

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Vayishlach פרשת וישלח

November 23-24—ח"ג—ד' כסלו תשס"ח

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	3:39pm
Candle lighting:	4:22pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:22am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Chaburah:	4:15pm
Maariv:	5:24pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

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

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	4:19pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20pm

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	<b>8:15am–8:45am</b>	Parsha Chabura	D. Rosen	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Minchas Chinuch Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Taubes	
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

#### Parsha Chabura Special Time:

As the Rabbi is in Eretz Yisroel, the Parsha Chabura will meet at the special time of 8:15am–8:45am. The Chabura will be given this week by Dennis Rosen.

#### Kiddush:

Kiddush is being sponsored by Miles & Adina Spiller and Paul & Janice Millman in honor of their daughter/granddaughter Rivka Sara.

#### Special Chabura:

This Shabbos between Mincha and Maariv: the special guest speaker will be Rabbi Michael Taubes from Teaneck.

#### Bnos and Pirchei:

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

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

**Rabbi Steinberg Away:**

Please note that Rabbi Steinberg will be away through Monday, November 26. If the need to reach him arises, please leave a message at his home.

**Calendars:**

The next three months of Young Israel calendars are available online. Look for them in the mail this week.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Melava Malka for Women:**

Join us at the YIML for a Melava Malka and film for women: *Inspired Too, Kiruv Across America*. December 1 at 7:30pm at the Young Israel. The cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Janis Fine: 610-617-0913 or [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net).

**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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**D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein**

Our father Yaakov lives in a very violent and dangerous world. Escaping from Lavan and his treacheries, he falls into a wrestling match with an angel and an actual encounter with Eisav, who apparently is determined to kill him. Extricating himself from these difficulties, bruised, wounded and slightly poorer materially for the events, Yaakov then suffers the tragedy of his daughter Dina being kidnapped and assaulted and the resultant war that his sons, led by Shimon and Levi, conduct against the leaders and citizens of Shechem.

Yaakov is appalled by the violence perpetrated by his sons but is apparently powerless to limit it. Even on his deathbed he will reprimand Shimon and Levi for their violent nature and behavior. This parsha therefore turns into a litany of tragedies and untoward events that befall Yaakov. I have always felt that when Yaakov told the Pharaoh that "my years have been few and bad" he was referring to this week's parsha and its events.

It certainly seems that any assessment of Yaakov's life, based on the events of this week's parsha, must certainly be a bleak one, full of shade with very little light shining through. Yet in the assessment of Jewish history and rabbinic tradition, Yaakov's life is seen as a triumph and success. He is the one who takes a family and builds it into a nation. He takes thirteen disparate children, each one with a distinct personality and differing goals and welds them into the people of Israel. He imbues them with the belief of monotheism, good purpose and probative behavior, in spite of their living in a world of paganism and dissolute behavior.

Yaakov is strengthened in his belief by the promises made to him by God many years earlier in his life, before he embarked on his fateful journey to Aram. He never questioned the validity of God's support of him, of his eventual salvation and survival, no matter how difficult the circumstances. In this he is the paradigm of all future Jewish existence that mimics his life and circumstances.

Jewish life and events can be characterized as always being one of "out of the fire into the frying pan." There never seems to be a letup, a respite from the challenges and dangers that constantly arise. Yet we Jews are constantly aware of God's promise that He will never completely forsake us and that within us is the ability of being an eternal and constantly renewed people.

Being a loyal and Torah abiding Jew can create within each of us a sense of serenity and harmony. However, as a nation and people, such a pleasant passage through the waters of human history is unlikely. It is natural for us to wish that this would somehow be otherwise. But the events of the life of Yaakov stare us in the face. They chart our course in life as well. Faith in God and the will to persevere under all circumstances define our goals and hopes in this difficult world in which we live. For, after all, we are all the children of Yaakov.

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