



# Congregation Bnai Yeshurun Weekly Shabbat Announcements

December 18-25, 2020

ג' - י' טבת תשפ"א

Shabbat Miketz

שבת מקץ

## Shabbat Times      זמני שבת

Candle Lighting	4:10 pm	הדלקת נרות
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat - NM, OM, BM & Ogden Lot	4:15 pm	מנחה וקבלת שבת
Sephardic Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat*	4:15 pm	מנין עדות מזרח

**The listed starting time for Shabbat morning minyanim will be the time that "Rebbi Yishmael" (followed by the first Kaddish) is recited. Those who wish to gather to say brachos and Korbanos together certainly may do so five minutes or so beforehand. Alternatively, they can be recited at home (even at a slower pace) before arrival at Shul.**

Latest Shema	9:34 am	סוף זמן ק"ש
Hashkama—Old Main & Ogden Lot	7:00 am	השכמה
Ashkenaz—West Englewood Lot	8:30 am	נוסח אשכנז
Sefard—Social Hall	8:30 am	נוסח ספרד
Sephardic Shacharit *	8:45 am	מנין עדות מזרח
Ashkenaz—New Main	9:00 am	נוסח אשכנז
Ashkenaz—Old Main	9:15 am	נוסח אשכנז
Mommy & Me (Ogden Lot)	10:00 am	אמהות ותינוקים
Youth Groups (Parking Lots)	10:30 - 11:15 am	קבוצות נוער
Minchas Chinuch—Ari Wartelsky following Sefard minyan-SH	10:30 am	שעור מנחת חינוך

Mincha—Ogden Tent	12:45 pm	מנחה
Mincha—New Main	1:45 pm	מנחה
Sephardic Mincha *	4:10 pm	מנין עדות מזרח
Mincha—New Main & Ogden Lot	4:10 pm	מנחה
R' Weinberger's shiur, "Why Yosef Never Phoned Home" between mincha & maariv will take place in the New Main		שיבת מצרים
Maariv & Shabbat Ends – New Main & Ogden Lot	5:15 pm	מעריב
Manny Freed z"l Parent Child Learning – Ogden Lot	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	הורים וילדים
Teen Learning Program – Ogden Lot	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	שעור לתלמידי תיכון
Next Shabbat Candle Lighting	4:13 pm	הדלקת נרות
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	4:05 pm	מנחה

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**With the closure of the CBY parking lots for our tents we recognize there is a great challenge in finding parking spaces near shul, especially during minyan times. However, we implore every member to be cognizant of where you are parking; obey all parking regulations & be courteous of the shul's neighbors & never block their driveways. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone when walking to shul during darkened times of day to please wear reflective materials & walk on the correct side of the street.**

## A Message from Rabbi Weinberger



"ויהי מקץ שנתיים ימים", and it was at the end of two years, that Yosef was finally released from prison. The מדרש, commenting on these two years, says it was קץ שם לחשך - the end of Yosef's darkness. At first glance, the מדרש could not be more on point. We can easily point to this moment as the beginning of Yosef's upwards trajectory. For the past 13 years, his life had spiraled completely out of control. But beginning with פרשת מקץ, the moment he got of jail, his mazel took a complete 180. He successfully interpreted Paroh's dreams; became the viceroy in Egypt; saved the economy; fulfilled his own dreams; and was reunited with his family after 22 years of separation. So, there is no question that this marked the end of darkness.

The difficulty with the מדרש though, is the fact that it specifically comments on these 2 years. Was it truly only 2 years of darkness? Yosef was in jail for 10 years! Rashi says when he asked the שד המשקים to put in a good word with Paroh, he was punished for putting his trust in a human instead of Hashem, and for that he remained in jail for an additional 2 years. But that's just an additional 2 years on top of the 8 years he had already been in prison (not to mention being sold as a slave 3 years prior to that). So why does the מדרש only refer to these last 2 years as "חושך" - what about the rest the time he spent there?

Rav Chaim Yaakov Goldvicht zt"l (founding Rosh Yeshiva of Kerem b'Yavneh) offered the following powerful explanation. He says there is a difference between *tragedy* and *darkness*. The reality of life is that everyone experiences failure, disappointment and sadness. This is all but guaranteed the moment we are put into this world by Hashem. (The מסילת ישרים says one of the main reasons humans are created is to be able to be "לעמוד בנסיון", to rise to the challenge). But challenging times do not necessarily have to be "dark" times. In fact, some of our greatest challenges can be among the most illuminating moments in our lives. חושך, however, is when one of these obstacles has the opposite effect. When life knocks us down and we get up more confused, lost and distant than before.

When Yosef was suffering all those years prior to his meeting with שד המשקים, it was undoubtedly a horrible experience. Yet, the מדרש does *not* refer to those years as "חושך". As difficult as those times were for יוסף, he was not "lost in the darkness" because he still had a clear perspective. After everything he had gone through- from nearly being killed by his brothers, to being sold as a slave, to being tested time and time again by אשת פוטיפר, to being framed and thrown in jail for a crime he never committed- he still had an unwavering אמונה in Hashem. He still had the image of his father etched into his heart and mind. Once he placed his trust in the hands of the שד המשקים though, he lost that perspective, and entered into a personal period of darkness.

