

SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קדש

Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos 4:28 PM

Come back for Friday Night Learning! With Cholent!

יום שבת קדש

HASHKAMA MINYAN! @Social Hall 7:00 AM

Daf Yomi - By Rabbi Teichman 7:30 AM

Shacharis - Sof Zman K"ס- 9:01 א"ב, 9:44- א"ג 8:30 AM

SHABBOS MORNING GROUPS: AGES 3-5 & 6-8

Shabbos Groups - 9:30 AM until after Kedusha in the Social Hall!

All @SOCIAL HALL - NO OLDER GIRLS GROUP THIS WEEK

All kids picked up @ Social Hall immediately after Kedusha!

GUEST CHAZAN - AVI GANZ

Join us for an inspiring Tefillah Shabbos morning with the world renowned singer, performer, chazan and inspiring special needs educator Avi Ganz who is visiting from Israel!

Followed by Kiddush

Mincha - 2:15 PM

Bnos- 2:15 PM

Mincha - Followed by Shalosh Seudos 4:20 PM

Maariv 5:37 PM

Avos U'Banim 6:30 PM

62/41

מזג האוויר בשבת*
Ohel Moshe Weather

**CANDLES NEXT
SHABBOS - 4:32 PM**

47/34

Sunday Minyanim

Shacharis 6:50 & 8:30 AM

Mincha Now Sunday - Thursday! 1:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv 4:35 PM

Maariv 9:45 PM

Weekday Minyanim

Shacharis (M, Th) 6:35 AM & 7:50 AM

Shacharis (W,F) 6:45 AM & 7:50 AM

Mincha (Su - Th) Sunday - Thursday! 1:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv (M-Th) 4:35 PM

Winter Maariv (M-Th) 7:45 PM

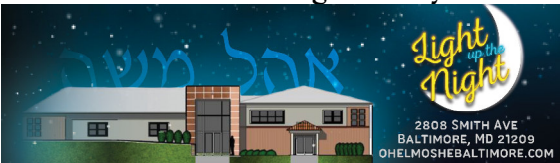
Maariv (Su - Th) 9:45 PM

Shiurim & Learning Opportunities

Daf Yomi 7:30AM(S & Th), 5:45AM(M-F) & 8:00-PM(M-W)

NIGHT SEDER 8-9:45pm - See Signs For Details

Women's Tehillim Learning Thursdays 9:40 AM



SPONSORSHIPS

Kiddush

@Hashkama - \$54

@Main - \$160

Shalosh Seudos

Available for \$72

To Sponsor an event or book the social hall please contact Miri Adler at Kiddush@OhelMosheBaltimore.com

Malka Sima & Joel Hosner
on the birth of a **BABY BOY!!**
Shalom Zachor @7006 Boxford after 8PM

Jordan & Chana Leah Wiener and Shmuel & Malky Wealcatch on the birth of a **GRANDSON** to Eliyahu and Chaya!!
Shalom Zachor will be at the Wealcatch home 3411 Bancroft Rd. after 7:45 PM
Special Mazal Tov to Binyomin & Rochel, Dovid & Gali, and Moshe & Shira Wealcatch!

Thank you to all who organized, sponsored, and attended the inspiring and beautiful Siyum HaShas this week! It's a great time to join the Daf!

Avos U'Banim - 6:30 PM Motzei Shabbos!

Featuring a story from the Rabbi plus learning, pizza and prizes!

SPONSORED BY: The Gerstein Family!

For questions or sponsorship contact Yoni Herman at yonahherman@yahoo.com. Weekly Sponsorship \$150

~UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENT~

FOR LADIES: Ceramics Painting Melave Malka -

Saturday, January 19th

8:30 PM in the Ohel Moshe Social Hall

Join us for pottery painting and refreshments

\$18 per person, be on the lookout for emails with registration info!

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Naftali Miller & Chaim Mordechai
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Pinchas Friedman, Sasha Zakharin &
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Kiddush, Shalosh Seudos

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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

Disappointment is a Dirty Word

When Yosef is told that his father is ill, he grabs his two sons and rushes to his father's bedside.

At that juncture Yaakov assures Yosef that these two sons that were born in Egypt prior to his arrival are to be treated as his very own and assured them a status as full-fledged שבטים, Tribes.

(הראשית מח לי (בראשית מח לי Efrayim and Menashe shall be mine like Reuvein and Shimon.

It would seem that the comparing of Efrayim and Menashe's standing to that of Reuvein and Shimon is not specifically intended to equate them to Reuvein and Shimon per se but simply an example of two among the other brothers who are bona fide tribes, with Reuvein and Shimon, the first two born to Yaakov, as the natural choice.

The Baal HaTurim however discovers a fascinating *gematria*, claiming that these two sets of brothers have the exact numerical equivalent of 732!

