

# Young Israel of the Main Line

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פרשת חיי שרה

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## Weekday Shiurim

**Mussar Chabura:** 15 minutes before Shacharis

**Mishna Brura:** Monday and Wednesday after Maariv, given by Eli Back.

**Ruach Chaim:** Thursday at 10:15pm, given by Rav Sholom Kamenetsky.

## Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Zeraim. Sign up on shul bulletin board or email [eisenber@pol.net](mailto:eisenber@pol.net) with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

**Bnos** will NOT meet this Shabbos. Ages 3 years through 7th grade. Please pay yearly membership dues. Contact Meira Friedman 610-617-9529 or [dmf201@gmail.com](mailto:dmf201@gmail.com).

**Torah Youth** from 2:45 to 3:45pm on the upstairs level of LMS. Grades k-8. Contact Rabbi Sruli Schwartz at [Sruli@torahyouth.org](mailto:Sruli@torahyouth.org) or Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-6686-6833 or [silverDollar@verizon.net](mailto:silverDollar@verizon.net)



## Shabbos Schedule

### Mevorchim haChodesh

**Molad for Kislev: Wednesday, Nov 14th 3:25am and 10 chalakim.**



Light Candles:	4:31pm
Mincha, followed by Kabbalas Shabbos:	4:31pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Drew Dorman:	7:55am
Shiur on Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim's Commentary:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:12am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is sponsored by David & Sharyn Chase in Hakaros haTov for all that Hashem has given us, our children and our community.	
Mincha:	4:25pm
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg.	
Gemora Shiur, third chapter of Bava Metzia – Perek Hamafkid.	
Maariv:	5:33pm

## Community Announcements - First Annual Bikur Cholim Basketball Tournament THIS SUNDAY

Hosted and Co-Sponsored by Kohelet Yeshiva High School. In Memory of Yudie (Jud) Borck A"H (Yehudah Zev Ben Feival Yosef). Sunday, November 11, from 9am to 8pm in the KYHS Gym. Cost: \$18 per child, \$30 for two siblings, \$25 per high school age, \$36 per adult.

To register, or for information: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KR5WXPP>

To sponsor, contact Shelly Melman 610-476-8107 or Monique Mogyoros 215-779-7070.

Sun, Nov 11	Mon, Nov 12	Tue, Nov 13	Wed, Nov 14	Thu, Nov 15	Fri, Nov 16
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</i> Shacharis 6:30am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 4:25pm Mincha 4:25pm
26 Cheshvan	27 Cheshvan	28 Cheshvan	29 Cheshvan	1 Kislev	2 Kislev

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## Thought of the Week

We read in our parashah that Yitzchak brought his new wife, Rivka, into the tent of his mother Sarah. Rashi z"l writes, "He brought her into the tent and she became exactly like his mother Sarah." He explains that several miracles that used to occur while Sarah was living began to occur again, one of them being that the Shabbat candles burned from one Shabbat eve to the next. [Until here from Rashi]

Regarding Shabbat candles, the Gemara (Shabbat 25b) states: We read (Eichah 3:17), "My soul despaired of having peace" – this refers to [the absence of] Shabbat candles [Until here from the Gemara]. R' Yehuda Loewe z"l (Maharal of Prague; died 1609) explains: Light is associated with peace, because light allows man to differentiate between things. Peace exists when proper boundaries exist, which is possible only when there is light. In the dark, everything is jumbled, and there is no differentiation and therefore no peace. This is why morning is called "boker"--because the morning light permits "bikkur" / inspection, which leads to differentiation. On Shabbat there is peace because man refrains from work and rests. [Maharal does not explain this last thought. Perhaps he means that man thus differentiates between the workweek and the day of rest.] (Chiddushei Aggadot)

In light of Maharal's words, perhaps the significance of Sarah and Rivka's Shabbat candles burning all week is that these Matriarchs distinguished themselves by their ability to differentiate where their husbands did not--in Sarah's case, recognizing that Yishmael was a bad influence on Yitzchak; in Rivka's case, recognizing that Yaakov, not Esav, deserved to receive Yitzchak's blessing.

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"Yitzchak brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother; he married Rivka, she became his wife . . ." (24:67) The Gemara (Berachot 6b) teaches: "One who has 'hana'ah' / enjoyment from a bridegroom's feast and does not cause the bridegroom 'simcha' / happiness transgresses five statements [of the prophet Yirmiyah (see Yirmiyah 33:11)]."

R' Shalom Natan Ra'anan z"l (1900-1972; teacher at Yeshivat Merkaz Ha'rav in Yerushalayim) explains: The Gemara (Berachot 8a) states, "One who has 'hana'ah' from his physical toil is greater than one who fears G-d." [This is usually interpreted as a praise of physical labor, but R' Ra'anan gives it the opposite interpretation. He writes:] The difference between hana'ah and simcha is that the former is fleeting, while the latter is long-lasting. Thus, for example, the term hana'ah is used in connection with food, since the pleasure of eating lasts only as long as the meals or a short time thereafter. In this light, our Sages are teaching: One whose physical labor brings him only hana'ah--but not simcha, for he understands that simcha is found in spiritual pursuits--is greater than one who fears G-d.

Similarly, if one attends a wedding and his focus is on the hana'ah, rather than on the simcha, he has transgressed. (Quoted in Meorot Ha'Reiyah: Yerach Ha'eitanim p.316)

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"Avraham came to eulogize Sarah and to cry for her." (23:2)

The Gemara (Shabbat 153a) states, "From a person's eulogy, it can be discerned what kind of person he was." R' Eliezer David Gruenwald z"l (1867-1928; Hungarian rabbi and rosh yeshiva) explains: Hashem brings about good things through good people. Thus, if a eulogy awakens the audience to repent, then it clearly indicates that the deceased was a worthy person.

He continues: Our Sages say that our Matriarch Sarah died when she heard about Akeidat Yitzchak. This could be interpreted as spiritual weakness on her part and might lead one to think that she was not spiritually complete. But, if that were the case, her eulogy would not have made an impact on listeners. Thus, says our verse, when Avraham came to eulogize her, and he saw that the listeners were moved, he recognized her greatness and cried for her. (Keren L'David)

Adapted from <http://torah.org/learning/hamaayan/5773/chayeisarah.html> by Shlomo Katz.

## New Chumashim Available

The new Dirshu - Ramban Chumash is here in the shul. Dedications available for \$36. You can also purchase one for your home for \$20. See Sherman Frager for details.

## Community Announcements - Yeshiva Banquet

The Annual Banquet of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia will take place on December 2nd at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center. The Banquet is in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Eisenberg. For ads and reservations please call the yeshiva at 215.477.1000.