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### Mazal Tov

מזל טוב

- Faigi & Stanley Fischman on the birth of a grandson a son to Jenni & Akiva Fischman.
- Sandra & David Lerer on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Dina & Avi Lerer
- Toni & Reuven Nayowitz on being honored by Project Ezra.
- Monique Victor & Curtis Rindfleish and Nicole Victor on the bat mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Gigi Rindfleish.

### Condolences

נחומים

- Edna Peyser, Daniella Teutsch, Jonathan Peyser, Jeremy Peyser, Seth Peyser, and Caroline Bollag on the loss of their beloved husband and father, Pincus Peyser a"h.

### CBY Notes

- Please note we have added additional locations for Friday night davening in the Old Main & the Beis Medrash.
- Join Leil Shabbat learning Friday nights in the Beis Medrash. Upon the conclusion of the weekly dvar halacha, we will learn (each family individually) for 20 minutes before maariv.
- R' Zatz's Women's shiur on שמואל א' is on Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 9:45 am. Click [here](#) for the WhatsApp group for updates. See page 5 for Zoom link.
- R' Zatz's Gemara shiur is on Thursday evenings at 8:15 pm. For the WhatsApp Group click [here](#). See page 5 for Zoom link.
- CBY & the OU present a Motzei Shabbat Online Series featuring various Rabbanim, each in conversation with a member of their shul. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, join R' Larry Rothwachs with Chavie Knapp, survivor of a terrorist attack. [ou.org/conversations](http://ou.org/conversations).
- December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am CBY Adult Ed presents a Zoom lecture with Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz, "Happiness in a Sad World". Click [here](#) to join, password is cby (case sensitive).
- The CBY Benevolent Association & Eretz HaChaim are offering the first opportunity to acquire plots in a new *chelka*, at a discount, until March 2021. Q&A session will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:15 pm, with representatives of Eretz HaChaim. For Zoom link click [here](#). Passcode: cby

### CBY Teens

- Motzei Shabbat High School Learning 7:30-8:30 pm in the Ogden Tent. High school students are invited to join for dinner & a Halachic shayla; "If I Miss Laining on Shabbos, Can I Make It Up?"
- Teen Minyan returns next Shabbat, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Beis Medrash Committee

- Manny Freed z"l Parent Child Learning Motzei Shabbat 6:15-7:15 pm in the Ogden Tent. Special Middle School Chaburah for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders with CBY college students.
- Mishna Yomit is learning Masechet Ohalot.

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This is an unbelievable idea! The circumstances under which Yosef spent his last two years in prison were *exactly the same* as all of the prior years in jail. It was the same bad food, the same hard bed, the same cold nights etc. Every day was miserable- from beginning to end. The only thing that changed in the last two years was his perspective. He went from having בִּיטְחוֹן in Hashem to having בִּיטְחוֹן in an officer. It's also possible that this desperate attempt of latching onto the שׂר signified him giving up hope altogether. And that, according to the מוֹדֵרֵשׁ, was darkness. The rest of the time- while just as challenging- was still אור.

This is not to suggest that every נַסִּיּוֹן has a neatly packaged take-home message that we can easily develop into a life-changing experience. Sometimes Hashem's decrees are beyond human understanding. זאת חקת התורה. But when the going gets tough we should take inspiration from Yosef in his earlier years. Through three years of slavery and eight years in prison he never let the darkness creep in. If we can manage to hold onto our אמונה (each on our own level) and maintain (and possibly strengthen) our connection to Hashem, then we too can live a life of light and growth, no matter what obstacles Hashem puts down before us.

Please join us for the Congregation  
Bnai Yeshurun Semi-Annual  
General Membership meeting  
Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at  
8:45 pm. Zoom (Link to Follow).  
As is our custom, a presentation  
will be made as to the  
"State of the Shul."  
All CBY members are invited and  
encouraged to attend.

When shopping on Amazon, support CBY by shopping through this link [smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6082951](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-6082951)—costs no money but CBY receives a donation with each purchase!



