

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Chayei Sara פרשת חיי שרה

כ"ב חשוון תשס"ח—November 2–3

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	4:53pm
Candle lighting:	5:40pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:40pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	10:09am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura:	5:35pm
Maariv:	6:42pm

Weekday Davening Times

Uncle Sam says: Fall Back!

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday:	4:40pm
Maariv (Mon.–Thu.):	7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	4:33pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:35pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. C. Diamond	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Minchas Chinuch Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Y. Seif	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.-Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	
Monday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Makkos	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Ira and Julia Strassman on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Ira's father, Avraham Yaakov, ben Elimelech. There will also be a birthday cake in honor of the first birthday of Tzvi Elimelech Weinberger!

Parsha Shiur:

This Shabbos at 8:15am: *Malbim's Novel Approach to Avraham and Efron*, given by Rabbi Steinberg. **Chabura:** This Shabbos between Mincha and Maariv: *Eved Avraham Anochi: Eved Ivri Gufo Kanuy and the Jewish Slave Ethic*, given by Rabbi Yehuda Seif.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will IY"H meet this week from 3:45pm to 4:45pm at LMS.

New Pirchei Group:

A new group in Pirchei has started for 6th—8th grade boys. A gemara shiur, learning Gemara Ta'anis.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

MAZEL TOV!

To Eli & Sarah Back...

... on the birth of twin granddaughters.

To Mrs. Laya Back...

... on the birth of twin *great*-granddaughters.

Advanced Gemora Shiur:

The Advanced Gemora Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg, now learning Masseches Makkos, meets on Monday nights at 9:00 PM. Mareh Mekomos are sent out by e-mail in advance of the shiur. To join the e-mail list, contact Rabbi Steinberg: rabbi@yiml.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Zeraim.
See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Women's Tehillim Group meets Mondays at 9:45am at 345 Bala Ave.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Yissocher Frand

A Slip of the Tongue Can Mean The Difference Between Life and Death

Rashi [Bereshis 23:2] cites the reason given by the Medrash Tanchuma for the juxtaposition of the "Binding of Yitzchak" with the death of Sarah: "Through hearing the news of the Binding, that her son was readied for slaughter and was nearly slaughtered (*kim'at shelo nishchat*), her soul flew from her and she died."

The Sifsei Chachomim makes an inference from Rashi's use of the expression "*kim'at sehlo nishchat*" (which literally means "he was almost NOT slaughtered"). The simple translation of Rashi is that Sarah was shocked by the fact that Yitzchak was almost slaughtered. However strictly speaking, that is not what the words of Rashi are saying.

The Sifsei Chachomim therefore explain the scenario as follows: The angel came from Mt. Moriah and began describing to Sarah what happened at the Akeida. He told her something to the effect that "your son was slaughtered, but he was not killed." The angel should have told Sarah "I have good news for you. Your son is fine. He was almost slaughtered." Rather than saying it that way, the angel began with the dramatic statement "Your son was on the verge of being slaughtered." Sarah died before he had a chance to add the words "but he wasn't."

Reb Yeruchem Levovitz (1874-1936) comments that we see how someone—even an angel—can have the opportunity to deliver good news, but simply spoil the whole message because of the way he chooses the order of his words. The angel of "good news" became the angel of death.

The lesson here for us all is that we must be extremely careful in how we speak. So many times, people mean no harm whatsoever. But they wind up saying things to people in a way that is painful to them. There is no ill will. Their intent is not to be mean. It is just a matter of carelessness or, at worst, stupidity. But one is not allowed to be stupid. Rav Yisrael Salanter used to say that the first mitzvah in the Torah is "Do not be a fool!"

Sometimes, merely the way the words are said makes all the difference in the world. Sometimes people are so terribly hurt as a result of careless in the expression of certain ideas, as a result of someone not thinking something through.

We need to sensitize ourselves to all that is going on in the homes and the minds of our listeners. We must think before we talk and think while we talk. We must know what to say, who to say it to, how to say it, and in what situations it should not be said.

As we see from this Rashi, sometimes just a slip of the tongue can mean the difference between life and death.

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