

This Shabbos

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Sandy and Margie Bruck in honor of the birth of their new grandson Nave Avraham. Mazel Tov!

There will be Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos after Mincha.

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?

There will be no Chaburah this Shabbos.

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar: Will not meet this week

Mishna Brura: Monday and Wednesday after Maariv

Hilchos Tzedaka: Will not meet this week

Nefesh HaChaim: Thursday 10:15 pm
 Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis: Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday: 6:40 am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 6:50 am

Thursday: 8:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: Sunday and Thursday: 4:25 pm

Maariv: Monday through Wednesday: 7:45 pm

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

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Parshas Toldos

November 20-21

פרשת תולדת

ד כסלב



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 4:24 pm

Mincha - Friday: 4:25 pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:20 am

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Mincha: 4:10 pm

Maariv: 5:26 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting: 4:20 pm

Mincha - Friday: 4:20 pm



R. Steinberg will be away from after Shabbos (Nov 21) until next Monday (Nov 30). If an urgent need arises to reach the Rabbi, please leave a message at the Steinberg home, or contact Shul President Sherman Frager at 215-820-8221.



• Mazel Tov to Michael and Yael Buckstein on the birth of a baby boy last Shabbos.

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos from 2:45pm - 3:45pm at LMS in the Social Hall. Boys grades K-8th. If you would like to help support Torah Youth or have any questions please contact Rabbi Ari Silver at SilverDollar@verizon.net or 610-668-6833.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos from 2:45pm - 3:45pm at LMS. Yearly membership dues are \$36/girl, \$90/family maximum, checks can be made payable to Bnos and sent to Meira Friedman.

Save the Dates

Special Lecture for Women by our own Dr. Tal Weinberger on the topic of Mental Health Awareness with a Discussion of Unique Challenges confronting Observant Jewish Women. Motzai Shabbos Dec. 5th at 8:00 PM at YIML.

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. Details of this exciting program TBA soon.

Weekly Events

Chevra Mishnayos: Now learning Seder Zeraim. See shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group: Mondays 10:45 am at 8 Concord Circle.

Thought of the Week

This week's parsha, contains the famous story of the selling of the birthright. Yaakov cooks a pot of lentil soup. Eisav comes in, tired from the field, and says to his brother, "Give me this red stuff you have over here." Yaakov responds, "Sell me as this day (ka'yom) your birthright" [Bereshis 25:30-31].

Eisav was the older brother. He was in line to inherit the spiritual gifts that were passed down from Avrohom through Yitzchak. Yaakov asks Eisav to sell him these rights "ka'yom" (as this day).

The Sforno is bothered by the term "ka'yom". The Sforno's interpretation provides for us a very relevant message.

When Yaakov saw the preoccupation that Eisav had to his mundane profession, that he was so obsessed with 'his own thing' that he couldn't even identify the soup that was being prepared, except by its color, he knew that Eisav had no need for the Bechora (First Born status).

If a person can work to the extent that he comes home so hungry that unlike any normal human being, he can only say about the soup "Give me the red stuff" then he is a person for whom the only thing that matters is 'Today' (ka'yom). He is so preoccupied with his activities that he can't even recognize a bowl of soup! If that is how involved he is in the work of today, he has no need or interest in the Service of G-d, which is inherent in the rights of the First Born.

This is what Yaakov meant. "If Today (ka'yom) is so important to you then you can't be the Bechor. You can't expect to serve G-d the way the Master of the World has in mind."

What the Sforno is saying is that there is a basic dichotomy between that which is spiritual and that which is temporal. A person can get so involved in his work, in his career, that nothing else matters besides 'Today'. When 'making partner' becomes the top priority, when being successful in one's profession is all that matters, one only has 'Today'. Family loses its importance, spirituality loses its importance, the relationship with everything that is of lasting and eternal value is severed. A life of 'Today' precludes a life of holiness.

Eisav was the ultimate 'career person', the ultimate 'workaholic'. He came back from his work so consumed, so obsessed, that he could not even recognize a bowl of soup. Yaakov recognized that Eisav had no connection to the Tent of Spirituality and no need for the Bechora.

Adapted from "Worse Than Color Blind: Seeing The Color, But Not the Soup" by Rabbi Frand. <http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5758/toldos.html>

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