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## Weekly Davening Schedule

	Sun. Dec. 20	Mon. Dec. 24	Tues. Dec. 22	Wed. Dec. 23	Thu. Dec. 24	Fri. Dec. 25		
Earliest <i>tefillin</i> – 6:17 am Latest <i>Shema</i> – 9:35 am <i>Mincha Gedola</i> – 12:24 pm	ה' טבת	ו' טבת	ז' טבת	ח' טבת	ט' טבת	י' טבת יום עשרה בטבת Legal Holiday		
דף היומי	פסחים כ"ט	פסחים ל'	פסחים ל"א	פסחים ל"ב	פסחים ל"ג	פסחים ל"ד		
Sephardic Netz Shacharit*	6:40 am	6:40 am	6:40 am	6:40 am	6:40 am	6:40 am		
Shacharit–Ogden Tent	6:25 am	<b>6:07 am</b>	6:10 am	6:10 am	<b>6:07 am</b>	6:10 am		
Shacharit–New Main	<b>6:25 am OM</b>	<b>6:07 am</b>	6:15 am	6:15 am	<b>6:07 am</b>	<b>6:10 am</b>		
Shacharit–New Main	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	שחרית	
Shacharit– <b>Beis Medrash</b> <i>Slow Paced Minyan</i>	8:00 am	7:15 am	7:15 am	7:15 am	7:15 am	7:15 am		
Shacharit–Old Main	7:30 am	7:20 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	7:20 am	7:30 am		
Shacharit–Ogden Tent	8:00 am	7:20 am	7:30 am	7:30 am	7:20 am	7:30 am		
Shacharit–New Main	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am		
Shacharit– <b>Old Main</b>	<b>8:50 am OM</b>	8:50 am	8:50 am	8:50 am	8:50 am	8:50 am		
Shacharit–New Main	9:15 am							
Mincha only Ogden Tent	12:45 & 1:45 pm	12:45 pm	12:45 pm	12:45 pm	12:45 pm	<b>1:45 pm</b>		מנחה
Mincha only–New Main	12:45 & 1:45 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm	<b>1:45 pm</b>		
Zman Mincha–New Main	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm			
Zman Mincha–Ogden Tent	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm			
Sephardic Mincha *	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm	4:20 pm			
Maariv only – Old Main	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm		מעריב	
Maariv only – Ogden Tent	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm			
Maariv only – Old Main	9:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 pm			
Maariv only – Old Main	10:01 pm	10:01 pm	10:01 pm	10:01 pm	10:01 pm			

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### Tefilah Instructions from Rabbi Zahtz

**Friday night:**

For those making שבת בזמן candle lighting is at 4:10 pm.  
שמע should be repeated after 5:05 pm.

**day:**

is at 9:34 am. סוף זמן קריאת שמע is at 10:20 am

This week's פרשה is מקץ. This week's הפטרה is ד:אג-טו. מלכים אג:טו-ד. Pay careful attention we do not often get to hear this הפטרה!

The earliest time for מנחה is 12:24 pm. מנחה should be completed by שקיעה at 4:30 pm.

and מעריב ends at 5:15 pm. For those who wait for the זמן of רבנו תם it is 5:43 pm.

**Davening protocols:**

We continue to have beautiful minyanim both in Shul and outdoors on the Shul campus, please join and please remember your masks (both mouth and nose must be covered) and social distancing. In the Old Main Shul, Social Hall, and Beis Medrash please only sit where the chairs have been set up. In the New Main Shul please only sit in the seats with blue tape on the back of them.

For those davening at home, the following parts of the תפלה are omitted: יקום פורקן, ברכו, בריך שמיא, יקום פורקן, אנעים and מגן אבות, קדיש, קדושה, ברכו, בריך שמיא, יקום פורקן, צדקתך צדק and אב הרחמים. We do recite זמירות.

Friday, 12/25, is the fast of עשרה בטבת. We add סליחות following שמונה עשרה and recite אבינו מלכנו as well. סליחות may be recited even without a minyan, however the 13 middos of mercy should not be recited without a minyan unless they are read with the trop, as if reading from the Torah. At מנחה we lein in shul as is typical of other fast days, notwithstanding the fact that it is ערב שבת. However, ערב שבת and תחנון are not recited. The fast continues until after קידוש is made following צאת הכוכבים.



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### CBY Covid Safety Protocols

As the weather gets cooler, CBY's Medical Committee has been discussing ways to ensure the safety of our members in the coming winter months. These recommendations and guidelines are formulated based on information and advice available as of October 2020. They also take into account recommendations disseminated by the OU, released just before the Yamim Noraim. All recommendations apply to both CBY members and non-members who enter shul.

As always, our shuls and communities should follow, at a minimum, the guidelines provided by local and national authorities, including the CDC and local health departments. By-and-large, our shul has been a model of compliance with public health recommendations during this crisis. This is profoundly inspiring and represents a true kiddush Hashem and affirmation of our choosing life. By working together and adhering to the following guidelines, we hope to ensure that our shul remains safe.

