



Young Israel of Greater Cleveland

December 2019 Newsletter-Kislev/Teves 5780

From the Rabbi's Shtender

Dear Member,

Candles play a major role in our tradition. We light candles at the beginning of each Shabbos and Yom Tov in order to usher in the kedusha of Shabbos. After Shabbos is over we use a candle as part of havdalah, as we separate between the holiness of Shabbos and the rest of the week. We also use a candle as part of the pre-Pesach search for chometz to help us find the chometz we wish to discard before Pesach.

In the next few weeks, we will also light candles to fulfill the mitzvah of lighting the menorah on Chanukah. Here our focus is to show everyone our gratitude to Hashem for saving us from the Greek enemy and for the miracle of the oil that continued to burn in the Bais HaMidkash.

Each time we use candles there are different roles that they play. On Chanukah the candles we light show the pride we have as Jews and to publicly acknowledge the hand of Hashem in saving and protecting us.

This year as we celebrate Chanukah and as we light the candles, let us take a few moments to reflect on all the good that Hashem continues to give us, and to pray for his continued protection.

Have a meaningful and enjoyable Chanukah.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein

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DECEMBER ZEMANIM

	Vayetze Dec. 6-7 8/9 Kislev	Vayishlach Dec. 13-14 15/16 Kislev	Vayeshev Mevorchim HaChodesh Dec. 20-21 22/23 Kislev	Miketz Rosh Chodesh Chanukah Dec. 27-28 29/30 Kislev
Candlelighting	4:38 pm	4:38 pm	4:40 pm	4:44 pm
Mincha Erev Shabbos	4:45 pm	4:45 pm	4:45 pm	4:50 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	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
Ma'ariv	5:38 pm	5:38 pm	5:41 pm	5:45 pm
Motzei Shabbos	5:46 pm	5:46 pm	5:49 pm	5:53 pm
Latest time for krias shema (am)	9:58 am	10:02 am	10:06 am	10:09 am
Latest time for Shacharis (am)	10:44 am	10:48 am	10:52 am	10:55 am
Weekday Mincha (week of...)	12/8-12/12 4:45 pm	12/15-12/19 4:45 pm	12/22-12/26 4:50 pm	12/29-1/2 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. 28

Sunday, Dec. 29

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

HAC: 7:10 am


Shiurim Schedule	
<u>WEEKDAYS</u>	<u>WEEKDAYS CONT'D</u>
M-F 7:30 am Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	Th after Maariv Rabbi Soloveitchik's Yahrzeit Shiurim (Rabbi Berger-Stone)
S-Th 9:00 pm Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	Th 8:30 pm Chabura in Kollel (Rabbi Borchardt-Stone)
S-F 8:50 am Daf Yomi (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	
S After 7:15 am Shacharis Minyan Mussar (Rabbi Dovid Gross-Stone)	See list of Kollel classes on page 4
S After 8:30 am Shacharis Minyan Maimonides: Guide for the Perplexed (Hillel Chiel-Stone Beit Midrash)	
S 9:00-10:30 am Parshas HaShavua class (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	<u>SHABBOS</u>
M 8:00 pm Highlights of the Parsha (Rabbi Burnstein-home of Deena Israeli)	8:30 am Parsha (Rabbi Lebovics-HAC)
	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 Sefer Yona (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 Rambam, Sefer HaMitzvos for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)	1 hour before Mincha-Gemorra (Rabbi Doniel Morris-HAC)
W. 8:15 pm Dramatic Narratives in the Talmud (Rabbi Berger-Stone)	1/2 hour before Mincha-Shaar Ephraim (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)

MISHNA YOMI PROGRAM


The Mishna Yomi Program begins Maseches Menachos on Tuesday, December 10, 2019

*Studies In
Bereishis*

Sunday 10:00AM
December 8
December 15
December 22

 **Rabbi Simcha Zev Baum**

YIGC Conference Room
Sponsorships Available
For more information call
Rabbi Baum 248.860.9102


**THE KOLLEL
OF YOUNG ISRAEL
OF GREATER CLEVELAND**

2463 S Green Rd
Beachwood, OH 44122

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

Sunday, 8:00 -8:30 pm: Laws of Milk & Meat given by Rabbi Elazar Rosenfeld

Monday night 8:55 pm: Chaburah for young professionals given by Rabbi Simcha Zev Baum

Wednesday 8:45 pm Chumash & Kugel for high school boys given by Rabbi Mordechai Borchardt

