



Young Israel of Greater Cleveland

February 2018 Newsletter-Shevat/Adar 5778

From the Rabbi's Shtender

Dear Member,

With Purim just a few weeks away, I would like to share with you a thought that I saw from Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski that really hits the mark on one of the main themes of Purim. In the song, Shoshanas Yaakov, which we sing on Purim, we recite the verse: **“תשועתם היית לנצח ותקותם בכל דור ודור”**

“You have been their salvation throughout eternity, and their hope in every generation”. There have been many eras when Jews were exiled, banished, and persecuted. In each generation, we have had our Hamans, and in each generation, we have placed our trust in Hashem. Even if we ever have moments of doubt as individuals, we cannot have any serious doubts as a nation. No people could have survived as the Jews did without Divine Providence. This is the message behind the verse quoted above. Even if a particular generation does not get to see the salvation of Hashem, the persistence of the Jewish people throughout history testifies to His watchfulness over us.

Have a meaningful and enjoyable Purim.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein

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FEBRUARY ZEMANIM

	Yisro Feb. 2-3 17/18 Shevat	Mishpatim Shabbos Shekalim Mevorchim HaChodesh Feb. 9-10 24/25 Shevat	Terumah Feb. 16-17 1/2 Adar	Tetzaveh Shabbos Zachor Feb. 23-24 8/9 Adar
Candlelighting	5:25 pm	5:34 pm	5:43 pm	5:51 pm
Mincha Erev Shabbos	5:30 pm	5:40 pm	5:50 pm	5:55 pm
Hashkoma Stone	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am
Shacharis	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
(Stone) Childcare Groups (HAC) Junior Congregation	10:30-11:15 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:15 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:15 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:15 am 10:30-11:15 am
Mincha	5:15 pm	5:25 pm	5:35 pm	5:45 pm
Ma'ariv	6:26 pm	6:35 pm	6:44 pm	6:52 pm
Motzei Shabbos	6:34 pm	6:43 pm	6:52 pm	7:00 pm
Latest time for krias shema (am)	10:08 am	10:04 am	9:59 am	9:54 am
Latest time for Shacharis (am)	10:58 am	10:56 am	10:53 am	10:49 am
Weekday Mincha (week of...)	2/4-2/8 5:35 pm	2/11-2/15 5:45 pm	2/18-2/22 5:50 pm	2/25-2/27 6:00 pm

Shacharis Schedule:

HAC:
S 7:20 am
M & Th 6:40 am
T-W-F 6:45 am

Stone Syn:
S 7:15/8:00/ 8:30 am
M & Th 6:40 / 7:50 am
T-W-F 6:45 am/ 7:50 am

Rosh Chodesh Adar

Thursday, February 15
Friday, February 16
Stone: 6:30/7:40 am
HAC: 6:30 am



Shiurim Schedule	
<u>WEEKDAYS</u>	<u>WEEKDAYS CONT'D</u>
M-F 7:30 am Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	W. 8:15 pm Dramatic Narratives in the Talmud (Rabbi Berger-Stone)
S-Th 9:00 pm Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	W 8:15 pm Chabura in Kollel (Rabbi Borchardt-Stone)
S-F 8:50 am Daf Yomi (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	Th 8:15 pm Rabbi Soloveitchik's Yahrzeit Shiurim (Rabbi Berger-Stone)
S -Th 8:30 pm Daf Yomi (Rabbi Baum-Stone)	
S After 7:15 am Shacharis Minyan Mussar (Rabbi Dovid Gross-Stone)	
S After 8:30 am Shacharis Minyan Maimonides: Guide for the Perplexed (Hillel Chiel-Stone Beit Midrash)	<u>SHABBOS</u>
S 9:00-10:30 am Parshas HaShavua class (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	8:30 am Parsha (Rabbi Lebovics-HAC)
M 8:15 pm Halacha for women (Rabbi Burnstein-home of Deena Israeli)	8:30 am Parsha (Stone)
T 2:15 pm Mesilas Yesharim for women (Rabbi Baum-Stone)	10:15 am Aspects of Prayer and Liturgy (Rabbi Berger following Stone Hashkoma)
T 7:30 pm Parshas HaShavua for women (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	10:15 am Sefer Melachim (Dr. Jeff Lautman following Stone Hashkoma)
T 8:45 pm Chumash for high school boys (Rabbi Borchardt-Stone)	90 Minutes before Mincha Gemorra Avodah Zora at home of Dr. Jeff Lautman
W 12:15 pm Sefer Shemos for women (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	Dvar Torah at Shalosh Seudos (Rabbi Moshe Berger-Stone)
W 8:00 pm Gemorra for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	1 hour before Mincha-Gemorra (Rabbi Yankel Cohen-HAC)
W 9:25 pm Yorah De'ah for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	