1. **Health:** No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 may attend any event at CBY.
2. **Masking:** Masking is required at all indoor and outdoor minyanim. Masks should cover both nose and mouth. There are no exceptions.
3. **Seating Plans:** In addition to masking, we continue to urge social distancing, leaving six feet between seats occupied by non-family members. There are blue stickers in the New Main sanctuary which indicate where people should sit to ensure a safe environment. In other locations throughout the shul and outside chairs are spaced appropriately; please do not move or add seats in these locations. In the Ogden Tent we have put out chairs in groups of two to allow one chair for sitting and one for tallis/tefillin/chumash etc.
4. **Adding Minyanim:** Our shul administration, Rabbis and gabbaim have begun providing additional minyanim based on the increased need as the cold and rain necessitate. In addition to more indoor minyanim, plans for a second heated tent are in the works. Each minyan will have a captain who will determine if there is a need to add a simultaneous minyan elsewhere to avoid crowding.
5. **Ventilation & Duration:** Efforts, including consultation with HVAC experts, have been made to ensure proper ventilation of the space. Masking, distancing, and ventilation reduce risk but do not eliminate it. Every individual who chooses to daven inside must be aware of this risk and signs are posted to this effect. We do suggest N95 masks for those individuals at increased risk as they are proven to be safer in most studies.
6. **Avoiding Crowding:** While in shul, as well as while entering and exiting, congregants should maintain social distance.
7. Any individual returning from travel from a state defined as "impacted states" by the State of NJ (access up to date list [HERE](#)) may not attend any minyanim or events (whether indoors or outdoors) at Bnai Yeshurun for 2 weeks upon return. Additionally, any individual returning from international travel from a country listed as Level 2 (moderate) or Level 3 (high) risk, as defined by the CDC Travel Recommendation list (accessible [HERE](#)), may not attend any minyanim or events (whether indoors or outdoors) at Bnai Yeshurun for 2 weeks upon return. As of the writing of this email Israel is defined as Level 3 on the CDC listing. Please note that these lists may change daily and therefore must be checked upon return from travel for confirmation.
8. In the event that a member or non-member tests positive, we will send out a communication to the entire shul with that information. We will not identify the member or non-member by name but will attempt to report where (at which minyan) and when that person davened at CBY. Each individual in that minyan should then reach out to their doctor to discuss their individual need for quarantine. We request that any person who davens at a CBY minyan (either indoor or outdoor) communicate with the office ([office@bnaiyeshurun.org](mailto:office@bnaiyeshurun.org) or 201-836-8916 ext.5) in a timely manner in the event that they test positive for COVID.

We are trusting our members and other attendees to follow this practice. If you have any concerns related to a violation of this policy, please speak with the Gabbai of that minyan or please inform the shul office.



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ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DECEMBER 20-25, 2020		
Daily	Short Vort WhatsApp Group - Inyanei D'Yoma from Rabbi Steven Pruzansky	<a href="#">Sign up Here</a>
Throughout week	Chizzuk WhatsApp Group from Rabbi Ari Zahtz	<a href="#">Sign up Here</a>
Throughout the week	WhatsApp Group – Myth-busters in Halacha with Rabbi Yosef Weinberger	<a href="#">Sign up Here</a>
Sunday at 7:00 am, M-F at 5:30 am & Motzei Shabbat 6:00 pm	Daf Yomi with rotating magidei shiur	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/99037398916">https://zoom.us/j/99037398916</a> Password: CBY
Sunday–Thursday at 8:15 pm	Mishna B'rurah Chavurah with Ari Wartelsky	In person in the Old Main Shul and on Zoom <a href="https://zoom.us/j/611771378">https://zoom.us/j/611771378</a> Password: cby
Motzei Shabbat at 9:00 pm	Hilchos Shabbos Shiur with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942</a>
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 6:20 am	Yitzchak Yaakov Kollel Boker with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	In person in the Beis Medrash and on Zoom at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942</a>
<b>Tuesday at 8:30 pm</b>	Gemara Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942</a>
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 6:20 am	Yitzchak Yaakov Kollel Boker with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	In person in the Beis Medrash and on Zoom at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942</a>
Wednesday at 1:30 pm	Senior "Lunch" & Learn with Rabbi Michael Taubes	<a href="https://yeshiva-university.zoom.us/j/93287566078">https://yeshiva-university.zoom.us/j/93287566078</a> Password: YSH
Wednesday at 9:15 pm	Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942</a>
Thursday at 9:15-9:45 am	Women's shiur on Shmuel Aleph with Rabbi Ari Zahtz	On Zoom at: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98497375550">https://zoom.us/j/98497375550</a> Passcode: cby
Thursday at 8:15 pm	Gemara Shiur Daf-a-Shavua with Rabbi Ari Zahtz	On Zoom at : <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93158801243">https://zoom.us/j/93158801243</a> Passcode cby
Thursday at 9:35 pm	Parsha & Halacha with Rabbi Michael Taubes	<a href="https://yeshiva-university.zoom.us/j/93287566078">https://yeshiva-university.zoom.us/j/93287566078</a> Password: YSH
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 6:20 am	Yitzchak Yaakov Kollel Boker with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	In person in the Beis Medrash and on Zoom at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942</a>
Friday at 8:15 am	Minchas Chinuch w/Eli Weber	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/156897284">https://zoom.us/j/156897284</a> Password: cby



**Rebbetzin Michal Zahtz:** Please remember that Michal is available to help with Halachic questions pertaining to Taharat Ha'Mishpacha or other sensitive matters, or for general support and Chizuk. Feel free to text or call her at (917)822-6188.



