



• Mazel Tov to Ariella and David Braun on the birth of their daughter, Nava Mindel. May they and all of Klal Yisroel see a lot of nachas from her.

This Shabbos

Kiddush this week is community sponsored.
There will be no Shalosh Seudos this week.

Shabbos Shiurim

Parsha Chaburah: 7:55 am
 Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15 am
 Medical Halacha Shiur: Between Mincha and Maariv
 Medical malpractice in halacha: is a doctor, nurse, or layperson responsible for making an error?
 Chaburah: Between Mincha and Maariv
 Kobi Milgraum on the topic of the Avos keeping the mitzvos before matan Torah.

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos from 2:45 -3:45 pm on the upstairs level. Grades K-8th boys. Chanukah Mesiba! Sunday, December 13th, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at LMS. \$12/person, \$40 max. If you have any questions or would like to help sponsor please contact Rabbi Ari Silver at SilverDollar@verizon.net or 610-668-6833.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will NOT meet this Shabbos. HOLD THE DATE - Surprise BnOs ChAnUKAh Event - girls 3Y through 6th grade - Sunday, Dec. 13th, from 1 to 3pm at LMS!!!

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Parshas Vayishlach

פרשת וישלח

December 4-5

י"ח כסלו



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 4:18 pm
 Mincha - Friday: 4:20 pm
 Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:30 am
 Shacharis: 8:45 am
 Mincha: 4:15 pm
 Switch to טל ומטר at Maariv Saturday night
 Maariv: 5:21 pm

Next Shabbos: Shabbos Chanukah 1



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All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	4:25 pm
Maariv:	Monday through Thursday:	7:45 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30 pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15 pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Weekly Events

Chevra Mishnayos: Now learning Seder Zeraim. See shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group: Mondays 10:45 am at 8 Concord Circle followed by the Rabbi's Chovos Halevavos shuir.

This Motzai Shabbos: Special Lecture for Women

By our own Dr. Tal Weinberger on the topic of Mental Health Awareness with a Discussion of Unique Challenges confronting Observant Jewish Women. Motzai Shabbos Dec. 5th at 8:00 PM at YIML.

Save the Date: Scholar in Residence

We are pleased to announce that Rav Mayer Twersky, Rosh Yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary, will be joining us for a Shabbaton on January 16th. Details of this exciting program will be forthcoming.

Thought of the Week

Rashi teaches a famous Gematria lesson on the words "With Laven I have lived (garti)" [Bereshis 32:5]. The numerical value of the word "garti" [I have lived] is 613 (Tarya"g). [In fact they are the identical letters in a different order.] The subtle message in Yaakov's words to Eisav was "I have lived with Lavan for twenty years, but I have kept the 613 mitzvos of the Torah; I have not learned from his evil ways."

When a person is away from his family for twenty years, without any support system to buttress him against the mores of the surrounding culture, it takes great fortitude to maintain one's religious convictions. Yaakov Avinu possessed a special attribute that gave him immunity from societal influences.

Where did Yaakov get this attribute from? Yaakov acquired this attribute from his mother, Rivkah. Rivkah was the daughter of Besuel and the sister of Lavan. Her home influences were negative, yet she remained a righteous woman characterized by kindness and piety. She transmitted the attribute of not being influenced by one's surroundings to her son, Yaakov.

But, we must remember, Rivkah had another son as well. In fact, her sons were twins! Even though they were not identical twins, all studies show that twins are very similar in nature. Why didn't Yaakov's twin, Eisav, also inherit this attribute?

Rav Matisyahu Solomon offers a brilliant insight. Eisav *did* also inherit this attribute. He had a grandfather named Avraham. He had a father named Yitzchak. He had a mother named Rivkah. He had a righteous brother named Yaakov. Eisav should certainly have turned out to be a tremendous Tzadik [righteous man]. And yet that is not what happened. Eisav became wicked. He murdered, he practiced idolatry, he committed the worst of crimes. Why? It is precisely because he had this attribute. The same giant gene that he inherited -- like his brother -- from Rivkah, his mother, is what enabled him to ignore his positive surroundings, and grow up the way he did *despite* his environment!

The "gene" that does not let one be influenced by his surroundings can be spiritually advantageous, or it can be spiritually destructive. The same is true of all attributes that make up a person's personality. They can each be used for the greatest good or for the greatest evil. This has frightening ramifications. Any gift or blessing we possess can be used for good or for bad. It is simply a matter of free choice to determine how we will channel our G-d given powers.

Adapted from "The Ability To Not Be Influenced: A Good Or Bad Character Trait?" by Rabbi Frand.

<http://torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5765/vayishlach.html>

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