



Week of January 4, 2019
27 Tevet 5779
Vaera

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Erev Shabbat

Shacharis	6:15 AM, 7:00 AM
Candle Lighting	4:25 PM
Mincha	4:30 PM
Special Birthday Tisch, 19 Gail Court	7:45 PM
Sponsored by Mandi & John Ricard and Jessica & Noam Zeffren celebrating their 44th and 30th birthdays.	

Shabbat Morning

Shacharis	7:10 AM, 8:45 AM
Shema	9:42 AM

Shabbat Afternoon

Daf Yomi	3:10 PM
Sefer Shmuel Shiur	3:45 PM
Mincha	4:10 PM
Havdalah	5:34 PM
Parent-Child Learning	6:10 PM

Sunday 1/6

Shacharis	TBD, 8:00 AM
Mincha	4:30 PM

Monday 1/7 Rosh Chodesh Shevat

* 7 AM Daily minyan will now be beginning with
'Rebbe Yishmael' at 7am.

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

Tuesday 1/8

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

Wednesday 1/9

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

Thursday 1/10

Shacharis	6:10 AM, 7:00 AM
Mincha/ Maariv	4:30 PM, 9:15 PM

Friday 1/11

Shacharis	6:15 AM, 7:00 AM
Candle Lighting	4:32 PM
Mincha	4:35 PM

Rabbi's Message

BS"D

This following is another amazing Dvar Torah from Rav Eli Mansour. I hope you enjoy. Have a great Shabbos.

In the opening verses of Parashat Vaera, we read the promises that G-d made to Beneh Yisrael as they suffered the torment of slavery, assuring them that He would lead them out of Egypt and to Eretz Yisrael, adding, "Ve'natahi Otah Lachem Morasha" – that he would give us the Land of Israel as a "Morasha," an everlasting inheritance (6:8). As opposed to the common word for "inheritance" – "Yerusha" – the Land of Israel is referred to here with the unusual word "Morasha." The only other instance of this word in the Humash is in the famous verse in Parashat Vezot Haberacha which calls the Torah "Morasha Kehilat Yaakov" – "an inheritance for the congregation of Yaakov" (Debarim 33:4). What is the difference between the terms "Yerusha" and "Morasha," and why are specifically Eretz Yisrael and the Torah described as "Morasha"?

Rav Mordechai Gifter (1915-2001) explained that most assets which a person receives as an inheritance come with no restrictions or responsibilities. Once a person inherits something, he can do with it whatever he chooses. He can use it, store it away, sell it, give it as a gift, or destroy it. The choice is entirely his. A "Morasha," however, is not something one is given, but rather something with which one is entrusted. It is given only for the purpose of guarding and preserving it so it can then be transmitted to the next generation. Both the Torah and Eretz Yisrael are given to us not as a "Yerusha," but as a "Morasha." We are entrusted with them, charged with the responsibility of preserving them and transmitting them intact to the next generation.

I once heard Rav Yisrael Meir Lau, the former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of the State of Israel, make an interesting observation about these two precious gifts which we have received as a "Morasha." Rav Lau noted that the "Morasha" of Torah ended up being far more successful than the "Morasha" of Eretz Yisrael. After all, the Jewish People lived without Eretz Yisrael for many centuries, but we were never without the Torah. We've been scattered throughout the world, very far from our homeland, but we always continued studying the Torah. Both Torah and Eretz Yisrael have endured, but our nation's relationship with the Torah has been consistently strong, whereas our relationship with Eretz Yisrael was broken for a very long time. And even today, the process of resettling the land has been fraught with complications and struggle. The reason, Rav Lau explained, lies in the origins of our relationship to the Torah and our relationship to the Land of Israel. When our ancestors arrived at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, they eagerly and enthusiastically proclaimed, "Na'aseh Ve'nishma" – that they would wholeheartedly accept all the Torah's laws, without any hesitation. But a little over a year later, when they were poised to enter Eretz Yisrael, they said they did not want the land. They insisted on first sending a group of spies to check out the land, and then, when the spies returned, they decided they should not proceed, and even wept over their destiny to live in Eretz Yisrael. This "Morasha" was not eagerly accepted when it was first offered to us, and so our relationship with the land began on a shaky foundation. The land, as it were, was "hurt" and "offended." It took a very long time, Rav Lau explained, for our relationship to the land to be fully repaired, and indeed, this process has yet been completed. The struggles the Jewish Nation continues to face in securing its hold on our sacred homeland is due to our initial refusal to embrace this precious gift, this "Morasha," with which we have been entrusted. The more we work to recognize and appreciate the sanctity of Eretz Yisrael, the more we will advance this process of repairing our strained relationship with the Holy Land, and we will then experience peace, joy and prosperity in the land, and celebrate the rebuilding of the Bet Ha'mikdash and our final redemption, speedily and in our days, Amen.

