

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Vayechi

### פרשת ויחי

י"ד טבת תשס"ט—9–10 January

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 3:54pm  
Candle lighting: 4:35pm  
Mincha - Friday: 4:35pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:46am  
Shacharis: 8:45am  
Mincha followed by Chabura: 4:30pm  
Maariv: 5:39pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

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

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 4:43pm  
Mincha - Friday: 4:45pm

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	S. Sved	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Steinberg	
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 sponsored by Josh & Tal Weinberger and David & Sara Brudnoy in honor of the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Tzipora.

### Bnos and Pirchei:

Pirchei will א"י meet this week from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at LMS.

Bnos will *not* meet this week because of finals at the Girls' High School.

### Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Rabbi Steinberg:

*The Parameters of Tochacha vs. Areivus*  
(From the Torah of Rav Zelig Epstein שליט"א)

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 Josh & Tal Weinberger and Family...

...on the occasion of Tzipora Weinberger's becoming a Bas Mitzvah.

### To Michael & Ellen Braffman and Family...

...on Yaakov Braffman's Aufruf and upcoming marriage to Shoshana Good.

### Request from the Gabbaim:

The Gabbaim would like to remind the community that the periodic pruning of the "Cholim" list has occurred. If you have a name that should be included on the sheet, please communicate it to the Gabbaim. Alternatively, you may write in the name yourself. The sheet is under the glass on the shulchan.

It is expected that the "Cholim" list will be pruned more frequently in the future. By keeping your entries on the sheet current and not standing in line at the shulchan we can avoid unnecessary *tircha* to the rest of the shul.

Thank you, The Gabbaim

## 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 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

The parsha of Vayechi marks the end of the story of the house of Yaakov and the conclusion of the book of Bereshith—the book of the patriarchs and matriarchs of our people. The parsha tells us of the end of an era that spanned many long centuries. People alive at the end of an era oftentimes are unable to realize that they are at the end of what has been so normal and expected for centuries.

All of us expect things to continue apace and regularly as they have been. Thus, great and sudden changes in circumstances always blindside us for we are never prepared for the unknown and completely unexpected. The Jews were aware that neither Yaakov nor Yosef would live forever. But they did not ever imagine how drastically their situation in Egypt would change after the death of the generation of Yaakov and Yosef.

It becomes apparent that the presence of Yaakov and Yosef was the deciding factor in the "good exile" of Egypt. Therefore the Torah emphasizes that Yaakov lived in the land of Egypt. Yaakov's presence in the land of Egypt is the protection for his family and descendants from the natural resentment of the Egyptians to what they undoubtedly view as the undue power, wealth and influence of an alien group within its midst.

It is the old and worn down Yaakov that saves Egypt from five more years of terrible hunger not the young and confident and wise Yosef. So the emphasis on Yaakov's living in Egypt is the Torah's way of warning us not to be as certain as to why things happen and the real main catalysts for the situations of national and personal life.

Yaakov's farewell to his children, recorded for us in this parsha, indicates his awareness of the problems that will yet face his children. The Torah teaches us that he wished to reveal the entire story of Jewish history to his children even till the messianic era, but that the Lord, so to speak, prevented him from so doing. But Yaakov certainly indicated the immediate future that they would have to face—that there was going to be a change in eras and that the past remains the past and not the present and certainly not necessarily the future.

The blessings that Yaakov bestowed upon his children were all long range and meant to be fulfilled over many years and centuries. Yaakov cannot tell them of the end plot of the story of the Jewish people but he assures them that there is a bright ending somehow. It is again an indication that the central figure in the era of the patriarchs and matriarchs is Yaakov.

And, the first words of the parsha, which indicate that Yaakov lived, may also be understood to mean that Yaakov still lives. It is his personality and example that guides all Jewish history and life. We are all still under the influence of our great forefather on whose name—Yisrael—we are called. We should all be aware of this blessing.

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