



Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Steinberg and Waxman families in appreciation of Rabbi Steinberg and Milt Waxman having received Chosson Torah and Chosson Beraishis, respectively.

Shiurim Schedule Change

Please note that Rabbi Steinberg will now be giving a shiur in Gemara Sukkah between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos. The subject this week will be: **“Gud Asik: Does it Apply to Sukka or Not?”** The Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur will be given periodically with prior announcement. The next shiur will meet on Shabbos, December 24th, between Mincha and Maariv. The topic will be: **Mitzvah Priorities: Learning Torah or Raising a Family?**

Schedule for Wednesday Night Women’s Halacha Shiur

Wed., Dec. 21st – Halachos of Chanukah
Wed., Dec. 28th – NO SHIUR (Chanukah)
Wed., Jan. 4th – “Muktza Toys”

Chevra Mishnayos

The YIML Chevra Mishnayos is 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. The siyum is tentatively planned for Shabbos Chanuka.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Avi and Julie Zohar on the birth of a baby girl, Hila Rochel. If you would like to make a meal for them, please contact Elana Avis at (610) 667-6618.

Condolences

YIML extends condolences to our member, Gary Cantor, on the loss of his mother, Anna Cantor z”l. Shiva will continue until Monday morning at the Cantor home, 200 Bryn Mawr Ave. Shacharis Sun. – 8:30 AM, Mincha – 4:15 PM, Shacharis Mon. – 6:45 AM.

May the mourners be comforted among the aveilei tzion v’Yerushalayim.

Upcoming Community Dinners

December 18- Talmudical Yeshiva 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.

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayishlach

פרשת וישלח

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:19 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:37 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos:	4:05 p.m.
Maariv:	5:22 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis –Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sunday:	4:25 p.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-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.

The YIML Annual Chanukah Party

We are proud to present our Annual Family Chanukah Party! Please join us on December 25th (1st Night of Chanukah) at 5:30 PM for crafts, an inspirational animated Chanukah video, and an optional gift grab bag (please have each child who will participate in the grab bag bring a \$3 wrapped gift). Pizza, Latkes, Sufganyot, Gelt, and **FUN!!** \$7.00 per person, ages 1-120 (\$40 max per family)

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Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES/TOPIC
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Chumash Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>Topic:</u> <i>Gud Asik</i> : Does it Apply to Sukka or Not?
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.		Shaarei Teshuva	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg	<u>Topic:</u> Chanuka
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Practical Halacha Shiur for Women	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>Topic:</u> Halachos of Chanukah
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. Please note: 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. The Pirchei attendance raffle is starting this week, but you must be a member to enter. The Chanukah Extravaganza will be on Monday, December 26 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. 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. B'nos would like to begin a girls Sunday crafts course- if interested, please contact Meira Friedman (20 person limit). The Bnos Chanuka party will be on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

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The Sun Also Rises

By Rabbi Frand

The Torah tells us that after Yaakov fought with the Angel of Eisav, "The sun rose and was shining upon him" (Yaakov) [Bereshis 32:32]. The Talmud in Chulin [91b] relates a story involving Rabban Gamliel, Rabbi Yishmael, and Rabbi Akiva.

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They were shopping to buy meat for the wedding of Rabban Gamliel's son. Rabbi Akiva inquired about the meaning of the above verse: "Did the sun just shine for Yaakov? -- It shone for everyone." To which R. Yitzchak responded "The sun that set for him, rose for him."

What is the meaning of the Talmud's question and answer, and why was it necessary for the Gemara [Talmud] to tell us the details regarding when this discussion took place?

The Menachem Zion provides a beautiful interpretation. We know from other places in the Talmud about the relationship between Rabbi Akiva and his companions. One such famous incident is located at the end of Tractate Makkos (24b) -- and such stories are repeated many times in the Gemara.

Rabbi Akiva lived at the time of the destruction of the Second Temple and he lived into the period of Exile after the Destruction. It was a time of terrible depression. It was one of the worst periods in Jewish history. Jews were downtrodden, desperate, and at times, hopeless.

It was always Rabbi Akiva's practice to cheer up his companions and to tell them not to give up hope. In Makkos, we learn of the incident where the Sages saw a fox emerge from the area that formerly housed the Holy of Holies. The Rabbis broke down and cried until Rabbi Akiva comforted them, explaining that what they saw was a positive omen. [If the prophecy that predicted that foxes would walk in that place was fulfilled, so too the prophecies of redemption will be fulfilled.]

The Talmud tells us regarding this period that from the time that the Government (Romans) started oppressing them, they should have made a decree that people should not marry and have children, because it is better perhaps to let the Children of Avrohom die out on their own rather than to suffer this persecution. Nonetheless, the Gemara concluded that such practice would not be acceptable. However, it is clear that the spirit of the times did border on hopelessness.

Rabbi Akiva was walking with his friends to buy meat for the wedding of Rabban Gamliel's son. Rabban Gamliel was thinking, "What am I doing -- I am marrying off my son so that I should see grandchildren who will be killed by the Romans?"

Rabbi Akiva saw that Rabban Gamliel was in a state of despair. He was not rejoicing over his son's wedding. Rabbi Akiva wanted to breathe life and spirit into his friends. So he invoked the principle that what happened to the fathers, foreshadows what will happen to the children (Ma'aseh avos siman l'banim).

Look at what happened to Yaakov in Parshas VaYetzei. He reached the nadir of his career -- the lowest of the low. Yaakov had to run away from home. His brother was trying to kill him. He did not have anything to call his own. There he is and the sun sets -- both figuratively and literally -- for Yaakov Avinu. It gets dark. Yaakov moves into a period of night and goes into an exile with a Lavan who tries to rob and cheat him. The sun had set for Yaakov.

But what happened? Yaakov persevered. He did not give up. Yaakov remained steadfast and honest. He returned after that long exile -- whole in body, whole in money, whole in his religion. Yaakov made it through the night and the sun now rose for him.

Rabbi Akiva was telling his colleagues: "Do not give up. What happened to the fathers will happen to the children. The sun that set for Yaakov, eventually also rose for him. There was an end to the exile and to the night."

And that has been the history of the Jewish people. We go through the night. We went through the Roman oppression, we went through the Inquisition, we went through pogroms, through T"ach, vT"at [1648 - 1649]; more recently, we even went through a Holocaust. But we will come out of it all.

Netzach Yisroel Lo Yishaker [The Eternal One of Israel does not lie - Samuel I 15:29]. There will be an end. The sun that set for us during the time of destruction will eventually rise for us again. And we -- as a nation -- will come back again physically whole, materially whole and spiritually whole.

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