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Mindy and Robert Franklin, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his mother Helen Franklin - Chaya Sara bat Yaakov ha-Levi a"h (2 Elul)

Rena and Jerry Gombo, commemorating the Yahrzeits of their

nephew Coby Burstein - Yaakov Yehuda a"h ben Yeshayahu David (24 Av) and grandfather Joseph Waldman - Yosef Tzvi ben Yehuda Zindel a"h (6 Elul)
Irv Hershenbaum and Drs. Esther and Ben Chouake, commemorating the Yahrzeit of their father Alex Hershenbaum - Yehoshua ben Yitzchak a"h (5 Elul)

Linda and Chaim Israeli, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his sister Tova Friedmann - Tova bat Dov a"h (3 Elul)

Gail and Joel Rubinstein, commemorating the Yahrzeit of her grandfather Samuel Shapiro - Zalman ben Yitzchak Yehuda ha-Kohen a"h (4 Elul)

Marcia and Dan Stevelman, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his father Irving Stevelman - Yisrael ben Avraham a"h (2 Elul)

Adrienne and Craig Wolf, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his mother Gloria Wolf - Golda bat Leibel a"h (3 Elul)



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Parashat Shoftim
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Schedule of Services and Classes

Friday, August 14 / 1 Elul - Rosh Chodexh		Chullin 106
Shacharit		6:30 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, and Maariv		7:00 pm
Candle-lighting ideally at 7:15 pm, but no later than		7:36 pm
Saturday, August 15 / 2 Elul		Chullin 107
Shacharit		8:45 am
Latest time for Shema	MA 8:56 · GRA 9:32 am	
Drasha		10:45 am
Talmud Taanit (21a)		6:25 pm
Mincha, Seuda Shelishit, and Maariv		7:25 pm
Shabbat ends		8:38 pm
Sunday, August 16 / 3 Elul		Chullin 108
Shacharit		8:10 am
Gemara Shiur – Gittin 87b (Zoom 562011827 Pwd 613613)		n/a
Mincha and Maariv		7:30 pm
Monday, August 17 / 4 Elul		Chullin 109
Shacharit		6:40 am
Mincha and Maariv		7:30 pm
Tuesday, August 18 / 5 Elul		Chullin 110
Shacharit		6:40 am
Mincha and Maariv		7:30 pm
Wednesday, August 19 / 6 Elul		Chullin 111
Shacharit		6:40 am
Mincha and Maariv		7:30 pm
Thursday, August 20 / 7 Elul		Chullin 112
Shacharit		6:40 am
Mincha and Maariv		7:30 pm
Friday, August 21 / 8 Elul		Chullin 113
Shacharit		6:40 am
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, and Maariv		7:00 pm
Candle-lighting ideally at 7:15 pm, but no later than		7:26 pm

Parasha Page Numbers

Parasha: Deut. 16:18 - 21:9	Artscroll 1024 • Soncino 820
Haftara: Is. 51:12 - 52:12	Artscroll 1199 • Soncino 835

The last time for Kiddush Levana in Elul is Friday, August 28 at 2:37 a.m. Jerusalem Standard Time..

Throughout Elul, and continuing in Tishrei through Shemini Atzeret, we recite Psalm 27 ("Le-David Hashem Ori ve-Yishi") after morning and evening services. In addition, during Elul we blow Shofar at the end of Shacharit.

Announcements

Yasher koach to Richie Finkelstein for his laining this Shabbat and happy Bar Mitzvah anniversary!

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Dovid Gottesman in celebration of his special birthday.

Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by Rashel and David Rouhani, commemorating the Yahrzeit (2 Elul) of his aunt Miriam bat Moshe a"h. David will also be giving the Dvar Torah for the occasion.

The next **Simcha Kiddush** will take place on Saturday, August 22 – Shabbat Parashat Ki Tetze. 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

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commemorating the Yahrzeits of

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Elsie Flatow - Rachel bat HaRav Avraham Yaakov a"h

(parents of Roberta Flatow)

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Please complete your learning assignment by the
Siyum on Shabbat Ki Tetze - Saturday, August 22



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You Have to Seah It to Believe It

For the Halakhic men and women of this world, the Hebrew word *Seah* is a liquid measure most commonly associated with Mikvaot. Forty seah of natural rainwater makes for a kosher mikvah. But this week, the Guinness Book of World Records gave new prominence to "Seah" as it formally certified a record set six months earlier by Calen Seah from Singapore. Calen used his lightning-fast fingers to assemble a Mr. Potato Head in a jaw-dropping 4.63 seconds. While the challenge began as a quirky internet discovery, Shea used his official attempt to raise global awareness for "Usher Syndrome", a rare genetic condition that causes a combination of hearing loss and eventual blindness. By performing the speedrun blindfolded, Shea demonstrated that individuals facing profound vision and hearing challenges can still achieve extraordinary, world-class feats.

