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Rabbi's Corner

I will be away this week from Monday morning until Wednesday evening. As you have read a few times before, I am part of a fellowship through YU called the *Legacy Heritage Distinguished Rabbinic Fellowship* which meets in Edison, NJ. A group of about 20 rabbis gather twice a year to study with Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter and be enriched by his scholarship. Rabbi Schacter and I are close and it is always an exciting time for me to learn from him as well as from my colleagues.Continued on page 3

SHABBAT KALLAH

With gratitude to Ruth Alcabes the Shabbat Kallah learning in honor of Esther Rachel Wolfe's upcoming wedding will be at 42 Seneca Road at 5:00 PM
 All Women are Invited!!

SCHOLAR-in-RESIDENCE
 In memory of Al Weisel z"l

Raanan Eichler

Raanan grew up in Israel, attended Yeshivat Merkaz Harav and then earned a BA in Psychology and Bible from Hebrew University. He continued his studies in Bible earning an MA and now he is currently pursuing his Ph.D. Raanan has taken courses around the globe, has lectured at important conferences and gatherings, has published numerous articles, and taught at Hebrew University.

THIS SHABBAT

Pre-Mincha Talk at 5:45 PM
'The Ark of the Covenant and the Tomb of Tutenkhamun'

Talk at Seudah Shlishit
"The Cherubim in the Mishkan & the Mikdash"

Tzeitchem Leshalom

to all those leaving this week for a new school year away in various places! Much *Hatzlacha*.

Shabbat Mevorchim Parshat Re'eh
August 27th, 2011 ✨ 27 Av 5771
Kiddush Sponsored by
Anita & Tsion Cohen
In honor of the marriage of
Nathaniel & Adeena!

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Nathaniel & Adeena (Schlussel) Cohen on their recent marriage . מזל טוב to Anita & Tsion; Tzippy, Daniel, Orli, Adam & Lily; Michal, Moshe, Jacob, Maytal & Keira Abehsera; and Naomi, Noah and Marcus Moss. מזל טוב וברוכים הבאים to Adeena's parents, Sara & Richard Schlussel and grandparents Phyllis & Joseph Eisenman, and Rita & Herb Schlussel, and siblings Gabi & Seth!
ברוכים הבאים family and friends who have come to celebrate with the Cohens.

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Esther Wolfe on her upcoming marriage to Nosson Lange. מזל טוב to Vera Schwarcz & Jason Wolfe; Gavi, Vicky & Ruby Lev; Elie, Eliora & Noam Wolfe. מזל טוב to Nosson's parents Rabbi Yosef & Leah Lange, and the entire Lange family.

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Rivkie Elbaum on her engagement to Joshua Schickman of Berkley, CA. מזל טוב to Sarah, Zvi, Estie & Pinney; Rachel, Raffi, Zev, Chaim, Yehuda & Avraham Berkovic. מזל טוב to the entire Schickman family!

ברוכים הבאים

To Aron Gerson of Brooklyn who is starting his PhD in Sociology at UCONN and will be living In West Hartford at the Patels.

YIWH End-of-Summer BBQ
CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO IMPENDING HURRICANE
Date: MONDAY AUGUST 29TH
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: The Keslers - 57 Pilgrim Rd.

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RABBI'S SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS

The Rabbi's Shabbat afternoon class will be studying
Sefer Melachim
(this Shabbat there is no class since
our scholar in residence will be speaking.)

UPCOMING VOTE ON PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

The vote will take place
Monday, August 29th
Between 4:00 & 6:00 PM

At the BBQ at the home of the Keslers, The newly simplified changes, along with a draft of the paper ballot, are available at

go.youngisraelwh.org/bylaws2

Or via key #257 through the homepage

BAKE SALE

Going Fast!! (Proceeds go to YIWH)

Time to order your desserts for Yom Tov!!
Please email your orders to Debbie Freund:

dvora515@gmail.com

If you don't have email and/or have not seen the list please let Debbie know at: 860-232-7782

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, September 7th

Please Note:

The Kashrut of these baked goods is not endorsed by the YIWH.

HHNE SEMI-ANNUAL HAT SHOW

Monday, September 12th
At the home of Fran Wittenberg
36 Whetton Road

KOL HANEARIM TALLIS PROJECT

The Yom Tovim are almost here!

Now is your chance to include your family in a part of YIWH history. Add your child/children's name(s) on our Kol Hanearim Tallis in time for Simchat Torah.

You can start with one child at a time or add them all at once, the choice is yours! In addition, the names on the Tallis will be added to the Tree of Life downstairs, check out the newest additions!

Contact Aviva Braunschweiger for more information!

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120 chairs are needed

Buy one or buy ten, let's do what it takes!

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UPCOMING SHABBAT PROGRAM at YIWH**SHABBAT SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Morning: Guest Speaker **Michael Rosenblit**
speaking about Israel and IDF

Afternoon: Special 9/11 10 year memorial

More Info to follow....!

