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Parshas Miketz (Chanukah 8)
December 18-19

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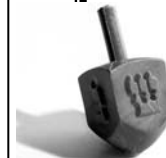
Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting:	4:19 pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:38 am
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Mincha:	4:05 pm
Maariv:	5:23 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting:	4:23 pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:25 pm



• Mazel Tov to Ira and Lauren Somers on the birth of a baby boy. The Shalom Zachor G-d willing will be Friday night starting at 8pm at 224 Stoneway Lane in Merion Station. The bris G-d willing will be Sunday at 10am at Chabad of the Main Line.

• Mazel Tov to Zev Zelman on his upcoming marriage to Charney Zauderer, be"H, this Sunday. The aufruf will be this Shabbos.

This Shabbos

Kiddush this week is community sponsored.

The Chevra Mishnayos will be making a siyum on Seder Zeraim at Shalosh Seudos. The siyum is being sponsored by Mr. Barry Weiss in honor of his completion of Seder Zeraim (over many Chevra Mishnayos cycles). Whether or not you have learned for the siyum, you are welcome to join us for the siyum.

Shabbos Shiurim

Parsha Chaburah:	7:55 am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15 am
Medical Halacha Shiur:	Between Mincha and Maariv
	Medical malpractice in halacha: is a doctor, nurse, or layperson responsible for making an error?
Chaburah:	There will be no Chaburah this week.

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Bnos of Bala Cynwyd

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Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday and Wednesday:	6:50 am
	Friday:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	4:25 pm
Maariv:	Monday through Thursday:	7:45 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30 pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15 pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Weekly Events

Chevra Mishnayos: See shul bulletin board to sign up.
Women's Tehillim Group: Mondays 10:45 am at 8 Concord Circle followed by the Rabbi's Chovos Halevavos shuir.

Save the Date: Scholar in Residence

We are pleased to announce that Rav Mayer Twersky, Rosh Yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary, will be joining us for a Shabbaton on January 16th and 17th. Details of this exciting program will be forthcoming.

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Thought of the Week

The pasuk says, "Why have you done evil to me?" (lamah ha'reioseim li) [Bereshis 43:6]. The Medrash says (according to the textual reading of the Yefei Toar on this Medrash) that this is the only instance in the entire dialog between Yaakov and his sons regarding Yosef, where the comment of Yaakov was not true in at least some sense.

Although Yaakov makes many suppositions in his dialog with his sons that appear to not be accurate [e.g. – "Yosef has been torn" (tarof taraf Yosef); "a wild beast ate him" (chaya ra-ah acalashu)], at some level they may be interpreted as true statements.

For example "Yosef has been torn" may be interpreted as Yosef was ripped away from his father by his brothers. Likewise the statement "a wild beast ate him" may refer metaphorically to the wife of Potiphar, etc.

There is only one comment that our Patriarch Yaakov made in the whole dialog with his sons that was not true (l'batalah) – namely the statement "why did you do evil to me?" The Medrash comments: "G-d says 'I am busy making his son the ruler in Egypt and he complains about his grief and trouble.'"

G-d questions Yaakov's characterization of the events as "bad". "I am trying to make your son viceroy in Egypt. I am trying to save the world from starvation. How dare you call it 'evil trouble'?"

The practical lesson of this Medrash is much easier to teach than to absorb. Many events appear to us in this life as being terrible. With the passage of time, however, it becomes clear to us that what we deemed to be terrible, was not terrible at all.

This is one of the most difficult ideas for human beings, who are bound by time and space, to accept. We see things happening at the time when they are unfolding and we cannot imagine that they serve any constructive purpose. However, sometimes, with the passage of time, we see that which we perceived to be a tremendous 'rah' [bad thing] turns out to be a tremendous 'tovah' [favor].

According to the Medrash, this was the essence of the Almighty's chastising Yaakov: "Don't tell Me that what I am doing to you is bad. I am trying to do for you the greatest favor."

*Adapted from "We Should Not Assume What Happens Is Necessarily 'Bad' " ' by Rabbi Frand.
<http://torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5766/miketz.html>*

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