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Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:
15 minutes before
Shacharis
Mishna Brura: Mon
and Wed after Maariv
Gemora Bekius:
Tue, Wed, Thu at
8pm.
Sefer Bereishis:
Monday at 8pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:
Thursday at 10:10pm
Gesher HaChaim
Shiur for Women:
Monday at 9:30am at
8 Concord Circle.

Chevra Mishnayos Siyum!

The Chevra
Mishnayos is having
a siyum Seder
Zeraim this Shabbos
at kiddush.
Sponsorships are still
available. Please
sign up to join in the
learning of Seder
Moed. See shul
bulletin board to sign
up or email
eisenber@pol.net
with your name and
the masechta (and
chapters) you intend
to learn.

Parshas Miketz

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December 23-24, 2011

פרשת מקץ

כ"ח כסלו תשע"ב



Shabbos Schedule Shabbos Chanukah Mevorchim haChodesh



Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos: 4:21pm

Parsha Chaburah by Drew Dorman: 7:55am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Shacharis: 8:45am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:40am

Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up. Children
under 2 must be supervised by a parent. 9:45am

Kiddush is sponsored by the Steinberg and Pendrak
Families in gratitude for the honors of Chosson Torah and
Chosson Beraishis received by Rabbi Steinberg and Israel
Pendrak this past Simchas Torah.

Pirchei and Bnos will not meet this Shabbos.

Mincha: 4:15pm

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

Maariv: 5:25pm

Sun, Dec 25	Mon, Dec 26	Tue, Dec 27	Wed, Dec 28	Thu, Dec 29	Fri, Dec 30
Chanukah 5 Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm 29 Kislev כ"ט כסלב	Chanukah 6 Rosh Chodesh Teves Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm 30 Kislev ל' כסלב	Chanukah 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves Shacharis 6:30am Maariv 7:45pm 1 Tevet א' טבת	Chanukah 8 Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm 2 Tevet ב' טבת	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm 3 Tevet ג' טבת	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 4:26pm Mincha, and Kabbalas Shabbos 4:26pm 4 Tevet ד' טבת

Questions? Comments! Sponsorships\$ weeklyupdate@yiml.org



▪ Mazel Tov to Cheryl Epstein and Family on the birth of their new granddaughter, Bruria, born to Dovi and Chavi Goldschmidt. Mazel Tov also to the proud great-grandmother, Mrs. Suri Rabinovici.

Chanukah Party!!

Our Chanuka Party will be at Young Israel of the Main Line on Monday the 26th at 6:15pm. Fun, Food, Crafts, and a Show by the Amazing Larry Vee! Juggling, Hula-hoop, Unicycle & Pogo Stick Tricks! Cost: \$8 for ages 2 and up, \$60 family max. Sponsored by Kutest Kids.

Thought of the Week

The word miketz or keitz signifies “end” or “conclusion.” It is usually used to denote the end of an era, the defining moment of the passage of time. It also denotes that a great change of circumstances is about to occur. What was before will be no longer. The end of the past will give way to a new reality. In this week’s parsha the word introduces us to the radical change in the circumstances of Yosef – from dungeon inmate to viceroy of Egypt.

In Jewish tradition, the word is employed to describe the end of the period of exile and trials of Israel and the beginning of the longed for redemption and messianic era. Implicit in our understanding of the word as it appears in the Torah and Jewish tradition is the understanding that nothing is certain and what may appear to be long lasting and immovable is always only temporary and given to change.

Only uncertainty is certain in our lives and in all human affairs. There is always an end to the present and a new future, for good or for better, always is present just over the horizon of time. This short Hebrew word mocks all of the predictions of experts in any field of endeavor. All such statements are based upon the known past and present but these come to an eventual end and the future remains as inscrutable as ever. We are experts in hindsight. We rarely achieve meaningful foresight in any field of human endeavor, and in national and personal living.

All of this is true regarding humankind generally. It is doubly true regarding the Jewish people and Israel. Only the diehards stubbornly insist that somehow the path of the Oslo Agreements has not yet come to an end. Only the hardened and Jewishly Torah ignorant secularist believe that somehow theirs is the solution to the “Jewish problem,” both internally and externally.

In our generation, the end has come to many ideas, ideologies and circumstances that were supposed to carry on for future centuries. The whole world’s economic structure is now threatened by the unthinkable, something that economic experts told us could never happen and that there never would be an end to consumer and debt driven prosperity.

Hitler’s Reich was to have lasted one thousand years and Marx’s economic theories were to have produced eternal peace, fairness and a certain and easily predictable future. The world operates as though the word miketz is not present in the human lexicon. That is the tragic error in human society for it allows for faulty planning, a sense of overconfidence, and a pompous certainty based on the false assumption that circumstances and eras do not change or end.

This week’s parsha reiterates this true fact of our existence, uncomfortable as that may be to our psyche. The Midrash introduces its commentary to our parsha with the verse “keitz – an end has the Lord brought to our darkness.” May that be the keitz to our era as well.

Adapted from <http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5772/miketz.html> by Rabbi Berel Wein.