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Kislev 24, 5777
Rabbi Yehuda Halpert

Shabbat Times



Friday, December 23	
Candle Lighting:	4:15 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	4:20 PM
Shabbat, December 24	
Shacharit:	8:45 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:38 AM
Mincha / Shalosh	
Seudot:	3:55 PM
Shkiya:	4:33 PM
Maariv:	5:14 PM
Shabbat Ends:	5:19 PM
Next Friday, December 30	
Candle Lighting:	4:20 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	4:25 PM

- ❖ **Mazal tov** to Dina and Daniel (and Moshe) Goldberg on the birth of a baby boy! The Shalom Zachor will be at 7:30 PM at 791 East Lawn Drive, Teaneck.
- ❖ **Tzeitchem L'shalom** to Michal and Josh (and Alex) Krug who are moving! Thank you to the Krugs for all the time and effort in helping the Shul run smoothly - including spending two years on the Shul board as a VP and a treasurer!

Chanukah - Check the back of the newsletter for some Chanukah FAQs

Weather Report

Friday night: Cloudy, 35° Shabbos day: AM rain, 44°/33°

Men's Shiur - Rav Baruch Simon on Tuesday night at 9:00 PM. Location: TBD

2016-2017 Membership - Membership for the 2016-2017 year is now open. If you paid for Membership but do not receive emails (and would like to receive them), reach out to the Board for more information.
www.ahavatshalomteaneck.com/membership.html

Aliyah Cards - Thank you to everyone who filled out the google form with their aliyah information. If you are one of 19 people who has not done this yet, please excuse yourself from the shul. Just kidding. Please fill it out as soon as possible! Please reach out to the gabbaim for more information on how to fill this out.

Mystery Shabbos 2017 will be happening in ~~January~~ February! My name is Moty I. Raven, and I approve this message.

Put on your yarmulke Here comes Chanukah! Join Congregation Ahavat Achim on the first night of Chanuka, Motzei Shabbat, December 24th @ 7:30pm for a Chanuka concert featuring YU's acappella group, the Ystuds- makes a great date night or family outing. Special pricing for the Teaneck apartments \$5/adult and \$3/child.
www.ahavatachim.org/event/yapts or email rabbishestack@gmail.com

Join **RYNJ** for magical "Mommy and Me" classes with Morah Mali and Morah Deena. You and your children, ages 0-3, are invited for exciting music and movement classes, free of charge. Bring friends, meet new ones and share a wonderful hour with your child on January 8th and 15th and February 5th and 12th from 9:30 to 10:30 at the RYNJ ECD. Please visit RYNJ.org to register or contact Tamar Kahn, Director of Admissions, at welcomer@RYNJ.org for further information. We welcome your family to join our family.

The **TABC** Annual Dinner will take place on January 12th. Please join us as we pay tribute to Guests of Honor, Gail & Terry Novetsky; Community Service Awardees, Rachelle and Howard Friedman; Faculty Recognition Honoree, Deniera Goldenberg; and Rabbi Benjamin Skydell '95 who is receiving the Alumni Tribute Award. For more information and to donate, please visit www.tabc.org/dinner

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Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here for Shabbos on: 12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14. He can be reached via email at rabbihalpert@verizon.net, or phone in the evenings at 201-836-3828. In the event of an emergency, Rabbi Halpert can also be reached at 212-909-6951.

Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

Groups for children ages 2-3 are located in the room across the Shul from 9:30am - 10:45am. Morah Shira and Morah Melissa, two Yeshivat Noam teachers, will supervise. Toys and books will be provided by Yeshivat Noam. We ask parents to please send your child with a snack. Signup is on the website.

Welcoming Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently, let us know! Check out ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin for more information.



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We welcome your input! Please send your newsletter announcements by Wednesday.

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Chanukah FAQs

Below, please find the answers to some frequently asked Chanukah questions. If you have additional questions please call (201-836-3828) or e-mail rabbihalpert@verizon.net).

Q1. We are going to a Chanukah party at (parents/in-laws/cousins/aunts/friends ect.) The family hosting the party will be lighting Chanukah candles at the party should we light at the party or should we light once we return home after the party?

A1. Ideally you should light at home once you return home after the party; if your host or other attendees of the party will be unhappy that you are not lighting at the party and this will cause tension and stress at an otherwise peaceful Chanukah event then there is room to be flexible and allow one to light at the party even with a beracha. If you do light at the party you would not light again when you return home later that night.

Q2. We are going to (parents/in-laws/cousins/aunts/friends ect.) for Shabbat, what should we do with respect to Chanukah candles on both Friday night and Saturday night?

A2. The prevalent minhag is to light Chanukah candles at your host's home Friday night with a beracha. Saturday night, if you are returning home relatively soon after Shabbat, such that you will reach home and light Chanukah candles at a time when it is still common for people to be out and about, then it is preferable to light Chanukah candles at your home. If you will not return home until a later hour in the evening it is preferable to light at your host's home immediately following havdalah.

Q3. I have a very busy work week scheduled and I will not be able to return home until late at night, what should I do about Chanukah candles?

A3. Technically, if one finds themselves stuck at work late at night you can fulfill your obligation to light Chanukah candles by having your spouse light at home at the ideal earlier time without you (you are then not required to light again for yourself when you return home). However, assuming you will return from work at a "relatively normal" hour it is the more prevalent minhag to wait and have the family light all together at the later time when you return home from work. So long as the members of the household are awake you can light with a beracha no matter how late you return from work. If you return from work after the hour when it is common for people to be out and about and there is no one awake in the house one should light when they return home from work without a beracha.

Chanukah Sameach

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