sophie Shaindel Werrin, ה"ע, and to honor the birth of their grandson, Shiloh Aviv born in Eretz Yisrael to their children Anna & Binyamin Simon.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

### Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will ה"א meet this week from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at LMS.

Please welcome Chana Miriam (Heidi) Levine as our new cholent chef!!  
Yoshar Koach!

The Young Israel offers well-fed vote of appreciation to Gershon ben Shalom for all the cholent he has prepared in the past. Thank You!

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

## WOMEN'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Please note that the WLE shiurim will be resuming this week. See the flyer for the full schedule.

Rabbi Steinberg's Chovos Halevovos Class meets Tues. mornings at 9:30am at Eve Rosen's house, 8 Concord Circle.

## CHOSHEN MISHPAT SHIUR

### **Date Change:**

Please note that this week only, Rabbi Steinberg's Choshen Mishpat Shiur will meet on Monday night, not Tuesday night, at 9:00pm.

## MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Drs. Jay & Mindy Rosenblum and Family on the bris of their grandson Shmuel Kleinman.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### **Chevra Mishnayos:**

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Nashim.

See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

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

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:45am** at 8 Concord Circle.

### **Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:**

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

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## D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

This week's double parsha presents to us a difficult set of rituals regarding a type of physical disease that evinced physical manifestations. The rabbis associated this disease with the sin of improper speech and personal slander. We no longer have any true knowledge of the disease, its true appearances and effects, its quarantine period and the healing process that restored the person to one's community and society.

The ritual laws of purity and impurity are no longer applicable in our post-Temple society and since there are no comments on these laws in a specific manner in the Babylonian Talmud these ritual laws are not subject to the usual intensive scholarship and study that pertain for instance to the laws of money and torts in the Talmud.

In the nineteenth century a great Chasidic rebbe and scholar composed a "Talmud" regarding the laws of purity and impurity. This feat of scholarship however met with criticism from other scholars and has remained controversial and relatively ignored in the modern yeshiva and scholarly world. So in effect the entire topic of this week's double parsha remains mysterious and unclear to us.

After all of the attempted explanations and reasons for these ritual laws of purity and impurity, they nevertheless remain mysterious and relatively inexplicable to us.

Especially when these two parshiyot occur, as they do this year and in most years, in tandem together, the question of their relevance becomes even more acute and perplexing. The Torah which always challenges us to understand it here retains its inscrutability.

Perhaps this is the message of the Torah itself to us. There is a world that is beyond our earthly eyes and rational vision. Modern man always dreams about space aliens and different universes than the one we inhabit. There is an almost innate sense that pervades us that there is more to creation than what we sense and feel.

It fuels our individual drive to immortality, our dreams and imaginations, and it allows us to imagine and invent. There is a popular belief that necessity is the mother of invention. But in reality I do not feel that this is accurate.

Imagination is the mother of invention. There was no real necessity for the unbelievable advances in technology that our past century has witnessed. But people lived in a world beyond our present real world and imagined the computer the wireless phone and the internet.

This capacity of human imagination and of being able to deal with an unseen world that nevertheless truly exists is one of the great traits of the human mind. The Torah indicates to us the existence of such another world, a world of purity and impurity, a special world of holiness and of the human quest for attachment to the Creator of all worlds.

Therefore even though we do not quite relate to that world with our finite mentality, the Torah wishes us to realize that such a world does exist beyond our limited human vision. And that is a very important and essential lesson in life.

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