

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Miketz Shabbos Chanukah

פרשת מיקץ
שבת חנוכה

כ"ח כסלו תשס"ח—7-8 December

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 3:37pm
Candle lighting (the earliest of the year!): 4:17pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:20pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:32am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis: 4:15pm
Maariv: 5:20pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon. Rosh Chodesh): 6:30am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Thurs.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Fri.): 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday: 4:25pm
Maariv (Mon.-Thu.): 7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 4:18pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:20pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am– 8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. Fine	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura		OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.-Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	
Monday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Makkos	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush:

Kiddush is sponsored by the Eisenberg family in honor of Nechama's Bas Mitzvah.

Siyum Mishnayos:

This week at Seudah Shlishis will be the Chevra Mishnayos Siyum on Seder Zeraim.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Neither Bnos nor Pirchei will meet this week.

YOUNG ISRAEL CHANUKAH PARTY!

The Young Israel Annual Chanukah Party will take place I"YH this Monday, December 10 at 6:00pm at the Young Israel. Food, crafts and live entertainment! Cost is \$7 per person, \$50 family max. Please join us!

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Medical Halacha Shabbaton:

Shabbos, Dec. 29, Parshas Shemos.

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton:

Shabbos, Jan. 26, Parshas Yisro.

Look to hearing more details in the coming weeks!

MAZEL TOV!

To Janet & Danny Eisenberg and the entire Eisenberg family ...

... on the occasion of Nechama's Bas Mitzvah.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yeshiva Banquet:

The 54th Annual Banquet of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5:30pm, at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center. Speak to Danny Eisenberg or David Chase.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Zeraim.

See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Women's Tehillim Group meets Mondays at 9:45am at 345 Bala Ave.

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To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to majordomo@chaseplanet.us with the following in the message body (all one line): `subscribe yiml YOUR-EMAIL`

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Yosef's dramatic ascent to power in Egypt is recorded for us in this week's parsha. What is noteworthy is that Yosef does not appear to be at all surprised or amazed by the sudden turn of events in his fortunes. A person who lives by dreams is never surprised when the dream turns into reality.

Yosef always expected his dreams to come true in this world. So did his father Yaakov. And in truth so did the brothers and that is why he discomfited them so deeply. Had they felt the dreams of Yosef to be utter nonsense they would not have reacted as strongly when he related the dreams to them. They were threatened not because the dreams were nothing but rather because they were something.

Their apparent blindness and stubbornness, at not recognizing Yosef standing before them, stemmed from their necessity to deny the validity of his dreams. When Yosef will reveal himself to his brothers they will instinctively believe him because of the stock they subconsciously placed in his dreams all along.

Practical people are afraid of dreamers not because of the dreamer's impracticality but because the dreamer may turn out to be right after all. This has been proven time and again in Jewish history. The holiday of Chanukah, that we are currently celebrating, proves the dreams of the Maccabees overcame the practicalities of the Hellenist Jews who chose to survive by becoming more Greek than Jewish.

Jews over the ages could have reasonably quit and given up the struggle to survive as Jews countless times. It was always the dreamers that persevered and they have always been proven to be right and practical.

The Torah attributes the success of Yosef to the fact that he remembered his dreams. It is one thing to remember dreams of grandeur when one is poor and imprisoned. Then the dream provides hope and resilience to somehow continue. Yosef's greatness lies in his ability to remember and believe those dreams when he has risen to power. He could easily have ignored his brothers and put all of his past behind him. He was now a great success. So why continue to pursue his dreams, which could ultimately sorely endanger his position and achievements? But Yosef doggedly pursues the full realization of his dreams.

Many times in life we are frightened of advancing because we think we might risk what we already have. Judaism preaches caution in tactics and how to achieve certain goals, both spiritual and physical. But it never advocates compromising the great Jewish dreams as outlined in our Torah and tradition.

We are bidden to be prudent about life's decisions but the goal of ascending the ladder of Yaakov is never erased from our consciousness. When seeing his brothers before him, Yosef has the choice to leave everything as it is. But he chooses to pursue his dreams to their fateful end. That has become a lesson for all later generations of Jews as well. The full realization of Yosef's dream is the catalyst for reuniting all of Israel as a nation.

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