



Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the Zohar family in honor of the birth of their daughter, Hila Rachel.

**Lamdeni Shiur**

Lamdeini shiur for women will be held this Motzei Shabbos, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. Judith Levitt, 1 Hazel Lane at 8:00 pm. Our featured speaker this month will be Mrs. Ruthie Lynn on the topic of **Parenting: Torah Perspectives**. Join us! For more information contact Dini Steinberg (610) 664-3796.

**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**

Mazel Tov to Zahava and Yehuda Avrunin on the birth of a baby boy on Wednesday afternoon.

**Condolences**

YIML extends condolences to Russel Gold on the loss of his step-father.

**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.

**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. B'nos would like to begin a girls Sunday crafts course- if interested, please contact Meira Friedman (20 person limit).

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**January 6-13, 2006**

**Parshas Vayigash**

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**Shabbos Davening Times**

**Candle lighting:** 4:32 p.m.  
**Mincha - Friday:** 4:35 p.m.  
**Sof Zman Krias Shema:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Shacharis:** 8:45 a.m.  
**Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:** 4:20 p.m.  
**Maariv:** 5:36 p.m.

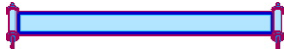
**Weekday Davening Times**

**Shacharis -Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Mincha- Sunday:** 4:40 p.m.  
**Asara b'Teves, Tuesday, January 9, 2006**  
**Fast Begins/Ends:** 6:11 a.m./5:39 p.m.  
**Shacharis:** 6:30 a.m.  
**Mincha:** 4:25 p.m.  
**Shacharis- Wed, Fri:** 6:50 a.m.  
**Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:** 6:40 a.m.  
**Maariv (Tues-Thurs):** 7:45 p.m.  
**There will be no weekday Mincha in shul until the spring.**

**YIML Installation Banquet**

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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.

### **The Eventual Good**

By Rabbi Label Lam

And now don't be distressed or angry with yourselves for having sold me here, for it was to be a provider that G-d sent me ahead of you...And so G-d has sent me ahead of you to insure your survival in the land and to sustain you for a momentous deliverance. And now it was not you who sent me here but G-d... (Breishis 45:5-8)

I wonder when it was that Joseph came to realize fully that everything that happened to him was for a greater good. Was it when he was in the pit begging for his life? Was it when he was finally released from prison and elevated to Viceroy of Egypt? Was it when he was witnessing the unfolding of events that spelled the fulfillment of his prophetic dreams? It would be nice to know!

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While in South Africa I met a young couple that was very much involved in bringing people to their home for Torah classes. They had not always been observant. In fact they started as reluctant participant and because of a particular incident accelerated unexpectedly. The husband who is a talented architect and builder was for years being nudged to get involved with building a badly needed Mikvah/Ritual Bath, but he refused again and again. The appeals grew stronger and more frequent. "It's a big Mitzvah!" they would claim, but he was hardly interested in Mitzvos. Eventually they wore him down. He agreed. Plans were drawn up and the day of groundbreaking arrived.

It was the first day on the work site. Initial actions were underway when something devastating occurred. Four armed bandits armed with machine guns drove off with his brand new car. He was grief stricken and angry too. Here he was doing "a Big Mitzvah" and look what happened! It left an awful taste in his mouth.

A month later he received a call from his sister who lived in Israel. She had become fully observant and moved there years earlier. His sister insisted on knowing if everything was alright with the family. She probed suspiciously as if she was aware of something concrete but there was nothing of any consequence to report. She revealed that she had had a frightening and repetitive dream that something horrific happened to a family member.

That morning she urged her husband to approach one of the great rabbis whose eyes, as a doctor, he had treated and seek some advice. Reluctant but dutifully he called upon a local sage who oddly led him to an open closet. He said, "What can we do? Let us give a kiss to the Tzitzis of the Chazon Ish." They did, and then he offered his blessing that all should be well.

Upon further examination it became known that she had had the premonition the night prior to, and they were kissing the Tzitzis at the actual time of the calamitous car theft. He understood that he had misunderstood what had happened. It struck him that he might have lost more than a car that day. He should be grateful and not regretful that he was involved in a "Big Mitzvah"

It is written in the Shulchan Aruch, Ch. 230 "One should accustom himself to say, 'Everything the Merciful One does He does for the good!'" It doesn't say that you need to feel it at the time but rather one should be habituated to saying it. I once heard from Rabbi Mordachai Schwab ztl., that if one makes this verbal declaration as prescribed, there is a promise that he will live to see the good that comes from the situation. I regret not having asked him the source at the time.

What looks and feels like a "bad" play may actually be a case of missing information. In a different frame the same scene makes great sense. Though, from the pits it seems nothing could ever ease the pain but, declaring "it is for the good" keeps us in the searching mode for the eventual good.

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