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## SCENES FROM CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS AT CBY

**Ice Sculpture Menorah Lighting on December 12<sup>th</sup> was inspiring to all!**



**CBY Drive-in Chanukah Concerts & Celebrations on December 13<sup>th</sup> were a blast!**



**Thank you to the many committee members and volunteers who made all of these events come to fruition!**



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### Teen Department – A Message from Rabbi Jonathan Schachter



As the famine reaches its most unbearable peak in the middle of *parashas Mikeitz*, *Yaakov Avinu* is faced with a painful but obvious decision to make. He can either accept the risk of sending *Binyamin* with the other brothers to *Mitzrayim* to acquire food for the family, or he can refuse to send *Binyamin* and the brothers, and ultimately run out of food for the family, including *Binyamin*.

*Reuven* and *Yehuda* both attempt to convince their father to trust them with *Binyamin*, by imposing upon themselves severe penalties should they fail to return *Binyamin*. *Reuven* suggests, “My two sons shall die, if I do not bring him (*Binyamin*) to you” (*Bereishis* 42:37), but *Yaakov* ignores him. *Yehuda* follows with his offer. “I’ll be the guarantor for him (*Binyamin*), from my hand you can seek him, if I do not bring him to you, and set him before you, then I will have sinned to you forever and bear the consequences” (*Bereishis* 43:8). This time, *Yaakov* acquiesces.

What was so much more convincing about *Yehuda’s* offer than *Reuven’s*? As extreme as *Reuven’s* offer was, didn’t it demonstrate at least as much commitment to the mission as *Yehuda’s*? And if *Yaakov* rejected *Reuven’s* offer because *Yaakov* didn’t want a curse over the heads of his own grandchildren, then why would *Yaakov* accept *Yehuda’s* offer if it meant a curse over the head of *Yaakov’s* son?

There is a subtle but critical difference between *Reuven’s* offer and *Yehuda’s*. *Reuven* viewed himself as apart from *Binyamin* and his father. By offering to have his two sons killed, and not realizing that this too was a loss to the family as much as something happening to *Binyamin*, *Reuven* demonstrated that he viewed each family member as its own separate unit. *Yehuda* however used the concept of *areivus* when he spoke. He declared, “*Anochi a’arvenu*,” “I will be his guarantor.” When one is an “*areiv*,” one is committing to not only help a peer, but to view one’s fate as being intertwined with his. We are *me’uravim*, literally “merged together”, for this task. It was this mindset of *areivus* which reassured *Yaakov* that *Yehuda* understood his responsibility for his brother, and this moment became the launching of a famous *halachik* principle, *kol Yisrael areivim zeh ba’zeh*, all Jews are responsible and intertwined with one another.

In the realm of *halacha*, this principle of *areivus* allows one Jew to recite a *beracha* on behalf of another Jew, even if the former had already fulfilled his personal obligation (*Rosh Hashanna* 29a). *Rabbeinu Nissim* (*Rosh Hashanna*, page 8a of the *Rif*) explains that since one Jew has not yet fulfilled his obligation, then every Jew’s fulfillment of that *mitzvah* remains incomplete. Therefore, even one who has already

### A Bond for the Ages

performed his portion of the *mitzvah* can still make a *beracha* on behalf of another and say “*asher kidishanu b’mitzvosav v’tzivanu ...*” since we all still have a partial obligation to fulfill. This principle is both comforting and frightening at the same time. It is comforting to know that others have a responsibility to support us and help us fulfill our responsibilities. On the other hand, the notion that if a Jew on the other side of the world didn’t like Chanukah candles, then somehow my own performance of this *mitzvah* remains incomplete, is quite frightening!

*Rav Ezra Bick*, a *Ram* at *Har Etzion*, explained this concept of *areivus* in an essay as follows. Each Jew has entered into a double covenant with *HaShem*. We have entered into a personal covenant with *HaShem*, in which we accept full responsibility for our own actions. And we have also entered into a national covenant with *HaShem* as part of *Am Yisrael*, in which we commit to ensuring that our nation remains faithful to *HaShem*. This national covenant, *areivus*, is what merges me today with a Jew in Australia, and makes his Chanukah candle lighting relevant to me. It also connects me to the original Maccabim, and makes their triumph into my triumph, since it was really the triumph of the nation! How appropriate it is then that the *Beis Hamikdash* was built on the border of the tribes of *Yehuda* and *Binyamin*! When *Yehuda* merged his fate with that of *Binyamin* in our *parasha*, and guaranteed that he would protect his brother at all costs, *HaShem* decided to join that bond and make that place His home!!

BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM PRESENTS  
MOTZEI SHABBAT  
HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING  
WITH RABBI JONATHAN SCHACHTER  
ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO JOIN FOR DINNER AND A HALACHIC SHAYLA OF THE WEEK. EVERY WEEK WE WILL CHOOSE A CURRENT, RELEVANT QUESTION TO DELVE INTO.  
DECEMBER 19, 2020  
If I Miss Laining on Shabbos, Can I Make It Up?