Dvar Torah of the Week - Rabbi David Silverberg (www.vbm-torah.org)

Parashat Re'ei features of a discussion of the "navi sheker" - the false prophet, who advocates idolatrous worship and performs wonders and miracles to confirm his authenticity. The Torah forbids Benei Yisrael from heeding his advice (13:4) and declares a death penalty upon such a prophet (13:6). The Netziv, in his Ha'amek Davar, asks a very frank, straightforward question concerning this entire discussion: how is such a case possible? Why would Moshe (the speaker in Sefer Devarim) have been concerned that the nation might follow a prophet who condones idolatry - a prohibition explicitly forbidden in the Ten Commandments? (True, Benei Yisrael worshipped idols on many occasions throughout Biblical history; but here we speak of a single individual who leads the nation to paganism.)

The Netziv therefore claims that this section addresses a situation of crisis, when disease or some other calamity has struck a given town or community. In situations such as these, desperation leads people to search for "quick-fix" solutions to their problems; they are more open and willing to try new solutions and abandon previously-held beliefs. Several elements in the text work beautifully with this approach, as the Netziv shows in his commentary to these verses. For example, Moshe describes the false prophet as encouraging his audience to worship "other gods whom you have not experienced" (13:3). The false prophet capitalizes on the people's desperation and offers them a brand new mode of worship, guaranteed, he claims, to once and for all extricate them from their current crisis. Moshe warns the nation, "Do not heed the words of that prophet... for the Lord your God is testing to you to see whether you really love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul." According to the Netziv, the "test" here refers not to the false prophet (as most commentators explain - see, for example, Rashbam and Ramban), but to the crisis or danger facing his audience. Difficult times challenge the Jew to reaffirm his unwavering faith in God and to follow His eternal guidance, rather than succumb to the temptation to discard old religious doctrines in favor of new ones. Herein lies the true test of the false prophet: will we persistently adhere to our heritage even when faced with new crises and hardship, or will we heed the advice and promises of the false prophets to abandon our past as a supposed means of securing our future?

This approach of the Netziv may enhance our understanding of a Midrashic passage relevant to this section. After urging Benei Yisrael not to be misled by the false prophet, Moshe adds, "Follow none but the Lord your God and fear none but Him... " (13:5). The Ketav Sofer cites from the Midrash Tanchuma (this passage does not appear in our versions of the Tanchuma) a brief discussion regarding the clause, "fear none but Him." The Midrash asks, "What is fear?" It answers with two examples: the fear of God exhibited by Yosef (Bereishit 42:18), and that of Iyov (1:1). These two instances of fear of God share one important common denominator: they both took place amidst success and prosperity. The verse cited regarding Yosef appears after his rise to power in Egypt, when his country had become the only nation in the region with grain. Yosef effectively became the second most powerful man in the Middle East at that time and led Egypt to unparalleled wealth, power and dominance. Similarly, the first verse of Iyov, proclaiming Iyov's fear of God, describes his loyalty before the suffering cast upon him by the Satan, when he enjoyed wealth, joy and prosperity.

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I am happy to welcome our Scholar in Residence Raanan Eichler to shul this Shabbat. Raanan is an accomplished scholar and has some different and interesting things to bring to the table. Most of all, his claim to fame in YIWH is that he is the grandson of Helen (she should live and be well) and the late Al Weisel z"l. Raanan will be speaking in memory of his grandfather. Mr. Weisel was a wonderful part of our shul and is missed very much. What a fitting memorial to be able to have his children all gather in shul and to be able to have his grandson who he was so proud of speak. Mr. Weisel devoted his life to family and to learning: This combines both.

Shabbat Shalom - Rabbi Weinberg

☆ YIWH Schedule of Services Y August 26th - September 2nd, 2011 Shabbat Mevorchim Parshat Re'eh		It is easy to sponsor a Kiddush Or Seudah Shlishit!
Friday, August 26th Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting Shabbat, August 27th Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class Shacharit Sof Zman Kriat Shma Raanan Eichler - S-I-R - Pre-Mincha Talk Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & SIR TALK Maariv & Shabbat Ends Sunday, August 28th - Thursday, September 1st Earliest Tallit & Tefillin Shacharit... Sunday NO GEMARA SHIUR THIS WEEK Shacharit... Monday & Thursday Shacharit... Tuesday & Wednesday - RC Elul Mincha/Maariv Friday, September 2nd Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting	6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:18 p.m. 8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:31 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:17 p.m. 5:18 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 6:45 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 7:15p.m. 6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:07 p.m.	Shul handles set up & Clean up! Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or judiep@gmail.com to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg 860-232-2320 to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. <u>Checks need to be received</u> <u>the Sunday prior to your</u> <u>Kiddush date.</u> Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim: Standard for \$150, Semi-Deluxe for \$250 & Deluxe for \$350 With supplements available. For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369 <u>KIDDUSH SCHEDULE</u> 7/27 Cohen 9/17 Rosenblit

Check out the weekly Schedule on the YIWH Website <http://go.youngisraelwh.org/times> Times from: www.ou.org/holidays/calendar
 For Eruv Information: <http://twitter.com/WHartfordEruv> or <http://youngisraelwh.org/index.php/en/home/the-eruv>
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