



Week of November 3, 2018
24 Cheshvan 5779
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**November bulletin sponsored by Sherry and Henry Stein in memory of
Sherry's father, Dr. Morris Epstein z"l.**

Erev Shabbat

Shacharis 6:15 AM, 7:00 AM
Candle Lighting 5:34 PM
Mincha 5:40 PM
Shalom Zachor for Bienenfeld son 8:15 PM
and Tisch hosted at the Reich residence, 29 Cypress Terrace

Shabbat Morning

Shacharis 7:10 AM, 9:00 AM
Shema 10:05 AM

Shabbat Afternoon

Parent-Child Learning 4:00 PM
Daf Yomi 4:05 PM
Sefer Shmuel Shiur 4:50 PM
Mincha 5:20 PM
Havdalah 6:41 PM

Sunday 11/4 (Daylight Savings Time, Move clocks back 1 hr.)

Shacharis TBD, 8:00 AM
Gemara Sanhedrin 9:15 PM
Mincha 4:35 PM
Women's 1st Lecture at the Konigsberg residence, 100 Twin Oaks Oval, given by Mrs. Toba Shifrin
"B.L.I.N.K: Seizing your Defining Moments"

Monday 11/5

* Amud Yomi (Mon.—Thurs.) 5:50 AM
* 7 AM Daily minyan will now be beginning with
'Rebbe Yishmael' at 7am.

Shacharis 6:10 AM, 7:00 AM
Mincha/ Maariv 4:30 PM, 9:15 PM
TNT "Tuesday Night Torah" 8:15 PM

Tuesday 11/6

Shacharis 6:15 AM, 7:00 AM
Mincha/ Maariv 4:30 PM, 9:15 PM
Women's Tehillim 7:30 PM

Wednesday 11/7

Shacharis 6:15 AM, 7:00 AM
Mincha/ Maariv 4:30 PM, 9:15 PM

Thursday 11/8 Rosh Chodesh

Shacharis 6:00 AM, 7:00 AM
Mincha/ Maariv 4:30 PM, 9:15 PM
Shulchan Aruch Shiur 8:45 PM
Mussar following late Maariv in the Beis Medrash

Friday 11/9 Rosh Chodesh

Shacharis 6:00 AM, 7:00 AM
Candle Lighting 4:26 PM
Mincha 4:30 PM

Rabbi's Message

BS"D

The *mitzva* of *nichum aveilim*, comforting mourners, is an act of *chesed* which benefits the bereaved, gives honor to the deceased, and connects us to the Divine via *imitatio dei*, imitating the actions of *Hashem* Himself. The source that the *Gemara* provides to prove that *Hashem* comforts mourners is this week's *parsha*, when *He* comforts *Yitzchak* on the passing of *Avraham*. As such, I would like to take the opportunity to review some of the laws and customs of *nichum aveilim*, better known as 'paying a *shiva* call':

1. A *shiva* call is not a social outing or a mere formality. Its purpose is to share the sorrow of the mourner, and to support him or her with your comforting presence. In no way is the visit meant to distract the *aveil* from the mourning, or to disrupt a somber mood.
2. Hence, it is inappropriate to steer conversation to idle chatter, jokes, and small talk. The conversation is to be focused on the life of the deceased, his/her passing, and the family. Frivolous discussions are certainly inappropriate in a *beis aveil*.
3. One does not extend greetings to the mourner or to others in a *shiva* house.
4. A visitor does not initiate conversation with a mourner; one waits for the *aveil* to initiate any dialogue. Sometimes one's presence alone is a comfort to the mourner and words are unnecessary.
5. One should avoid visiting late at night. Additionally, one should be considerate of the mourner, and recognize that visits should generally be kept brief, approximately 15-30 minutes, as at times the mourners need a break to rest.
6. Customs vary regarding eating food in a *beis aveil*. Some specifically have a custom to eat so the *beracha* over the food will be a merit for the soul of the deceased. Others customs consider eating inappropriate.
7. Many have the custom of giving *tzedakah* in a *beis aveil* as another source of merit for the deceased.
8. Upon leaving the *shiva* house, visitors should say, '*HaMakom yenachem eschem b'soch sha'ar Aveili Tzion ve'Yerushalayim – May the Almighty comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*' The mourner should respond '*Amen.*' *Sefardim* offer the consolation of, '*Tenuchamu min HaShamayim – May you be comforted from the Heavens.*'

Unfortunately, due to the horrific tragedy that took place in Pittsburgh last Shabbos, to a certain degree we are all *aveilim*, and thus we all need to be comforted. May the day soon arrive when these laws and customs are merely academic. Have a great Shabbos.

November 3, 2018

Early minyan kiddush and shalosh seudos are unsponsored.

