

SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קדש

Candles 4:39 PM

Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos 4:39 PM

Friday Night Learning w/ Chulent after 7:00 PM

יום שבת קדש

Daf Yomi @Main Shul 7:30 AM

SHACHARIS @Main Shul 6:50 AM

SHACHARIS @Main Shul 8:30 AM

Netz - 7:26 am | Sof Zman K"ס 9:06 א"ת | Sof Zman Tefilah - 10:37 א"ת

Followed by Kiddush

Mincha 2:15 PM

No Bnos this week

Women's Shiur @6503 Steerforth Ct 3:30 PM

Mincha 4:30 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv/Havdala (50min) 5:49 PM

Avos Ubanim 6:35 PM

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CANDLES NEXT
SHABBOS - 4:46 PM

WEEKDAY MINYANIM

SHACHARIS

Sunday- 6:50, 8:30

Monday- 6:35, 7:50

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 6:45, 7:50

Thursday - Rosh Chodesh-6:30, 7:50

MINCHA & MAARIV

Mincha: Sunday - Thursday 1:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv: Sunday-Thursday 4:50 PM

Maariv: Sunday-Thursday 7:45 PM & 9:50 PM



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AM Daf Yomi - Sha/Sun 7:30 AM ~ M-F 5:45 AM

PM Daf Yomi - Sun -Thu 7:00 PM

Daily Mishna Following Shacharis

Shaarei Teshuva Between Mincha/Maariv

Smichas Chaver Program - Sunday 9:15 AM

Oraysa Yuma Program - Sunday-Thursday 8:50-9:50 PM

Daf Hashavua - Mon. & Wed. 9:00 PM

Breathing Life - Monday 9:10 PM

Connections - Tuesday (for Women) 8:00 PM

Mishmar—Thursday 9:00 PM

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Commemorating the yahrtzeit
of Devorah's father
Aryeh Leib ben Avrohom
who's yarhtzeit was on
shabbos, 18 Teves.

AVOS UBANIM!

Motzei Shabbos! 6:35 PM

Sponsored by: Dr. Bruce & Julie Fried

In honor of all the Zirkinds!

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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

Sparks of Greatness

And his wife *היהודיה*—the Yehudiyah, bore *יָרֵד*—Yered, *אֲבִי גֵדֹר*—the father of Gedor, and *חֵבֶר*—Chever, *אֲבִי שׁוֹכֹ*—the father of Socho, and *יְקוּסִיאל*—Yekusiel, *אֲבִי זִנְחָה*—the father of Zanoach. And these are the sons of *בְּתִיָּה*—Betsyah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom *מֵרֵד*—Mered married. (דברים"א' א')

This cryptic verse, the Talmud reveals, is referring to the daughter of Pharaoh, who saved Moshe, and conferred six different names upon him. (מגילה י"א)

She is called the Yehudiyah — the Jewess, as her bathing in the river was intended as an act of 'cleansing herself from *גִּילּוּלֵי בֵּית אָבִיהָ*—the idols of her father's household' — converting to Judaism. (מגילה י"ג)

She is also called *בְּתִיָּה*—Betsyah, a contraction of *בֵּת יְהוָה*—deserving of the appellation — *daughter of G-d*. Just as she bravely chose to raise a child not of her own, yet she treated him as her own son, similarly G-d referred to one not of His own nation, lovingly calling her, 'His' daughter. (ויקרא"ר א' ג')

Throughout the entire Chumash of Bereishis, the term used to describe a Jew is *עֲבָרָא*—*lvri*, with the Targum translating it in its Aramaic form *יהודאי*. From Chumash Shemos and on, the term *lvri* is often used but the Targum now begins to translate it as *יהודאי*—Yehudi.

Ironically, chronologically the first person referred to within the Written Torah as a **Yehudiyah**, is none other than Betsyah, the daughter of Pharaoh, who raised Moshe.

The Zohar asserts that every Jew has a *נִצְרוֹן*—spark of Moshe within them.

We are safe in assuming that this child, who was raised and considered as Betsyah's own son, was invested from his youth with supernal qualities that resulted from the nurturing he received all those formative years under the tutelage of the first 'Yehudiyah'.

Was it merely her courageous act of saving a Jewish child — a despised entity in the home of her father Pharaoh — clearly risking her relationship and possibly her life, that made this woman so worthy?

Was her rejection of idolatry, in a world inundated in the culture of dark forces that competed for power, that merited her being labeled the 'daughter of G-d'?

