



Young Israel of Greater Cleveland

December 2018 Newsletter-Kislev/Teves 5779

From the Rabbi's Shtender

Dear Member,

In the last few weeks we had another reminder of the age old statement of our Rabbis “הלכה בידוע עשו שונא את יעקב” “It is a well known rule that Esav hates Yaakov”. The recent tragedy in Pittsburgh is yet another reminder that no matter how good we may feel that we have it in America, as long as we are in Galus, we cannot feel entirely safe. We are under the watchful eye of the world around us, that doesn't understand us, and as a result, develops a dislike and distaste for us.

Chanukah reminds us that although it is true that those around us do not have our best interests in mind, Hashem continues to protect us and allow us to grow and thrive.

Chanukah also reminds us to be proud of who we are, remain unified and committed, and continue to thank Hashem for all the gifts he continues to give us.

Enjoy your Chanukah!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein

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DECEMBER ZEMANIM

Vayeshev Mevorchim HaChodesh Nov. 30-Dec. 1 22/23 Kislev	Miketz Rosh Chodesh Chanukah Dec. 7-8 29/30 Kislev	Vayigash Dec. 14-15 6/7 Teves	Vayechi Dec. 21-22 13/14 Teves	Shemos Dec. 28-29 20/21 Teves
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Candlelighting	4:39 pm	4:38 pm	4:38 pm	4:41 pm	4:45 pm
Mincha Erev Shabbos	4:45 pm	4:45 pm	4:45 pm	4:50 pm	4:50 pm
Hashkoma Stone	8:00 am	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	9:00 am
(Stone) Childcare Groups	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	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:35 pm	4:40 pm
Ma'ariv	5:39 pm	5:38 pm	5:39 pm	5:42 pm	5:46 pm
Motzei Shabbos	5:47 pm	5:46 pm	5:47 pm	5:50 pm	5:54 pm
Latest time for krias she ma (am)	9:54 am	9:59 am	10:03 am	10:07 am	10:10 am
Latest time for Shacharis (am)	10:41 am	10:45 am	10:49 am	10:53 am	10:56 am
Weekday Mincha (week of...)	12/2-12/6 4:45 pm	12/9-12/13 4:45 pm	12/16-12/20 4:45 pm	12/23-12/27 4:50 pm	12/30-1/3 4:55 pm

Shacharis Schedule:

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

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

Rosh Chodesh Teves

Shabbos, Dec. 8
Sunday, Dec. 9
Stone: 7:15/8:00/8:30 am
HAC: 7:10 am

Legal Holidays

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Tuesday, Jan. 1
Stone: 7:15/8:00/8:30 am
HAC: 7:20 am

SHACHARIS TIMES FOR CHANUKAH

<i>Mon.-Fri. Dec. 3-7</i>	<i>Stone Syn. *6:40/7:50 am</i>	<i>HAC *6:40 am</i>
<i>Sun., Dec. 9 (Rosh Chodesh)</i>	<i>Stone Syn. 7:15/8:00/8:30 am</i>	<i>HAC 7:10 am</i>
<i>Mon., Dec. 10</i>	<i>Stone Syn. *6:40/7:50 am</i>	<i>HAC *6:40 am</i>

**Put on Tallis & Tefillin after Yishtabach*

**CHANUKAH HALACHOS**

The entire Hallel prayer is recited on all eight days of Chanukah. Al HaNissim is recited during the Shemona Esray and Birchat HaMazon; if one forgets to say it, it is not necessary to repeat either prayer.

The lights of the menorah should be set in a straight row, with the exception of the shamash, which should not appear to be in the same row as the others. On each night of Chanukah another light is added, going from right to left. It is preferable to use oil for the Chanukah lights, especially olive oil, although wax candles are also usable.

The menorah should be kindled in the place where one intends to leave it. It should be placed where it will be visible from outside the house. If one is afraid that children may be endangered by such a location, it can be placed in a safer location, even if that means that it will be visible only to members of the household. The menorah should be lit at nightfall (42 minutes after sunset), although one is permitted to light it at sunset. In either case, there should be enough oil present initially to burn until 30 minutes after nightfall. If the flames go out before that time (even though there was enough fuel initially) it is preferable to relight them.

