



Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by Michael and Raquel May in honor of the birth of their daughter, Nechama Chaya and by Drew and Holly Dorman in memory of Drew's father, Shmuel ben Mordechai h'Kohen and Holly's mother, Hannah ben Reuven.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Zeraim. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The siyum is tentatively planned for the shul Chanuka Mesiba. If you would like to sponsor the siyum or you have any questions, please contact Moshe Eisenberg.

Mazel Tov to...

... **Joel and Joan Betesh** and **Daniel and Janet Eisenberg** on being honored at this year's Philadelphia Community Kollel Annual Dinner.
 ... **Drs. Jay and Mindy Rosenblum and Family** on the upcoming marriage of Rachel Rosenblum and Yisroel Kleinman.
 ... **Drew and Holly Dorman** on the engagement of Shira Dorman to Uri Malachevsky of Baltimore, MD.

Women's Shiur - Shmuel II

On Wednesday nights at 8:15 PM, join Rabbi Steinberg in studying Sefer Shmuel Bais. Each week begins with a recap, so new attendees are always welcome.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will meet this week at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Boys grades nursery and up are welcome to attend. For further information or to sign up for email list, please contact R' Yisrael Schwartz at yisraelschwartz@verizon.net.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please call Miriam Ciner or Rivka Levy for more information.

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Parshas Chayei Sara

פרשת חיי שרה

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:26 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:25 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:18 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos:	4:10 p.m.
Maariv:	5:28 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis- Sun, Thurs (Thanksgiving):	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sun, Thurs (Thanksgiving):	4:30 p.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed (Rosh Chodesh Kislev):	6:30 a.m.
Shacharis- Friday:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.

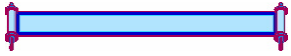
There will not be weekday Mincha until the Spring.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:21 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 p.m.

Special Shiur

Rabbi Steinberg will be giving a shiur at the YIML on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 8:20 p.m. (Maariv: 7:45, Refreshments:8:05) entitled, "Al Tiftach Peh Lasatan": Protecting Ourselves from Our Words, A Discussion in Halacha and Aggadah." Source sheets will be provided. Admission is free and \$75 sponsorships are also available. Both men and women are welcome. For more information, please contact Rabbi Steinberg at rabbi@yiml.org.



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Michtav me'Eliyahu	Rabbi Steinberg	SPECIAL SHIUR: <u>Topic:</u> From the Writings of Reb Yeruchem
Shabbos	TBA	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	<u>Topic:</u> Lifnei Iver
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Moshe Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Chovos Halevovos	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Gemora Kesuvos First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	Shiur for Women
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Love Of Our Fellow Man On The Highest Level

By Rabbi Yaakov Menken

This dvar Torah comes from Rabbi Avraham Kelman.

The story of Eliezer's journey to Charan and his successful quest for a wife for Yitzchak is told in great detail - twice. It is first told as it happened. Then, when Eliezer arrives at the home of Rivkah's family, he recounts the mission entrusted to him and all the subsequent events - and that too is recorded in the Torah.

Our Sages were puzzled as to why the Torah devoted so much space to this single episode. Said R. Acha, "The conversation of the servants of Patriarchs is more pleasing before the Omnipresent than the Torah of the sons. For the section of Eliezer is repeated in the Torah, whereas many important principles of the Law were given only by hinting." (Rashi 24:42).

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R. Acha does not tell us specifically why the conversations of Eliezer are so precious and deserve so much space and attention. The fact that he characterizes them for being "yafa" teaches us that there is a special quality and significance to Eliezer's comments and behavior. And how does the Torah convey its high esteem for Eliezer and all that he said? Through repetition.

In the Torah, words count for much. Something that is especially important is often repeated, such as the mitzvos of Shabbos and circumcision. Here, too, it is for us to discover what is so significant in this story.

When Hillel was asked by a would-be convert to teach him the entire Torah while standing on one leg, which means to capulate the ultimate purpose or the essence of the Torah, he answered. "Whatever is hateful to you, do not do to your friend." (Shabbos 31) Rabbi Akiva made a similar comment, "Love your fellow man as yourself which is a Klal gadol batorah - a basic principle of the Torah." Much has been written as to what this teaching requires of us. Hillel told the would-be convert that the negative side of the command should be his ultimate goal. "Love your fellow man as yourself to the extent that you should never hurt anyone else, just as you do not want to be hurt by others." Our Sages have given different explanations of Hillel's words. Eliezer, however, provides a new dimension to the mitzvah of "loving your neighbor as yourself" that is both extraordinary and beautiful.

He demonstrated that it is possible for a person to rejoice at someone else's happiness and achievements, just as if they had happened to him. As a rule, if we hear about someone else's great fortune or good luck, our typical reaction ranges from mild satisfaction to indifference, or at worst, to feelings of jealousy. Suppose a neighbor won a huge sweepstakes. A typical reaction would be, "A shame it did not happen to me!" The lucky winner may be overjoyed, speechless upon hearing the news, but it is rare for a friend or an employee to react in that way. Yet, that was precisely Eliezer's response. The Torah tells us (Bereishis 24:20). "And the man remained silent, to know whether or not Hashem had made his journey successful." Rashi comments: "he was astonished and confounded because he saw his matter nearing success." He was standing with bated breath, overcome with joy, knowing that his mission on behalf of Avraham and Yitzchak was about to succeed, and his prayers on their behalf were about to be answered.

We must remember that, personally, he had every reason to hope that his mission would fail. Our Sages tell us that Eliezer had a daughter and, understandably, was most eager for her to marry Yitzchak. Had he failed in Charan, who knows? Perhaps his daughter would become Yitzchak's bride. But in spite of that powerful incentive for him not to succeed, he was overjoyed to see Avraham's hopes fully realized. This is "love of your fellow man" on the grandest scale, - to such an extent that only the rarest of individuals can achieve it.

Eliezer fulfilled this command on its highest level. For that reason, the Torah rewards Eliezer in the most precious of ways, - by devoting more than half the parsha of Chaye Sarah to his words. Taken from torah.org