

SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קדש

Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos 4:27 PM
 Friday Night Learning with Cholent! 7:00 PM

יום שבת קדש

HASHKAMA MINYAN @Social Hall 7:00 AM
 Daf Yomi - By Rabbi Teichman 7:30 AM
 Shacharis - Sof Zman K"Z- 8:56 א"מ 9:39- א"מ 8:30 AM

SHABBOS MORNING GROUPS:

9:30 AM - Boys & Girls - Ages 3-6 - Social Hall

FOLLOWED BY KIDDUSH

Mincha - 2:15 PM
 Bnos-Age 4-7@Social Hall / Age 8-10@Classroom 2:15-3:15
 Mincha - Followed by Shalosh Suedos 4:20 PM
 Maariv - 5:37 PM
 Avos U'bamin - 6:25 PM

	40/26 * מזג האוויר בשבת* Ohel Moshe Weather	CANDLES NEXT SHABBOS-4:32PM
	40/29	

Sunday Minyanim

Shacharis 6:50 & 8:30 AM
 HALACHA SHIUR W/BAGELS BY R' Nudelman - AFTER THE 8:30! (Sunday)
 Sponsored by Chaim Sanders לע"נ זלעטא רייזל בת ר שמעון אליעזר
 Mincha (Sunday - Thursday!) 1:45 PM
 Mincha/Maariv 4:35 PM
 Maariv 9:45 PM

Weekday Minyanim

Shacharis (M-F) Chanukah 6:30 & 7:50 AM
 Mincha (Su - Th) 1:45 PM
 Mincha/Maariv (M-Th) 4:35 PM
 Maariv (M-Th) 7:45 & 9:45 PM

Shiurim & Learning Opportunities

Daf Yomi 7:30AM(S & Th), 5:45AM(M-F) & TBD-PM(M-T)
 NIGHT SEDER 8-9:45pm - See Signs For Details
 Daf HaShavua - Nightly - Shiur M & Th 9:00 PM
 Women's Tehillim Learning Thursdays 9:40 AM

NIGHT SEDER IS BACK!!!
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To Sponsor Contact Meir Strobel or email
NightSeder@OhelMosheBaltimore.com!



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@Main Minyan

Sponsored by *Miri & Donny Adler*
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@Shalosh Suedos

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L'iluy nishmas Siman-tov ben Yaakov and Binyamin ben Siman-tov.

Also an expression of thanks to all those fellow Jewish men & women who made a long trip to the cemetery this past Sunday to help comfort our family and to help out with a minyan so that our dear husband & father Dr. Brian Simon and our dear son & brother Beni Simon both experience an extra aliya. Thank you to you all.

To Sponsor an event or book the social hall please contact *Miri Adler*
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AVOS UBANIM - MOTZEI SHABBOS LEARNING

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

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Sunday, December 22, 2-4 PM in the Social Hall

Food, music, games, crafts and entertainment!



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Pay online-\$5/individual, \$15/family
 Pay at the door-\$6/individual, \$18/family



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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

The only one of the 'Seven Shepherds' to achieve the appellation, *HaTzadik* - 'The' Righteous One, is Yosef. Only a young lad of seventeen, Yosef heroically wards off the determined temptress, the wife of Potiphar, who then falsely accuses him of impropriety and finds himself 'rewarded' for this courageous act of defiance to sin, in a prison cell for twelve long and tortuous years. He never wallows in despair, nor exhibits any notion of self-pity during all those years, maintaining a buoyant and positive demeanor throughout. A *Tzaddik* indeed!

His ability to withstand the seduction, at such a vulnerable age, so far away from home, without the support of a parent, is beyond comprehension. It is no wonder he remains the all-time paradigm to the ability to resist even the strongest of urges.

Yet, our sages reveal that he had some outside help and encouragement that prodded him to refrain.

Apparently an image of his father appeared to him at the moment of truth warning him that if he were to succumb, his name would be erased for eternity from the stones that rested upon the High Priest's garment, the *Ephod*, that had all the names of each tribe etched upon them. (סוטה לו')

In several places the sages state that the image of his mother, Rochel, also appeared to him then. (תלמוד ירושלמי הוריות ב ב)

Doesn't that diminish somewhat the import of his action and his alleged greatness?

In the obscure Midrash Avkir, there is a fascinating adjustment in one detail of the story.

אבי The Holy One, blessed be He, came and appeared in the image of his father...

So it wasn't just his father who mystically appeared, but G-d Himself Who assisted Yosef! But why the disguise?