תשע"ח / 2018 – PURIM פורים



Fast of Esther- Ta'anis Esther is observed on **Wednesday, February 28**. The fast begins at **5:51 am**. Although the fast does not technically begin until morning, a person should have in mind before retiring for the night the possibility of awakening before daybreak to eat.

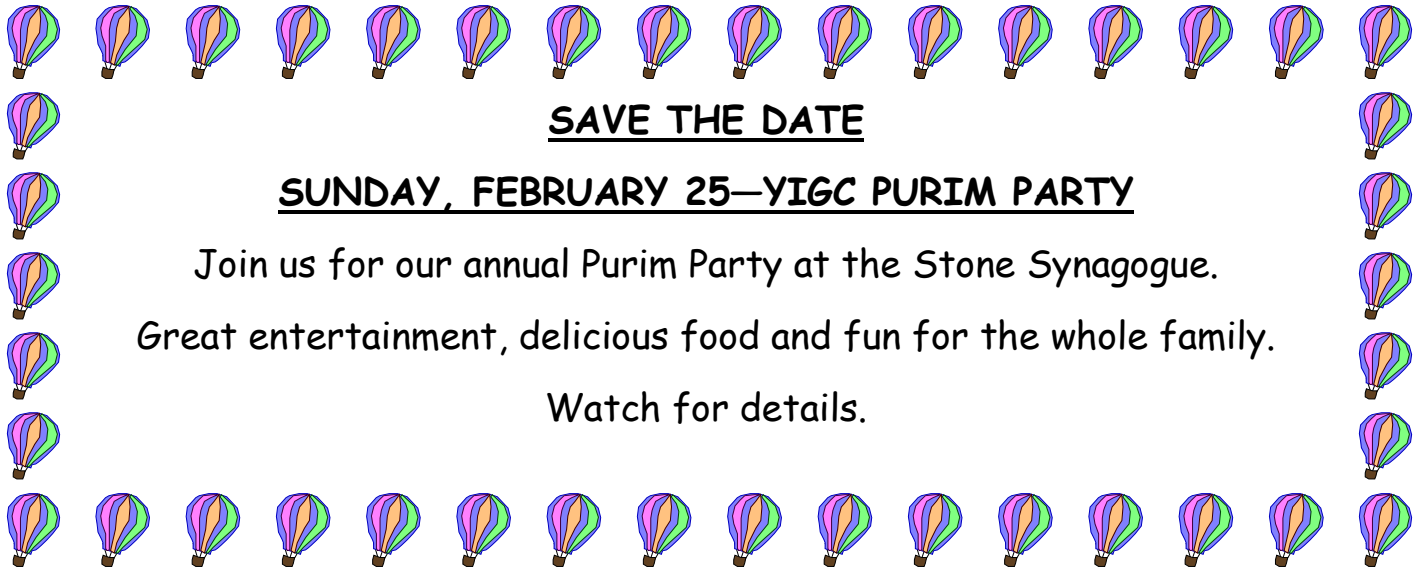
Giving of the Half Shekel - Our custom is to give 3 coins to charity before Mincha on Ta'anis Esther. This is done in commemoration of the half shekel donated to the Beis Hamikdash each year during the month of Adar. Since it is mentioned 3 times we give 3 coins each. These coins should be the half-denomination in the country in which it is given (e.g. 3 half dollars in the U.S.), or the equivalent. The coins need not be silver. If this practice was not observed on Ta'anis Esther, it may be done on Purim day preferably before the morning reading of the Megillah. A plate will be put out at all minyanim, with all monies going to charity.

