

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Special Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur

Special shiur this week between Mincha and Maariv. All are invited and encouraged to attend. See flyer for shiur topic. Source sheet and outline will be provided.

Wednesday Night Women's Halacha Shiur

The Women's Halacha Shiur will not meet this Wednesday. The next shiur will take place on Wednesday, January 4th. The topic will be "Muktza Toys."

Upcoming Lamdeni Shiur

The next Lamdeni Shiur for women will take place on Motzei Shabbos, January 7th. Mrs. Ruthie Lynn will be speaking on the topic of "Parenting: Torah Perspectives." The time and place will be announced.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos siyum on Seder Zeraim will be next Shabbos. If you would like to sponsor the siyum, please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Shayna and Rabbi Judah Goldberg on the birth of a baby boy! The Shalom Zachar will be held in their home, 15 Montgomery Avenue, Apt #3A at 8 pm. this Shabbos. If you would like to make a meal for the Goldberg family please call Dini Steinberg at 610-664-3796.

December 23-30, 2005

Parshas Vayeshev

פרשת וישב

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:22 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:41 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos:	4:05 p.m.
Maariv:	5:25 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis -Sun, Mon:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sun, Mon:	4:30 p.m.
Shacharis- Tues-Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Maariv (Tues-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.

There will be no weekday Mincha in shul until the spring.

YIML Installation Banquet

On January 15th, join us in installing our new Mara D'Asra, Rabbi Steinberg, at our Installation Banquet. This event will take place at the Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazelhurst Avenue at 6:00 PM. It promises to be an exciting and unifying event for our community. Please join us at the dinner and assist us in the ad journal campaign.

Chanuka Party

Join us!! The Children's Chanuka Chagiga will be IY"YH this Sunday night at 6:00 pm at YIML. Pizza, latkes, sufganiyot, gelt, crafts, and FUN!! All children who would like to participate in the grab bag should bring a small wrapped gift. \$7 per person (\$40 max per family).

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Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Rambam Sefer Hamitzvos	Rabbi Steinberg	
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Dov Gottlieb	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Shaarei Teshuva	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg	Topic: Chanuka
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Practical Halacha Shiur for Women	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

There will be Pirchei this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m. All boys grades Kindergarten-8 are invited to attend. Everyone should have received a membership letter in the mail. If you did not, please contact Rabbi Uri Greenspan at 668-1147 or Rabbi Mordy Gross at 668-1090. You must be a member to enter the Pirchei attendance raffle each week. The Pirchei Chanuka party will take place on Monday, December 26th at LMS.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this week from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Lower Merion Synagogue. B'nos would like to begin a girls Sunday crafts course- if interested, please contact Meira Friedman (20 person limit). All girls in grades N-8 may join us on Motzai Shabbos, Dec. 24, from 8:00 to 9:30pm at LMS for our Chanukah Extravaganza - prizes, games, entertainment, pizza, nosh, raffles...!

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Parshas Vayeshev

By Rabbi Yisroel Ciner

This week's parsha, Vayeshev, contains many fascinating events and concepts. Yosef, having been sold into slavery, was brought down to Mitzrayim {Egypt} and sold to Potiphar, one of Paroah's officers. When Potiphar saw the success that Yosef brought to his household, he appointed Yosef in charge of all his dealings.

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"And it was after these things and the wife of his master lifted up her eyes to Yosef. [39:7]" Yosef rejected her advances but she was persistent. "And... she spoke to him every day" [39:10]"

What gave Yosef the strength to resist this unrelenting temptation?

"And he didn't listen to her to lie next to her, to be with her. [39:10]"

The Talmud [Avodah Zarah 5A] explains: To lie next to her--in this world; to be with her--in the World to Come.

This explanation is actually part of a broader statement made by Rabi Yonasan: Anyone who performs a mitzvah {commandment} in this world, that mitzvah precedes him and goes before him to the World to Come. And all who transgress, that sin envelops him and leads him to the Day of Judgment. Rabi Elazar adds: And it (the sin) is tied to him like a dog, as it says: "And he didn't listen to her to lie next to her, to be with her." To lie next to her--in this world; to be with her--in the World to Come.

The Maharsha explains that every one of our actions creates a spiritual entity--a malach {angel}. The Nefesh HaChaim writes that the spiritual world that awaits a person is the spiritual reality that was created throughout a lifetime of actions.

But Rabi Elazar is adding a very powerful point. These spiritual entities don't just lead us into the World to Come that we have created. They actually become an added part of the person himself--tied to him like a dog.

With this idea, Rav Dessler explains the concept of 'kaf ha'kelah'--a punishment where a neshama is thrown by angels from one end of the 'world' to the other. He explains that the desires that a person attaches to in this world become part of that person. So much a part that even upon death, one still has those desires. Those angels that do the 'tossing' are the ones created by those sins. They are there with the person after death as he, in the most frustrating situation imaginable, pursues the physical desires that don't exist in the spiritual world. He is 'tossed' by these angels that he created from one end of the world to the other, searching for that which can never be found...

As Yosef was being tempted by the wife of Potiphar, he understood what was at stake. He understood the far-reaching ramifications of one's actions. He realized that "to lie next to her" in this world would ultimately cause him to "be with her" in the World to Come. To be with that desire that could never be satisfied. He withstood the temptation.

In this case, the ultimate outcome of his refusal resulted in bracha {blessing} even in this world. Her wrath had Yosef sent off to prison (granted, not a very auspicious beginning) that enabled him to meet and interpret the dreams of Paroah's two officers. This led to his being recommended to interpret Paroah's dreams after which he was appointed the number-two man of Mitzrayim {Egypt}. This paved the way for the nation to be molded in the furnace of Mitzrayim, preparing itself for nationhood and the receiving of the Torah.

Whether we merit to see it in this world or not, those are the fruits of our actions--the spiritual reality that they create. When one performs a mitzvah he is immediately surrounded by a pure holiness. The Nefesh HaChaim explains the verse: "These are the mitzvos that a person will fulfill v'chai ba'hem {and live in them} [Vayikra 18:5]." Literally in them! Tied to the person. Surrounded by their holiness, and incorporating them into oneself.

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