The sages record that this image appeared בחלון, in a 'window'. Does it really matter where it appeared exactly? What is this mysterious window that the image was viewed through?

Shlomo HaMelech in *Shir HaShirim* states: ...and behold, He is standing behind our wall, looking from the windows, peering from the lattices.(2 9)

It has been explained that there are two descriptions of G-d's presence. There are times when He is not apparent, yet 'peers through the lattices'. But there are moments when His presence is evident and tangible, as one who is visibly 'looking from the windows'.

Elsewhere the Midrash describes the wife of Potiphar's surprised reaction to Yosef's sudden disinterest, with her inquiring as to what happened. Yosef responds, attributing it to the vision of his father. Bewildered, she exclaims she doesn't see anyone. Yosef then tells her she is likened to a donkey that cannot see, whereas he descends from Avraham who is depicted as one who perceived the place from afar. (ילקוט שמעוני קמו)

The 'window' represents the circumstances in our lives when we sense that G-d is very present.

Yosef grew up guided by the likes of his adoring father, Yaakov, and his devoted and beloved mother, Rachel. They weren't simply loving parents who bonded with their child. They represented the 'Third Partner' in that production of a child - G-d. The parents in their every action are the model by which a child relates and fathoms the concept and presence of a fatherly G-d in his life.

Yaakov in his every experience and encounter in life lived with a consciousness of G-d's ever-present guiding hand and defined his every choice in the context of the mission he was entrusted with, to connect with eternity by virtue of the accomplishments one fulfilled here on earth. No action is devoid of meaning nor purpose. Each healthy choice one makes, connects us to the will of G-d, and ultimately eternity.

Rachel represented an ability to submerge one's own needs for the sake of another, removing any notion of self from any equation in life. She was able to imbue self-confidence in all who entered her influence, since her concern and admiration for others was so authentic and unquestioned. Her tears would fortify us to withstand the greatest of travails in our long exile, warmed by her

Windows

presence, with the knowledge of her faith in us that we are always worthy, and capable of reaching a mother's hopes for her children. Rachel's very being was fused to G-d, and able to radiate an inner light that reflected from G-d Himself.

It was the upbringing Yosef was privileged to have that trained his soul to always live with a keen sense of mission and to have the requisite inner confidence to forge on despite the obstacles he may face, knowing that he could and would eventually prevail.

Perhaps there was no magical image awakening him to reality. It was his sensing the actual presence and encouragement from G-d, that 'looks from the window', that was imprinted upon his mind, body, and soul, through the example of his parents who emulated the very character traits of G-d, developing within Yosef an ability to perceive G-d with such clarity.

The Arizal aligns his parents, Yaakov and Rachel respectively, as portraying the manifestations of G-d known as *Netzach* - Eternity, and *Hod*, G-d's splendorous *Majesty*.

The image of Yaakov is associated with an expressed awareness of the cosmic repercussions of his actions for better or for worse, being deleted from eternity or becoming a vital part of it.

The image of Rachel though, stands by itself. The mental image of a unconditionally loving mother, who conveys endless faith in her son, is enough to arouse within Yosef the confident strength necessary to shun even overpowering temptation. "I can do it!"

This is what Yosef is referring to when he tells the wife of Potiphar that she can't possibly see what he can. A people that wallow in self-indulgence, self-interest, and self-promotion are too shortsighted to see what is readily apparent to those who are capable of looking beyond the immediacy of instant gratification in seeing the bigger picture of eternity and man's unique ability to make a difference in the world, in the image of Avraham.

...and he saw the place from afar.

Chanukah is a time when we reflect on the inner light that burns within each one of us, that is sourced in that original, but now hidden, light of creation. The radiance that shines out from each one of us is directly proportionate to the level we subdue our being and will to His will and essence.

We must create 'windows' where we can figuratively view the Almighty gazing down with encouragement and faith in us, that can power us to achieve our mission here on earth despite the challenges we face.

The word חלון, window, is embedded in the blessing we recite before kindling the menorah.

ברוך אתה... אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר חנוכה

...and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light

We are the portals through which the generation of children can begin to perceive those windows on high.

The sense of mission we convey and the self-confidence we instill in them is a microcosm of a much greater allegiance and belief in them that stems from our Father in Heaven.

We are the lenses through which they perceive Him.

The more selfless and submissive we are in our personal endeavors of service to Hashem, the more pristine the lens is, enabling them to sense His presence with greater clarity.

א ליכטיגען חנוכה,
A de'light'ful Chanukah!

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