On Friday the menorah is lit before the Shabbos candles. There should be sufficient oil (or sufficiently large candles) to remain burning until 30 minutes after nightfall. The conventional chanukah wax candles would not suffice for Friday evening. If the flames go out after Shabbos begins, do not relight them. On Saturday night, the menorah is lit at home after Havdalah.

One should not begin a meal or do work after the time for lighting the menorah until it is lit. The first night, three brachos are recited; on the other nights only two are recited. The Chanukah lights should not be used for reading or any other purpose.

The mitzvah of lighting Chanukah lights is one of the most beautiful mitzvos we have. Let us hope that our kindling them adds light to the world.

YOUNG ISRAEL OF GREATER CLEVELAND

AUTHENTIC ISRAELI SHUK CHANUKAH PARTY

EREV CHANUKAH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 12:30 - 3:00PM
HAC BRANCH - 1860 S TAYLOR RD CLV HTS
RSVP: OFFICE@YIGC.ORG

**FRIENDS!
FALAFEL!
HWARMA!**

**LIVE BAND!
YERUSHALMI
KUGEL!**

ALL

**HAND CUT
FRIES!
SINGING!**

SHUK UP

**BOUREKAS!
POPCORN!
SUGGANIOT!
COTTON CANDY!**

ISRAELI SALADS!

PITA FROM ANGELS BAKERY IN YERUSHALAIM

ADULTS - \$12 | KIDS 3 TO 12 - \$6 | UNDER 3 EAT FREE

EREV CHANUKAH, SUNDAY, DEC. 2

12:30 - 3:00 PM

HEBREW ACADEMY BRANCH
SPACES LIMITED - RSVP TODAY!

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

The Power of Prayer

In the Tefillah of Al Hanisim that we say on Chanukah, both in the Shemoneh Esray and in Bentsching, we say the verse: וקבעו שמונת ימי חנוכה אלו להודות ולהלל לשמך הגדול "They establish these eight days of Chanukah to give thanks and praise to your great Name".

Jewish history is filled with miracles that would have seemed to be greater than the miracle of the Menorah. Yet this miracle was chosen as the one to be prominently celebrated. It would seem that there is something unique about this miracle.

The miracle of the oil and Chanukah was initiated by the Jews themselves, and there was a lesson to teach all future generations: "Concentrate your efforts on what you can do, and do it! Leave the rest to Hashem". The Jews in the Chanukah story did the best they could and relied on Hashem to do the rest. We must always do our best and have trust in Hashem that he will do the rest for us as well.

MISHNA YOMI PROGRAM

The Mishna Yomi Program begins Maseches Bava Metzia on Friday, December 1, 2018

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

November 4

- Yochanan & Devora Pocola
- Chef Dave's Catering
- Mark & Miriam Berkowitz to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Mark's mother
- Paul & Helen Gewirtz to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Helen's mother
- Keith Minkin to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Keith's father
- Joel & Sharon Peerless to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Joel's father
- Alan & Debbie Schlesinger to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Alan's father
- David & Leslie Seiger to commemorate the Yahrzeit of David's mother



IMPORTANT WINTER SHACHARIS REMINDER

The earliest time one may put on Tallis & Tefillin is from a time called "Mi-She-Yakir," which is approximately one hour before sunrise. For those davening at our earlier minyanim (6:40-6:45 am), the two recommended solutions to this problem are as follows:

- Begin Shacharis and wait to put on Tallis & Tefillin after Yishtabach (except for the Shliach Tzibur who puts them on before Yishtabach)
- Put on the Tallis & Tefillin before davening without a bracha and after completing Yishtabach move the Tallis and Tefillin slightly and recite the bracha.

SWITCHING TO V'SEIN TAL UMATAR

Beginning with Maariv on **Tuesday night, December 4, 2018** ותן טל ומטר לברכה (v'sein tal u'matar livracha) replaces ותן ברכה (v'sein bracha) in the blessing of Boreich Oleinu in the Shemonah Esray. If one forgot to make this change, the above phrase may be added in the bracha of shema koleinu before the phrase "ki atoh shomeiah". If one completed the Shemonah Esray without making the appropriate change the entire Shemonah Esray must be repeated.

