



Young Israel of Greater Cleveland

July 2018 Newsletter-Tammuz/Av 5778

From the Rabbi's Shtender

Dear Member,

As we are about to begin the period of the Three Weeks, Nine Days and Tisha B'Av, I would like to share with you a thought from Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski.

The book of Eicha that we read on Tisha B'Av begins with the statement "איכה יושבה בדד" "How she (Yerushalayim) sits in isolation". Badad connotes loneliness, abandonment, and the state of being shunned by others. This term also appears in the Torah in regard to the expulsion of a metzora (someone who suffers from the disease called tzaraas), who is to be isolated from the community.

The Talmud states that the affliction of the metzora is for the sin of lashon hara.

On Tisha B'Av, Yerushalayim became badad, shunned by its neighbors, shunned by its former friends and even shunned by Hashem. Why? Like the metzora, we had been guilty of behavior that brought about divisiveness.

As we approach the Three Weeks, it is the time again when we should work on whatever it takes to create unity. For in unity lies our salvation.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein

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MISHNA YOMI PROGRAM

The Mishna Yomi Program begins Maseches Nazir on Tuesday, July 10, 2018

JULY ZEMANIM

	Pinchas Mevorchim HaChodesh July 6-7 23/24 Tammuz	Matos-Masei July 13-14 1/2 Av	Devarim Shabbos Chazon Erev Tisha B'Av July 20-21 8/9 Av	V'Eschanan Shabbos Nachamu July 27-28 15/16 Av
Candlelighting	Earliest 7:28 pm Latest 8:44 pm	Earliest 7:26 pm Latest 8:41 pm	Earliest 7:22 pm Latest 8:36 pm	Earliest 7:17 pm Latest 8:30 pm
Mincha Erev Shabbos Stone Synagogue	Earlier 7:10 pm Later 8:45 pm	Earlier 7:05 pm Later 8:45 pm	Earlier 7:05 pm Later 8:40 pm	Earlier 7:00 pm Later 8:35 pm
Mincha Erev Shabbos HAC	7:10 pm	7:05 pm	7:05 pm	7:00 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	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am
Mincha HAC	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
Mincha Stone Syn	6:15 pm 8:25 pm	6:15 pm 8:20 pm	6:15 pm Only 1 mincha	6:15 pm 8:10 pm
Ma'ariv	9:44 pm	9:41 pm	9:55 pm Note later time due to start of Tisha B'Av	9:29 pm
Motzei Shabbos	9:52 pm	9:49 pm	9:44 pm	9:37 pm
Latest time for krias shema (am)	9:45 am	9:48 am	9:51 am	9:54 am
Latest time for Shacharis (am)	11:00 am	11:02 am	11:05 am	11:07 am
Weekday Mincha (week of...)	7/8-7/12 8:45 pm	7/15-7/19 8:45 pm	7/23-7/26 8:35 pm	7/29-8/2 8:30 pm

Shacharis Schedule:
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 Av
Friday, July 13
Stone: 6:30/7:40 am
HAC: 6:30 am

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

Summer Schedule of Shiurim	
<u>WEEKDAYS</u>	W 8:15 pm Dramatic Narratives in the Talmud (Rabbi Berger-Stone)
M-F 7:30 am Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	W 9:30 pm Yorah De'ah for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)
S-Th 9:00 pm Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	Th 8:15 pm Rabbi Soloveitchik's Yahrzeit Shiurim (Rabbi Berger-Stone)
S-F 8:50 am Daf Yomi (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	<u>SHABBOS</u>
S -Th 8:00 pm Daf Yomi (Rabbi Baum-Stone)	8:30 am Parsha (Rabbi Lebovics-HAC)
	8:30 am Parsha (Stone)
S After 8:30 am Shacharis Minyan Maimonides: Guide for the Perplexed (Hillel Chiel-stone Bais Medrash)	10:15 am Aspects of Prayer and Liturgy (Rabbi Berger following Stone Hashkoma)
	10:15 am Sefer Melachim (Dr. Jeff Lautman following Stone Hashkoma)
M 8:15 pm Chovos HaLevavos for women (Rabbi Burnstein-home of Deena Israeli)	6:45 pm Gemorra at home of Dr. Jeff Lautman
T 2:15 pm Mesilas Yesharim for women (Rabbi Baum-Stone)	5:30 pm Topical Issues in Halacha (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)
T 7:30 pm Parshas HaShavua for women (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	After 6:00 pm Mincha Gemorra (Rabbi Yankel Cohen-HAC)
W 12:15 pm Chumash for Women (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	One-half hour before Maariv (Rabbi Berger-Stone)
W 45 minutes before Mincha/Maariv pm Gemorra for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	One -half hour before Maariv. Jewish history(Rabbi Lebovics-HAC)

