

Shabbos Shiurim

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: Will not meet this week

Medical Halacha Shiur: Between Mincha and Maariv
 Medical malpractice in halacha: is a doctor, nurse, or layperson responsible for making an error?

Chaburah: Between Mincha and Maariv
 Rabbi Michael Taubes will speak on the topic of Living in Eretz Yisrael in Difficult Circumstances

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will not meet this Shabbos.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos from 2:45pm - 3:45pm at LMS. **HOLD THE DATE - Surprise BnOs ChAnUkAh Event - girls 3Y through 6th grade - Sunday, Dec. 13th at LMS!!!** Yearly membership dues are \$36/girl, \$90/family maximum, checks can be made payable to Bnos and sent to Meira Friedman.

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar: Will resume mid 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.

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

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**Parshas Vayetzei**

November 27-28

פרשת ויצא

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**Shabbos Davening Times**

Candle lighting:	4:20 pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:25 am
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Mincha:	4:15 pm
Maariv:	5:22 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting:	4:18 pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 pm

R. Steinberg will be away until 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.

Weekday Davening Times

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

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.

Save the Date: 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.

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. Details of this exciting program will be forthcoming.

Save the Date: Torah Academy's Annual Dinner

Torah Academy's Annual Scholarship Dinner will take place on Sunday, February 21st, 2010.

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Thought of the Week

Upon the birth of her fourth son, Yehudah, Leah said, "This time I will thank Hashem" [Bereshis 29:35]. Rashi quotes the Rabbinic explanation that she expressed special gratitude because she had now given birth to more than her share of Tribes. "Now that I have received more than my portion, it's time to express my gratitude to G-d".

What is the meaning of the statement that Leah received more than her share? Our Rabbis explain that Leah made a simple mathematical calculation. She divided twelve future tribes by 4 wives, and arrived at the result of 3 tribes per wife. Now that she had her fourth son, she offered praise to G-d. The Rabbis praise Leah for her recognition that she owed a debt of gratitude to the Almighty.

Although Leah's recognition that she owed a debt of gratitude is certainly praiseworthy, this teaching of our Rabbis doesn't seem to make sense. Who deserves more praise -- the person who receives his or her proper share and feels indebted to G-d, or the person who receives more than his or her fair share and feels indebted to G-d? Obviously, the first person is more deserving of praise.

I saw a very interesting observation from Rav Dovid Kviat (Maggid Shiur in the Mir Yeshiva, New York): The praiseworthy aspect of Leah's behavior here was that she viewed what she received as "more than her fair share".

It is the nature of human beings to view that which they receive in life as something that they had coming to them. "This is what I deserve." If my friend is earning \$30,000 a year and I am earning half a million dollars a year, it may not be so easy to recognize my great fortune. It is easy to think "I'm smarter than him, I'm more clever than him, I earned this on my own -- it was coming to me!"

The novelty of Leah's comment is that we see that a person has the ability to step back, look at a situation objectively and come to the conclusion that "I am getting more than I deserve". This is not our normal tendency. The normal tendency is to view life as either "I am getting less than I deserve" or "I am getting my fair share."

The rare person, who lives their life with the attitude that "I have gotten more than I deserve," is indeed a praiseworthy person.

Adapted from "Leah Was Commended For Recognizing "I Have Received More Than I Deserve" by Rabbi Frand.
<http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5763/vayeitzei.html>