ASARAH B'TEVES

The Tenth of Tevet, **Tuesday, December 18, 2018** is a fast day. On this day, the wicked Nevuchadnetzar, king of Babylonia, approached the city of Yerushalayim, laid siege to it and eventually crushed it. This led to the eventual destruction of the first Beis Hamikdash. The fast begins at **6:36 am** and ends at **5:40 pm**. Although the fast does not officially begin until morning, one who intends to eat or drink before **6:36 am** should have this in mind before going to bed the night before. Otherwise, we assume that an unofficial acceptance of the fast and its accompanying restrictions have begun when going to sleep the prior evening. At Mincha, the traditional Krias Hatorah and Haftarah for a fast day are read.

Fast begins: 6:36 am

Shacharis:

Stone Synagogue *6:40/7:40 am —HAC *6:40 am

Mincha: 4:35 pm. **Maariv:** 5:25 pm. **Fast ends:** 5:40 pm

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Honorable Mentions



Many thanks to **David & Sara Farkas** for opening their lovely home for our annual Women's Oneg. The event was very well attended, and the women of our YI community enjoyed meeting the wives of our 3 new Kollel members, as well as socializing with each other.

Our first in the series of women's learning programs, funded in part by the OU grant we received, was a resounding success! Over 140 women gathered to hear a shiur by Rebbitzin Miriam Barkin which was followed by a light dinner and a floral presentation for a "sell out crowd". Hakoras Hatov to the committee which worked tirelessly to make this Motzei Shabbos program the memorable event that it was. **Daniella Botnick, Alyssa Levi, Sarah Rudolph & Andreia Schwartz** are to be commended for being awarded the grant, and for organizing the outstanding evening. Stay tuned for details about the next two events!

TRIBUTES

In Honor of:

Eli Jaffa's engagement from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Rivka Mandel's engagement from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Mike & Sandy Covitch's new granddaughter from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Refuah Shelaima to:

Shira Katz from Joseph Steiner

In Memory of:

Ruth Zelcer from Billy & Sheri Sax

Father of Herzl Ginsburg from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Tuvia Main, an Artscroll Siddur has been donated by David & Elizabeth Ross

David Salczer from Ira & Barbie Taub

Welcome New Members:

Yochanan & Debora Pocola

Condolences to:

Our member, **Robert Agrast**, on the loss of his mother, Charlotte Agrast

Our member, **Sarit Brenis**, on the loss of her father, David Salczer

Refuah Shelaima to:

Sarah Rothner (Sora bas Roiza)



Amir & Edna Jaffa, parents, and **Ita Klein**, grandmother, on the engagement of **Eli** to Tehilla Senter of Monsey, N.Y.

Dr. Jeff Schwersenski on receiving the prestigious FDR Award of March of Dimes.

Mike and Sandy Covitch, grandparents, and **Mrs. Irene Shufler**, greatgrandparent, on the birth of a girl to Shmuel and Leah Rotenberg of Cleveland

Harry & Perl Brown on the birth of a granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Bentzy Brown.

Mark & Shani Polster and **Warren & Marlene Sobol**, grandparents, and **Shelly & Eddie Klineman** and **Harold & Deborah Polster**, great grandparents on the birth of a boy to Noam & Emily Polster

Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid & Rivka Miriam Gross on the birth of a boy

David & Leslie Seiger, parents, and **Ivan & Marilyn Soclof**, grandparents, on the marriage of **Leah** to Tzvi Bander

Harold & Edith Shachter on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Ben & Avielle Silver.

Dov & Devorah Zilber on the birth of a girl

Reuven & Sheila Freund on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Dov Smith. Parents are Rabbi Yisroel & Yardena Smith of Pittsburgh.

KOLLEL CORNER

For those interested in a chavrusa at night, or to sponsor a day of learning, please contact the Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Baum (248-860-9102).

Kollel Minyanim Sunday through Thursday:

Mincha: 1:00 pm——Maariv 9:30 pm

Kollel classes:

Sun.-Thurs. 8:00 pm Rabbi Baum's Daf Yomi

Tues. 2:15 pm Rabbi Baum's class for women on Mesilas Yesharim

Tues. 8:45 pm Rabbi Borchardt's Chumash & Kugel Shiur for high school boys

Watch for details about future Legal Holiday Breakfast & Learning Programs