

Shiurim Schedule Change

Please note that Rabbi Steinberg will now be giving a shiur in Gemara Sukkah between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos. The subject this week will be: ***The Brisker Rav on the Dual Aspects of the Sukkah's Height.*** The Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur will be given periodically with prior announcement. The next shiur will meet on Shabbos, December 24th, between Mincha and Maariv. The topic will be: **Mitzvah Priorities: Learning Torah or Raising a Family?**

Wednesday Night Women's Halacha Shiur

The Women's Halacha Shiur meets Wednesday nights at 8:15 PM at YIML. This Wednesday, December 14th, the topic will be **"Tevilas Keilim (Immersing Utensils): FAQs"**

Chevra Mishnayos

The YIML Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Zeraim. You can sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg. The siyum is tentatively planned for Shabbos Chanuka.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Janis and Richie Fine on the engagement of Janis's son, Noach Bernstein, to Batsheva Lam of Brooklyn, NY.

Condolences

YIML extends condolences to our member, Mrs. Gail Cantor, and her family on the passing of her father, **Arthur Schoenberg, z"l**. Shiva will take place at the **Cantor home (200 Bryn Mawr Ave.) beginning Sunday afternoon and continuing through Wednesday morning.** Maariv will be held at the Shiva home Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings at **7:30 PM.**

Final Appeal- Bikur Cholim

Parshas Vayera was the yearly, citywide Bikur Cholim Shabbos. If you have not yet given in your donation to the **Bikur Cholim of Philadelphia**, please do so as soon as possible. Rabbi Steinberg will be submitting the funds this Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to support the very important and dedicated work of this worthy community organization.

Upcoming Community Events

December 18- Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia Dinner

January 15- Young Israel of the Main Line Dinner

Please make your reservations as soon as possible!!

All submissions, suggestions, sponsorships, and advertisements should be directed to Moshe Eisenberg, creator of this Weekly Update.

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayetzei

פרשת ויצא

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:17 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:33 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos:	4:05 p.m.
Maariv:	5:21 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis -Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sunday:	4:25 p.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.

There will be no weekday Mincha in shul until the spring.

YIML Installation Banquet

On January 15th, join us in installing our new Mara D'Asra, Rabbi Steinberg, at our Installation Banquet. This event will take place at the Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazelhurst Avenue at 6:00 PM. It promises to be an exciting and unifying event for our community. Please join us at the dinner and assist us in the ad journal campaign.

Chanuka Party

Save the date! The Children's Chanuka Chagiga will IY"Y be Sunday, December 25th at 5 p.m. at YIML. Latkes, sufnganiyot, gelt, crafts, a grab bag and more! More details to follow! To volunteer for this exciting event, please contact Dini Steinberg at 610-664-3796.

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Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES/TOPIC
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Chumash Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg	The Brisker Rav on the Dual Aspects of the Sukkah's Height
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch Shiur	Dov Gottlieb	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Mesilas Yesharim	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg	Fundamental Definitions in Shabbos and Yom Tov
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Tuesday night	After Maariv	Gemora Sukka Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	Last Shiur
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Practical Halacha Shiur for Women	Rabbi Steinberg	"Tevilas Keilim (Immersing Utensils): FAQs"
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

There will be Pirchei this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please note: all boys grades Kindergarten-8 are invited to attend

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this week from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Lower Merion Synagogue. Please remember to send in membership dues (to B'nos of Bala Cynwyd c/o Meira Friedman) if you have not already done so- \$25 per girl, \$50 family max. B'nos would like to begin a girls Sunday crafts course (periodically) - if interested, please contact Meira Friedman (20 person limit)

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Suffering From Success

By Rabbi Berel Wein

Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov all suffered from success-induced jealous reactions from the local populations where they lived. Avraham is recognized as the prince of God in our midst and yet is begrudged a grave plot to bury Sarah. Yitzchak is sent away from the kingdom of Avimelech because you have grown too great from us. And in this week's parsha, Yaakov is told by Lavan that everything that Yaakov owns is really the property of Lavan. The blessings of God and the promise that He made to protect the patriarchs and matriarchs of Israel save them from their neighbors, relatives and enemies. However, this very success and achievements of this small family, as per God's promise and against all odds and opposition, raises the hatred and jealousy of their neighbors. No matter that the neighbors themselves, such as Avimelech and Lavan benefit mightily from the achievements of Yitzchak and Yaakov. The rabbis of the Talmud taught us that hatred destroys rational thought and behavior. So, instead of gratitude and friendship, the accomplishments of the patriarchs and matriarchs only bring forth greed, jealousy, persecution and always the threat of violence hovers in the background. All efforts to maintain a low profile and to mollify Lavan result only in increased bigotry and hatred. It is not for naught that the Pesach hagada makes Lavan a greater enemy to the survival of the Jewish people than even the Pharaoh of Egypt. But almost all of the enemies of the Jews over the centuries suffer from the same basic moral faults regarding the Jews: ingratitude, jealousy and greed. These are all revealed to us in this week's parsha.

Someone mentioned to me that perhaps if we maintained a lower profile in the world, didn't receive so many Nobel prize awards, and were less influential in the fields of finance and the media, anti-Semitism would decrease. What if is a difficult field of thought to pursue intelligently. There is no question that the world and all humankind would be by far the poorer if the Jews purposely withheld their energy, creativity and intelligence from contributing to human civilization. And there certainly is no guarantee that the world would like us any more than it does now if we were less successful and prominent. The mere fact that God blessed the patriarchs with the blessings of success and influence indicates that this is His desire for us. The Torah specifically states that all of the nations and families of the earth will benefit and be blessed through us. So in our case less would not necessarily be more. Yet we were enjoined from flouting our success in the faces of those less fortunate than us. Modesty in behavior and deportment is an important partner to success. This is also a lesson that our father Yaakov intended to teach us. We are not allowed to rein in our talents and achievements. But we are certainly bidden to rein in our egos and bluster. That is also an important Jewish trait that should be a foundation in our lives.

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