



Kiddush this week is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dorman in honor of the yartzeit of Drew's father, Shmuel ben Mordechai HaKohen.

Wednesday Night Women's Halacha Shiur

The Women's Halacha shiur has resumed! Join us Wednesday night, November 30th at 8:15 PM at YIML. This week's topic: "The Icing on the Cake"-Cutting Letters on Shabbos.

Chevra Mishnayos

The YIML Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Zeraim. You can sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

Kiddush at the Stein Home

Kurt and Melissa Stein invite the community to a kiddush in honor of Nechama Miriam, 20 months, and Sora Ruchuma, 4 months, this Shabbos from 10:30-2:00 at their home, 111 Bryn Mawr Ave.

Mazel Tov to...*

- Gary and Gail Cantor** on the recent engagement of their daughter Shira to Aaron Katchen
- Sherman and Susan Frager** on being the Guests of Honor at the Philadelphia Community Kollel Dinner this past Sunday night
- Rabbi Moshe and Laurel Simkovich** on the recent engagement of their daughter Shani, to Elyakim Deutsch
- Ira and Julia Strassman** on Elimelech's Upsherin

*Regretfully, these mazel tovs were not published in last week's announcements. We apologize for the omission.

Bikur Cholim Shabbos

Last Shabbos, Parshas Vayera was the yearly, city-wide Bikur Cholim Shabbos. We ask everyone to remember after Shabbos to write a check to the **Bikur Cholim of Philadelphia** and give it to Rabbi Steinberg, so we can all support the very important and dedicated work of this very worthy community organization.

Upcoming Community Events

December 18- Talmudical Academy of Philadelphia Dinner

January 15- Young Israel of the Main Line Dinner

Please make your reservations as soon as possible!!

All submissions, suggestions, sponsorships, and advertisements should be directed to Moshe Eisenberg, creator of this Weekly Update.

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Parshas Chayei Sara

פרשת חיי שרה

Shabbos Davening Times

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| Candle lighting: | 4:21 p.m. |
| Mincha - Friday: | 4:20 p.m. |
| Sof Zman Krias Shema: | 9:24 a.m. |
| Shacharis: | 8:45 a.m. |
| Mincha- Shabbos: | 4:05 p.m. |
| Maariv: | 5:23 p.m. |

Weekday Davening Times

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| Shacharis -Sunday: | 8:00 a.m. |
| Mincha- Sunday: | 4:25 p.m. |
| Shacharis- Mon, Thurs: | 6:40 a.m. |
| Shacharis- Tues, Wed: | 6:50 a.m. |
| Shacharis- Friday (Rosh Chodesh Kislev): | 6:30 a.m. |
| Maariv (Mon-Thurs): | 7:45 p.m. |

Topic for the Sefer Hamitzvos Shiur:

'Zechiras Yetzias Mitzrayim': Time-Limited or Eternal Mitzvah
Shabbos, Between Mincha and Maariv

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.

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Shiurim*



| DAY | TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER | NOTES |
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| Shabbos | 8:15 a.m. | Chumash Shiur | Rabbi Steinberg | |
| Shabbos | Between Mincha & Maariv | Rambam Sefer Hamitzvos Shiur | Rabbi Steinberg | Topic: 'Zechiras Yetzias Mitzrayim': Time-Limited or Eternal Mitzvah |
| Sunday Morning | After Davening | Sefer Hachinuch Shiur | Dov Gottlieb | |
| Mon., Wed. | After Maariv | Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos | Eli Back | |
| 15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri. | | Mesilas Yescharim | Rabbi Steinberg | |
| Monday | 8:00 p.m. | A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar | R' Judah Goldberg | |
| Monday | 9:30 a.m. | Women's Tehillim Group | | At the Eisenberg home |
| Tuesday night | After Maariv | Gemora Sukka Shiur | Rabbi Steinberg | |
| Wednesday | 8:15 p.m. | Practical Halacha Shiur for Women | Rabbi Steinberg | Topic: "The Icing on the Cake"-Cutting Letters on Shabbos |
| 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 1-8 are invited to attend.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

Please note- B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will NOT meet this week, Parshas Chayai Sara, Nov. 26. We will resume next week. Please remember to send in membership dues (to B'nos of Bala Cynwyd c/o Meira Friedman) if you have not already done so- \$25 per girl, \$50 family max.

Lamdeni Shiur

Gila Manolson, of *She'arim*, will be joining us next Motzei Shabbos, December 3rd at 8:00 PM at YIML. She will be speaking on the topic of "How to Talk to Your Daughters About Tznius" Couvert: \$10. Light refreshments will be served.

For The Love of...Man!!

By Tzachi Rosman

Each of our religion's forefathers is mentioned as typifying one specific trait. Avraham was the epitome of *chessed*. His love of helping others was so great that even when in severe pain from his circumcision, Avraham ran out into the blistering sun to greet potential guests. What was it that yielded his amazing propensity toward doing *chessed*? Maharal explains: "The fact that one may love other people is due to the fact that he loves Hashem. For one who truly loves somebody, loves all the doings of that person's hands. Therefore, it is impossible for a person who sincerely loves Hashem, not to also love His creations [i.e. people]." Avraham, who loved Hashem to the extent that he was willing to offer his only son to Him as a sacrifice, unsurprisingly had a level of affection toward Hashem's creations that manifested itself in his seeming compulsion to do kind actions.

It is no wonder then, that when asking Hashem for a sign as to whom would be the proper wife for Yitzchak, Eliezer uses the following gauge: "Let the maiden to whom I say, 'Please, lower your jug so that I may drink,' and who replies, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels'—let her be the one whom You have decreed for your servant Yitzchak" (Genesis 24:14). For, who better a choice as a wife for the son of Avraham than someone whose love for Hashem is apparent in not only her love of His human creations but for His animal creations as well. The sign, then, was not simply to locate a *baalat chessed* but also to unearth a true lover of Hashem.

People often find it difficult to feel a true sense of love for other human beings. This difficulty is often attributed to the person's inability to find a common factor that connects him deeply to the other individual. Maharal explains that one is able to fulfill the commandment of *v'ahavta l'rayacha ka'mocha*, love your fellow as yourself, only when his self-love is based on the realization that he is created *b'tzelem elokim*, in the image of God. Once such a level is attained, a person becomes able to love his fellow on the same level as he does himself since his fellow, too, is created *b'tzelem elokim*.

Love has been described as the most intense human emotion. The feeling of love for the Ultimate Being, then, is certainly beyond words. May we, following in the footsteps of our mother Rivkah, come to an adoration of Hashem which is demonstrated through our actions toward all his living creations. May the dispersion of such a love yield the arrival of a time where all inhabitants of the earth live together in a state of harmony and tranquility.