

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SHABBOS TIMES

Friday, November 5

Candle Lighting 5:29pm
Evening Service 5:35pm

Saturday, November 6

Morning Service 10:00am
Kiddush Brunch 12:00pm
Evening Service 5:30pm
Shabbos Ends 6:29pm

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When societal lies begin to unravel, we can begin to see how the only real truth to hang on to and to believe in is our faith and our Torah values, which have endured for over three thousand years.

The idea that "Judaism should change and adapt to modern times" is very thought provoking, especially while modernity and progress implodes all around us.

But how do we define modernity and progress? Is it fair to say that the world is progressing and Judaism is stuck?

Real, actual progress is when people get stronger, smarter, better, healthier, kinder, and more loving, caring and devoted to each other, to family, community and country. As people progress, so does the society they live in.

So has society progressed in the past, say thirty years?

Have we become better people? Have our technological advances made us to be more loving, or thoughtful of each other? Has it brought family and community closer together? Has it made people more honest and respectful?

Judaism adapts to a changing world by never compromising on its essence and values. Which means that the more the world spirals into chaos, real authentic, unchanged Judaism becomes even more relevant because it stands out as a beacon of truth, that yet again seems to be the only reliable thing to hold onto and to pass on to our children.

Friends, hold onto the truth, give it, teach it, and role model it. It's the only thing worth passing to our children.

DAILY MINYAN

Nov. 7-12

MORNING SERVICE

Sunday 8:00am
Monday - Friday 7:00am

EVENING SERVICE

Evening Service 4:35pm



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A WORD OF TORAH

"These are the generations of Isaac, son of Abraham, begins the reading. We learn of the birth of Jacob and Esau, how they go their different ways and how, rather circuitously, Isaac bestows the all-important blessings on Jacob. The commentaries explain that this was not merely a blessing but the symbolic handing over of the Jewish legacy to the next generation. Isaac was passing the baton of destiny on to Jacob. (Can you imagine if Esau received those critical blessings and would have become one of our founding fathers? Surely that would be "The Weakest Link"!)

It is not only from a family point of view but also from a Jewish faith perspective that we need to know our children well. We tend to mistakenly assume that whatever positive feelings of faith, morals and yiddishkeit we imbibed as children from our parents will somehow automatically be transmitted to our own children. Wrong! It does not happen genetically. It takes lots of hard work and years of intimate, personal guidance by dedicated parents.

It's a new generation, folks. The influences on our kids' lives today are dramatic, powerful and not always pleasant. Internet, movies, computer games and cell phones are making our children more sophisticated and grown-up at increasingly younger ages. If once upon a time young people were spared the test of assimilation by staying in a secure social circle, today one can get chatted up by anyone in the whole wide world right in the family study on the computer through the internet.

If we don't transmit a healthy value system to the next generation, the vacuum will very likely be filled with other willing teachers, many of whom we may not approve of.

The good news is that our kids actually do want our guidance. As autonomous as they may appear, they actually crave direction in life. And at the end of the day, what they learn at home will make a far more lasting impression than what they pick up at school or from their friends.

G-d bless you with success and lots of yiddishe nachas.

A Bisseleh Humor

Izzy owned a small deli in Stamford Hill, in London. One day, a tax inspector knocked on his door and questioned him about his recent tax return. Izzy had reported a net profit of \$250,000 for the year and he wanted to know all about it. "It's like this," said Izzy. "I work like a maniac all year round and all of my family helps me out whenever they can. My deli is closed only five days a year. That's how I made \$250,000."

"It's not your income that bothers us," said the taxman. "It's the business travel deductions of \$80,000 that worries us. You entered on the tax return that you and your wife made 28 business trips to Israel, Italy, Switzerland, France, the US, Hawaii, and the Caribbean Islands. What are all these business trips about?"

"Oh," said Izzy, smiling. "I forgot to tell you that we also deliver!"

Daily Dose Of Wisdom

"G-dliness is everything" is the path of Abraham. Abraham understood that there is a Truth beyond all truths, an absolute reality, before which no other reality is true. Therefore, he smashed the idols and declared to all people and in all places that there is only One.

Abraham spread light.

"Everything is G-dliness" is the path of Isaac. Isaac saw that the world is in truth G-dly. Therefore, Isaac dug wells, in the earth and in the people. He dug away the darkness and found the spark of G-dliness within each thing.

Isaac uncovered light.



KIDS

Parsha Lesson

Isaac and Rebecca are married for twenty long years without having children. Finally Rebecca gets pregnant with twins. As the kids grow inside her belly they constantly kick around, so Rebecca goes to visit a great rabbi by the name of Shem to ask him for advice. Shem tells her that there are two children in her womb who will be the fathers of two nations, and the younger one will eventually rule the older one – that’s why they were fighting even before they were born.

