

Thought of the Week

"You have enough, circle the mountain, and turn to the north (tzafonah)." (Devarim 2:3)

The Kli Yakar lived during a time when the Jews enjoyed prosperity, and he did not approve of the way they dealt with it. He urged them to be more discreet, to keep a low profile and not draw attention to themselves with ostentatious lifestyles.

He supported his exhortation with a homiletic interpretation of Moshe's words to the Jewish people. "You have enough, circle the mountain, and turn to the north (tzafonah)." The word tzafonah can also be translated as "the hidden." In other words, you have enough material things. Now hide them! If you've got it, you don't have to flaunt it!

Eisav has a long memory, writes the Kli Yakar. Whenever he sees Yaakov prosper, he believes with all his heart that it is only because of the blessings that he believes Yaakov stole, the blessings that should have gone to Eisav.

Yaakov himself was already worried about this. When famine struck all of the Middle East, everyone was forced to run to Egypt, the only place where large stockpiles of food existed. It was the only way to avoid starvation.

Yaakov's pantry, however, was well stocked with food, and his family could have gone a long time without a trip to Egypt. Nonetheless, Yaakov sent them to buy food. "Lamah tisa'u?" he said. "Why should you show off?" According to Rashi, Yaakov was concerned about the children of Eisav and Yishmael. Why should they see that you have plenty of food while they are starving? That would be a foolish thing to do.

Living in the United States, which is so liberal, so tolerant, we tend to forget this important lesson. Regardless of how benign American society is, it is still exile. We still live among non-Jews, not all of whom share the full measure of tolerance which has made this country the superpower that it is today. We still need to watch our step. If we have been blessed with prosperity -- money, real estate, nice homes, automobiles and clothing -- there is no need to flaunt our wealth.

"Why do you show off?" said Yaakov. It is impolite. It is unwise. It is even dangerous.

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Shabbos Schedule Shabbos Chazon



Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Candle Lighting:	7:53pm
Parsha Chaburah by Drew Dorman:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:35am
Drasha title: "Devarim, Tisha B'Av, and...Apollo 11".	
Kiddush is sponsored by the Yoffe and Rosen Families to commemorate the yahrzeit of Eve Rosen's and Seth Yoffe's father, Menachem Mendel ben Mordechai, a"h, and the Lynn, Rudenstein and Kay families to welcome the Spinka Family to the community!	
Sefer Ir HaKodesh V'Hamikdosh Shiur:	6:55pm
Mincha:	7:40pm
Shalosh Seudos is communally sponsored.	
Chevra Mishnayos Siyum on Seder Kodshim.	
Maariv:	8:54pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
	Wednesday and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday:	8:00pm
Mincha Friday, and Kabbalas Shabbos:		7:00pm
Candle Lighting Friday:		7:44pm

Tisha B'Av Schedule

Monday, Erev Tisha B'Av: Mincha 6:35pm, Stop Eating 8:02pm, Maariv 8:55pm, Eicha 9:10pm
Tuesday, Tisha B'Av: Shacharis 8:00am, Chatzos 1:06pm, Mincha 7:35pm, Fast Ends 8:51pm

Tisha B'Av Explanatory Kinnos

On Tisha B'Av, we will recite selected Kinnos with introductions and explanations by Rabbi Steinberg.

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Mondays at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesdays at 8:30pm.

Chevra Mishnayos Siyum!

The Chevra Mishnayos Siyum on Seder Kodshim will take place this Shabbos at Shalosh Seudos. Please remember to complete your masechtos. If you would like to sponsor the siyum, please email Moshe Eisenberg at eisenber@pol.net. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for Seder Taharos, whose siyum is planned for Simchas Torah.

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- Mazel Tov to Leon and Tova Wertheimer and family on the engagement of Cookie Wertheimer to Yehoshua Richards of Los Angeles.
- Mazel Tov to Koby and Rivky Milgraum and Family on the birth of their daughter, Tamar Rachel, this past Monday.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Barzilai and Yehudis Goldfarb on the birth of a baby boy this past Monday. Mazel Tov also to the grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein. Shalom Zachor Friday night at the Lichtenstein home, 41 Highland Ave., starting at 9:30 PM. The Bris will be be"H, at the Philadelphia Community Kollel, Monday morning, following 7:30 Shacharis.

Special Shiur Mini-Series for the Three Weeks

During the Three Weeks, Rabbi Steinberg will give a special shiur each Shabbos afternoon, 45 minutes before mincha, open for men and women.

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YIML Annual Barbeque

Young Israel of the Main Line invites you to a Community BBQ on Sunday, August 21, 2011 from 4 to 7pm at South Ardmore Park (near Torah Academy). Cost, reserved in advance, \$15 single, \$25 couple, \$8 per child (2-12) , \$54 family max. Cost at BBQ: \$18 single, \$36 couple, \$10 per child, \$72 family max. Prepayment required by Motzai Shabbos, August 20. Give monies to Richie and Janis Fine, Sherman Frager, or Sid Laytin. Once again, Gourmet Foods with a Baltic flavor, prepared by Master Chef, Israel Pendrak. Bring baseball gloves, frisbees, etc.

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