



# Of Note for December 2014

## Young Israel of Sharon

**Thursday evening in Maariv, Dec 4,** begin to add "ve-tein Tal u-Matar li-vrakhah" in Birkat ha-Shanim in the Shemoneh Esreh

**Friday, December 5**  
 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
 3:55 p.m. Candle lighting  
 Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

**Shabbat, December 6**  
**Parshat Vayishlach**  
 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan  
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 3:55 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor  
 4:59 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah  
 5:45 p.m. Mishmash

**Sunday, December 7**  
 8:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 3:55 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Weekday schedule for December 8-11:**  
 Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
 Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

**Friday, December 12**  
 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
 3:55 p.m. Candle lighting  
 Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

**Shabbat, December 13**  
**Parshat Vayeshev**  
 7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan  
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 3:55 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor  
 5:00 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

**Sunday, December 14**  
 8:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 Family Chanukah party  
 3:55 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Weekday schedule for December 15-18:**  
 Mon: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
 Tues: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
 Wed/Thurs: 5:55 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit  
 8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

**CHANUKAH begins Tuesday evening, December 16**



During the week, Chanukah lights for all nights except Erev Shabbat should be lit slightly before 4:52 p.m. with enough oil or wax to burn until at least 5:25 p.m. (a little more than ½ hour). If you are using the typical small colored candles, light at 4:52 p.m. to ensure the lights last until 5:25 pm.



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Friday, December 19

### **CHANUKAH**

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

3:57 p.m. Candle lighting

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv



First light the 4 Chanukah lights with enough oil or wax to last until 5:25 p.m. (~1½ hours—this requires special long Shabbat Chanukah candles or use regular Shabbat candles cut to size). Then light the Shabbat candles;

Shabbat, December 20

### **CHANUKAH**

#### **Parshat Miketz**

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

9:45 a.m. T'filat Nashim

3:57 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

5:02 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

5:45 p.m. Mishmash

Sunday, December 21

### **CHANUKAH**

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

Family Chanukah party

3:57 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for December 22-25:

Mon (Chanukah): 5:55 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed (Rosh Chodesh Chan): 5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

Thurs: 8:00 a.m. Shacharit

8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Friday, December 26

7:00 a.m. Shacharit

4:01 p.m. Candle lighting

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, December 27

#### **Parshat Vayigash**

#### **Jacob Schechter, Bar Mitzvah**

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

4:01 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

5:06 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

4:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for December 29-31:

Mon: 6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

8:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Thursday, January 1

#### **Fast of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet**

5:43 a.m. Fast begins

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

4:00 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

5:02 p.m. Fast ends

Friday, January 2

6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit

4:06 p.m. Candle lighting

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

Shabbat, January 3

#### **Parshat Vayechi**

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

4:06 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

5:12 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

5:55 p.m. Mishmash

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## From The President

I am excited to write about our upcoming Yachad Shabbaton. Jodi Saltzman has worked too many hours to count organizing and planning this weekend. We are expecting participation from members of our community and the greater Boston area.

A few years back the board started discussing how can we better support those families with Special needs children. Now, with all of Jodi's guidance, we are making this a reality.

What is more impressive is the community response. We opened the lunch to the community to join the Shabbaton and sold out completely in just a few hours. It is common to sell out quickly these days, but more often it's for concert or sporting events tickets not a Shabbat lunch. This shows how committed we are as a community to the families around us.

I am proud and excited to watch this program grow. Now that we see there is need and support we plan to have more of these types of events.

We are starting a fund to allow us to create and run these programs. Take a few minutes and send in a check to the shul office. Note that you want your donation to be used for inclusion programs. To get more involved in planning and supporting these programs please contact Jodi Saltzman directly, and to get involved in fundraising see Jon Marcus.

- David

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## *From The Rabbi*

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*"In those days, at this time."*

The Sefat Emet (5661) comments that the Jews of the generation of the Maccabees, battling Hellenistic oppression that tried to extinguish the light of Torah, gave their lives to serve Ha-Shem even in the midst of great darkness. Because of their self-sacrifice they merited the enlightenment of the hidden light from the depths of Torah, a deeper awareness of the inner meaning of Torah. Also because of their self-sacrifice, a residual illumination from this light continues to shine during the same season, every year, even in times of darkness and oppression – and the lights of Hanukkah remind us of this great, hidden, spiritual light.