There is a fascinating connection between last week's Parshat Re'eh and this week's Parashat Shoftim that reflects a recurring theme in the Torah, the respective roles of seeing and hearing. Re'eh begins with perhaps the most visual command in the Torah: "Re'eh - See, I place before you today a blessing and a curse." Rabbi Jonathan Sacks observes that this is actually surprising, as Judaism is primarily a religion not of sight but of sound. Our central declaration of faith is not "Re'eh Yisrael", but "Shema Yisrael" - "Hear, O Israel!" At Sinai, the Jewish people heard G+d's voice but saw no image. G+d is not an object to be seen; but He is a voice that calls upon us to listen.

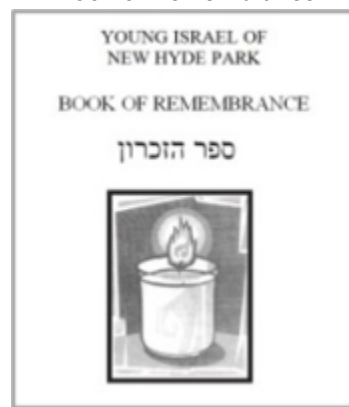
Rabbi Sacks notes that the Hebrew word *shema* means much more than simply hearing a sound. It can mean to hear, to listen, to understand, to internalize, and ultimately to respond. That makes the opening of Re'eh especially interesting. "See, I place before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing if you listen to the commandments of G+d." The Torah begins with the eye but immediately moves to the ear: "See - if you listen." Re'eh teaches that there are things in life we must be willing to see. There are two paths before the Jewish people, and we must look carefully where those paths lead. One leads toward blessing and the other away from it. Sometimes our problem is not that we do not know what is right; it is that we do not want to look honestly at the consequences of our choices. "Re'eh" means more than simply "look": open your eyes, recognize what is before you, understand where your decisions are taking you.

When we come to Parshat Shoftim, the Torah teaches us that seeing has its limitations. Shoftim begins with the command to appoint leaders who will judge the people with righteous judgment. The Torah warns them, "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality; and do not take a bribe." The Hebrew expression for not showing partiality is "lo takir panim" - literally, do not "recognize faces." A judge obviously sees the people standing before him, but he must learn not to be controlled by what he sees. One litigant may be wealthy, polished, confident, and impressive, while the other may appear poor, nervous, or inarticulate. Justice cannot be determined by appearances. The Torah then uses an especially appropriate image: "A bribe blinds the eyes of the wise." A person can possess perfectly good eyesight and nevertheless fail to see the truth. Our vision is affected by our interests, prejudices, expectations, and first impressions. Hence the progression from Re'eh to Shoftim. Re'eh tells us that we must see; Shoftim warns us to be careful about how we see.

This distinction applies far beyond the courtroom. Seeing often reveals the outside; hearing can reveal the inside. We can see another person's face, but we have to listen to discover what that person is feeling. We can see someone sitting quietly at the Shabbat table, but only by listening can we know whether that person is content, worried, lonely, or simply tired. We can see someone come into shul every Shabbat, nicely dressed and smiling, and assume that everything is fine. But if we truly listen, we may discover burdens that were completely invisible to us. Rabbi Sacks emphasized that listening is therefore one of the great spiritual acts. When we genuinely listen, we make room in our own world for another person. We stop assuming that what we see tells us everything we need to know. Our eyes tell us what a person "looks like"; our ears can help us discover "who that person is".

Together, the two parshiyot yield an important message. We must see, but then we must listen. We must look at the world honestly, but we must also recognize that there is always more than what appears on the surface. Listen before judging. Listen to the other side. Listen to the person whose appearance may have led you to the wrong conclusion. Listen to the Torah, listen to the voice of conscience, and listen for the voice of G+d. Wisdom requires open eyes. Justice requires open ears. And a life of Torah requires both.

Book of Remembrance



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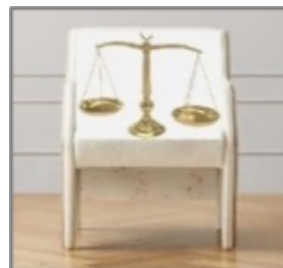
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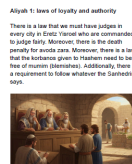


High Holiday seats are available for reservation. Instructions and forms were sent to email-addresses on record. If you need the form or have questions, please e-mail office@yinhp.org. Payments can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/yinhp-hh-seats> or <https://tinyurl.com/donate2yinhp>

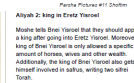
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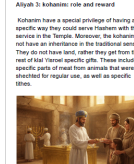
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R' Avigdor Felder, Young Israel of New Hyde Park Rabbinic Intern



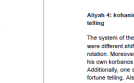
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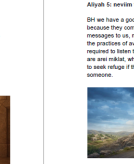
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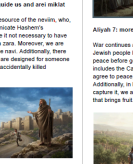
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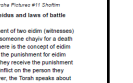
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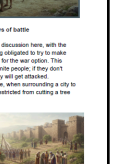
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Selichot 12:50 am

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