Shabbos Zachor - On the Shabbos before Purim (this year February 24), a second Torah is used for the reading of "Parshas Zachor". The Torah commands us to remember the nation of Amalek that attacked the people of Israel immediately after their exodus from Egypt. Since Haman was a descendant of Amalek, this portion is read on the Shabbos immediately preceding Purim. According to many opinions, both men and women are obligated to hear this special reading. A second reading of "Parshas Zachor" will take place (at the Stone Synagogue and the Hebrew Academy Branch) immediately after the conclusion of davening, for those who may have missed the first reading.

Purim Day - On Purim everyone is required to observe four mitzvos.

- 1) Hearing the reading of the Megillah both at night and in the morning. Although it is important to educate children about all the mitzvos of Purim, particularly the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah, those children who cannot sit through the entire reading and will disturb others should not be brought to shul for the Megillah reading. (Please look on the next page for specific times and locations for the Megillah readings).
- 2) Mishloach Manos - On Purim day at least two ready-to-eat food items are given to another person.
- 3) Matanos L'evyonim - On Purim day, gifts (money, food etc.) are given to at least two needy people. Please send in your "Matanos L'evyonim" donations to the office (please specify that the donation is for Matanos L'evyonim) before Purim. All monies collected will be distributed to local people in need (through Matan B'sayser) and needy people in Israel, on Purim day.
- 4) Seudas Purim - on Purim day, a festive meal is eaten. In order to fulfill the obligation of a "Purim Seudah" one must wash and eat bread and preferably include meat at this meal. It is important to start the seudas purim early enough so that most of the meal is observed on Purim day (and not the night after)

*Additionally, *al Hanissim* is added to the Shemoneh Esrai and Birkas Hamazon on Purim. If *Al Hanissim* is inadvertently omitted, the davening or benching does not have to be repeated.



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25—YIGC PURIM PARTY

Join us for our annual Purim Party at the Stone Synagogue.
 Great entertainment, delicious food and fun for the whole family.
 Watch for details.

PURIM SCHEDULE 2018/5778

Wednesday, February 28, Ta'anis Esther

Fast begins: 5:51 am

Shacharis: Stone Syn 6:30/7:40 am
HAC 6:30 am

Mincha: 5:55 pm at both branches

Ma'ariv: 6:50 pm followed by Megillah reading at 7:00 pm at both branches

Second Megillah reading at the Stone Synagogue at 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 1, Purim Day

Shacharis followed by Megillah:

Stone Synagogue: 6:30/8:00 am
HAC 6:30/7:30 am

Megillah reading will begin approximately 30-35 min. after the beginning of Shacharis

Late morning Megillah reading at the Stone Synagogue **9:30 am** (no Shacharis at this time)

Rabbi Burnstein invites men to his home for an open house, 3:30-4:30 pm, 23794 Wendover Drive in Beachwood.

Mincha: Stone Syn 4:30 pm/HAC 3:15 pm followed by a 20 minute Shiur.

Maariv: 9:00 pm at both branches



The Power of Prayer

We are all familiar with the verse we often say: “השיבנו ה' אליך ונשובה חדש ימינו כקדם”

“Bring us back to you, Hashem, and we shall return. Restore our days as those of old”.

One of the obstacles to changing our behavior and correcting our character defects is the sense of remorse that often persists and plagues us. We continue to feel shame and guilt for the wrongs we have done. We may think: “What’s the use? I can never achieve peace of mind, even if I change.”

In our experience, when one person forgives another, one can never undo what has been done. We have no way of eradicating the past.

We must realize that forgiveness by Hashem is otherwise. When we do proper Teshuvah, Hashem removes our sins as though they never existed.

That is what the verse “Restore our days as those of old” means. When we return to Hashem, we are then as we were before we ever sinned.

JECC CAMP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland is once again offering incentive grants for students attending denominationally sponsored, and some non-denominational overnight camps for the first or second time. Grants are not based on need. Just follow these steps:

- Enroll your child in a qualifying camp. For a complete list, go to www.jecc.org/onehappycamper.org
- Register for the camp incentive at www.onehappycamper.org (Day school students will be redirected to an alternate registration site.)

To qualify for the grant as a member of Young Israel, YOU MUST CONTACT THE SHUL OFFICE. Deadline is March 1, 2018.

KOLLEL CORNER

For those interested in a chavrusa at night, please contact the Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Baum (248-860-9102).

Kollel Minyanim Sunday through Thursday:

Mincha: 1:10 pm—Maariv 9:30 pm

Regular Kollel classes:

(Tuesday) Rabbi Baum’s class in Mesilas Yeshorim for women at 2:15 pm.