Shiva Asar B'Tammuz Schedule 2018/5778**Shiva Asar B'Tammuz (observed) Sunday, July 1**

Fast Begins at 4:55 am

Shacharis: Stone Syn 7:15/8:00/8:30 am

HAC 7:20 am

Mincha: 8:40 pm

Ma'ariv: 9:25 pm

Fast ends: 9:45 pm

Tisha B'Av Schedule 2018/5778**Shabbos Chazon– July 21, Erev Tisha B'Av****Mincha:** HAC 6:00 pm———Stone Syn 6:15 pm only**Shalosh Seudos:** Must be completed by 8:53 pm (No Shalosh Seudos in shul)**Maariv,** Saturday night, July 21, 9:55 p.m. followed by Eicha

Only the “Borei Morei Ha’esh” blessing is recited over Havdalah after Ma’ariv

The statement “Boruch HaMavdil bein Kodesh L’Chol” must be recited before doing any Melacha, such as driving to shul.

Tisha B'Av (observed), Sunday, July 22**Shacharis:****Stone Syn** 7:30 am (Beis Medrash) & 9:30 am (Main Shul). Kinos explanation at the 9:30 am minyan**HAC:** 8:30 am—in upstairs Beis Medrash, followed by Kinos with explanations and stories by Rabbi Lebovics**Chatzos:** 1:32 pm**Mincha (all locations):** 8:30 pm (Remember to bring your Tallis & Tefillin)**Ma'ariv:** 9:20 pm**Fast ends:** 9:35 pm**Havdalah is made at the conclusion of Tisha B'Av prior to eating. It may be made on wine or grape juice. The Bracha over the wine, and the Bracha of “HaMavdil bein Kodesh L’Chol” are recited. No spices or candle are used. (Candle was already used on Motzei Shabbos).**

LAWS PERTAINING TO THE THREE WEEKS 2018/5778

During the summer months we observe the "Three Weeks," the season when we mourn many tragedies, which befell the Jewish people. The 17th of Tammuz, which is observed this year on **Sunday, July 1** (postponed from Shabbos), is a fast day, which commemorates several tragic events in Jewish history. These include the destruction of the first set of Tablets of the Ten Commandments, and the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem immediately prior to the destruction of the Second Temple. Men and women over the age of Bar and Bat Mitzvah are required to fast by refraining from eating, drinking or rinsing out one's mouth from daybreak until nightfall, at **9:45 pm**. Although the fast does not technically begin until morning, **4:55 am**, a person should have in mind before retiring for the night the possibility of awakening before daybreak to eat. We read the Torah twice that day, both times reading about the forgiveness Moshe achieved for the Jews after they had worshipped the golden calf. This is read twice on all fast days except for Yom Kippur and Tisha B'Av mornings when different portions of the Torah are read. The 17th of Tammuz begins the Three Weeks, a period of gradually increasing mourning culminating with Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av. During these three weeks we refrain from haircuts, weddings, dancing and playing music. A musician whose livelihood is earned by playing music may perform for non-Jews during the Three Weeks, but not during the "Nine Days."

The Nine Days

During the "Nine Days," which begin this year on **Thursday night, July 12**, the mourning intensifies. We avoid joyous activities such as home decorating and even forego many comforts such as wearing freshly laundered clothing. We also refrain from eating meat or poultry and drinking wine, except for Shabbos. One is permitted to eat foods, which were made in a meat pot, but contain no meat ingredients. A person who is ill or weak is allowed to eat meat but should preferably eat poultry. A person should not launder or wear freshly laundered outer garments (e.g., shirts, slacks, dresses, skirts) during the Nine days, but should arrange in advance to have sufficient supply of clean, although not freshly laundered, clothes by wearing these items for a brief period of time. Little children's clothing can be laundered during the Nine Days. This year, since Tisha B'Av falls on Shabbos and is postponed until Sunday, some laws of the three weeks and nine days end at **9:35 pm** on **Sunday, July 22**, while others remain until the next morning (**Monday morning, July 23**). Bathing, washing clothing and haircuts are permissible Sunday night. Eating meat, drinking wine and playing music are not permitted until Monday morning.