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## Virtual Youth Wing! Miketz in "Hashtag" Form



- **#PreviouslyInSeferBereisheet** - Yosef successfully interpreted the dreams of the Sar HaMashkim and the Sar HaOfim: the former forgot to put in a good word for Yosef even after he was reinstated as an official in Pharaoh's palace. **#ForReal? #ComeOn! #YisroelBitachB^**
- **#BackToReality #Miketz:** Pharaoh **#HadADream** about seven emaciated cows who consumed seven strong cows, **#NileBBQ #Bro #DoYouEvenLift #Moo**. Pharaoh went back to sleep and then dreamed about some thin wheat eating some **#gezunta** wheat. **#BelieveItOrNot**, the next morning, none of his magicians could successfully interpret the dreams. All of a sudden, the Sar HaMashkim remembered the Jewish **#wizkid** from prison, and told Pharaoh about him- **#FINALLY #ItBeAboutTime**. Yosef was speedily released and brought before Pharaoh.
- Yosef interpreted the dreams, told Pharaoh that Mitzrayim was destined to have seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Yosef then suggested, "why don't you store up your food in advance?" Pharaoh liked this idea. **#ForTheWin #EntrepreneurshipAtItsFinest** Consequently, Pharaoh placed 30 year old Yosef as the one in charge of the operation. **#Wowza** He was the second in command of the world's largest superpower! Yosef married Osnat and had two kids: Menasheh and Efraim. **#MayYouBeLikeThem #YallBeBlessed**
- When the famine came, Egypt fared pretty well, but Yosef's **#FamJamInCanaan** started getting nervous. Yaakov sent the oldest ten kids down to **#EgyptLand** in order to get food. When they arrived, Yosef accused them of being spies, and threw them in prison for three days **#WoeIsUs**. Yosef released all of them besides for Shimon and demanded that they bring back Binyamin, the youngest as well. Yaakov wasn't happy about this and didn't want to lose Rachel's last son. Finally, after they nearly ran out of food, and Yehuda took personal responsibility for his brother Binyamin, Yaakov relented, and sent them back down to Mitzrayim with Binyamin, presents, and a tefillah. **#RoadTripRoadTrip #FamilyReunion**
- When Yosef saw them and found out that his father was still alive, he excused himself and went into his private room to cry. They then gathered, ate, and Yosef gave them each presents, Binyamin's present was **#BetterThanTheRest #SiblingRivalryNoMore**. He then told them to leave and snuck his special cup in Binyamin's sack. When the royal police brought them back to the palace to face charges, Yosef told them all to go back to Canaan, but leave Binyamin behind as a slave, since he "stole" the cup. **#Ultimatum #ThisIsSoIntense #TBC #TuneInNextWeek #SameBatChannel**

### CBY YOUTH MIKETZ SEARCH!

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Entrepreneurship	Binyamin	Siblings	Pharaoh
Menasheh	Hostage	Rivalry	Gezunta
Viceroy	Goblet	Famine	Efraim
Prison	Wheat	Dreams	Spies
Yosef	Nile	Cows	Osnat

### A Mini-Vort From the Szafranski Table to Yours!

Why was Yosef punished for asking the Sar HaMashkim to help him out? Wasn't Yosef merely doing an eency little bit of hishtadlut? Rabbeinu Bechaya claims that Yosef wasn't punished for doing hishtadlut, rather, he was punished for thinking that there was only one way in which his redemption could occur. Yosef believed that HaShem could only save him through the help of the Sar HaMashkim and that no other plan could work.

Sometimes we think we know what is best for us and are convinced that certain things need to happen in a specific way. We learn from Yosef that we must always trust HaShem. We must realize that HaShem knows what is best for us, even when it seemingly doesn't go according to our plans.



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THE CBY ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

## Rabbi Dr. Akiva Tatz

Sunday, December 20, 2020

10:00 am on Zoom

Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/94166228530>

Password: cby (case-sensitive)



"Happiness in a Sad World"

## IN CONVERSATION...

RABBIS SCHMOOZING WITH THEIR CONGREGANTS



Rabbi Larry Rothwachs  
Congregation Beth  
Aaron



Chavie Knapp  
Survivor of a terrorist  
bus bombing in Israel

WATCH ON:



STORIES, TORAH, INSPIRATION

Dec 19 8:15 PM

[ou.org/conversations](http://ou.org/conversations)

## THE INNER WORLD OF CHASSIDUS

Thursday, December 31 - 8:30 - 10:00 pm EST  
[www.brsonline.org/chassidus](http://www.brsonline.org/chassidus)

8:30-9:00 pm  
Rabbi Efreim Goldberg  
Connecting to Ourselves

9:00-9:30 pm  
Rabbi Reuven Brand  
Searching for Meaning

9:30-10:00 pm  
Rabbi Moshe Weinberger  
Our Generation and  
Chassidus



For more information please contact Rabbi Simcha Shabtai at [rss@brsonline.org](mailto:rss@brsonline.org)



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YOUTH Department INVITES YOU BACK FOR

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED FOR THE ENTIRETY OF GROUPS

GROUPS WILL BE LIMITED TO GRADES K-5

## CBY PARKING LOT GROUPS

DAVENING, PARSHA ACTIVITY, FOLLOWED BY A PRE-PACKAGED KIDDUSH TO GO!

