

Of Note for November 2013Young Israel of Sharon

Friday, November 1 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit 5:21 p.m. Candle lighting, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, November 2 Parshat Toldot

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:45 p.m. Shiur on the Parsha w/Rabbi Sendor 5:21 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor 6:21 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, November 3 **Rosh Chodesh I Kislev** 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:21 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, November 4 **Rosh Chodesh II Kislev** 5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for November 5-7: Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit Mon-Thurs: 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Friday, November 8
6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit
4:12 p.m. Candle lighting,
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, November 9 Parshat Vayetzei

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:12 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor 5:13 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah 6:00 p.m. Mishmash

Sunday, November 10 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:12 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for November 11-14: Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit Mon-Thurs: 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Friday, November 15 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:06 p.m. Candle lighting, Mincha. Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv





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Shabbat, November 16 Parshat Vayishlach Natan Levin, Bar Mitzvah

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:06 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor 5:07 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, November 17 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:06 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for November 18-21: Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit Mon-Thurs: 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Friday, November 22 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:00 p.m. Candle lighting, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, November 23 Parshat Vayeshev

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:00 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor 5:03 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah 5:50 p.m. Mishmash

Sunday, November 24 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 4:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for November 25-27: Mon: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit Mon-Thurs: 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

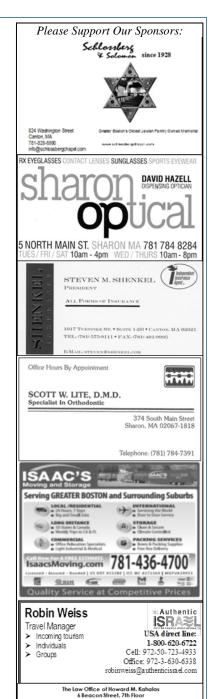
Wednesday, November 27 Erev Chanukah

4:53 p.m. Light Chanukah lights

During the week, Hanukkah lights for all nights except Friday night (Erev Shabbat) should be lit slightly before 4:53 p.m. with enough oil or wax to burn until at least 5:25 p.m. (a little more than ½ hr). Three Berakhot are said the first night (le-hadlik ner shel Hannukah; She-asah nisim; Shehecheyanu). On subsequent nights, just the first two Berakhot are said.

Thursday, November 28 **Thanksgiving / Chanukah I**8:00 a.m. Shacharit
4:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv
4:53 p.m. Light Chanukah lights





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Friday, November 29

Chanukah II

5:55 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

3:57 p.m. Candle lighting: First light the Menorah with enough oil or wax to last until 5:25 p.m. (1 1/2) hours), then light the Shabbat candles. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, November 30 Parshat Miketz Chanukah III

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 3:57 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/ Rabbi Sendor 5:00 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

After Havdalah (according to the prevailing minhag), light the Chanukah light with enough oil to burn for at least 1/2 hour.

Sunday, December 1 Chanukah IV 8:00 a.m. Shacharit 3:57 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:53 p.m. Light Chanukah lights

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From The Rabbi

"There was only enough oil to light for one day, but a miracle occurred and they lit it for eight days. The following year they established and made these days Yomim Tovim with praise and thanksgiving (Shabbat 21b)."

This year there is a rare convergence of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving. Those who enjoy calculating these things project that this will occur again in 2070 and 2165, be-sha'ah tovah. Rare as this is, there is an apparent thematic connection between these days as well: both tell us something about what it means to give thanks.

Rabbi Soloveitchik, zekher Tzaddik li-vrakhah, used to announce to us every year in shiur in New York, on the day before Thanksgiving, that he would be returning to Boston to celebrate the day with a turkey dinner among family and friends. Though there were Rabbis at Yeshiva University who objected to observing an American holiday, the Rav, ztz"l, was insistent that we should celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving commemorates the refuge and salvation that the Pilgrims found in the hospitality of Native Americans, and he felt strongly that we should be grateful for the refuge and salvation that America has been for the Jewish people. He was not claiming that the Thanksgiving meal is a seudat mitzvah, a mitzvah meal, but rather a seudat reshut, an optional meal, that is nonetheless an appropriate way to actively acknowledge our gratefulness.

