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Parshas Toldos

פרשת תולדות

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ג' כסלו תשע"ג

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 with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

Bnos will meet from 2:45 to 3:45pm at LMS. Ages 3 years through 7th grade. Please pay yearly membership dues. Contact Meira Friedman 610-617-9529 or 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 or Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-6686-6833 or silverDollar@verizon.net



Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles:	4:25pm
Mincha, followed by Kabbalas Shabbos:	4:25pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Reuven Kovacs:	7:55am
Shiur on Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim's Commentary:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:17am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is sponsored by the Levin and Rosen Families in honor of Benjamin Aaron Levin's Bar Mitzvah.	
Mincha:	4:10pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg.	
Gemora Shiur, third chapter of Bava Metzia – Perek Hamafkid.	
Maariv:	5:27pm



- Mazel Tov to the Levin and Rosen Families on the occasion of Benjamin Aaron Levin's Bar Mitzvah.
- Mazel Tov to Zev and Charney Zelman on the birth of a boy. The Shalom Zachor and Bris will be"H take place in New York City.

Sun, Nov 18	Mon, Nov 19	Tue, Nov 20	Wed, Nov 21	Thu, Nov 22	Fri, Nov 23
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>Thanksgiving</i> Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 4:21pm Mincha 4:21pm
4 Kislev	5 Kislev	6 Kislev	7 Kislev	8 Kislev	9 Kislev

Thought of the Week

The name of this week's parsha – Toldot – is taken from the opening verse of the parsha – these are the toldot, the offspring and generations of Yitzchak. It is therefore understandable that the parsha should be named and remembered as the parsha of Toldot since that it is the key operative word. However, there is an exactly similar series of words that begin parshat Noach – these are the toldot of Noach. Yet that Torah parsha is not Toldot but rather it is named for Noach.

For the sake of consistency either our parsha should be named for Yitzchak or the parsha of Noach should be called Toldot as well. Even the naming of the parshiyot of the Torah teaches us important lessons about life and history.

Both Noach and Yitzchak had righteous offspring. Noach had Shem and Yitzchak had Yaakov. Both also had offspring that were less than righteous. Noach had Ham and Canaan, and Yitzchak had Eisav as a son. Yet there was a fundamental difference between Noach and Yitzchak.

Yitzchak possessed a heritage to transmit to Yaakov. The blessings that he bestowed upon his son were those that he had received from his father Avraham. It is heritage, family and national memory and traditions that create toldot, a continuity and connection to generational bonding and unity.

Noach was without such a background – he was a righteous individual, but still only an individual, who did not see himself in the role of being a nation builder. He did not possess a father who imbued him with a sense of tradition, family and nationhood. Avraham on the other hand was described by God, so to speak, as someone who would create a nation after him that would follow God's ways and commandments.

It was this heritage that Yitzchak received. He was also engaged not only in creating individuals as was Noach but rather in raising toldot – national eternal generations - that would continue the heritage and holy tradition that he had received from his father. Thus Yitzchak's parsha is named Toldot while Noach's parsha remains only on his name alone.

The Torah itself emphasizes this point by immediately describing Yitzchak as being the son of Avraham whereas in the parsha of Noach, the name of the father of Noach no longer appears. The Jewish people as a whole has toldot even as individual Jews may or may not be so blessed.

The toldot of the Jewish people are based upon shared memory and historical experience, Torah knowledge and observance, a sense of mission and a strong national identity. The thread of idealism, of helping others, of goodness and compassion – in short, the blessings of our father Avraham, run through the Jewish story of the ages.

We often think that material goods and wealth are the stuff of human inheritances. But that is a false reading of life's truths. It is the ideals and beliefs and traditions of holiness and Godly service that are the true heritage of Israel and guarantee that the people of Israel will always have toldot.

Adapted from <http://torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5773/toldos.html> by Rabbi Berel Wein.

Shiur given by Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 8:15 p.m. Join us for an inspiring shiur with Rebbetzin Holly Pavlov, Director of She'arim College of Jewish Studies for Women: Lessons We Learn from the Angels. When Moshe ascended the seven Heavens to receive the Torah, the angels on each sphere became his teachers. We too can learn from their powerful lessons how to receive and make the Torah our own. Couvert \$10 Sponsorships are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information or to RSVP please contact Janis Fine 610-888-0477 or at jfine@shearim.com

Community Announcements - Amit Annual Gala

AMIT Philadelphia Council/Shira Chapter will host its Annual Gala honoring Janet and Gilad Gevaryahu and Debra Speyer on Sunday, November 18, at 6:15pm at the Merion Tribute House. Event chairs include Rachel & Ian Scheinmann, Sara & Josh Bleier, and Cyndilee & David Kosloff. For reservations or information, contact AMIT, 410-484-2223 or robbiep@amitchildren.org.

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.