**SHABBAT MORNING 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**

GROUPS WILL BE CAPPED AT EIGHT KIDS AND TWO YOUTH EDUCATORS PER GROUP.

ONCE SPOTS ARE FILLED, GROUPS WILL BE CLOSED OUT.

PLEASE ONLY REGISTER YOUR CHILD IF YOU ARE CERTAIN THEY WILL ATTEND, SO AS TO NOT TAKE AWAY SLOTS FROM OTHERS.

MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL CHILDREN PRESENT. BATHROOMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM PRESENTS

## MOTZEI SHABBAT

MANNY FREED Z"L

# PARENT CHILD LEARNING

December 19, 2020  
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

**REGISTER**

NEW THIS YEAR  
SPECIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL CHABURAH  
JOIN CBY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO LEARN MISHNAVOT SEDER ZERAIM TOGETHER

6TH - 8TH GRADERS

MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN NOT EATING.

SOCIALLY DISTANT IN THE CBY PARKING LOT

EXCITING TORAH! DELICIOUS PIZZA AND SNACKS! AWESOME PRIZES!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AT MULTIPLE LEVELS

SNACK LEVEL \$100	PRIZE LEVEL \$180	PIZZA LEVEL \$250
1 WEEK MFPC \$360	1 MONTH MFPC \$1,360	\$781 WINTER SEASON \$5,400

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SPONSOR PLEASE VISIT [WWW.BNAIYESHURUN.ORG/PCL](http://WWW.BNAIYESHURUN.ORG/PCL)

YOUTH Department INVITES YOU TO

## SHABBAT MORNING MOMMY & ME

10:00 AM

IN THE CBY PARKING LOT

MASKS REQUIRED FOR ADULTS AND KIDS OVER 2

AGES 0-3 & YOUR MOMMIES

WITH MORAH RANDI WARTELSKY

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S FAVORITE TOY! SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED.

**SIGN UP**

LIMITED SPOTS SIGNUP REQUIRED

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### Community Announcements

- Teaneck Mikvah Winter Hours: The Teaneck Mikvah will open nightly at 7:00 pm with the last appointment slot at 9:20 pm. Mikvah usage is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. We are not accepting walk-ins at this time. The appointment system closes daily at 5:30 pm for that night's appointments. All preparations must be done at home, including showering. For more information and to book an appointment, please visit [teaneckmikvah.com](http://teaneckmikvah.com).
- Keylim Mikvah Hours - With the guidance of medical professionals and the RCBC, the Teaneck Keylim Mikvah is open, for self-service by APPOINTMENT ONLY, for the hours of 8:00-2:00 Monday through Friday and from 8:00-1:00 on Sunday. Please visit [www.teaneckmikvah.com](http://www.teaneckmikvah.com) to book your appointment.
- Join this year's virtual Project EzraH Gala on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm, honoring **Toni & Reuven Nayowitz**, along with R' Daniel & Dr. Chaya Gopin and Robert Hoenig. Register at <https://projectezrahgala.com/register> or call 201-569-9047.
- Motzei Shabbat, December 19th, 9pm, JDC Film Screening with Linda Levi. "A Tale of Two Worlds" (1941) and "A Day of Deliverance" (1949)- Historic Films Produced by JDC. To join, go to <https://zoom.us/j/95591912618>, Password 703474. Monday, December 21st, 9pm, Book Discussion with Jennifer Rosner, author of "The Yellow Bird Sings." To join, go to <https://zoom.us/j/4653630025>, Password 8372795
- Join Cong.Beth Aaron's Shviti learning program on Sunday, December 20, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom as we conclude on the topic of Pat Akum with special guest speaker, R' Doniel Nosenchuk, OU Rabbinic Coordinator, Bakery & Confectionery Goods. R' Nosenchuk will present on the topic of "Examining Pas Akum & Pas Paltur, From the Factory Floor to your Kitchen." <https://zoom.us/j/91366375195?pwd=d3NacnA2SVdLbDJQZjNoSnlaaHhzUT09> Meeting ID: 913 6637 5195. Passcode: 888717
- Sunday, December 20 - Thursday, December 24 – 10:00 – 11:00 am 5 days on one topic: "Re-examing Human Relationships Through the Eyes of Covid-19 with Rebbetzin Leah Kohn, R' Eliyahu Bergstein, Mrs. Chani Juravel, R' Yinon Kalazan & Mrs. Debbie Greenblatt -To register - <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcu-pqjMvHdwoQxrVBXPpipcIq6vUkgh> Suggested donation: \$36 <http://jewishrenaissance.org/about-contribute.html>.
- Visit <https://www.teanecknj.gov/snow> for up-to-date snow information from the Township of Teaneck this winter.
- The Bergen County Food Security Task Force found at: <https://www.facebook.com/BCFoodTaskForce2020>. The Task Force has been working to coordinate efforts between our food pantries, civic organizations, & private corporations to meet increased demand, source nutritious food products, & resolve logistical issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Facebook page aims to keep county residents informed of all available food resources & to ensure all community-based emergency food providers have the necessary supplies to assist our residents.
- JEMA, a virtual free tutoring service, is seeking community volunteers for all subjects from grades K – 8 including math, English, Hebrew, Science, Social Studies and Judaic Studies to study with and support Yavneh students. JEMA volunteers are not required to have any formal teaching experience and can volunteer for as little as one-half hour per week. To volunteer, contact Dr. Brecker-Blum at [hr@thehrca.com](mailto:hr@thehrca.com) or Yavneh Academy at [yavnehedoffice@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:yavnehedoffice@yavnehacademy.org).
- United Hatzalah, in partnership with CoronaCareIsrael, is proud to present free & anonymous online counseling to US frontline healthcare providers. It is a partnership group of mental health trauma professionals practicing in Israel. We offer 24/7 mental health support at hours when these services may not otherwise be readily available. Sign up anonymously at [www.bit.ly/UHCoronaCare](http://www.bit.ly/UHCoronaCare). Confidentiality is of prime importance to us, & we will never require any identifying details. We invite all frontline staffers to utilize our services during this challenging time.
- Shopping Angels is a program designed to provide services to those populations deemed especially at-risk for the COVID-19 virus. We are volunteering our time to personally deliver groceries or other shopping necessities to those who may prefer to stay within the safety of their own home at no additional cost. This program is entirely volunteer-based – we do not ask for gas money, tips, or delivery fees! To request service or to volunteer please visit [www.shoppingangelsglobal.org](http://www.shoppingangelsglobal.org).
- Feldenkrais lessons for posture, calm & wellness continue. Mondays at 8-9 pm & Tuesday-Friday at 11:30-12:30 pm. Join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5864270795>. Meeting ID: 586 427 0795. Password: 337785. Call Joyce Bendavid OTR GCFP 201-759-4222 with any questions.
- Seeking teen leaders who show significant initiative & leadership in creating & leading a new initiative – or have considerably deepened or expanded an existing project – that embodies the values of tikkun olam, repairing the world. Up to 15 recipients will be awarded \$36,000 each to further their project or for their education. Eligibility: Teens (13–19 years old) who are Jewish, living in the US, who are not compensated for their work. Projects may focus on the Jewish or general community. Teens may apply directly online by submitting an application by January 8, 2021. Teachers, rabbis, community leaders, or any individual may submit a nomination online by December 18, 2020. Nominated teens will then be asked to complete a full application. Go to <https://www.dillerteenawards.org/apply-and-nominate/>



