

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

Shovavim Taharas Hamishpacha Review Classes

Stay tuned for details about our upcoming taharas hamishpacha review classes.

YIML Cookbook

YIML proudly presents our very own COOKBOOK. Sponsorships are still available at \$36, \$54, \$72 and \$180. Please contact Ilana Buchbinder (ijl1927@aol.com) or Shani Daniel (shani314@yahoo.com).

Mazel Tov to...

... **Barry Weiss** on the engagement of his son Eli to Rifky Kramer of Monsey, NY. There will be a vort this Sunday, December 31, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Uri Mandlebaum (6070 Drexel Road).

Community Announcements

Lower Merion Community Women's Health and Learning Day

The Lower Merion Community Women's Health and Learning Day in memory of Dr. Rivka Ausubel Danzig z"l will take place on Sunday, January 7, 2007 at Lower Merion Synagogue from 9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Leading medical professionals and religious educators will present topics pertaining to cancer, reproductive health concerns, Taharat Hamishpacha, and much more. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$36 at the door. Lunch is included. Babysitting will be available at \$5 per child. For more information, contact Judy Pomerantz at jpomerantz2@comcast.net or Kayla Warren at kaylakap@comcast.net. This event is for women only.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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.

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Parshas Vayigash

פרשת ויגש

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:25 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:25 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:43 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos:	4:10 p.m.
Maariv:	5:29 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Asarah B'Teves- Sunday (December 31)

Fast Begins/Ends:	6:11 a.m./5:30 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha:	4:15 p.m.
Shacharis- Monday:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Monday:	4:35 p.m.
Shacharis- Thursday:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	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:	4:31 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:30 p.m.

Michtav Me'Eliyahu Shiur

The topic of Rabbi Steinberg's Michtav me'Eliyahu shiur this Shabbos between Mincha and Maariv will be, "*Inner Equilibrium and Building the Bais Hamikdash.*"

Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos has started learning Seder Moed. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. For more information, please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Michtav me'Eliyahu	Rabbi Steinberg	Topic: Inner Equilibrium and Building the Bais Hamikdash
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	Topic: 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		345 Bala Ave.
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.

Vengeance vs. Conciliations

By Rabbi Yaakov Menken

"Hurry, and go up to my father, and say to him, 'So says your son, Yosef: "G-d has placed me as master over all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay."'" [45:9]

While some comments might be expected from us, they would be extremely surprising coming from our forefathers, the holy founders of the Jewish People. And at first glance, this message from Yosef appears to be one of them.

"Dad! Guess what -- I'm the Prime Minister!" Most fathers would be proud to receive a call like that. "My son, the Prime Minister! That's very good. Even if he didn't make it through med school, he worked out ok. Of course, if he'd become a radiologist like I told him..."

While we might chuckle at this father, the sort who considers the path he laid out for his son more worthwhile than anything else the boy might possibly accomplish, we do know of one profession which Judaism has always regarded more highly than even Prime Minister or President -- and that is to be a scholar of Torah. The ultimate "nachas" (joy, satisfaction) is to have one's sons grow up to be Sages. Yaakov, our forefather, certainly expected this of his dearest and brightest son, Yosef.

Yosef was kidnapped, taken from his position learning Torah by his father's side.

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Now he sends a message up to his father in a great hurry, excited to reveal that he is Prime Minister of Egypt. Clearly he believes that Yaakov will be excited, but... why? Why would Yaakov be so happy to know that Yosef is now "master over all Egypt," rather than the Torah scholar Yaakov had imagined Yosef would become?

In the Darchei Mussar, Rav Yaakov Naiman answers this question. He says that the important thing was not the news that Yosef was now the Prime Minister, but how Yosef explained it.

When a person is appointed to a position, he or she will normally explain who appointed him or her. "I was deputized by the Chief of Police." "I was elected [by the people] to the Senate." The more important the appointment, the more likely a person will identify the important people who did the appointing.

Yosef, on the other hand, says nothing about Paro (Pharaoh). He mentions nothing about how he explained Paro's dreams so well. Yosef says simply: "G-d made me master." "HaShem gave me this job."

Only a person who acknowledges that everything comes from HaShem could give G-d the credit for such a tremendous accomplishment, without even mentioning what happened and who made the appointment. Of course, HaShem indeed makes everything happen, but only those on a very high spiritual level can see that reality while ignoring the smoke and mirrors of our world. Yosef operated on such a high spiritual level that when he was appointed to a high position, it was not because Paro appointed him -- G-d made it happen.

Now we understand why this was such wonderful news for Yaakov. After so many years outside Yaakov's home, after so many different trials and tribulations, Yosef had nonetheless remained the same Tzaddik (righteous man), the same dedicated scholar of Torah, that he would have become had he remained with his father all those years. None of his experiences had a deleterious impact, and he still attributed everything that happened to HaShem. This was the best possible news Yaakov could have received regarding his son.

Yosef could have attributed his accomplishments to his own abilities -- but he did not do so. He maintained the same pattern set when he went before Paro to explain the dreams, and said "without me, G-d will answer Paro's well-being." [41:16] Even now, when he had accomplished so much and survived so much, he acknowledged that HaShem's hand had made everything happen as it did.

It is natural, and almost to be expected, that when a person achieves something after tremendous effort, he or she will claim credit. When a person goes through difficult trials, it is similarly easy, even likely, that he or she will have complaints, even feelings of anger. These are the times when, if a person has true faith and trust in G-d, it will come shining through. If a person says then that all is from HaShem, that is a person who means it sincerely.

What is it, then, that is in our hands? "All is in the hands of Heaven, save Fear of Heaven." We are the ones who choose to become such people -- and thanks to Yosef, we know it can be done. Taken from torah.org