

# Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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## Shalosh Seudos

Shalosh seudos in shul this week is sponsored by the Chase family.

## Lamdeni Shiur this Motzei Shabbos

Gila Manolson, of *She'arim*, will be speaking this Motzei Shabbos, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM at YIML on the topic of "How to Talk to Your Daughters About Tznius" Couvert: \$10. Light refreshments will be served. All women are encouraged to attend.

## Wednesday Night Women's Halacha Shiur

The Women's Halacha Shiur has resumed! Join us Wednesday night, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 PM at YIML. This week's topic: "Tips for Waiters"- Halachic Subtleties of Waiting Between Meat and Dairy.

## Chevra Mishnayos

The YIML Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Zeraim. You can sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

## Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Barry Weiss on the birth of a grandson to Yosef Binyomin in Eretz Yisroel.

## Condolences

YIML extends condolences to our member, Mrs. Risa Goldman, and her family on the passing of her father, Rabbi Yitzchak Ebert, z"l.

## Bikur Cholim Appeal

Parshas Vayera was the yearly, city-wide Bikur Cholim Shabbos. If you have not yet submitted your donation to the **Bikur Cholim of Philadelphia**, Rabbi Steinberg will be collecting checks after Shabbos. Everyone is encouraged to support the very important and dedicated work of this worthy community organization.

## Upcoming Community Events

December 18- Talmudical Academy of Philadelphia Dinner  
January 15- Young Israel of the Main Line Dinner  
Please make your reservations as soon as possible!!

December 2-9, 2005

Parshas Toldos

פרשת תולדות

## Shabbos Davening Times

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| Candle lighting:                            | 4:17 p.m. |
| Mincha - Friday:                            | 4:20 p.m. |
| Sof Zman Krias Shema:                       | 9:33 a.m. |
| Shacharis:                                  | 8:45 a.m. |
| Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos: | 4:05 p.m. |
| Maariv:                                     | 5:21 p.m. |

## Weekday Davening Times

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| Shacharis -Sunday:         | 8:00 a.m. |
| Mincha- Sunday:            | 4:25 p.m. |
| Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:     | 6:40 a.m. |
| Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri: | 6:50 a.m. |
| Maariv (Mon-Thurs):        | 7:45 p.m. |

There will be no weekday Mincha in shul until the spring.

## YIML Installation Banquet

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, join us in installing our new Mara D'Asra, Rabbi Steinberg, at our Installation Banquet. This event will take place at the Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazelhurst Avenue at 6:00 PM. It promises to be an exciting and unifying event for our community. Please join us at the dinner and assist us in the ad journal campaign.

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## Shiurim\*



| DAY                                      | TIME                    | TOPIC                                    | SPEAKER               | NOTES   |
|--|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| Shabbos                                  | 8:15 a.m.               | Chumash Shiur                            | Rabbi Steinberg       |   |
| Shabbos                                  | Between Mincha & Maariv | Rambam Sefer Hamitzvos Shiur             | Rabbi Steinberg       | <b>CANCELLED</b>  |
| Sunday Morning                           | After Davening          | Sefer Hachinuch Shiur                    | Dov Gottlieb          |   |
| Mon., Wed.                               | After Maariv            | Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos            | Eli Back              |   |
| 15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri. |                         | Mesilas Yesharim                         | Rabbi Steinberg       |   |
| Monday                                   | 8:00 p.m.               | A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar | R' Judah Goldberg     |   |
| Monday                                   | 9:30 a.m.               | Women's Tehillim Group                   |                       | At the Eisenberg home   |
| Tuesday night                            | After Maariv            | Gemora Sukka Shiur                       | Rabbi Steinberg       |   |
| Wednesday                                | 8:15 p.m.               | Practical Halacha Shiur for Women        | Rabbi Steinberg       | Topic: "Tips for Waiters" - Halachic Subtleties of Waiting Between Meat and Dairy |
| Thursday night                           | 10:15 p.m.              | Nefesh Hachaim                           | Rav Sholom Kamenetsky |   |

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

### Pirchei of Philadelphia

There will be Pirchei this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please note: all boys grades KINDERGATEN-8 are invited to attend.

### B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this week from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Lower Merion Synagogue. Please remember to send in membership dues (to B'nos of Bala Cynwyd c/o Meira Friedman) if you have not already done so- \$25 per girl, \$50 family max.

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### Parshas Toldos

By Rabbi Wein

There are many difficult underlying questions posed in the Torah reading of Toldot. But the most difficult question of all, the one that nags at the soul of all Jewish parents from the days of Yitzchak and Rivka onwards, is how does such a holy union of marriage and family produce a child like Eisav. Avraham had a son, Yishmael, who proved to be far different than his father, a violent and capricious person.

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But Yishmael was not a son of Sarah, but rather of Hagar, and thus his departure from the way of life of his father Avraham is somewhat understandable. And even more, Yishmael, in his older years, actually repents and reforms and returns to the way of life of Avraham and Yitzchak, and acknowledges Yitzchak's primacy in the task of carrying forward the spiritual legacy of Avraham. But Eisav, who is a twin of Yakov, and not only has Yitzchak as father but Rivka as a mother, grows up to be a womanizer, a murderer, a man of the sword. And he never repents of those traits and behavior patterns! So, where does the answer to this disturbing parental and generational problem lie?

The great commentators to the Torah all wrestle with this difficulty and each, according to his tradition, insight, and genius, volunteers an answer to the problem. The answer that strikes me as most relevant to our generation and our present circumstances of education and child-raising is the one advanced by Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch in his monumental commentary to the Torah. Rabbi Hirsch boldly observes that Yitzchak and Rivka are to be faulted for giving Eisav the same type of education and curriculum of study that they assigned to Yakov. Eisav is not Yakov. That was obvious from the moment they left Rivka's womb. The Torah itself describes them as being radically different personalities with widely differing interests and talents. "And Eisav was a person of the fields, one who knew how to hunt, while Yakov was an innocent person, a dweller in tents of study." The diligent student, the bookish scholar, should receive one type of training that befits him and his outlook and his scholarly abilities, while the athletic, physically strong and committed hunter should receive another type of education. Both forms of education, that of Eisav and of Yakov, should be in the tradition of Torah and both forms of education should have the same goal of producing a moral and Torah-observant person. But the forms, the methods, the schools, the subjects taught and the manner in which they are taught, of each form of education will certainly differ one from another. By forcing Eisav to follow Yakov's educational track exactly, Yitzchak and Rivka promoted, albeit unwittingly and certainly unintentionally, Eisav's defection from their tradition and way of life.

Parents have the duty to give their children a proper Torah education. But not every child should attend the same school or even the same school system that his brother attends. Each child is a world unto himself or herself. Lumping children together and forcing all of them into one educational stream does a serious disservice to many of those children. Not every child is equipped to sit for long hours every day and study Talmud. By forcing these children into such a one-dimensional framework of education, one almost guarantees that there will be a considerable amount of failures, drop-outs and great disappointments in the families of those children. Parents have to do what is good and right for their children, on an individual basis, and not to do what they think their neighbors, or neighborhood, approve as a proper education. People are terrorized by "the shidduch" and other extraneous pressures. But no child should be sacrificed on the altar of outside considerations when it comes to the choice of the proper school and type of education that fits each of their children. Our streets are unfortunately full of the drop-outs from types of education that were not realistic for them. Rabbi Hirsch's admonition should be a rallying call for all of us in our current complicated and sensitive educational society.

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