

**Overview of Parshat Devarim**

This Parsha begins the last of the Five Books of The Torah, Sefer Devarim. This Book is also called Mishneh Torah, "Repetition of the Torah" (hence the Greek/English title Deuteronomy). Sefer Devarim relates what Moshe told Bnei Yisrael during the last five weeks of his life, as they prepared to cross the Jordan into Eretz Yisrael. Moshe reviews the mitzvot, stressing the change of lifestyle they are about to undergo: From the supernatural existence of the desert under Moshe's guidance to the apparently natural life they will experience under Yehoshua's leadership in the Land.

The central theme this week is the sin of the spies, the meraglim. The Parsha opens with Moshe alluding to the sins of the previous generation who died in the desert. He describes what would have happened if they hadn't sinned by sending spies into Eretz Yisrael. Hashem would have given them without a fight all the land from the Mediterranean to the Euphrates, including the lands of Ammon, Moav, and Edom. He details the subtle sins that culminate in the sin of the spies, and reviews at length this incident and its results: The entire generation would die in the desert, Moshe would not enter Eretz Yisrael. He reminds them that their immediate reaction to Hashem's decree was to want to "go up and fight" to redress the sin; he recounts how they wouldn't listen when he told them not to go, that they no longer merited vanquishing their enemies miraculously. They ignored him and suffered a massive defeat. They were not allowed to fight with the kingdoms of Esav, Moav or Ammon – these lands were not to be part of the map of Eretz Yisrael in the meantime. When the conquest of Canaan will begin with Sichon and Og, it will be via natural warfare.

**Haftarah: Yeshayahu 1:1-27**

This, the final haftara of "Three of Affliction" trilogy, is always read on the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av.

The ninth of Av wasn't always a day of tragedy. During the days of the Second Temple, it was turned into a day of great joy at the celebration of rebuilding the Beit Hamikdash. When the Second Temple was destroyed, Tisha B'Av reverted to its former sadness.

Every generation in which the Holy Temple is not rebuilt, it is as though we ourselves destroyed it. The Prophet Yeshaya laments not for the Temple's destruction, but rather for those evils that caused its destruction. For it is not enough for us to bemoan what was. We must realize that it is within our power to bring the Redemption. We must use this time of national mourning to analyze our mistakes and correct them.

It's up to us.

(Ohr Somayach; Torah Weekly)

To submit announcements for the bulletin, call **Robert Rubinoff** at (301) 299-1504 or send email to [yeip-announce@yahogroups.com](mailto:yeip-announce@yahogroups.com) by Wednesday evening.



# Young Israel

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**פרשת דברים/Parshat Devarim**

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**Shabbat Chazon**

Tisha B'Av is Monday night and Tuesday

The fast starts 8:13 pm Mon. and ends 9:02 pm Tue.

**Shabbat at a Glance**

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting .....	7:15 pm
Shacharit .....	8:45 am
Z'man Kriat Shema .....	9:44 am
Mincha.....	7:40 pm
Seudah Shlishit between Mincha/Maariv	
Maariv/Shabbat Ends.....	9:05 pm

**Davening During the Week****Shacharit:**

Sunday - 8:00 am  
Monday & Thursday – 6:20 am  
Tue.. – 6:15 am & 8:00 am  
Wed. & Fri. – 6:30 am

**Mincha/Maariv:**

Su. W. Th. – 7:55 pm  
Mon. Mincha 6:45 pm  
Mon. Maariv 8:30 pm  
Tue. – 7:30/8:12 pm