(Tuesday) Rabbi Borchardt’s Chumash class for high school boys 8:45 pm.

(Wednesday) Chaburah with Rabbi Borchardt—laws of Kiddush, 8:15 pm

(Sunday through Thursday) Rabbi Baum Daf Yomi at 8:00 pm



Aryeh & Rosita Weiss on the birth of a grandson. Parents are Binyamin & Avigail Rosenberg of N.Y.

Jeff & Teri Lautman on the birth of a grandson. Parents are Yaakov & Talia Borenstein of N.Y.

Daniel & Gracie Clements on the engagement of their daughter, **Elisheva**, to Daniel Sherrington of Toronto/Rochester.

Sam & Basha Sadoff on the birth of a boy

Sanford & Rachel Weinberg on the engagement of their son, Beryl Greenberg, to Esther Schwartz of Woodmere, N.Y.

Jack & Phyllis Schubert on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Gilad & Chani HaLevy of San Diego.

Tuvia and Yehudit Main on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Uri and Chana Esther Schulgasser of Cleveland Heights.

Len & Birdie Frank on their 50th wedding anniversary

Murray & Malka Leah Koval on the birth of a grandson. Parents are Ovadia & Bassy Manies of Lakewood, N.J.

Thanks to our members who made it possible for us to upgrade the Beit Midrash lighting

Thank you to Jon Kaplan of Pearlwind Advanced Energy Products & Solutions for donating all our canopy lights at the Stone Synagogue. Our entrance is now very well lit at night.

Condolences to:

- The family of our member, **Susan Gottesman**
- Our member, **Joseph Steiner**, on the loss of his wife, **Lynda**
- Our member, **Harry Tesler**, on the loss of his brother, Martin Tesler
- Our member, **Yael Taub**, on the loss of her mother, Sara Rochel Goldfeder
- Our member, **Ilona Rosenberg**, on the loss of her brother, Joseph Kahan

Refuah Shelaima to:

- Sarah Rothner** (Sora bas Roiza)
- Yelena Lidsky** (Leah bas Bryna)
- Sheila Steingroot** (Sora Malka bas Chaya Gittel)
- Helen Berger** (Sima Chana bas Esther)

Thank you to the following Mevorchim HaChodesh Kiddush sponsors at the Stone Synagogue on January 13:

- Jason & Lolly Zaer in honor of the 1st birthday of their daughter, Leora
- Meshullam & Elene Feigenbaum to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Meshullam's mother, and in honor of their three new grandchildren
- Rabbi & Mrs. Naphtali Burnstein to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Burnstein's mother
- Yudi & Ellie Silber to commemorate the Shloshim of their father, Irv Silber
- Larry & Malkie Frank to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Malkie's father
- Paul & Helen Gewirtz to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Helen's father
- Sheldon & Helen Weiser to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Sheldon's mother

Stone Synagogue Kiddush Group

The Kiddush Group would like to express our appreciation to all of our supporters that help make our Shabbos at Young Israel that much better!

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To be a part of the Kiddush Group with a monthly donation, or for a one time sponsorship, please call the office 216-382-5740 or email office@yigc.org

TRIBUTES

In Honor of:

Rabbi Moshe Berger from Dr. Miriam Muskin

Howard & Suri Goldman on the birth of a grandson from Alan & Lisa Schabes/Morris & Tova Mandel

Jeff & Teri Lautman on the birth of a grandson

Jeff Schwersenski's milestone birthday from Warren & Marlene Sobol

Refuah Shelaima to:

Mark Jacoby from Don & Bernice Gandal

In Memory of:

Ann Rita Schwartz (mother of Dr. Yoel Schwartz) from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Rabbi Elya Galupkin from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Irv Silber from Alan & Lisa Schabes/Eddy & Shelly Klineman/Eric & Pam Senders/Morris & Tova Mandel/Joann Golembiewski/Edith Isaacs

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Daniel Haas Scholarship Fund

In Memory of:

Irv Silber from Hannah Porath

Norman Wieder Fund

In Memory of:

Lynda Steiner from Ken & Ruth Wieder

Susan Gottesman from Ken & Ruth Wieder

MISHNA YOMI PROGRAM

The Mishna Yomi Program continues Maseches Yevamos