Main kiddush is co-sponsored by Miriam and Josh Stern with gratitude to Hashem, in celebration of their 20th anniversary; and co-sponsored by Sherry and Henry Stein to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Sherry's father, Dr. Morris Epstein z"l.

November 10, 2018

Early minyan kiddush, main kiddush and shalosh seudos are unsponsored.

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to the Shulman, Charas, and Ziegler families on the marriage of Stephanie and Ben Charas!

Mazel Tov to Sondra Tammam and family on the marriage of Ariel and Jason Tammam!

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Jessica and Avidan Bienenfeld on the birth of a baby boy! Mazel Tov to big brother, Yehuda and to big sisters, Eliana and Sarah!

Bris will, G-d willing, take place at the shul on Wednesday, November 7th, after the 7:00 am minyan.

Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey invites the Community to a Celebration of Holocaust Survivors of Union County Sunday, November 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Congregation Israel of Springfield, 339 Mountain Ave, Springfield Musical Entertainment by Symphonia's T-Klez

SECURITY ALERT!

CIS wanted to remind all congregants to report any suspicious activity to the security committee as well as the Springfield Police. "If You See Something, Say Something"

CIS Sisterhood Ladies Night, November 26th, 7:30 pm

Join us for a black and white girls night out at Genius Gems in Millburn, NJ. Food, entertainment and more!

Please go to link to RSVP <https://goo.gl/forms/J1B3Zc30ogIhvYk1>

Free for Sisterhood members, \$5 for Non-Members

WOMEN'S SHIUR HACHODESH SERIES

The women's series will begin on Sunday night November 4th at the home of Sharon and Eytan Konigsberg, 100 Twin Oaks Oval, at 8:00 pm. "B.L.I.N.K: Seizing your Defining Moments" by Mrs Toba Shifrin.

Please join us and invite a friend!

Save the dates for upcoming lectures:

January 13th ~ February 10th ~ March 3rd

NO@TS IS BACK! SAVE THE DATES 2018-2019

December 29th ~ January 26th ~ February 23rd

Night Out @ the Shul ("NO@TS") is fun, low cost and casual programming (with food!) that will allow our growing community to remain tight-knit and connected through Saturday night events during the winter months.

GET YOUR MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Each week two members are featured in the Member Spotlight section of the Shul bulletin. Our goal is to feature everyone! Please go to link below, fill out a very short questionnaire

<https://goo.gl/forms/HqHhi08jDSsXDGgL2> and email a family picture to Ariella Bloom at ariellawruble@gmail.com.

If you cannot access the link and prefer to do it by phone, please contact Ariella Bloom via email or call her at 201-401-1884.



Joseph Tammam Memorial Youth Community Service Scholarship Award

Applicants: Seniors in High School

Deadline to Apply: Monday, December 31, 2018

Include a 1-2 page essay about your volunteerism and commitment to helping others as well as goals and future aspirations. Please send a copy to Christine's attention at the shul office.

Save the Date...

44th Annual CIS Dinner, April 2, 2019



Thanks to all those that supported Sam Alexander on the 5 day bike run fundraiser for

Alyn Children's Hospital. The ride and fundraising were big successes! If you would still like to make a donation, please go to www.wolusa.org/goto/samalexander

SHUL PARKING LOT!

Please do not leave your vehicle double parked in the shul parking lot over Shabbos. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School invites all 8th graders and their parents to an Open House. Sunday, Nov.11, 2018. Registration begins at 9 am followed by the program at 9:30 am. Please register at www.jkha.org/RKYHSOpenHouse. For more information, please contact Allison Lyons at alyons@rkyhs.org or 862-437-8050.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 9th, 7pm: Teen (9th grade - college) Oneg at the Brombergs

Nov. 10th: YLIT and Teen Ice Skating, RSVP by Nov. 8th!

Nov. 18th: Looking for a chance to leave your mark? Come join the CIS Youth department as we decorate the youth house with beautiful paintings and collages! See flier for specific times and details. If you have any art supplies, painting supplies (such as drop-cloths), or time that you would like to donate, please email Springfieldyouthdirectors@gmail.com

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!

Infant through adult clothing in good condition is needed. Other items needed are shoes, linens, blankets, comforters, towels and table cloths. Donate today to Yad Leah, an organization clothing Israel's needy.

Donations can be dropped off at the shul. Place clothing in a plastic bag and leave bags in the small classroom located by the side parking lot.

ANNUAL JKHA/RKYHS ATID SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 7:30 pm, at 110 South Orange Ave, in Livingston, NJ

Please visit www.jkha.org/atid to purchase tickets and join the ATID SOCIETY. For more information, please contact Sarah Levinson at slevinson@jkha.org or 862-437-8001.