In our own time, we, Am Yisrael, are suffering oppression and attack and existential threat, in Israel and throughout the world. This is a dark time, not only for the Jewish people, but for humanity, as we witness terrible cruelty perpetrated by misguided religious fanatics in the Middle East and Africa. The lesson of the Maccabees is that there are times when it is imperative to stand up and actively oppose evil – and this is such a time.

May all leaders of good will and all people of good will find inspiration and courage from the example of the Maccabees, and find illumination from the hidden light that shines at this time, to take strong action to push back the darkness enveloping the world. May we rekindle a sense of compassion, a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood among all people, a sense of human heartedness. May we connect, through the power of this season, with the true inner light of Torah and the inspiration of Ha-Shem to stand up for truth and goodness. "In the darkness there shall shine light for the upright (Ps. 112:4)," speedily, in our days.

Hag Hanukkah Sameach,

Rabbi Meir Sendor





## *Shul Activities and Announcements*

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**MISHMASH Motzei Shabbat 12/6, 12/20, 1/3:** Mishmash is Young Israel of Sharon's parent-child learning program, including Divrei Torah, refreshments, and raffle prizes. All parents and 1st to 8th grade children are welcome to participate. The elementary school division (1st - 5th grade) involves one on one learning between parents and children. The middle school division (6<sup>th</sup> - 8th grade) involves a Shiur with one of the rabbis from the Community Kollel of Sharon. Mishmash meets in the YI Social Hall bi-weekly, 45 minutes after Shabbat ends. Our purpose is to learn Torah and to have fun.



**Rabbinic Search:** Please attend the general membership meeting Sunday night 12/7 6:30 p.m. for an update on the detailed roadmap and to hear all the ways members can get involved! If you have any thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to approach one of us – Michelle Avigan, Shlomo Lerner, and David Saltzman – or send an email to [yisharonsearch@gmail.com](mailto:yisharonsearch@gmail.com).



**CHANOPOLY Sat. Night 12/20 7:30 p.m.:** More details on the next page...

**Children's Chanukah Party Sunday 12/21 10-11:30 a.m.:** Featuring Mad Science of Greater Boston's "Egg-bert 'N' Ice" show, a fun ice-themed craft, and yummy Fla·Vor·Ice! For kids ages 8 and younger. Cost: \$5 per child. \$15 max. per family. Free for kids under age 2!



**Inclusion Initiative:** We are joining with many other Shuls of the Greater Boston area in a Synagogue Inclusion Initiative sponsored by the CJP and the Ruderman Family Foundation intended to help Shuls enhance their accessibility, hospitality and support for those with disabilities. Information on this important initiative can be found on our website under "programs," including my devar Torah from Shabbat Parshat Mezora inaugurating our inclusion program

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**Chased:** Our Rabbis taught: Gemilut Chesed (loving-kindness) is greater than charity in three ways. We all know people in our community, who at one time or another, could use the support and 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. Also, if you are willing to help drive people to/from medical appointments, please let Cyna know. Thank you.

**Ideas welcome:** If you have an idea for a shul event - and are willing to help plan it - please contact Dahlia ([dahliasherman@gmail.com](mailto:dahliasherman@gmail.com)).

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## *Get To Know Our Members, featuring the Sternbergs!*

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This month we get to know the Sternbergs:  
Cheri, Gary, Miriam (8<sup>th</sup> Grade), Daniel (5<sup>th</sup> Grade),  
Sammy (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), and Yoni (Nursery)

*How long have you been living in Sharon?*

We have been living in Sharon for about three months.

*Where were you living before and what brought you to our lovely town?*

We were living in Oakland, CA and we moved to the area for Gary's job.

*What is your favorite part of Sharon?*

The Sharon community, of course.

So many members of the community have been very friendly and welcoming to our family.

*What do you do to keep busy, for work and play?*

Gary works for a pharmaceutical company in Cambridge and I am a stay at home mom. For fun, we like to go on hikes with the kids, visit our family and friends in NY, and often we like just hanging out at home together.

*Tell us an interesting tidbit about yourselves!*

Although we were living in California for three years, we were living in New Jersey for many years and we are so happy to be back on the East Coast, except for maybe the weather. We do miss the California weather.





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