When it comes to Hanukkah, the Shulchan Arukh says that even though many Jews hold festive meals during Hanukkah, these meals are not a mitzvah, but rather "seudot ha-reshut – optional meals (O.H. 670:2)." Rabbi Moshe Isserles, the Ashkenazi authority, comments: "Some say that there is some degree of mitzvah in these meals because... they have the custom to sing songs and praises at these meals, so they become mitzvah meals." R. Yehudah Aryeh Leib of Gur explains that through the singing of praise and thanksgiving we actively recognize Ha-Shem's salvation, and in this way bring the light of the miracle into this world. He adds that to the degree that a person feels the salvation and reveals the goodness of God's love through praise and thanksgiving, to that degree the light of the miracle remains with him and his descendants for generations. He quotes his grandfather who states that the praise and thanksgiving we offer arouses the illumination hidden in these days and turns them into Yomim Tovim, such that a festive Hanukkah meal becomes a mitzvah meal.

The point is that Hanukkah teaches us to actively appreciate the miraculous way Ha-Shem protected us and saved us in "those days," and continues to care for us in "these times," in all aspects of our lives, hidden and revealed. Our observances, such a lighting the lights and enjoying festive meals together, makes our thankfulness tangible and real. Hanukkah teaches us to find opportunities to recognize Ha-Shem's love, and whenever we do this, whether on Hanukkah itself or on a day such as Thanksgiving, we bring the light and awareness of Ha-Shem's love into the world and make it real.

From Our President

As Modern Orthodox Jews, we support Israel financially and emotionally. Israel is the center of our Jewish world, we travel



there for vacation, own homes, and send our children for the year to learn. AIPAC's (America Israel Public Affairs Committee) mission is to strengthen, protect and promote the U.S.-Israel relationship to enhance the security of Israel and the United States.

This month we join The Sharon Kollel and Temple Israel in sponsoring the South Area AIPAC lecture on Sunday November 17. Professor Stephen Berk, a professor at Union College will be speaking about the topic, From Tragedy to Triumph: The Future of Zionism (more details on page 8). Please take a minute and RSVP to Susan Kahan at skahan@aipac.org to register; there is no charge for the lecture. I want to thank Roy Shreiber for coordinating this program and pushing our shul to get more involved with AIPAC.

AIPAC plays an integral part in shaping the policies in Washington toward Israel. The annual AIPAC Policy Conference is the largest gathering of the pro-Israel movement, with thousands of participants from all 50 states. The 2014 conference will be held March 2-4, 2014, in Washington, D.C. I recommend we all take the opportunity to sign up and attend the conference. See the AIPAC web site (aipac.org) for details and to sign up. There is a push to get the Greater Boston Orthodox community to form a larger contingent and show our support for Israel. Our own Jay Rosenbaum is welcoming the Boston contingent, and inviting all those that attend the conference to join him for dinner on the opening night, Sunday March 2nd in his Washington office.

As we continue to read each week about the Avot and Emahot making their claim to the land of Israel, it is a good time for us to get more involved in Israel's security and safety.

David

From Maayan and Dvora (our B'not):

Last month we started a new year of B'nei Akiva. Baruch Hashem, it was very successful thanks to the wonderful Madrichim team and thanks to all the sweet Chanichim who came.

This year, the activities in B'nei Akiva will take place in three different age groups, each with 2-3 Madrichim:

Grades 2-3: "Shevet Nevatim" (Sprouts)

Grades 4-6: "Shevet Ma'alot" (Stair)

Grades 7-8: "Shevet Haroe". (קוק והכה קחצי מהרבא ה"ארה)

To host Maayan and Dvora for a meal, please contact Ilyse at iehrenkranz@striarhebrew.org.

We would like to thank all parents for their cooperation and hope for a successful and active year!

Furthermore, we started a new "Oneg Shabbat" program for youth on Friday night. On this occasion we want to thank Rabbi Sendor and Rabbi Yehudah Potok for honoring us with their presence and Dvar Torah, and to all of the youth who came and cooperated.

Maayan and Dvora

Shul Activities and Announcements:



Mishmash starts 11/9: Mishmash is Young Israel of Sharon's parent-child learning program, including Divrei Torah, refreshments, and raffle prizes. All parents children in grades 1st-8th are welcome to participate. The elementary school division (1st through 5th) involves one on one learning between parents and children. The middle school division (6th through 8th) involves a Shiur with one of the rabbis from the Community Kollel of Sharon. We'll meet 11/9, 11/23, and 12/7, 45 after Shabbat ends.

New Family Welcome Brunch Sun 11/10: The shul board will be hosting a casual brunch for families that moved to Sharon in the past two years. Keep your eye out for an evite in the next 1-2 weeks!

AIPAC Speaker Sunday November 17: See details on page 8.

CHANUKAH:

Adult Chanukah Party, Saturday 11/23 8pm: Join in the celebration at the home of Jordana and Judd Schreiber at 58 Arboro Drive. The price of admission is an unwrapped toy for charity.

Children's Chanukah Party, Sunday 12/1: 10-11:30 am at Young Israel. More details to come...