January 5, 2019

Early minyan kiddush is unsponsored.

Main kiddush is sponsored by Sherry and Henry Stein in memory of Henry's step-father, Arie Halpern ZT"l.

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Debbie and Moshe Rosenwein to commemorate the 11th yahrtzeit of Blanche Rosenwein a"h.

January 12, 2019

Early minyan and main kiddush are unsponsored.

Shalosh Seudos will be sponsored by Ariana and Adam Reich.

Thank you to Michelle and Eytan Burstein sponsoring Lox and Learn this week.

Thank you to Fran and David Gidalowitz and to Lori and Andrew Nusbaum for co-sponsoring TNT this week.

NO@TS Presents: COMEDY NIGHT!

Improv Comedy group CSz returns to CIS on January 26th @ 8pm

EVERYONE is invited: \$10/person for members;
\$15/person for non-members.

WOMEN'S SHIUR HACHODESH SERIES

Save the dates for upcoming lectures:

January 13th ~ Chevi Garfinkel

February 10th ~ Yael Axelrod

March 3rd ~ Shira Schiowitz

Camp Kitanim 2019 Registration Now Open

Registration forms can be downloaded from the shul website at www.congregationisrael.org

Early Bird Discount: \$100 off if deposit and registration form is submitted to the shul office by February 15th

Planning for Yom Chesed 2019 is underway! Save the date: May 19th
In order for us to ensure a great day for all, we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill out this survey that will help us plan the best activities for everyone who is interested in participating.

Please note that filling out the survey is not a commitment to a specific activity, nor is it an official RSVP. Another email will be sent in a couple of months with registration and more detailed information. Please complete the survey by Jan. 20th. Feel free to contact Miryam Smilow (Miryam.Smilow@gmail.com) or Chana Horowitz (Chanahorowitz@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Link to google survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/cDnxTliZ3w0CntLS2>
Link to video recap of Yom Chesed 2018: <https://youtu.be/FtiLGn-zArw>

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 4th, 6:30 pm: Teen Boys, Oneg at the Brombergs

Jan. 5th, 7 pm: YLIT & TEEN
Movie night at AMC Mountainside watching AQUAMAN

Please email springfielddirectors@gmail.com to save your spot!

Jan. 6th, 10:00 am: A Tu Bishvat exploration of our local trees at the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary in Short Hills.

THIS IS AN RSVP EVENT: DEADLINE IS JANUARY 2ND.

Please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/hOCzpy3dxTepqCGT2> and fill out the very short RSVP form. If your child is in 1st-4th grade, you may drop off at 10 am and pick up at 11 am.

Save the Date...

44th Annual CIS Dinner, April 2, 2019
Crystal Plaza in Livingston, NJ

Rabbi Israel E. Turner Memorial Award
David Schiffman

Young Leadership Award
Ariana and Adam Reich

Aishet Chayil Award
Judith Cohen Sandman

Edward Konigsberg Memorial Award
Avidan Bienenfeld

Joseph Tammam Memorial Scholarship Award
Genah Grossman

KOSHER CHOPPED COMPETITION FOR WOMEN ONLY!

February 2nd at 8:00 pm at Congregation Israel of Springfield
Friends of the Mikvah join us for a night of fun and flavor with Naomi Nachman!

Free for Mikvah Members, \$50 for Non Members

Please RSVP to Jessica Bienenfeld at jess.bienenfeld@gmail.com

Aron's West Orange has introduced their NEW delivery service with deliveries to Springfield FREE with a \$100 purchase and a \$2 shopping fee! It is available online at aronsmarket.com and via a mobile app, available on both iOS App Store and Google Play Store. With this new service, it is easy to use and just clicks away!

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"

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!

Infant through adult clothing in good condition is needed. Other items needed - 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 between Sunday and Thursday evening. Place clothing in a plastic bag and leave bags in the small classroom located by the side parking lot.

SHUL PARKING LOT!

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