

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Chayei Sara

פרשת חיי שרה

כ"ד חשוון תשס"ט—November 21–22

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 3:39pm
Candle lighting: 4:22pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:25pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: **9:21am**
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura: 4:20pm
Maariv: 5:25pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday: 4:25pm
Shacharis (Mon.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed.): 6:50am
Maariv (Mon.–Wed.): 7:45pm

Shacharis Thanksgiving Day: 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv Thanksgiving Day: 4:25pm
Shacharis (Fri. Rosh Chodesh Kislev): **6:30am**

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 4:19pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:20pm

Please be aware of the time of Sof Zman Krias Shema and act accordingly!

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Chabura	D. Dorman	Special Time
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Weinberger	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Choshen Mishpat	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 א"י meet this week from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at LMS. **Chabura:**

This week in the Shabbos Afternoon Weekly Chabura we continue, א"י, with a Chabura by Rabbi Josh Weinberger:

The Korban Todah.

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Israel & Inna Pendrak and Family on the engagement of their daughter Karen Pendrak to Itzhak Kraftmann of Lakewood. The *Vort* will be this Sunday, November 23, 2008, at 4:00pm.

Congregation Zichron Yaakov
170 Sunset Road
Lakewood, NJ

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yeshiva Banquet:

The Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia's 55th Annual Banquet will be held the December 7 at the Drexelbrook, at 5:30pm. The honorees are Rabbi & Mrs. Mordechai Terebelo.

Please purchase reservations or make a donation by visiting <http://www.chaseplanet.us/typ/>

Thank you for supporting the Philadelphia Yeshiva, and the Roshei Yeshiva to whom we owe so much!

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 Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:45am** at 8 Concord Circle.

Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

This week's parsha represents the constant human drama of death and renewal, of grieving over what has been irretrievably lost and soldiering on to make life productive and meaningful. To Avraham the husband, Sarah is irreplaceable. He remarries and has many children from that union but he is constantly reminded of God's statement that only through Yitzchak, the son of Sarah, is he guaranteed continuity of his ideas and values and immortality.

Sarah will live on only through Yitzchak, and Avraham realizes that his future is also dependent solely on Sarah's immortality. Perhaps that is why the parsha is entitled Chayei Sarah—the life of Sarah—when the parsha deals apparently only with the death of Sarah. For it is the life, so to speak, of Sarah after her death, that she still lives on through her son Yitzchak that is the centerpiece of the parsha.

There is a basic human drive within all of us that reflects itself in our wanting to be remembered after we are no longer alive on this earth. I saw once the most poignant tombstone inscription I ever read over the grave of a young woman who died in her twenties. It simply stated: "Please don't forget me."

Avraham weeps and grieves and eulogizes his beloved Sarah. But he cannot guarantee her memory will be part of the Jewish experience. Only Yitzchak can do that and that is why the bulk of the parsha then describes the effort to find for a proper mate for Yitzchak that will validate Sarah's heritage and values. Avraham's true eulogy for Sarah lies in helping Yitzchak reestablish Sarah's tent and life mission.

Rashi points out the well-known Midrash that when Rivkah entered the tent of Sarah, all of the spiritual greatness that was present in Sarah's tent and disappeared at the time of her death reappeared with the entry of Rivkah into Yitzchak's life.

Sarah is truly irreplaceable but her continuity is assured because of Yitzchak and Rivkah. No human being is truly replaceable but no human being is indispensable to the continuity of God's mission and work on this earth. The next generation is always charged with building upon the legacy that it received from previous generations. Its task is not only that it should create a society that will remember it but that that society will also remember all of the previous generations that preceded it.

Yitzchak and Rivkah will be remembered eternally only if through them Avraham and Sarah are also remembered and preserved. This concept is undoubtedly the source of the Ashkenazic custom of naming new born children after their deceased ancestors. The new baby is immediately challenged to represent and remember, so to speak, the past generation that has departed.

The parsha describes for us the life of Yitzchak but it is entitled Chayei Sarah, the life of Sarah, for only in Yitzchak's life does Sarah truly live on. Thus every Jewish home that carries forth the traditions of Jewish life and values is transformed into the tent of our eternal mother Sarah.

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