



Parshat Ki Sisa — Adar 18, 5780— March 13, 2020

YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

**KIDDUSH AND SHALOSH SEUDOT
ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED.**

Shabbos

Mincha & Maariv	6:45 pm
Candle Lighting	6:47 pm
Sunset	7:05 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Mincha	6:00 pm
Maariv	8:10 pm
Shabbos Ends	7:57 pm

Dvar Torah: Sarah Bienenfeld

munal Purim and thank you so much to all who helped make it such a great Purim celebration. I know we just finished with the megillah but there was a beautiful interpretation that I felt was appropriate to share. There is a *drasha* in the Gemara (Megillah 10b) that explains Haman's description of the Jews. Haman describes them as *Yeshno Am Mefuzar uMefurad*, "There is a people that is spread out and set apart...." The Gemara translates the word *Yeshno*, from the word *yashan*, to sleep. Our Yidishkeit was 'sleepy'; our mitzvah observance had become stale, lacking *chiyus*, vitality. We were distracted, pulled in all sorts of directions away from what truly mattered. Reb Tzadok HaKohen of Lublin zy'a offers a moving interpretation: We did learn Torah, but by rote, lifelessly turning pages as if studying a secular text. There was no "light" in our *limud haTorah*. In the days of the Persian exile, Jews kept Shabbos and Yom Tov, but our experience of those holy days lacked the main ingredient: *simcha*. The miraculous salvation and turnabout of Purim was a spiritual jolt that woke us out of this state of sleep (*yeshno*). It put the *ora* back in Torah, restored the *simcha* of the Yamim Tovim, and revealed the *Joy of Torah true Judaism*. Mitzvos that were taken for granted and had become perfunctory 'observations' were filled with life once again. The week of Purim at YI began with a gala kiddush and luncheon for over 20 individuals in the community who made a siyum on Maseches Brachos and over 100 people at the luncheon, a youth megillah reading with over 50 children, a beautiful, inspiring open house and seudah on Purim day. It was truly a Purim which was tuned into real inner growth and renewal.

We just finished celebrating the most amazing, uplifting and com-

While we may be entering a period where things are uncertain, let us never allow our mitzvah observance and sense of community be dispersed or sleepy. May the strength of our Purim celebrations carry us through what lies ahead. And may our mitzvah-observances all year round be filled with light, happiness, joy and honor! Thank you to Rav Judah Mischel for the content of the dvar torah

Shul board meeting is March 22 at 7:30PM

Your simcha is our simcha... if anyone has a simcha or news they would like shared in the **newsletter**, please e-mail Martelle at ma5he5sp90@gmail.com. Please remember newsletter deadline is 4pm on Wednesdays.

Newsletter deadline update: Guaranteed deadline Wednesdays at 4 PM. All submissions before this guaranteed to be in newsletter. **Late Deadline** Thursdays 4 PM. Will likely make it to newsletter, but not guaranteed.

Security:

Young Israel has initiated its program of volunteer security greeters controlling the door, screening those seeking entry and conducting counter-surveillance on Shabbos mornings. We need more volunteers to help the program continue, so please consider volunteering. If you would like to be trained to be a greeter but could not attend the class we can give you on the job training on Shabbos. To assist our efforts to protect our community against the real, serious and growing general threat to Jewish institutions, either as a greeter or in another function, please contact, marcrhess@hotmail.com.

Cherry Hill Police Department (CHPD) is offering to residents a **Citizens Police Academy**. The program will increase understanding of operational policies and procedures of CHPD and explore aspects of law enforcement. The program is open to any adult who lives in Cherry Hill and has no felony convictions or pending criminal actions at the time of application. It is an 8 week program meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-9:00 PM at the Cherry Hill Police Department. The program will run from April 1, 2020 until May 20, 2020. The class will meet on Tuesday April 7, 2020 instead of Wednesday April 8, 2020, due to Passover. Class size is limited to 30 people and there is no cost. Interested persons must complete an online application and return it to the CHPD to the attention of Sergeant Edward Walto, Program Coordinator or email the completed application to CRU@cherryhillpolice.com. To be placed on the waiting list for the next session of classes, call 856-488-7813 and leave your contact information.

Although this class does not involve tactical training, it is an excellent opportunity for civilians to better understand law enforcement and make themselves more able to understand and assist in security of the YICH community.

Rabbi's Endorsement:

Shul security continues to be an important matter in the Jewish community at large as well as for our own congregation. Security concerns must always be met with a two-pronged attack encompassing both the spiritual response of increased tefillah and Torah, as well as a physical response of increased security features to protect our Kehillah. If you're able and willing to volunteer to guard the entrance to the shul for a Shabbos morning time slot, please email marcrhess@hotmail.com if you are interested. Thanking you in advance for your dedication to the tzorchei tzibbur.

Rabbi Jonathan Bienenfeld

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
- Eitz Chaim: \$120
- Weekly Newsletter: \$50

Scrip - Purchase on YI's website or by contacting Joyce at JJoseph5@aol.com

Tribute Cards— Support YI & mark any occasion by purchasing on YI's website.

Dvar Torah - to submit a Dvar Torah for the newsletter, please use the link in the email.

Membership

- \$1,525** Regular Family
- \$775** Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years)
- \$400** Young Single (under 30)
- \$500** First year at YI—Family
- \$250** First year at YI—Single
- \$500** Associate Membership

For more info, contact Shmuel at

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Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Wednesdays.

Next Week

Shacharit (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	6:50 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	7:52 pm
Daf Yomi	8:30 pm
Maariv	9:30 pm
Kollel Maariv (Mon-Thurs)	9:00 pm