

### Good-bye Oneg

Miles and Adina Spiller are hosting an oneg this Friday night from ~8-10 at their home (204 Upland Road) to say good-bye to Chaim and Judy Levin and their family who are moving to Baltimore. Everyone is invited.

### YIML Children's Chanukah Party

Please join us on **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> night of Chanukah)** at **5:30 PM** for the YIML Children's Chanukah Party. Food, Fun, and Live Entertainment! **\$7 for adults and children over age 2. \$35 family maximum.** See you there!

### YIML Cookbook

YIML proudly presents our very own COOKBOOK. Please submit recipes to Ilana Buchbinder ([ijl927@aol.com](mailto:ijl927@aol.com)) or Shani Daniel ([shani314@yahoo.com](mailto:shani314@yahoo.com)) ASAP. Sponsorships are available at \$36, \$54, \$72 and \$180. The success of this cookbook depends on you!

### Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is currently learning Seder Zeraim. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. **The siyum time has been moved** to take place tentatively at Shalosh Seudos on Shabbos, Parshas Miketz (Dec. 23). If you would like to sponsor the siyum or you have any questions, please contact Moshe Eisenberg.

### Mazel Tov to...

... **Rabbi and Mrs. Levy and Family** on the occasion of Avraham's bar mitzvah this Shabbos.

... **Yehuda Goodhart** on his engagement to Jennie Benedek of Toronto.

### Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will not meet this week.

### B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Don't forget to remind your daughters to bring their hats for hat day at B'nos.

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**Parshas Vayishlach**

**פרשת וישלח**

### Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:17 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:32 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos:	4:05 p.m.
Maariv:	5:20 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 not be weekday Mincha until the Spring.

### Next Shabbos (Chanuka) Davening Times

Candle lighting:	4:18 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	4:20 p.m.

### Michtav Me'elihu Shiur this Shabbos – Topic: Chanukah

Please note that this Shabbos between Mincha and Maariv, Rabbi Steinberg's shiur in Michtav Me'Eliahu will be on the subject of **Chanukah**. (Men and Women welcome.)



## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Michtav me'Eliyahu	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>Topic:</u> Chanukah
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Moshe Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Chovos Halevovos	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		345 Bala Ave.
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Gemora Kesuvos First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	Shiur for Women
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

### Creating Holiness

By Rabbi Berel Wein

Our father Abraham had the greatness and ability to transform three seemingly Bedouin Arabs into angels when they visited his home. In this week's parsha, Eisav has the destructive quality of converting, according to one Midrashic interpretation, the angels that Yaakov sent to greet him into people of force and violence. The former angels literally beat up on Eisav's men in order to make Eisav think twice about attacking Yaakov.

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The lesson here is obvious. Human beings have the ability to sanctify or diminish holiness as they choose. There are homes that have the ability to structure angels and there are societies that demean and diminish even originally holy creatures into violent demons. The problem with Eisav is that he is interested in holiness and spirituality. But he is unwilling to pay the price to obtain them, to forgo his temporary wants and violent means of satisfying these urges. Even the angelic ideas that enter his house and society somehow become perverted into struggles and violence.

Eisav preaches love and peace and yet engages in constant strife and war. Some of the Chasidic masters interpreted Yitzchak's blessing of "the hands are the hands of Eisav and the voice is the voice of Yaakov" as being completely directed towards Eisav. Eisav possesses "the voice of Yaakov" as well, but he completely negates the holiness and purpose of that voice by using "the hands of Eisav."

It is not the mere idea of holiness that carries the day. It is the practice of holy behavior that matters most. A famous rabbi in America when once interrupted in the midst of his impassioned sermon by a crying child stated: "Crying children like all good ideas should be carried out." How true!

This attitude of Eisav, preaching spirituality and goodness but not really practicing it, is very prevalent in today's world. It is also unfortunately present in our Jewish world. Everyone speaks about spirituality and Torah while the behavior of many within the Jewish world is contrary to the tradition, values and lifestyle of Torah. The voice of Yaakov must also be consistent with the behavior of Yaakov – of the gentle person who dwells within the tents of Torah and tradition – in order for it to be truly heard.

A sham pretense of holiness, a faith that is held captive to current and temporary social whims has little chance of ultimate meaning and survival. Judaism strives to raise ordinary people to the levels of angelic behavior. It never compromises on those goals though it fully recognizes that not everyone can ever achieve them. But it is only by aiming for the highest standards, even if we fall short of them at times, that we ordinary humans can become more angelic.

By compromising standards we end up emulating Eisav and reducing possible angels into unworthy human beings. How sad it is to let such opportunities to achieve greatness slide by us because of apathy and lack of self confidence and pride. Let us always follow Avraham and avoid Eisav's weaknesses.

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