

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayishlach פרשת וישלח

November 19–20—א"ח—שבעה ימים

Shabbos Davening Times

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

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:19am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura: 4:20pm
Maariv: 5:26pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday: 4:25pm
Maariv (Mon.–Wed.): 7:45pm

Shacharis Thanksgiving Day: 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv Thanksgiving Day: 4:25pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 4:19pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:19pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	D. Rosen	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	J. Weinberger	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	<i>Pirkei Avos</i> with Rabbeinu Yonah	R. Steinberg	
Monday	8:00pm	Melachim Aleph	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	8:30pm	Yorah Deah	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush:

Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Steinberg and Werrin families, with hakoras hatov to the Shul and community for Rabbi Steinberg's and Ron Werrin's respective honors of Chosson Torah and Chosson Beraishis this past Simchas Torah.

Kiddush is also sponsored by the Miller family in honor of the Jahrzeit of Kenny's father Efraim ben Ezra (Frederick Miller), ל"ז.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Bnos will ת"א meet this week from **2:45pm to 3:45pm** at LMS.

REMINDER: please pay your yearly membership (\$36/girl) if your daughter attends Bnos. Questions? Contact Meira Friedman: (610) 617-9529.

Pirchei will not meet this week. If you would like to help sponsor a future Shabbos or want more information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at (610) 668-6833 or SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Chaim Saiman on *Halanat schar sachir*.

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

D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Rabbi Steinberg Away:

Please note that Rabbi Steinberg will be away from this Sunday through next Sunday, November 21–28. If the need to reach him arises, please leave a message at his home or call Shul President, Sherman Frager.

Hakaras Hatov:

Thank you to Milt Waxman for donating a beautiful Talis to the Shul

WOMEN'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE—FALL SESSION

Mon. 9:00am: Tehillim for Cholim.

Mon. 9:30am: Parsha HaShavua with Steven Goldman.

Tues. 9:30am: Tehillim with Rabbi Shmidman (at LMS).

Wed. 9:00am: Michtav M'Eliyahu with Rachael Biberfeld.

Thurs. 9:30am: The Chazon Ish—Faith and Trust with Rabbi Steinberg.

All classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted. Free babysitting provided if you call in advance. For information, call Janis Fine (610) 888-0477 or (610) 617-0913.

Calendars:

The next four months of Young Israel calendars (through March 2011) are available online.

Also, please explore the new luach functionality on the internet archive.

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 **9:00am** at 8 Concord Circle.

Our father Yaakov sends emissaries to meet his brother Eisav and attempt to mollify him and to head off a possibly violent and even fatal confrontation. There are differing opinions in Midrash and the commentaries whether these emissaries were angels or humans. In any event it appears from the parsha that they were unsuccessful in their mission and were unable to deflect Eisav and his four hundred armed men from confronting Yaakov.

If we agree that his emissaries were mere humans then it is understandable that they could fail in their mission of dissuading Eisav and convince him to leave Yaakov and his family alone. However if we believe that Yaakov's emissaries were truly angels then how could they have failed in their mission? An angel never fails in his mission, right?

But we see from another incident in the life of Yaakov that human will and strength can even overcome an angel. Yaakov himself wrestles the angel of Eisav to a standoff. Yaakov's name is changed to Yisrael because he was able to wrestle and struggle with angels and men and emerge triumphant. Never underestimate the power of a human being for good or to wreak havoc.

Eisav's determination to harm Yaakov is so intense and fixed that even a horde of angels cannot deflect him from his evil purpose. Angels have no freedom of will and action and are therefore inherently weaker than are human beings. Angels have no hidden resource of will and strength—they are what they are. Humans, when taxed, can be righteous or evil in the extreme.

Only when Eisav finally sees Yaakov and his family before him does his will waver and he now becomes much more conciliatory. He is naturally influenced by the vast amount of money that Yaakov showers upon him. That is also part of human nature for humans are always susceptible and are weakened by monetary corruption. It is not the sight of heavenly angels that softens Eisav's heart towards his brother as much as it is the material largesse that is bestowed upon him by Yaakov.

Over the long history of the Jewish people, many a decree conceived against Jews has been thwarted because of monetary considerations paid to the proposed enforcers. As distasteful as this may sound and feel it was always a method employed to aid Jewish survival in difficult times and places.

Angels are not subject to such tactics and temptations but humans are. Humans can overcome angels but rarely are they able to elude temptation and its resulting troubles. However the same strength of will that is necessary and is part of the human makeup to overcome angels is also present when humans face temptations and difficult choices in life.

There was a campaign against drug use by teenagers in the United States a few years ago. The campaign's slogan was "Just Say No." I realize that this is a very simplistic way to deal with the problem of drug use by young people but it has the ring of truth to it. The strength to say no to angels is the same strength to say no to harm and evil.

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