**Sunday GWC Kollel:** Maariv – 9:15 pm

**Candle Lighting Next Shabbat – 7:15 pm**

**Note:** Please be careful to place this newsletter in a bag before disposal.

## Announcements

- Looking for Shabbat hospitality?  
In advance – Call **Dafna Berman** at (240) 305-8420.  
In shul - See **Russ Chittum** at the end of davening.
- Know someone in need of *chesed*? Contact **Deedee Chefitz** at [d2chefitz@gmail.com](mailto:d2chefitz@gmail.com).
- **Kiddush** this week is sponsored in honor of the August birthdays of **Barbara Chittum, Sharona Chittum, Rachelli Chittum, Ari Ferneau, Paul Goldstein, Avis Kotz, Aviva Rosen,** and **Shoshana Rubinoff**; and by **Ariela Greenberg** in honor of her husband **Joel Greenberg**, in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary.
- Schedule for Tisha B'Av (Tuesday): (see Tisha B'Av schedule for full details)  
6:15 & 8:00 AM – Shacharit (2nd minyan with Kollel of Greater Washington)  
1:15 PM – Chatzot  
1:15, 2:30, 5:00, & 6:00 PM – Tisha B'Av video presentations  
7:30 PM – Mincha  
8:12 PM – Maariv  
9:02 PM – Fast Ends
- **Rabbi Singer's** summer women's shiur is not meeting this week or next week because the Rabbi is away.
- **Greater Washington Community Kollel shiurim at YIEIP:**  
Sun. 8:15-9:15 pm (men) Take advantage of the wide variety of classes including Gemara, Halacha, Mishna, and Pirkei Avos, and the Maharal  
**Note:** Starting this week, the Kollel will daven with the shul mincha.  
Mon. 7:45-8:45 pm (women): not meeting this week due to Tisha B'Av  
For more info go to [www.gwckollel.com](http://www.gwckollel.com), send email to [info@gwckollel.com](mailto:info@gwckollel.com), or contact **Rabbi Menachem Winter** at (301) 213-6504.
- Tomchei Shabbos- Do you know individuals or families who can't afford to buy food for Shabbos? The Yehuda Mond Foundation will arrange local Shabbos food deliveries in a confidential manner. Contact **Rabbi Singer** if you know anyone who could benefit from this service. For more information on the Foundation and this project, please visit [www.yehudamondfoundation.org](http://www.yehudamondfoundation.org).
- To inscribe a leaf for the YIEIP "Tree of Life", (Eitz Chaim) please contact **Paul Goldstein** at [prggroupp@comcast.net](mailto:prggroupp@comcast.net). Copper: \$250, Silver: \$360, Gold: \$500. For foundation stones, contact **Cliff Snapper** ([csnapper@usuhs.mil](mailto:csnapper@usuhs.mil)).
- Please consider donating a machzor (\$20), siddur (\$40), or chumash (\$60) or other amount in honor of a family simcha or in memory of a loved one. To donate, contact **Avis Kotz** at [akotz1@verizon.net](mailto:akotz1@verizon.net).
- To send a YIEIP "mitzvah card" for a simcha or accomplishment or to express sympathy or gratitude (minimum donation \$10), contact **Avis Kotz** at [akotz1@verizon.net](mailto:akotz1@verizon.net) or use the forms at the shul.
- To sponsor kiddush or seuda shlishit, contact **Galit Rutstein** at [galitr4@comcast.net](mailto:galitr4@comcast.net). Please specify date and type of sponsorship; kiddush can be \$125 or \$225; seuda shlishit is \$54.

## Community Events

- Sun. Aug 7, 7:15 pm, at YIEIP, **Rabbi Pinchus Green**, Mashgiach of the Kaminetzer Yeshiva, will speak on "Each One Reaching Their Own Potential". Appointments are available to meet privately with Rabbi Green before or after the presentation; contact **Rabbi Ayson Englander** at (410) 598-5304 or [aenglander1@juno.com](mailto:aenglander1@juno.com).

## Classes

### YIEIP - Rabbi Singer

**Gemorah Masechet Shabbat:** after Shacharit, Sun. morning.

**Mesilas Yescharim** – Shabbat 8:30 am

**Nefesh Hachaim** – Shabbat, half hour before Mincha.

**Mishna Brurah:** Sunday 7:30 am; Mon - Fri 6:00 am.

**YIEIP Bet Midrash w/Torah Mitzion Kollel:** Tuesdays before the evening minyan.

**Gemorah Masechet Rosh HaShanah** w/Rabbi Gotlib: Thursday 9:00 pm

**Rebbetzin Sara Bluming** – Weekly Roundtable, Tue 10 am, and Wed 1:00 pm at Chabad. (women)

**Rebbetzin Ayala Gotlib** – Woman & the Jewish Calendar, on hiatus for the summer  
(To determine if the class will be meeting, please speak with the presenter.)

## Shabbat Youth Programming

**Baby Shabbat** (kids 0-2) baby room open during services for parents and their babies.

**Tot Shabbat** (kids 2-5) with Morah Rachel in the downstairs classroom (8:45-11:30)

**Youth Shabbat** (kids 6-11) games, prayers, and Torah in the social hall (8:30-11:15)

## Upcoming Yartzeits

7 Av – Shimshon Yehudah ben Reb. Boruch Mazur (paternal Grandfather of Dena Kaufmann)

10 Av – Sylvia Ely (mother of Robin Berman)

11 Av – Etta Bass (mother of Marilyn Weitzner)

16 Av – Archibald Medjuck (father of Hedda Silverman)

20 Av – Austin Jay Kaminow (brother of Ira Kaminow)

27 Av – Larisa Polunova (mother of Mariina Mishnayeuskaya)

To add a name to this list or to the Yartzeit Board, call **Paul Goldstein** at (301)294-2284 or by email at [prggroupp@comcast.net](mailto:prggroupp@comcast.net).