Erev Tisha B'Av

Since this year, the eve of observance of Tisha B'Av is Shabbos, the normal restrictions on the last meal do not apply. Unlike a regular Shabbos, however, we must stop eating before sunset. The customary Havdalah is not said; on Saturday night after nightfall the blessing on the candle is said upon seeing candlelight. This should be said on Saturday night before the reading of Eichah. On **Sunday night**, after nightfall the Havdalah is said consisting of the blessing over wine (or proper substitute) and the blessing "Boruch Hamavdil" without the use of spices. An individual that does not daven Maariv on Saturday night must say "Boruch Hamavdil Bein Kodesh L'chol" before doing any form of work not permitted on Shabbos. Since on Shabbos we wear our regular shoes and on Tisha B'Av we avoid shoes containing leather, we change our shoes immediately after the recitation of the "Borchu" on Saturday night. Sneakers, slippers, etc should be brought to shul before Shabbos.

The Ninth of Av

On Tisha B'Av, when we mourn the loss of the First & Second Temples, we also mourn the many devastating events, which occurred on this day, including the destruction of Betar (which included the massacre of tens of thousands of Jews) and the Spanish Expulsion of 1492. In addition, the First World War, which was both the source of horrors for Jewish communities worldwide and the source and cause of the atrocities of the Second World War, began on Tisha B'Av. As a national day of mourning, the Kinos (Lamentations), which we read on Tisha B'Av, include memorials to many other Jewish tragedies, including the Crusades. There are also Kinos to commemorate the Holocaust, which are read and studied on Tisha B'Av in many congregations around the world.

From sunset (**8:53 pm**) of **July 21 (Motzei Shabbos)**, until **9:35 pm on Sunday, July 22**, we refrain from eating, drinking, washing, wearing leather shoes, and marital relations. Commerce and working are discouraged. Washing in the morning (negel vasser) is permitted only until the knuckles (even though one should wash until the wrist the rest of the year). Any time one washes for a halachic reason this day, one should wash only until the knuckle. Washing to remove some dirt is permitted, but any other washing should be delayed until after nightfall. Even the important mitzvah of wearing Tefillin is delayed until the afternoon of Tisha B'Av, when we put Tefillin on during Mincha.

Since this year Tisha B'Av is postponed from Shabbos until Sunday, virtually all of the laws of the Nine Days and Three Weeks, end at the conclusion of Tisha B'Av, **9:35 pm on Sunday night**. However, consuming meat or wine, and listening to music should not be done until Monday morning.

The laws of Tisha B'Av and the atmosphere of the day differ from any other experience in the Jewish calendar. Whereas the Torah normally requires us to celebrate and be friendly, on Tisha B'Av we are discouraged from being joyous. We are not even to greet one another, but if one is greeted by someone unaware of the Halacha, one should respond so as not to offend the other person. An atmosphere of extreme sadness should prevail. We only study works that are saddening, such as descriptions of the destruction of the Temple, or the laws of mourning.

Let us hope that in the merit of our observance of the commandments of mourning the Temple during the Three Weeks, we will be blessed with the coming of the Moshiach and the rebuilding of our Temple very soon.

The Power of Prayer

In bentching (Birkas Hamazon) we say the phrase: “הוא הטיב הוא מטיב הוא ייטיב לנו”

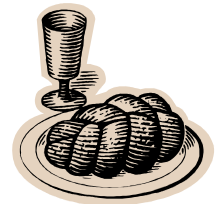
“He has done good for us, does good for us, and will do good for us”.

This phrase can also be read as “will do better for us”. Hashem’s benevolence is not static. His kindness to us is progressive. Inasmuch as we should emulate Hashem’s attributes, we should not remain static. We should constantly strive to improve ourselves.

It has been said that “quality does not mean that we have to be one hundred percent better in one thing. It means that we have to be one percent better in one hundred things.” We should always push for further improvement in everything we do.

Thank you to the following Mevorchim HaChodesh Kiddush sponsors at the Stone Synagogue on June 9

- Dan & Vanessa Fremont in honor of Emmie’s Bas Mitzvah
- Daniel & Gracie Clements in honor of Leah’s graduation from Yavne High School
- Kenny & Chaya Fixler to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Chaya’s father, Nathan Smilovitz, and in honor of the graduation of three of their grandchildren: Alyssa Fixler from Laurel School, Sruly Fixler from University of Pennsylvania, and Tani Loskove from Weinbaum Yeshiva High School in Boca Raton
- Ari & Judy Mosenkis in honor of Aliza’s graduation from Yavne, & Gilad’s graduation from the Hebrew Academy
- Rabbi & Mrs. Dan & Rivky Olgin in honor of Ety’s graduation from Yavne
- Mark & Shani Polster in honor of Gadi’s graduation from Fuchs Mizrachi
- David & Leslie Seiger in honor of Jacob’s graduation from Fuchs Mizrachi
- David & Joy Schwartz to commemorate the Yahrzeit of David’s mother, Ernie Schwartz, Ester bat Boruch HaKohen
- Alan & Debbie Schlesinger in honor of Michal’s graduation from Yavne
- Sheila Freund in honor of Reuven’s milestone birthday