Esau is born first. He is hairy and red-headed. Then follows Jacob, who is holding Esau’s heel as he is born. Esau and Jacob are quite different: Esau is sly and loves to hunt, while Jacob is peaceful and spends most of his time studying Torah. On the day that Abraham is buried, Esau goes hunting while Jacob stays home and cooks a pot of lentils for his father to eat (a person who is mourning a loved one eats round foods when he or she comes back from the funeral).

Esau comes home and is very hungry, so hungry that he sits next to Jacob and says: "Give me to eat!" He wants Jacob to pour the food down his throat. Jacob says yes, on condition that Esau sell him his birthright, his right to be the firstborn. (Why did Jacob want Esau’s birthright? Jacob knew that in the future the firstborn would be privileged to serve in the Holy Temple, but Esau didn’t behave like a person who will serve in G-d’s temple should – he hunted and killed, and didn’t have respect for life – so Jacob asked him to sell his birthright, which he did.)

Isaac ages and becomes blind. He wants to bless his children before he dies. Esau goes to hunt for a couple of animals to prepare food for his father. In the meantime Rebecca dresses Jacob as Esau. She covers his arms and neck with hairy goatskin so that he should resemble Esau and sends him into Isaac’s room to get the blessings which were destined to the firstborn son. When Esau returns and discovers that Jacob got the first blessings, he becomes very angry and wants to kill his brother. So Jacob runs away to Charan, his mother’s birth-place, where he will also look for a wife whom we will meet in next week’s parshah.



RECIPE

Chocolate Crackles

• **Ingredients:**

- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup confectioners' sugar
- 3 tbsp. cocoa powder
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup coconut oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dessicated (unsweetened) coconut
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt (optional)
- 2 cups rice crispies

• **Directions:**

- Sift the cocoa and confectioners' sugar into a bowl. Whisk together gently.
- To melt the coconut oil, immerse the jar in hot water for a few minutes. Measure out $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup and whisk it into the cocoa and sugar until mixture is smooth.
- Whisk in the dessicated coconut, salt and then the rice crispies.
- Spoon into cupcake holders, and refrigerate.
- Yields: 12 chocolate crackles

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Paint and Wine Wednesday, November, 10

Enjoy a night out with friends, painting your own Jewish themed painting and a selection of wine and desserts.

Dreidels and Drinks Thursday, December 2 at 8pm

An elegant, social evening for adults in celebration of Chanukah!

Menorah lighting, entertainment, open bar, sushi and desserts.

Reserve your own table with friends!

Chanukah Family Festival

Sunday, November 28 at 2pm

Celebrate Chanukah with family, friends and community!

Enjoy Chanukah crafts, traditional holiday foods, donut making, hot latkes, music and lighting the giant menorah!

Fun for the entire family!

Jteem Shabbat Dinner Friday, November 12 at 5:30pm

at the home of Rabbi Mendel and Elke Zaltzman

Join for a Shabbat Dinner complete with Kiddush, challah, delicious dinner and desserts! Enjoy a meaningful and fun time friends!

For teens in 9th - 12th grade
No charge, come and bring your friends!

Jteem Chanukah Bash Tuesday, November 30 at 6pm

A Chanukah celebration for teens!
Chanukah party at Rockin Jump Trampoline Park with menorah lighting, pizza, fresh donuts and Chanukah gelt!

Free admission! Open to all teens in grades 9-12!
Come and bring your friends!



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Hebrew School



This week at Hebrew school, children learned Hebrew reading, and learned all about our great Jewish ancestor's. They created beautiful scrapbook pages on what they learned.

MVP Mitzvah Volunteer Program

MVP's ,our Mitzvah volunteers baked delicious lemon blueberry loaf cakes to be delivered to senior homes.



Bris Avrohom of Fair Lawn

We are your center for everything Jewish, whatever your need may be, do not hesitate to contact us. Our ever popular holiday celebrations will enable you and your family to celebrate the Jewish holidays in style, with fun and educational ideas helping to make Judaism relevant to our youth. Our Torah classes will give you a second opinion on any subject or matter you may be dealing with and our Holiday programs will allow you to celebrate your Jewish pride with your family and friends. Our fun Hebrew School and Day Camp will fill your children with an educated sense of what it means to be Jewish and our synagogue services will give you the opportunity to pray, be inspired and experience spirituality. From pregnancy and baby celebrations to weddings and after life services including Kaddish and unveiling, we will be there for you and help create a meaningful and memorable experience. We are here to help you and serve you and look forward to seeing you soon!

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