

# קולנו Kolenu

בס"ד

<b>Shabbos - וישלח</b>	
Candle Lighting:	4:25 PM
Mincha Erev Shabbos:	4:30 PM
The Rav's Parasha Shiur:	8:00 AM
Shacharis:	7:30, 8:45 & 9:00 AM
The Rav's Daf Yomi:	After Maariv
Rabbi Dr. Agatstein's Daf Yomi:	After Maariv
The Rav's Navi Shiur:	3:40 PM
Mincha:	4:10 PM
Shabbos Ends / Shabbos Ends - רבינו תם:	5:29 PM / 5:56 PM
<b>Weekday</b>	
The Rav's Daf Yomi:	30 min before first minyan
Rabbi Dr. Agatstein's Daf Yomi:	8:30 AM Sun 8:00 PM Mon-Wed 9:00 PM Thurs
Last Time for Shema/Tefillah for This Week:	9:12 AM / 10:02 AM
Shacharis:	6:25 & 8:00 AM Sun 6:15 & 7:00 AM Mon & Thurs 6:25 & 7:00 AM Tues, Wed & Fri
Mincha / Maariv:	4:30 PM
Begin saying "tal u'matar" at Maariv on Monday	
<b>Next Shabbos - וישב</b>	
Candle Lighting:	4:26 PM
Mincha Erev Shabbos:	4:30 PM

## Young Israel of Hancock Park

וישלח

ד"ר נסנו - December 2, 2017

To find out the status of the Eruv, please visit: [www.laeruv.com](http://www.laeruv.com) or call 1-877-ERUV-INFO before Shabbos

## Upcoming Shul Simchos & Events

### OU Torah Weekend

Thurs, Nov 30 – Sun, Dec 3, 2017

### Emeth/Cohen Wedding

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

### Eli Gordon Bar Mitzvah

Parashas Vayechi  
Shabbos, December 30, 2017

### Boldt/Povarsky Wedding

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

### Boldt/Shadovitz Wedding

Sunday, January 21, 2018

To have your simcha or event listed here please email [kolenu@yihp.org](mailto:kolenu@yihp.org)

Guests & non-members can donate through



[paypal@yihp.org](mailto:paypal@yihp.org)

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**Mazel Tov to Enoch and Yocheved Kimmelman** and to Dr. Irving and Shirley Lebovics on the birth of a granddaughter, Ariella Basya. Mazel Tov to the proud parents, Eli and Chaya Lebovics.

**Mazel Tov to Rabbi Meyer and Shulamith May** and Rabbi Mordechai and Leah Lurie on the engagement of their granddaughter, Shoshana Lurie, to Simcha Rosen. Mazel Tov to the proud parents, Rabbi Shmuel and Faigi (May) Lurie of Baltimore and Dr. Michael and Annie Rosen of Passaic, NJ.

**Mazel Tov to Moishe and Deena Zyskind** on the birth and bris of a grandson, Usher Anshel. Mazel Tov to the proud parents, Chana and Benny Gottdiener.

**Mazel Tov to Barry and Yocheved Rosenthal** on the birth of a granddaughter, Naomi. Mazel Tov to the proud parents, Rabbi Ariel and Sarah Martin of Yerushalayim, and to the extended Rosenthal, Martin and Majeski families.

There will be an OU Torah Weekend from Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Young Israel of Century City. YIHP will be hosting Mr. Moishe Bane, President of the OU, as our Scholar-in-Residence this Shabbos. Mr. Bane will be giving the drasha after Mussaf and will also be speaking at seudah shlishis. Mrs. Joanne Bane, a well-known and respected shadchan, will be speaking at a seudah shlishis for women at 4:00 PM at the home of Michael and Michele Boldt, 131 S. Martel Ave.

### Kiddush! Kiddush!

The entire kehilla is invited for a meet-and-greet kiddush after davening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Moishe Bane.

The OU Torah Weekend wraps up with *Learn LA* on Sunday morning at Beth Jacob Congregation. See the flyer and separate email message.

Our heartfelt condolences to **Dr. Bernard Monderer** on the petirah of his mother, Mrs. Jenny Monderer, a"h.

Dr. Monderer has been sitting shiva in Israel and in New Jersey, and will continue to sit shiva in Los Angeles from Sunday to Tuesday at 169 N. McCadden Pl.

Sunday: Shacharis 8:00 AM, Mincha 4:30 PM.

Monday: Shacharis 7:00 AM, Mincha 4:30 PM.

Tuesday: Shacharis 7:00 AM.

Yeshiva University is proud to honor Rabbi Meir Goldwicht with the Presidential Medallion at its 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chanukah Dinner on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. For participation opportunities, please visit [www.yu.edu/Ravgoldwicht](http://www.yu.edu/Ravgoldwicht). All donations made in his honor will be recognized in a special tribute book gifted to Rav Goldwicht.

