

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayeshev

פרשת וישב

December 19–20—כ"ג כסלו תשס"ט

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 3:40pm
Candle lighting: 4:20pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:20pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:39am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura: 4:15pm
Maariv: 5:24pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun., Thu.): 4:30pm
Chanukah, First Candle: Sun. Eve. 6:40am
Shacharis (Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.): **8:00am**
Shacharis (Federal Holiday—Thu.): 7:45pm
Maariv (Mon., Tues., Wed.): 7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 4:24pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:25pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. Werrin	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	D. Daniel	
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	OFF WEEK
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Special Pre-Chanukah Kiddush:

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Steinberg, in appreciation for the Rabbi's Chosson Torah Kibbud.

Featuring: Chanuka Goodies!

Bnos and Pirchei:

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

Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Dov Daniel:

*Haneros halalu kodesh hem?
Is there anything holy about chanuka candles?*

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Torah Youth Chanukah Party:

Boys in grades K–8: join us on December 22 from 6:30-8:00pm for the Annual Pirchei/Torah Youth Chanukah Mesiba at LMS. Food! Latkes! Shtick! Fathers are welcome. \$12/person, \$40 family max. For more information, contact Ari Silver at (610) 668-6833 or via e-mail at SilverDollar@verizon.net.

HACHNOSSAS SEFER TORAH!

Frager Family Torah Dedication in memory of Max and Mollie Frager, ה"ע

Save the date! YIML Hachnassas Sefer Torah—Sunday morning, Dec. 28 (the 7th day of Chanukah) from 11:30am—1:00pm. Refreshments will be served and you also get to meet the Frager Clan (ה"בט).

MAZEL TOV!

The Young Israel Community wish Mazel Tov...

To Stan & Jillian Sved and Family...

...on the upcoming marriage of Shuli Sved to Chaim Mazel.

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

Yaakov settles in the Land of Israel, the Land of Canaan, the land of his forefathers. In that first sentence of this week's parsha lies the hope of Yaakov and of all his descendants. Rashi, quoting the Midrash, states that Yaakov wanted to rest from his earlier troubles and remain serene and at peace for the balance of his life. This is a natural human wish and desire. But the troubles of Yaakov are not over by any means.

The incident of the dispute and resultant tragedy of Yosef and his brothers will erase any hope of Yaakov being able to remain serene and at peace with himself. The truth of Jewish history indicates that the years of serenity of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel were relatively few and far between. We always thought that the creation of our national home in the Land of Israel would be the ultimate panacea for Jewish life.

Herzl promised that anti-Semitism would disappear with the creation of an independent Jewish state. Tragically, history has shown the case certainly to be otherwise. In fact, the Jewish state has in many respects exacerbated the campaign of anti-Semitism in today's world. The longing for serenity oftentimes blinds people to unpleasant realities and forthcoming dangers.

Yaakov is aware of the problem between Yosef and his brothers but he is not proactive in preventing the violence that lies below the surface of this dispute. His desire to rest and settle in peace in the Land of Israel—simply to be left alone by all of his neighbors and potential enemies—essentially prevents him from attempting to prevent the civil war brewing in his house.

The Lord is therefore critical, so to speak, of Yaakov's desire for serenity at all costs. Serenity is in the World to Come and not in this world of problems and challenges.

The Jewish community here in Israel desires peace and serenity at almost all cost. The desire is so strong that it has led to a great dispute between different sections of Israeli society. The desire for peace overwhelms all other issues and creates great rivers of division and even violence amongst us. So, there is really little effort to heal these divisions and concentrate somehow on our own homes and families.

The desire for peace and serenity has sucked all of the oxygen out of all of the other issues of Israeli life. In pursuing a goal that may currently be beyond our abilities we abandon the opportunity to truly achieve success with the more mundane challenges that face us.

Ben Gurion, not noted for his great piety, nevertheless said that there are certain issues that will have to be left to messianic times for permanent solution. Undoubtedly he meant that certain problems do not lend themselves to resolve currently. We are entitled to aspire for serenity and peace, but not at the expense of the realities and dangers that face us. Yaakov's example remains an important lesson for us as well in our present challenges and difficulties.

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