

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayechi

פרשת ויחי

י"ג טבת תשס"ח—December 21–22

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	3:40pm
Candle lighting:	4:21pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:20pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:40am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura:	4:15pm
Maariv:	5:24pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday & Tuesday:	8:00am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday & Tuesday:	4:30pm
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Maariv (Mon., Wed., Thu.):	7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	4:25pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:25pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. M. Simkovich	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	J. Weinberger	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	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 is community sponsored.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will IY"YH meet this week from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at LMS.

This week's Pirchei learning is l'iluy nishmas Serach Dena a"h bas Sholom Dovid n"y. If you are interested in sponsoring a Pirchei Shabbos please contact Rabbi Ari Silver, 610-668-6833.

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Ilana and Moshe Buchbinder and family on the birth of a baby girl.

To Ilana & Moshe Buchbinder and the entire Buchbinder family ...
... on the birth of a baby girl Monday night.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Medical Halacha Shabbaton:

Shabbos, Dec. 29, Parshas Shemos.

- Rabbi Dr. Avraham Avraham, author of the Nishmas Avraham,
- Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Halperin, Director, Schlesinger Institute for Medical-Halachic Research).

Speak to Danny Eisenberg about sponsorship opportunities. For details see: <http://www.chaseplanet.us/dchase/yiml/yimlMedicalEthicsShabbaton5758.pdf>

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton:

Shabbos, Jan. 26, Parshas Yisro.

Look to hearing more details in the coming weeks!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Torah Academy Carnival:

Are you bored and looking for something to do on a cold winter day? All kids are invited to the Torah Academy Carnival on Monday, December 24 from 1:00pm through 4:00pm! Games, prizes, moonbounce, face-painting, pizza, refreshments and more! Cost is \$8/person, \$25 family maximum.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Moed.
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.

Are you on our e-mail list?

To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to majordomo@chaseplanet.us with the following in the message body (all one line): `subscribe yiml YOUR-EMAIL`

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

The book of Bereshith is completed in this week's Torah reading. The story of the emergence of first one person and then an entire family as being the spearhead of monotheistic belief in a pagan world is an exciting but difficult one.

At so many turns in the events described in the Torah the idea of monotheism and the few who championed its cause could have died at birth. Yet somehow the idea and the people advancing it survived and grew until, over the ages, it became the defining idea in the major religions of civilization.

Truth somehow survived, unable to be crushed by the great and mighty forces always aligned against it. Our patriarch Yaakov tells the Pharaoh that "my years are relatively few and very difficult ones." But Yaakov is not only speaking for himself in this statement. He speaks for the Jewish people as a whole in all of its generations and ages. And he also speaks for all those in the world who still value truth over falseness, accuracy over populism, reality over current political correctness and imposed intellectual conformity.

The Midrash taught us that the seal of God, so to speak, is truth. The book of Bereshith begins with truth inscribed in its opening words, the last letter of these first three words of the Torah spelling the Hebrew word *emet*—truth. Falseness requires publicity, media, excuses and greater falsehoods to cover and justify the original untruth.

In Yiddish there is a phrase that says: "The best lie is the truth." Truth needs no follow-up. It stands on its own for all eternity.

Jefferson in the American Declaration of Independence stated that truths are self-evident. If we merely contemplate, even on a superficial level, the events as described in the book of Bereshith, we must stand back in awe to realize the power of truth and the tenacity of individuals who pursue it and live by it.

How easy and understandable it would have been for any of our patriarchs and matriarchs to have become disappointed and disillusioned by the events of their lives. Yet their ultimate faith, that truth will survive and triumph, dominates the entire narrative of this first book of the Torah. Bereshith sets the pattern for everything that will follow.

All of the Torah is a search for and vindication of truth. God's revelation at Sinai was an aid in this quest for truth, otherwise so many people could not have arrived at that moment of truth all together. But falseness, human nature, greed and apathy continually whittle away at the idea of truth as the centerpiece of human endeavor.

The rabbis taught us that the acts of the patriarchs, which are the main story of the book of Bereshith, guide us for all later generations. This Shabat we will all rise and say "chazak"—be strong—at the conclusion of the Torah reading. The never ending pursuit of truth requires strength of purpose and will. May we really have the strength of purpose and belief to "be strong".

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