



- Mazel Tov to all of our members who are graduating from various respective institutions of learning. May you all go from strength to strength!
- Mazel Tov to (past YIML member) Tammi Lit on her upcoming marriage to Allan Schwartz.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Rafi and Morah Atara Eis on receiving the Distinguished Educators Award at the upcoming Stern Hebrew High School Banquet this Sunday.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Jon and Jessica Erlbaum on the birth of a baby girl!

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah: 7:55am
 Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Josh and Tal Weinberger and family in honor of their new baby, Leah Hadassa.

Between Mincha and Maariv:

Shalosh Seudos this week is community sponsored.
 Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg on the topic of Biopsy, Autopsy, and Anatomic Dissection.
 Chaburah given by Yosef Weinberger on the topic of hakchasha be-eidus.

Pirchei and Bnos will meet from 4:30 to 5:30pm at LMS.
 Pirchei End of year BBQ! Tuesday June 15th, from 6-7pm at the Silvers. At LMS if raining.

Save the Date - The YIML BBQ will be Sunday, June 20th, from 1pm to 5pm at South Ardmore Park (near Torah Academy). Get ready for good fun and great food!

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Parshas Sh'lach
 June 4-5

פרשת שלח
 כ"ג סיון



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting:	8:07 pm
Earliest lighting:	6:52 pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 pm
<i>Mevorchim haChodesh</i>	
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:15 am
Mincha:	7:50 pm
Maariv:	9:11 pm

Next Shabbos (and Sunday): Rosh Chodesh Tamuz

Candle lighting:	8:11 pm
Earliest lighting:	6:56 pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 pm

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<http://mail.chaseplanet.us/mailman/listinfo/yiml>

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday through Thursday:	8:15 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Women's Learning Experience - Spring Session

Mondays at 10:45am - Tehillim for Cholim, followed at 11:30am by Rabbi Avraham Steinberg's shiur on The Chazon Ish's Faith and Trust. At 8 Concord Circle.

Tuesdays at 9:30am - Rabbi Abraham Shmidman teaching Tehillim at Lower Merion Synagogue.

Wednesdays at 9:30am - Dr. Steven Goldman teaching Parshas haShavuah at 8 Concord Circle.

Thursdays at 9:30am - Mr. Drew Dorman teaching Iggeret haRamban at 8 Concord Circle.

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The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Kodshim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net and include your name and which masechta (or chapters thereof) you intend to learn.

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Thought of the Week

Parshas Sh'lach contains a "low water mark" in the history of the Jewish people – the incident of the Meraglim and the Divine punishment that followed. The event was an unmitigated disaster. Because of the needless crying on the night the spies returned (the eve of the Ninth of Av), that date was set aside for crying throughout the generations.

The Torah says that there were two spies that did not follow in the path of the others – Kalev and Yehoshua. Chazal make a point of telling us that these two spies had special help in being able to stand up to the rest of the spies.

Yehoshua was given a special name change by Moshe (from Hoshea to Yehoshua) indicating a prayer (may G-d (Yud-Hey) save you (Hoshea) from the counsel of the spies. Moshe anticipated through Divine Inspiration that Yehoshua would need extra protection to stand up to the evil report of his fellow spies. Similarly, Chazal say that Kalev went to the grave of the Patriarchs in Chevron and prayed for Divine Assistance. This prayer is what gave him the fortitude to withstand the "counsel of the spies".

This is testimony to that which the Rambam says [Hilchos Deos 6:1], namely "a person's nature is to be drawn in his opinions and his actions after his friends and companions." Man is a social animal who must interact, and in order to interact it is necessary for him to communicate. In order to communicate, man was given a form of intelligent speech. The downside of this trait is that man is greatly influenced by the speech and communication he receives from others. "Therefore," the Rambam continues, "man must dwell amongst righteous and wise individuals so that he may learn from their actions and distance himself from the wicked who walk in the ways of darkness so that he not learn from their ways..." In short, the Rambam teaches that a person must be exceedingly careful regarding the company he keeps. Ultimately, a person will become who his neighbors and friends are. If the friends and neighbors are looking out for spiritual growth, then he too will grow spiritually. If the reverse is true, then the outcome will be reversed as well.

Sociological studies have been done where 20 people are in a room and 19 of the participants are "in" on the study and they are told to answer a question in a patently false way (e.g. – the orange is blue). Invariably, the 20th person, who is the actual subject of the study, when asked to answer the same question, answers it in a way that is absurd, just to make his answer correspond with that of everyone else in the room.

This is precisely why the Rambam counsels us to dwell amongst the righteous and to seek counsel amongst the wise. We must be particularly careful who our friends are and we must be even more particularly careful about who our children's friends are. Adults are somewhat less susceptible to the pressures of society, but for children -- especially teenagers and adolescents -- the influence of their environment is all that counts. It is particularly important to ensure -- to whatever extent possible -- that our children's friends are righteous and wise.

Adapted from "The Pull of Society and Social Pressure" by Rabbi Frand
<http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5769/shlach.html>