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### Important Update From the Teaneck/Bergenfield Tzedakah Committee

We are happy to update you on our recent and upcoming activities. Our committee is currently working on reopening the Tzedakah office. We are now prepared to once again accept applications from individuals and organizations requesting approval to collect in our community. In the next few weeks our new website, which will allow you to obtain updated information on approved meshulachim, will be open. Recommended guidelines for limiting face to face contact with the meshulachim will be included.

**We need your help**--If meshulachim come to your home, please inform them that our committee is now accepting applications. Please encourage them to call the committee's office, 201 343-5190. We do not advocate, at present, inviting the meshulachim into your home under any circumstance. Please share with us your suggestions on how to be responsive to the poor without compromising your concerns for your health. Additionally, feel free to direct your comments or questions to Dovid Schild via text 201 906-5443.

Over the past few weeks, we have been asked how our committee works; specifically, how we approve an individual to collect in our community. Following, is a short summary. The Process -- If a person would like to obtain our certificate, they must first complete an application (available in English, Russian, and Hebrew). We have four types of applications—one for each of the most common reasons a person solicits funds. These include: Individual Need; Institutional Solicitation; Medical Need; and Hachnosas Kallah. The completed application is submitted to the committee with supporting documents (letters of reference, other certificates, etc.). After a review of the documents, a committee member will personally speak with the appropriate people who know of the individual wishing to collect funds. (In America, Israel, etc.) One of the references must be a personal Rav who is known to us personally or by reputation. For example, if a person is requesting to collect on behalf of an organization in Israel, we will make personal contact with a Rav to confirm that they know of the person and will also confirm the organization exists and that the person is authorized to collect on behalf of the organization. Without making personal contact with these references, we will not grant a certificate. If the person provides us with all the information we need, the process generally takes about one to two weeks. The process can take longer if we are awaiting information or are having trouble contacting the references. Our committee functions on a voluntary basis and there is no fee for the meshulachim to receive a certificate. Wishing all a Happy Chanukah.

Teaneck/Bergenfield Tzedakah Committee. Tel: (201) 343-5190 email: [tbtzedakah@gmail.com](mailto:tbtzedakah@gmail.com) Fax: (201) 343-5190

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Passcode: 806089  
Or use the bitly link below

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each of the melachos of Shabbos

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Motzei Shabbos 9 PM

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