



Shabbat Mevarchim Parashat Pinchas

24 Tammuz 5778 – July 6-7, 2018

Please note: YIOZ Youth groups are on hiatus for the summer.
 The youth rooms will be open on Shabbat mornings. We ask that parents supervise their children.
 Youth groups will resume Labor Day weekend (Shabbat, September 1).

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Save the Date

And mark your calendars for

The YIOZ Biennial Dinner
Sunday, December 16, 2018

At the
Hebrew Institute of Riverdale

Stay tuned for further details....

Shabbat Parshat Pinchas
Friday, July 6
Mincha: 7:30 PM* Note earlier time
Candle Lighting: 8:12 PM
Shabbat, July 7
Shacharit I: 7 AM
Shacharit II: 9 AM
Thank you to this week's Kiddush sponsor:
The Benillouche family
Mincha: 8:05 PM
Seudah Shlishit sponsored by YIOZ
Havdalla: 9:12 PM

YIOZ Expansion Update
 We have made further progress in the past two weeks on the expansion project:
Design: On Thursday night the committee and a number of officers and board members will meet with the architect to review changes to the project. These changes are intended to reduce construction cost while maintaining the key design elements. Following this meeting, the architect will prepare a final set of drawings and documents.
Contractor: We solicited and received estimates from several contractors (each with excellent reputations and experience on these types of projects). One of the firms distinguished itself by investing a great deal of time and interest in working on this project. The firm's initial budget pricing was similar to the others. In our follow up with each of the contractors, this contractor worked diligently with our committee (led by Amit Stern and Rodney Greenwald), our architect, and a whole host of sub-contractors to significantly reduce costs. The contractor is continuing to work with us to further lower cost and we have indicated that we want to engage the firm for the project, should they continue to work with us to meet our budget.
Timing: We will present the project and final drawings to the community at the end of August. At that meeting the building expansion committee will discuss the project in detail and answer all questions from the membership about the project. We will then schedule a general membership meeting for the purpose of approving the finances of the project. This will hopefully take place right after the chagim. After receiving approval from the city, we hope to begin construction towards the end of calendar year 2018.
Fundraising: Rabbi Hain is in the process of reaching out to the entire membership for gifts to this transformative project. Our goal is for 100% community participation. Please be in touch with Rabbi Hain when he contacts you.

Mikveh hours:
Sunday - Thursday nights:
 8:30 - 10:45 PM
Friday night: 40 minutes after
 candle lighting. No appointment
 necessary but please be on time.
Saturday night: 9:30 - 11 pm

Schedule of services this week : 7/9-7/13
Shacharit:
 Sunday : 8:15 AM
 Monday & Thursday: 6:20 AM
 Tuesday & Wednesday : 6:30 AM
 Friday (Rosh Chodesh): 6:15 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv:
 Sunday- Thursday: 8:15 PM

Shul Cloud Accounts
 Please log on to your shul cloud
 account to update **yahrzeits** and
 other family information. Please
 email yiozshul@gmail.com if you
 need assistance.

Community News

Defensive driving class. Save 10% on NY Auto Insurance for 3 years!!! Reduce up to 4 points on license. When: Wednesday July 18th, 2018 at 6:30pm. Where: THE RIVERDALE MINYAN 4545 Independence Ave, lower entrance. Cost: \$60/person (cash or check). To reserve your spot and for information: 718-339-1300or haloleasing@aol.com.

Monday Night Softball in North Riverdale. Step up to the plate for our weekly informal softball game with other Riverdale synagogues. Every Monday during the summer, from June 25 to August 27, we will meet at Sid Augerten Field (Mosholu Ave at 255th St., aka the field behind P.S. 81) for a pickup softball game, starting at 6:30. Adults and kids 11-years-old and older are invited to play. For information, please contact Yoni Schwab (yonischwab@gmail.com) or James Lapin (jameslapin@gmail.com).

Join the Youth Leader Team! We are looking for additional YIOZ Youth Leaders for next year!

If your child is going into 8th grade or older is interested in being a leader this coming year, please contact Ben and Elisheva at YIOZyouth@gmail.com.