Chanukah Raffle: Raffle tickets will be on sale soon – a package should be arrive in your mailbox in the next week or so. The drawing for the raffle will take place at the Chanukah party (11/23), so buy your tickets and sell them to family and friends before then!!

Chased: Our Rabbis taught: Gemilut Chesed (loving-kindness) is greater than charity in three ways.

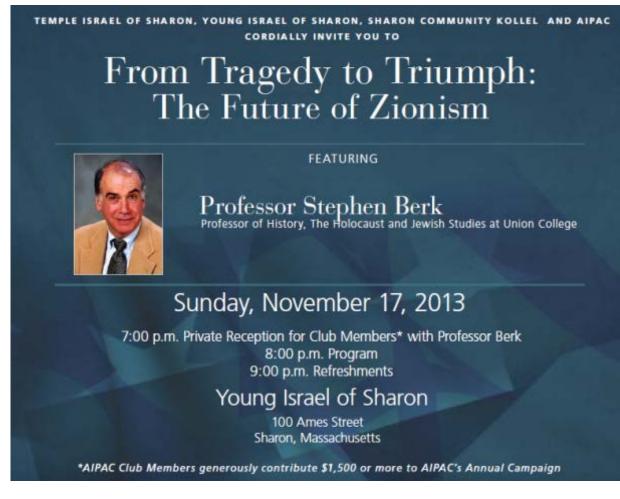
Charity is done with one's money, while loving-kindness may be done with one's money or with one's person [e.g., spending time with a sick person]. Charity is given only to the poor, while loving-kindness may be given both to the poor and to the rich . [Talmud Sukkot 49b]

We all know people in our community, who at one time or another, could use the support an help of our community. So please, if you know of anyone who could use assistance or you are in need, please call Cyna Reisman at 781-784-8684. Thank you.

Ideas welcome: If you have an idea for a shul event - and are willing to help plan it - please contact Jodi (josalt17@gmail.com).







ABOUT OUR SPEAKER:

Professor of History Stephen Berk, widely known for his expertise on the Holocaust, Russia, and the Middle East, is the Henry and Sally Schaffer Chair, Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. A member of the Union faculty since 1967. Professor Berk has earned an international reputation for his teaching, writing, and research about such topics as Russian and Soviet Jewish history, the Holocaust, the American Jewish experience, and anti-Semitism.

RSVP:

RSVP required by November 13. Reply to Susan Kahan at skahan@aipac.org or (617) 399-2551. Dietary laws observed.

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Fill your Shabbat with inspiration from beautiful zemirot, inspiring stories, insightful divrei torah, delicious food, and the warm company of friends.

Please join the Community Kollel of Sharon for our Friday Night Oneg right after you finish your shabbat meal, starting at 8:00 PM

- 1. Nov 1st, at the home of Rabbi Yitzi Weiner, 14 Bradford
- 2. Dec 6th, at the home of Rabbi Netanel Friedman, 14 Marie
- 3. Jan 3rd, at the home of Rabbi Moshe Frohlich, 14 Bradford
- 4. Feb 7th, Home TBA
- 5. March 7th Home TBA



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Get To Know Our Members: The Sloanes

This month we feature the Sloanes: Tsila, David, Nesya, Avi, Moshe, Shalva, and Talya

How long have you been living in Sharon? Where were you living before and what brought you to our lovely town? We moved to Sharon on Aug. 1 this year (almost three months ago).

We lived for the last 10 years in Nonantum, a village of Newton. We moved to Sharon because we have wonderful friends here who brainwashed us! Also, we were seeking a warm, inclusive Jewish community in which we can be intimately involved that will encourage our spiritual growth.

What is your favorite part of Sharon so far? So far our favourite part of Sharon is "Kindergarten" (Shalva), "our friends' houses", the lake, and "Ward's Berry Farm".

What do you do to keep busy, for work and play?
David keeps busy at his job, working as a physician at
Brigham and Women's Hospital and the West Roxbury
V.A. Nesya goes to the Binah School in Sharon, Avi, Moshe
and Shalva go to SHAS, and Talya and Tsila keep each
other company at home.

Tell us an interesting tidbit about yourselves!

One interesting fact about us is that last summer, one week before we moved to Sharon, we were treated to a once-in-a-lifetime experience: We went on a Caribbean cruise to celebrate the 75th birthday of our 'Pater Familias' (Tsila's father) with our whole extended family! We spent a week on the largest cruise ship in the world (so claims Avi's Guiness World Book of Records), "The Allure of the Seas". It was pretty mind-blowing! This picture of us was taken on the beach when we went ashore on the island of St. Thomas.



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