

# Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Shira and Mendel Kupfer in honor of the birth of their daughter, Penina Bracha.

## Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Moed. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

## Mazel Tov to...

Yehuda and Zahava Avrunin on the bris of Yehoshua Meir this past Wednesday morning.

Sam and Laya Back on the birth of their first great-grandchild, a baby boy, to Moishe and Ayala Back of Lakewood, NJ.

Marguerite and Ron Werrin on the birth of Hadassah to Abby and Alex Kosloff Greene.

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January 13-20, 2006

Parshas Vayechi

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## Shabbos Davening Times

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>4:39 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>4:40 p.m.</b>
<b>Sof Zman Krias Shema:</b>	<b>9:46 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha- Shabbos:</b>	<b>4:25 p.m.</b>
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>5:43 p.m.</b>

## Weekday Davening Times

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

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

## See You There!

YIML Installation Banquet will take place this Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazelhurst Avenue at 6:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg	
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Dov Gottlieb	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Shaarei Teshuva	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg	
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Practical Halacha Shiur for Women	Rabbi Steinberg	
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. All boys grades Kindergarten-8 are invited to attend. You must be a member to enter the Pirchei attendance raffle each week.

NEXT week, Pichei will not have regular groups. Instead, there will be a father-son oneg on Friday night, Jan. 20 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Jonathon and Nomi Levene (158 N. Latches Lane.) For more info, contact Rabbi Sruli Schwartz at 610-668-1506.

### B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will not meet this week. B'nos would like to begin a girls Sunday crafts course- if interested, please contact Meira Friedman (20 person limit).

### Your Grandchildren

By Rabbi Berel Wein

One of the most memorable human scenes portrayed in the Torah is that of Yaakov blessing his grandchildren, Menashe and Ephrayim. Yaakov takes the occasion and transforms it from being a purely personal one to becoming a national and eternal paradigm. In you, my grandchildren, shall Israel always bless [future generations,] saying: May the Lord bless you as Ephrayim and Menashe. Thus, from that moment onward, Jews bless their sons and grandsons with the words of our father Yaakov: May the Lord bless you as Ephrayim and Menashe. I find it noteworthy that the blessing of generations in the Torah is one of a grandfather blessing grandchildren. The blessings of parents to children do not figure in the overall perspective of Jewish continuity and eternity in quite the same fashion and importance, as does the blessing of grandparents to grandchildren. We are all aware of the fact that there exists a special relationship and bond between grandchildren and grandparents. Only half-jokingly I have attributed this relationship to the fact that they have a common enemy. But the fact is that it is much less tension ridden and less difficult to be a grandparent than a parent. And the grandparent always sees ones self beyond the grave through ones grandchildren. Therefore, the accomplishments of grandchildren bring greater satisfaction to grandparents than to parents. Parents have a tendency to be less tolerant of their childrens independence and adventurism, while grandparents take a longer view of the situation. In the words of the Talmud: Even if great wisdom may not be present in me, age and experience [also have their say.]

The Talmud teaches us that if there be three consecutive generations of Torah scholars in a family then the Torah always finds an ability to make a home for itself in that family. I have found this statement to be true even when there is a later gap of generations regarding Torah scholarship or even observance within that family. I think that this is one of the reasons that Yaakov emphasized his blessing to his grandchildren. Yaakov has done his spiritual best as has his son Yosef. Now it is up to the next generation, to Menashe and Ephrayim. If they will continue in the ways and path of Yaakov, then the Jewish future is assured in the family and tribe of Yosef. The Torah will always come knocking at that familys door and eventually someone will open that door to it. One of my great teachers in the yeshiva that I attended long ago defined success in life to us as follows: If your grandparents and your grandchildren are both proud of you and your accomplishments, then you can claim success in life. Yaakov strives for this success and therefore concentrates his blessings on his grandchildren, Menashe and Ephrayim. By so doing, he also instructs all later Jewish generations to concentrate their blessings on their grandchildren as well. Building the three-generation cord is the certain key to Jewish survival and success. It is the ultimate blessing of past generations to the future leaders and builders of Israel.

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