This week's issue of The Park Page is dedicated by

Cynthia and Joseph Bettelheim, commemorating the Yahrzeit of her father Harry Rice – Hershel Leib ben Mordechai a"h (1 Adar II)

Dorine and Michael Williamson, commemorating the Yahrzeits of his

grandmother Anna Stillson - Nechama bat Yaakov a"h (27 Adar) and father Max Williamson - Mordechai ben Avraham a"h (28 Adar)



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Schedule of Services and Classes		
Friday, March 8 / 28 Adar I	Bava Metzia 9	
Shacharit	6:40 am	
Candle-lighting, before	5:37 pm	
Mincha, Dvar Torah, and Maariv	5:40 pm	
Saturday, March 9 / 29 Adar I - Erev Rosh Chod	lesh Bava Metzia 10	
Shacharit	8:45 am	
Latest time for Shema	MA 8:34 • GRA 9:10 am	
Drasha	10:45 am	
Gemara Shiur (Berakhot 43a)	4:45 pm	
Mincha, Seuda Shelishit, and Dvar Torah	5:30 pm	
Maariv / Shabbat ends	6:42 pm	
Sunday, March 10 / 30 Adar I - Rosh Chodesh	n Bava Metzia 11	
Shacharit	8:10 am	
Gemara Shiur (Gittin 37a) - Zoom 562011827	9:15 am	
Mincha and Maariv	6:40 pm	
Monday, March 11 / 1 Adar II - Rosh Chodesh	Bava Metzia 12	
Shacharit	6:30 am	
Mincha and Maariv	6:40 pm	
Tuesday, March 12 / 2 Adar II	Bava Metzia 13	
Shacharit	6:40 am	
Mincha and Maariv	6:40 pm	
Wednesday, March 13 / 3 Adar II	Bava Metzia 14	
Shacharit	6:40 am	
Mincha and Maariv	6:40 pm	
Thursday, March 14 / 4 Adar II	Bava Metzia 15	
Shacharit	6:40 am	
Mincha and Maariv	6:40 pm	
Friday, March 15 / 5 Adar II	Bava Metzia 16	
Shacharit	6:40 am	
Candle-lighting, before	6:52 pm	

Parasha Page Numbers	
Parasha - Vayakhel (Ex. 35:1 - 38:20)	Artscroll 516 • Soncino 373
Maftir - Shekalim (Ex. 30:11-16)	Artscroll 484 • Soncino 352
Haftara – Shekalim (II Kings 11:17 – 12:17)	Artscroll 1212 • Soncino 992

Schedule Notes:

Mincha, Dvar Torah, and Maariv

- Pre-registration helps ensure a minyan. To sign up, kindly contact Rabbi Teitelman by phone, text, or WhatsApp at 518-222-3875.
- The schedule for Tishrei through Adar is available in shul, or online at http://yinhp.org/docs/yinhp-schedule-5784-p1.pdf
- Daylight Saving Time (yes, it still exists) begins early Sunday morning. Adjust your clocks and evening minyan times one hour ahead.

Drash v'DaSh: A Shabbat Message and Greeting "Growing by the Bounds of Leaps"

"Their faces – one toward the other" (Exodus 37:9)

This year we experience the coincidence of two only occasional events, the "Gregorian" leap year 2024 and the "Hebrew" leap year 5784.

Gregorian leaps years – featuring the appendage of a 29th day in February – occur approximately every four years. They adjust for the fact that the length of the solar year (aka "tropical year") is not exactly 365 days, but more like 365.2422 (which translates into 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds). More specifically, year numbers that are divisible by 4 but not divisible by 100, or also divisible by 400, are regarded as leap years. Even this calculation is not perfect enough and will require further adjustment over the millennia so that the summer does not eventually fall into the winter. *Halevay* that we should live long enough to worry about it.

Hebrew leaps years – manifested by the addition of a second month of Adar – occur on a fixed cycle exactly seven out of every nineteen years, that is years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19 of what is called the "Metonic Cycle". These extra months ensure the alignment of the solar and lunar calendars, both of which play a role in our religious rituals. For more on the practices and practical ramifications of two months of Adar, see *The Park Page* #897, "A Tale of Two Adars".

The confluence of the Gregorian and Hebrew leaps years last occurred 8 years ago in 2016 / 5776. The next time they co-exist will be in another 28 years, 2052 / 5812. The gap between such alignments can approach a span of 36 years when there is no leap year in the century year. The last time this happened was between 1872 / 5632 and 1908 / 5688.

As noted in my Dvar Torah last Friday evening, Rambam begins his *Hilkhot Kiddush Hachodesh* with the expected law of consecrating each new moon and each lunar month. But then, already in the very next law, he talks about the alignment of the solar and lunar calendars, suggesting that this too is part and parcel of this fundamental mitzvah – identified by Rashi (comm. to Genesis 1:1) as the first mitzvah given to Bnei Yisrael.