She names her foster child, *יָרֵד*—Yered, intimating his ability to bringing the Torah 'down' from Heaven, promoting the Divine Presence to dwell and thrive *בְּתַחְתּוּנֵינוּ*—in this lower world. (כפי גירסת הגר"א)

She adds the name, *חֵבֶר*—Chever, bonding the Children of Israel to their Father in Heaven. This was reflected in his succeeding in the construction of the *מִשְׁכָּן*—the Tabernacle, a place where we maintain and sense an intimate relationship and closeness to G-d.

Finally, she confers perhaps the most vital title upon Moshe, *אֲבִינֵינוּ*—a contraction of his talent to spur them to *שְׂבִשְׁמֵינוּ*—patiently maintain hope that Our Father in Heaven will indeed redeem us.

The other three names *גֵּדֹר*—to fence up, *שׁוֹכֹ*—to shelter, and *זִנְחָה*—to abandon, refer to Moshe heroically warding off the effects of their sins of the Golden Calf, the Complainers, and the Spies. He breached the fence that threatened to undo their commitment to accept the Torah from Heaven. Moshe's intense prayers sheltered them from the fire that erupted seeking to consume them when they fled like children after school, complaining about their fate. He fortified the nation to abandon the sense of hopelessness the spies poisoned them with, restoring their hope and patience that they would indeed one day arrive at the Promised Land. (גר"א דברים"ה' י"א)

In describing Betsyah's forsaking the idolatrous ways of her home, it refers to the idols as *גִּילּוּלִים*—a derogatory word meaning excrement, liking idols to waste. The Midrash directs us to a verse in Yeshayah, that speaks of G-d cleansing us from the *צִוְאוֹת בֵּת צִיּוֹן*—the waste of the daughter of Zion.

The Maharal teaches that waste — that which after the processes of digesting is complete, filtering out what is beneficial for our health and growth, leaving behind valueless waste — is symbolic of idolatry which has no purposeful connection to reality.

It wasn't merely Betsyah's defiance of idol worship that is being emphasized, but rather her rejection of a world devoid of purpose, personal growth, and connection to the reality of a loving G-d, who directs us towards greatness.

She instilled in her young charge a striving to elevate our physical being to spiritual greatness — the very essence of what it means to be a Jew, a Yehudiyah.

She pined for a relationship with the Creator, who is not simply commanding fealty, but drawing us to closeness — becoming a 'daughter of G-d'.

She calls her 'son' *מֹשֶׁה*—Moshe, one who will draw, rather than simply commemorating his being *מִשְׁוִי*—drawn from the water, because she knows that it is never just about being fortunate in being saved, but much more about being privileged to be part of the greater mission to promote the Honor of Heaven in every aspect of our lives, for in that lays our greatest hopes to bring the world to redemption.

May we each kindle that spark of Moshe within each one of us, that was ignited by Betsyah, and turn it into a flame of inspiration, that defy the wastefulness of this world and its pursuits, creating a dwelling for the Divine Presence within our hearts, and intensifying our hope for the day when G-d's glory will fill the world with its brilliance, speedily in our days. (Based on Essay of Rav Yosef Zev HaLevi Lipowitz in Nachlas Yosef)

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צבי יהודה טייכמאן

MEMBER NEWS

!!!HAPPY^{HEBREW} BIRTHDAY!!!

Aviva Gittel Miller, Shlomo Wiener, Devorah Meira Weiskind, Miri Cadle

!!!BAR/BAT MITZVAH PARSHA ANNIVERSARY!!!

Naftali Fink

!!!UPCOMING BAR/BAT MITZVAH!!!

Ephraim Weiner (Vayakhel)
Ariel Shmidman (Vayikra)
Alex Friedman (Achrei Mos)
Eliezer Herman (Kedoshim)

BARUCH DAYAN HAEMES

We regret to inform you of the passing of
Mr. Aron Weiss - Father of Yudi Weiss
Yudi will be sitting shiva with his family in Thornhill, ON.
He can be reached at 410-982-9307.

Aaron Kreymer on his
engagement to Sheindel Meister!

Mazal tov, as well, to Sheindel's
siblings, Chaim Mordechai &
Deena Meister and Moshe &
Adina Meister!

Esther & Yisrael Katz
On the birth of a BABY GIRL!

Mazal tov as well to
grandparents, Jan & Naomi
Meisler!

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Congregation Ohel Moshe

WEEKLY WOMEN'S SHABBOS SHIUR

Parashas Shemos-January 6th
3:30 pm

At the home of the Ference family
6503 Steerforth ct (off of Willow Glen dr)

This week's Shiur given by:
Mrs. Rachel Sagal
Followed by Tehillim

Refreshments will be served

* Shiur is open to all women and high school girls in the community
L'ilui Nishmas Tzvi Yechezkel Ben Dovid Aryeh