There is only one problem, the numerical value of ראובן ושמעון, comes up short by 1, and equals only 731.

The Kabbalists point out that there is a concept in the realm of authentic Torah numerology that one may add 1 for the כולל, entirety, representing the word(s) or concept as one 'whole' unit. This notion, they allege, is indicated in this exact verse. By adding 1 for its כולל, we arrive at 732.

It would seem from this numerical correspondence that perhaps there is indeed something fundamental about the parallel between these two groups of tribes specifically.

Another nagging question is why did Yaakov choose these two tribes as an illustration to Efrayim and Menashe of their becoming authentic tribes, since these two sons were later castigated by their father for their shortcomings?

In his blessing, Reuvein is taken to task by Yaakov for his impetuosity in having moved his father's bed from the tent of Rachel after her demise and placing it in the tent of his mother Leah. It was this shortcoming that cost him his entitlement, as the firstborn, to a double share of his father's holdings. Shimon, too, is reprimanded for his explosive anger having decimated the male populace of Shechem as a reaction to his sister being ravished by Chamor the son of Shechem.

That being the case, why would Yaakov select from among all his sons, 'deficient' ones as a paradigm for the inclusion of Efrayim and Menashe among the family of tribes?

Furthermore, why would Yaakov need at all to mention any of their names, he could have kept it simple by merely saying that his grandchildren, Efrayim and Menashe, will be treated equally with his actual 'sons'? Why the need for any enumeration at all?

Perhaps what Yaakov was seeking to convey was that he never viewed Reuvein or Shimon as a disappointment to him or as failures. He was as proud of them as of any of his children. The fact that he pointed out their mistakes wasn't intended to be an expression of frustration, on the contrary, it was perhaps these two sons, who

were so superior to the others, that they can healthily be directed to their errors without taking it personally or be offended. They relished Yaakov's confidence and admiration in them that thus enabled them to lovingly accept his 'rebuke'.

So often we small-minded individuals get frustrated with our children when we observe them not living up to our expectations of them and react disproportionately. We forget to see the 'whole' picture of who they are, the greatness they possess, the challenges they face, allowing our disappointment to cloud our perception of them.

Yaakov knew quite well the remarkable personas these two were and the sterling qualities they possessed. He intentionally sought to highlight them as representative of all their brothers. Only those who are truly cherished and valued by their parent can gladly be accepting of their mistakes as pointed out by so loving of a father.

Might that be the lesson of כולל, the notion of perceiving the whole essence of someone and not allowing ourselves to be blinded by their not living up to our expectations of them.

In Efrayim and Menashe becoming the eternal model for all children who are to be blessed, we are subtly taught by their equivalence to Reuvein and Shimon, that a father, who seeks to truly understand their child wholly, will never express disappointment in their child. Only then will a parent effectively educate a child in understanding their errors.

The names given to Reuvein and Shimon were based on the encouragement Leah, a wife who felt unappreciated and thus self-doubted her role as a loyal wife to Yaakov, sensed being directed to her from her Father in Heaven. She saw in the gift of Reuvein's birth, כי ראה די בעניי, that G-d discerned her humiliation. When Shimon was born, again she expresses how, שמע די כי, שנואה אנכי G-d has heard I am unloved.

Perhaps these two children spur us to emulate the attributes of G-d, Who 'sees' and understands with absolute accuracy the anguish of His child, and 'hears' sympathetically the deep sadness and frustration of His beloved daughter.

A daughter of one of my dearest friends, who died in the prime of his life, exquisitely gave testament to her father at his funeral, that despite the challenges she may have faced at times and the not so perfect behaviors she exhibited as she grew up, she never once in her life ever sensed that her father was disappointed in her. It was that ability of her father to see, hear and understand her in conveying his admiration for who she was, that enabled her to accept his loving direction in becoming the wonderful wife and mother she has become to her family.

When we reflect these attitudes towards our children, seeing their wholeness and listening carefully to their feelings, we can be assured that the blessings we seek to bestow upon them to be likened to Efrayim and Menashe, will reach its fullest and greatest realization.

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Yahrzeit:
Tova Fellner for her mother, Anna Weiner
חנה רייזל בת שמואל

Chanoch & Eliana Spetner
Invite the Kehilla to a Kiddush in honor of their daughter RIKKI!
2705 Maurleen Court after 11:30 AM

BARUCH DAYAN HA'EMES
We regret to announce the passing of Talia Zahava Barer
Daughter of Ben and Shonnie Barer
Granddaughter of Dovid and Yehudis Barer
Shiva will be observed at the home of Dovid & Yehudis Barer 6306 Ivymount Rd. Shacharis 8am Mincha 4:30pm
Visiting Hours Motzei Shabbos 7:30-9:30 pm & Sunday after Shacharis until 12 noon and from 2pm until Mincha

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