That we live by two intertwined and integrated calendric systems is unique and significant. (Compare to the Muslims who adhere to a strictly lunar calendar – hence the movement of Ramadan around the year – and most of the world that follows a solar calendar.) The hybrid model becomes even more interesting from a Midrashic / metaphoric perspective when one remembers and realizes that the sun and the moon were once pitted against each other as celestial supervisors, with the moon "complaining" that it was not right for there to be two powers in competition, and so G-d told the moon that if so, let the moon make itself smaller. The moon was understandably insulted by this suggestion, and – as the story goes – never quite recovered from it.

Perhaps it is appropriate then that this extra Adar (or perhaps the entire year containing this extra Adar) is denoted as *le-kaparat pasha* – "for the atonement of an iniquity". Correcting sin is like correcting the calendar; it requires calculated effort and is often an ongoing process that never quite finishes, but can nonetheless be made to work effectively.





6:55 pm



Announcements

Yasher koach to Dovid Gottesman for his laining this Shabbat.

Yasher koach to our "Guest" Speaker at Seuda Shelishit - Rabbi Boruch Wolf who is visiting this Shabbat.

The next Ladies Shiur will be given by Nehama Teitelman on Shabbat Zakhor / Erev Purim – Saturday, March 23.

YINHP Cards ("In Memoriam", "Mazel Tov", "Get Well", and "Thank You") are available for purchase through David Mandel. The cost is \$18 each or \$72 for five (mix 'n match).

Gift Cards for Shop Rite and Stop & Shop can be purchased from Ilene and Marc Horowitz 718-470-9474.

The **Beautiful Memories Gemach** is looking for volunteers, especially 9-10 a.m. on Sundays and 3-4 p.m. on Tuesdays. For more information, please contact Mark Krieger at 917-703-4694 or visit www.BeautifulMemoriesGemach.org or the BMG Facebook page.

Women requesting a Mikvah appointment should call 718-343-5700.



Mishloach Manot 5784 / 2024

Purim will be celebrated this year on Saturday evening and Sunday, March 23-24.

While we intend to continue our shul's traditional Mishloach Manot program, in light of October 7 and the continuing war in Israel, all proceeds will be donated in support of Am Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael. For \$75, your name will be included on a list that will accompany each package given to those participating in this program. Packages will be available for pickup immediately after the nighttime and morning Megilla readings. Delivery is available to those who cannot be in shul; just notify us when you place your order. Please complete the online Mishloach Manot Form at https://tinyurl.com/yinhp-mm-5784 which includes payment options and the ability to donate even more in support of Israel during this critical time in our history. We thank you in advance for your participation and for making this program a success. Should you have questions, please call Arlene Feldman at 516-352-3596 or llene Horowitz at 718-470-9474. Wishing you a Happy Purim. Am Yisrael Chai!



You are cordially invited to our annual

Communal Purim Seuda-Seder

at Young Israel of New Hyde Park Sunday, March 24 at 6:00 pm (Mincha 5:45 pm, Maariv 7:45 pm) RSVP to the Teitelmans, 718-347-5819



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Rita and Selig Lenefsky, celebrating the birthdays of Rita, son-in-law Steve Southard, granddaughters Adena Dahan and Nava Jaroslawicz, and great-grandchildren Ahuva Lenefsky and Joseph Shmuel and Dov Ber Seplowitz

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Nehama and R' Lawrence Teitelman, celebrating Yedida's participation in the Jerusalem Marathon

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The next Simcha Kiddush will take place on Saturday, April 13. Sponsorships are \$18 per Kiddush or \$200 annually and are payable by check or online at https://tinyurl.com/yinhp-simcha-kiddush. Please send simcha details to office@yinhp.org

"A Night of Needlepoint"

Tribute Event Commemorating the 4th Yahrzeit of

Deborah ("Debbie") Waxman Devora Shoshana bat Mordechai Binyamin u-Faiga Malka a"h

> Sunday, March 10 at 7:15 p.m. (following Mincha/Maariv at 6:45 p.m.) at Young Israel of New Hyde Park



One of Deborah Waxman's favorite hobbies was needlepoint. Unfortunately, due to her illness, her ability to continue such projects was lost, and many needlepoints remained unfinished. Two years ago, at the time of Debbie's 2nd yahrzeit, the Waxman family sent out a letter to family, friends, and congregants titled "Do you do needlepoint?" looking for individuals who could complete these projects. Now that the needlepoints have been completed, we will have a program that will showcase these artworks, acknowledge the individuals who completed them, and pay homage to Debbie. Please join the Waxman family and the shul family at YINHP on Sunday, March 10.

https://zoom.us • Meeting Id 88692008805 • Password 031024 (same as date)