Thursday 9:10–9:30 pm: Mitzvos in the Parsha given by Rabbi Menachem Meisels

Watch for details about future Legal Holiday Breakfast & Learning Programs

SHACHARIS TIMES FOR CHANUKAH

Mon.-Fri. Dec. 23-27 *Stone Syn. *6:40/7:50 am* *HAC *6:40 am*

Sun., Dec. 29 (Rosh Chodesh) *Stone Syn. 7:15/8:00/8:30 am* *HAC 7:10 am*

Mon., Dec. 30 *Stone Syn. *6:40/7:50 am* *HAC *6:40 am*

**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.

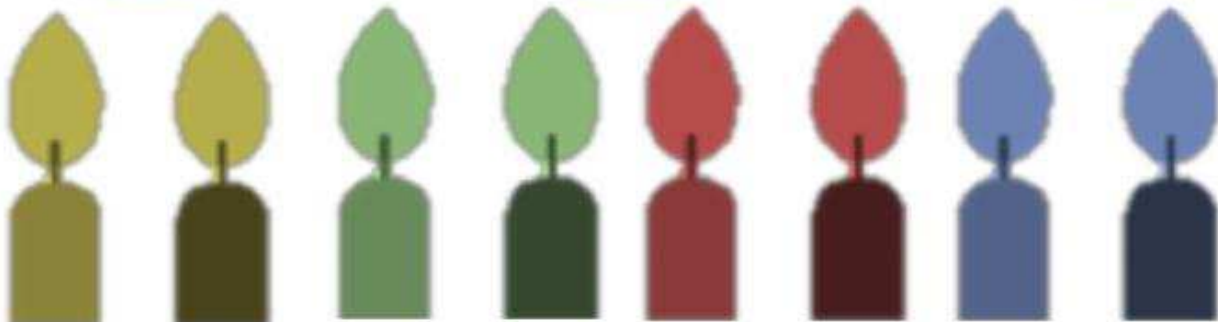


**Young Israel
of Greater Cleveland
Chanukah Party!**

Young Israel Beachwood: 2463 S. Green Rd.

Sunday December 22, 2019

1pm – 3pm



The Power of Prayer

Each night of Chanukah when we fulfill the mitzvah of lighting the menorah, we recite two blessings, one on the mitzvah of lighting Chanukah candles, and one recognizing that Hashem is always doing miracles for us. In addition, on the first night of Chanukah we add the bracha of Shehecheyanu.

Our rabbis ask the obvious question: How can we say that Hashem commanded us to light the Chanukah candles (אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו)? All of the commandments of the Torah were given at Sinai, and Chanukah did not occur until many centuries later.

Our rabbis in the Talmud explain that the Torah commands us to heed the teachings and instructions of the Torah authorities throughout the ages. As it says: "You shall not deviate from what they tell you." Therefore, by following the rabbinic instructions of our Chachomim we are actually obeying the Divine will of Hashem.

An important lesson to learn from this is that we are not at liberty to make our own determinations of what is the will of Hashem. Rather, we must leave that for the Chachomim who guide us to better understand what Hashem wants from us, and how to implement the rules and guidelines that we should follow.

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 5, 2019** 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.



Igor & Devorah Genkin, parents, and **Haim & Ludmilla Raiz**, grandparents on the marriage of **Yaakov Genkin** to **Batya Cohen** of Detroit

Steve & Barbara Dlott, grandparents, on the birth of their grandson to **Moshe & Stephanie Dlott** of Silver Spring, MD

David & Cheryl Lever, grandparents, on the birth of their grandson to **Isaac & Esti Lever** of Cleveland

Moshe & Shana Edelstein, parents, and **Joseph & Rochelle Edelstein**, grandparents, on the birth of a girl

Joel & Esther David on the birth of twin girls

Rabbi & Mrs. Aharon Dovid Lebovics on the engagement of their son, **Yaakov** to **Tehilla Witty** of Lakewood

Aryeh & Rozita Weiss on the birth of a grandson to **Binyomin & Avigail Rosenbaum** of Far Rockaway, N.Y.

Jeffrey & Adina Soclof, parents, and **Ivan & Marilyn Soclof**, grandparents, on **Moshe's** *Auf Ruf*

David and Betty Levy on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are **Yudi and Chani Hollander** of Chicago.

Dahlen Firestone on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, **Danny**

Moshe and Zahava Neuman on the engagement their grandson **Yehuda Eisenbach** to **Aliza English** from Totonto, Canada . Parents are **Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Eisenbach** of Lakewood, NJ

Herschel & Debby Berger on their 50th wedding anniversary

Ivan & Carol Friedman on their 18th wedding anniversary

Joseph Steiner on the engagement of his daughter, **Ricki** to **David Granovitz** of Teaneck, New Jersey

Josh & Tally Rush on the marriage of their daughter, **Kayla**, to **Yossel Muskal**

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Starting in January 2020, our newsletter will be printed bi-monthly. Please note that the January/ February Newsletter will have the davening timetables for both months. We hope this transition will be a good one for our members. We will continue to post information on our website about upcoming programs and lifecycle events, as well as any last minute changes to the davening schedule. This change will allow our very busy office staff to devote more time to the many other essential shul tasks.

TRIBUTES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Young Israel Chanukah Party

Sunday, Dec. 22 (Erev Chanukah)

1:00 -3:00 pm Stone Synagogue

Fun, food, entertainment for the whole family (see flyer on page 6)

Welcome New Members:

Jonathan & Agnes Hartstein

Yonasan & Bracha Hendeles

Ari & Tamar Lasky

In Honor of:

Rabbi & Mrs. Drazin on marriage of their son from Morris & Tova Mandel

Roger & Rochelle Kozuch on marriage of their son from Morris & Tova Mandel

David & Cheryl Lever on the birth of a grandson from Morris & Tova Mandel

Steve & Barbara Dlott on the birth of a grandson from Morris & Tova Mandel

In Memory of:

Regina Wolovits from Morris & Tova Mandel

Mike Weisz from Alan & Lisa Schabes

Gabriel Leeb Memorial Fund

In Memory of:

Gabriel Leeb from Lesley Leeb Shiffrin-Lochhead

Condolences to:

Our member, **Esther Landau** and family on the loss of their husband/father **Edward Markovitz**

Our member, **Erna Gottesman**, on the loss of her sister, Martha Younger

The family of our member, **Magda Friedman**, on her passing

Refuah Shelaima to:

Jane Belkin (Esther Faiga bas Raizel)

Rabbi Yankel Cohen (Refoel Yisroel Yaakov ben Baila)

Birdie Frank (Tzipporah Aliza bas Chaya Leah)

Eddie Moskovitz (Eliyahu Eliezer ben Alta Mindel)

Helen Weiser (Chana Chenya bas Leah)