

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayeshev

פרשת וישב

כ"א כסלו תשס"ח—1 November 30–December

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	3:37pm
Candle lighting:	4:19pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:27am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura:	4:15pm
Maariv:	5:21pm

Weekday Davening Times

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

This Coming Week

Chanukah, First Candle:	Tues. Eve.
Begin saying טל ומטר at Maariv:	Wed. Eve.

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	4:17pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	T. Poe	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Minchas Chinuch Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	J. Weinberger	
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 this week is being sponsored by Mendel & Shira Kupfer to commemorate the yahrzeit of Shira's grandfather, Ephraim ben Ezra, as well as the yahrzeit of Mendel's grandmother, Rivka bas Shmuel. May their neshamas have an aliya.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will IY"YH meet this week from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at LMS.

Melava Malka for Women:

Join us at the YIML for a Melava Malka and film for women: *Inspired Too, Kiruv Across America*. This Motzaei Shabbos at 7:30pm at the Young Israel. The cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Janis Fine: 610-617-0913 or jfine@comcast.net.

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

YOUNG ISRAEL CHANUKAH PARTY!

The Young Israel Annual Chanuka Party will take place I"YH on Monday, December 10 at 6:00pm at the Young Israel. Food, crafts and live entertainment! Cost is *7perperson*,50 family max. Please join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pirchei Chanukah Party:

Dinner, Music, Games and Raffle! December 3, 6:30pm–8:00pm in LMS Social Hall. Fathers are welcome to join; \$12 per person/\$40 family maximum. If you would like to help sponsor or want to RSVP please contact Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or SilverDollar@verizion.net.

Bnos Chanukah Event:

Exciting Bnos Event for girls in 4-year nursery through 8th grade, Thursday evening, December 6th. Details to follow!

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.

Are you on our e-mail list?

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

There is a difference ? to put it mildly ? that is outlined clearly between Yosef and his brothers in this week's parsha. Yosef is the quintessential dreamer, his head in the stars and his youthful exuberance and certainty in the truthful outcome of his dreams becomes very irritating to his brothers.

Since his head is in the clouds in a world of Eisav and Shechem the brothers feel it to be the height of impracticality, if not even irresponsibility. to be a dreamer. The brothers have their feet firmly implanted on the ground, in the reality of the world in which they exist, with clear recognition of the inherent dangers and threats inherent.

Yosef feels the brothers have been unjust for rejecting his dreams immediately and they in turn are convinced that he and his dreaming constitute a veritable danger to the unity and survival of Yaakov's family. It is not only the contents of Yosef's dreams ? that he will dominate the family ? that disturb the brothers. It is the very fact that he is dreaming that raises their suspicions and fuels their enmity towards him.

In the struggle between Yosef and the brothers, the conflict is between the lofty and inspirational theory of Judaism and its sometime mundane practice of hope and actual reality - of what can be achieved even though it is not exactly what one dreamt of achieving. The conflict between Yosef and his brothers is never really ended. It is compromised by both sides recognizing the validity of the position of the other and living with that reality.

The Jewish people in its long and difficult history have somehow been able to combine the spirit and dreams of Yosef with the hardheaded realism of his brothers. Both traits are necessary for our survival and accomplishments, both as individuals and as a nation. Someone without dreams and ambition, who refuses to reach heavenward and conquer the stars, will never be a truly creative or original person.

But if this drive is not tempered by a realistic sense of the situation and the society that surrounds us, then all dreams are doomed to eventually disappoint. Yosef's dreams are realized only after he has been severely chastened by his brothers' enmity, slavery and imprisonment in Egypt. Even after he seemingly has them in his grasp, it is still a contest of wills.

Again, Yosef's dreams are finally realized but only after he has been subjected to many hard years of unpleasant reality. The brothers, realists to the end, are shocked to see that the dreamer has emerged triumphant.

The dreamer saves the world from famine while the realists end up being its customers. Thus the Torah teaches us that we need both dreamers and realists within our ranks. A nation built exclusively on dreams, without practical reality intruding, will find that reality rising to foil the realization of the dream.

A nation that ceases to dream of reaching greater heights will stagnate and not survive. So, both the brothers and Yosef are ?right? in their pursuit of building a nation and of spiritual growth. We need a healthy dose of both values and views in our Jewish world today as well.

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