SHLOSHIM FOR DR. LEATRICE RABINSKY

Sunday, July 8 at 7:30 pm at the Hebrew Academy, Oakwood Cam-

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In Honor of:

Rabbi Moshe Berger from Yaron & Tami Goldberg
Simone Marocco's graduation from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Gadi Polster's graduation from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Mushki Offenbergs graduation from Alan & Lisa Schabes

In Memory of:

Marvin Schubert from Florence Spero

Leatrice Rabinsky from Isaac & Francine Flaks/
Esther Fuchs Berger & Avraham Peri/Larry & Sandi Gold/Harold & Betty Neustadter/Alan & Lisa Schabes/
Amy Kossiver/Stuart Cole

Father of Rodney Green from Larry & Sandi Gold

Yahrzeit of Morris Shufler from Irene Shufler

Daniel Haas Scholarship Fund


In Memory of:

Leatrice Rabinsky from Hannah Porath

Condolences to:
The family of our member, Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky, on her passing.

Honorable Mentions 

Sincere thanks to all the Shomrim who serve on a regular basis. Special appreciation to the following Shomrim whose dedication at the recent Klein Shloshim event helped our shul and community tremendously:
Mesh Feigenbaum, Yoey Feigenbaum, David Feldman, Larry Frank, Ariel Lisogorski, David Schwartz, David Seiger.
As always, Yaasher Koach to **Paul Gewirtz** for coordinating the security arrangements.

Tzeischem L'Shalom to: 
Our members who are making aliyah this summer:
Ari & Judy Mosenkis and family
Sam & Basha Sadoff and family
We wish you much Hatzlocha and happiness as you make your new home in Eretz Yisroel. We will miss you in Cleveland!

Refuah Shelaima to:
Sarah Rothner (Sora bas Roiza)
Goldy Pollak (Golda bas Devorah Rechama)
Iris Moskovitz (Aviva Michal Shoshana bas Shaina Sora)

YIGC is excited to announce that our proposal for the **OU Women's Initiative Challenge Grant** was accepted ! Through the challenge grant, the OU Women's Initiative seeks to engage synagogues in developing and supporting new **creative programming for girls and women**. YIGC's proposal "Saturday Night In(side Torah)" was one of the 10 awarded out of over 90 applications across the country.

As our target release for the project will occur in the winter when Motzei Shabbat is early, we will be working in the coming months to implement the program we outlined. Stay tuned to hear more!

Congratulations to **Sarah Rudolph, Daniella Botnick and Alyssa Levi** for their efforts on behalf of our shul and in furthering the culture of women's learning in our community!



Rabbi Aharon Dovid & Shani Lebovics on the Auf Ruf of their son, **Shmuel Chaim**

Aryeh Katz on his Bar Mitzvah. Parents are **Peretz & Nechama Katz**.

Elisha & Anna Fredman on the birth of a girl

Ezzie Goldish & Serach Goldish, parents, and **David & Rena Goldish**, grandparents, on the Bas Mitzvah of Eliana

Shelly & Debbie Senders, parents, & **Mike Senders**, grandfather, on the marriage of Susie, to Hart Goldhar of Toronto.

Rachel Maxwell on the marriage of her daughter, Rivka to Dovid Ginsberg

Rabbi Yehuda & Channah Appel on the marriage of their son, Elimelech, to Rina Maller of Los Angeles

Rabbi Dovid Gross and his Sunday morning shiur members **Billy Sax, Mark Berkowitz, and Warren Sobol** on the completion of Sefer Mesilas Yesharim.

Alan & Dr. Sara Goldman, grandparents, and **Dr. Aaron & Annette Silver**, great-grandparents, on the birth of a boy. Parents are Shmuel & Caroline Goldman of Beachwood

Ariel & Sara Lisogorski on the birth of a boy

Hillel Kunda on his Bar Mitzvah. Parents are **Rabbi Aaron & Mrs. Chanie Kunda**.

Herschel & Amy Weiser on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Moshe & Suri Peretzman of Detroit.