Ronald and Barbara Kloor are being honored at the Passaic Torah Institute dinner on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, and the dinner is dedicated in loving memory of Barbara's parents, Reuven and Ruth Fasman, a"h. To place an ad or to make a reservation, go to <https://www.duvys.com/simple/pti>.

YIHP will be having a Chanukah Mesiba on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Chanukah, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the shul.

Sponsors for Seudah Shlishis this Shabbos are:

- **Simon and Daniella Stone** for the yahrzeit of Yitzchok ben Simcha a"h, Daniella's father.
- **Yossie and Frieda Kahan** for the yahrzeit of Raiza Perl bas Shmuel Tzvi a"h, Frieda's mother.
- **Stanley and Barbara Treitel** for the yahrzeit of Chaya bas Yisroel a"h, Stanley's mother.
- **David and Sheila Thumim** for the yahrzeit of Chaya Tilla bas Yissachor Dov a"h, David's mother.
- **Chaim and Esther Craitenberger** and **Yossie and Frieda Kahan** for the yahrzeit of Yaakov Alter ben Yosef Mordechai a"h, Esther and Yossie's father.
- **Chaim and Miriam Teichman** for the yahrzeit of Ida Ita Yehudit bas Yosef Yitzchok a"h, Chaim's mother.

## As Good As Bad

By Rabbi Raymond Beyda

*"I have lived with Lavan" [32:5]*

After leaving his fearful confrontation with Esav, Yaakov Avinu is beset by another meeting that makes him more than anxious. His wicked brother Esav is approaching with 400 warriors. Yaakov Avinu took a multi-faceted approach in order to pass this meeting in safety. He sent gifts to Esav, he prays and he splits his camp into two parts — preparing for battle should all else fail. Messengers were sent with the simple phrase "I lived with Lavan." Rashi explains that Yaakov was telling Esav that he had spent over 20 years living with Lavan and he was still able to keep all 613 commandments and he did not learn from Lavan's wicked ways.

Certainly Esav was not concerned with the level of Torah observance that Yaakov his brother adhered to while living with their uncle. What was Yaakov trying to convey to him?

Rabbeinu Yosef Hayim from Baghdad, the Ben Ish Hai, explains with a parable. One upon a time the Yetzer Hatov - the Good Inclination - met the Evil Inclination —the Yetzer Hara. The evil one suggested, "Let's have a cease fire. I will give you my customers and you in return will give me yours." Surprisingly the Yetzer Hatov agreed.

One of the more dedicated disciples of the good inclination was a pious man who sat learning Torah day and night. That evening, while the man was sitting in his study learning intensely the Evil Inclination entered the library and made the man feel that he needed to take a break to get a breath of fresh air. As he strolled through the neighborhood, the man stopped by the window of a small cafe where he saw several men playing cards. He was enthralled by the intensity of the competition and fascinated by the fact that the men were so involved in their game that they failed to notice when their coffee was served.

About an hour later the pious man returned home. He went to his study and began sobbing in a mournful tone.

His wife, obviously concerned, inquired as to what was causing her husband such grief.

"Until now," answered her spouse, "I thought that I was fulfilling my obligations to G-d in a golden fashion, but I learned today that I am not even copper. Tonight I watched men wasting their time playing cards. But I did notice that as they played they were so enthusiastic and focused on their game that they didn't even notice that the waiter had delivered their coffee to the table. When I learn Torah I do not forget to drink!" That evening the man accepted upon himself to try even harder in his studies to reach the same level of devotion to his Torah as the gamblers had for their game.

The next morning the Evil inclination approached the Good Inclination and said, 'I am canceling the cease-fire. It's every man for himself. When I work with your clients, instead of bringing them down, I rile them up to a higher level of devotion to Torah.'

Esav knew that war with Yaakov must be fought on a spiritual level even more so than on a physical level. Yaakov Avinu wanted Esav to drop his guard. He sent the message to Esav — "Don't be overly concerned by my success in the house of Lavan. It is true as your agents have probably reported to you that I did keep the 613 commandment. However, I did not learn to maximize the good by doing my mitzvot with the excitement and enthusiasm that Lavan did his wicked deeds."

A person has to know his or her self. Self-evaluation on a regular basis is the path to self-improvement and spiritual growth. Yaakov was honest with himself. He knew that until his Torah observance was as "hot" as the evil doings of Lavan, he had not yet reached the ultimate service. None will deny that when "partying", staying awake, alert and energetic until dawn is not difficult, while reading a little Torah at night is a perfect antidote for insomnia. We must try to do our best to maximize our service to G-d by doing mitzvot with the excitement and intensity of those who are in the clutches of the Evil Inclination.