A Crescendo of Mourning for the Temple:

The Three Weeks from the Fast of Shivah Asar Be-Tammuz to Tishah Be-Av

The laws of mourning guide the bereaved individual from a period of intense mourning, when the loss of a loved one is usually most deeply felt, through stages of decreasing intensity as the pain abates. The profound grieving of Shivah is succeeded by the more subtle sadness of Sheloshim, which is muted still further in the year-long practices of mourning observed for the loss of a parent.

Each summer as we mourn the loss of the two Temples, we experience as a community a process exactly the opposite of the usual pattern of mourning. Instead of lessening our mourning as time goes on, we gradually increase the intensity of our sadness, beginning with the fast of Shivah Asar Be-Tammuz (which falls out on Shabbat, June 30th and is observed Sunday, July 1st) and culminating three weeks later with the deep mourning of Tishah Be-Av (observed Saturday Night, July 21-22). Just as the personal process of mourning is marked by significant points (seven days, thirty days, and a full year), so is the communal process of mourning for the Temple marked by stages. Our expressions of mourning become more apparent at each stage.

We begin with the fast of 17 Tammuz, commemorating the Roman army's breach of Jerusalem's walls, a significant step toward the Second Temple's destruction. Starting from this day, Ashkenazim do not hold weddings or get haircuts. We also avoid saying the blessing of She-Hechiyanu, and therefore refrain from eating new fruits and buying or wearing expensive new clothing. On each Shabbat during this period, we read a haftarah which expresses the sad themes and warnings of destruction.

The Talmud (Ta'anit 26b) instructs that as the month of Av begins (Thursday night July 12th), we are to mute our sense of joy, as this month brings with it the day on which both Temples were destroyed. Ashkenazim abstain from meat and wine (except on Shabbat or for the infirm) because of their association with celebration (Sefaradim abstain beginning with the Sunday before the 9th of Av). Washing or dry-cleaning clothing, other than children's clothing and other circumstances of great necessity, is delayed until after Tishah Be-Av. Freshly dry-cleaned clothing (other than clothing for Shabbat) should not be worn until the afternoon of the 10th of Av. (It is recommended that clothing to be worn between 1-10 of Av be worn very briefly before the 1st of Av.) Activities for the purpose of celebration or pleasure, such as beautifying or expanding one's home, are best suspended until after the 9th. Swimming and even extended bathing for pleasure are avoided as well.

Our mourning reaches its depth on Tishah Be-Av itself, the day of ultimate tragedy. History has singled out this day for catastrophe: besides the destruction of both Temples, the 9th of Av has brought many other terrible events, including the evil report of the meraglim, the scouts sent to reconnoiter the Land of Israel. "Whoever mourns over Jerusalem shall merit witnessing its rejoicing" (Ta'anit 30a). May our observance of this sad time enable us to merit greeting Tishah Be-Av in the future with rejoicing at the rebuilding of the Temple and the return of God's presence to our midst. The observance of Tishah Be-Av this year is more complicated due to the fact that it falls out on Shabbat and is pushed off to Saturday night-Sunday.

Laws when Tisha b'Av Coincides with Shabbat

The observance of Shabbat takes precedence over Tish B'Av. Therefore, some Shabbat customs are different and should be noted:

1. There is no traditional Seudah Mafseket. The pre-fast meal, which in this case will be Seudah Shlishit, can consist of anything, including meat and wine, though some authorities believe it should not be held as a communal meal. Therefore, Mincha on July 21st will take place at YIOZ at 6:00 PM to allow everyone time to eat Seudah Shlishit at home. Please finish eating and drinking by 8:20 PM, when the fast begins. Birkat Hamazon may be recited as a mezzuman if the opportunity arises.
2. The prayer Tzidkatcha Tzedek is not said during Mincha.
3. Regular Havdalah is not said. The blessing on the fire is said on Saturday night. The blessing on the wine and haMavdil are said on Sunday. No blessing at all is made on the spices. After 9:04 PM, please recite the words "Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol" in order to officially end Shabbat.
4. Maariv and the reading of Megillat Eichah will take place at 9:20 PM at YIOZ. All should wear their non-leather footwear to services.