

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayishlach פרשת וישלח

ט"ז כסלו תשס"ט—12-13 December

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	3:37pm
Candle lighting:	4:18pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:35am
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

Next Shabbos Times

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

Buy your olive oil now!

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am– 8:15am	Parsha Chabura	Y. Mizrachi	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	A. Weintraub	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Choshen Mishpat	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Friday night Dvar Halacha:

Looking ahead:

When to Light when Attending a Simcha on Chanukah.

Kiddush:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Bnos and Pirchei:

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

Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Dr. Ari Weintraub:

Anan B'didan V'ihu B'didhu:

Iyun B'Sefer (Learning) During Krias Hatorah and Chazoras Hashatz.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Torah Youth Chanukah Party:

Boys in grades K–8: join us on December 22 from 6:30-8:00pm for the Annual Pirchei/Torah Youth Chanukah Mesiba at LMS. Food! Latkes! Shtick! For more information, contact Ari Silver at (610) 668-6833 or via e-mail at SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Bnos Chanukah Craft Spectacular:

Girls in grades 3Y–6, please join your Bnos friends at LMS, December 14th, 2:00–4:00pm, \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Friends, fun, crafts, nosh, prizes, and more!!!

HACHNOSSAS SEFER TORAH!

Save the date! YIML Hachnaossas Sefer Torah—Sunday morning, Dec. 28 (the 7th day of Chanukah). Details to be announced soon.

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 Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:45am** at 8 Concord Circle.

Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Yaakov sends messengers, agents to meet with his brother Eisav and to attempt to mollify his anger against Yaakov. After twenty years, Eisav still smarts from the hurt caused him by Yaakov receiving the blessings of their father Yitzchak. Eisav seeks revenge for that hurt and Yaakov is well aware of the danger that Eisav poses to him and his family. Why then does Yaakov send angels, emissaries, agents to negotiate with Yaakov? After all, the Lord has promised Yaakov to protect him from destruction. Would not a direct appearance before Eisav by Yaakov, and Yaakov personally presenting all of the gifts to Eisav directly rather than through agents and emissaries be more logical and productive?

It can be well understood that Yaakov would shirk from personally having to deal with Eisav but he is undoubtedly aware that such a meeting is eventually unavoidable, so why does he choose to postpone the dreaded moment as long as possible? It is true that the gifts given to Eisav were meant to soften his attitude and soothe his hatred towards Yaakov, but perhaps Yaakov's personal presentation of them to Eisav would be even a more powerful inducement for reconciliation. There must be a deeper reason that explains Yaakov's strategy and behavior. And herein lays a deep message of truth and relevance for all of us.

Eisav is always better dealt with through agents, emissaries, public opinion, outside forces. Rarely is much of anything good accomplished by direct confrontation with Eisav. All of Jewish history testifies to the truth of this proposition. It may be more romantic and seemingly heroic to deal with Eisav strongly and directly. But Jewish survival has been strongly abetted by avoiding direct confrontations with the descendants of Eisav—as reflected throughout history.

The State of Israel came into being because of the temporary sympathy of the Western world and even the Soviet Union and the United Nations. The Jews would have to fight and die for its establishment but there is no doubt that if it were not for the emissaries that preceded us we would not have had the opportunity to even attempt to establish such a state. There are many times that confrontation and strength do not accomplish victory and even survival.

After every ideal and noble goal, the main task for the Jewish people has always been to successfully survive and pass on its great heritage and values to later generations and the world generally. If somehow others or circumstances can pave the way for us to accomplish this great goal of survival and success, then such help should be desired and appreciated. In a hostile world it is foolish to repudiate agents and emissaries that deal with Eisav on our behalf.

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