

UPCOMING EVENTS

High Holidays Adult Education

Breakout Sessions

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Monday, October 3:

“The Shofar: From Brokenness to Wholeness”

Class taught by Shifra Scher at 11:00 AM in the Beit Midrash

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Tuesday, October 4:

“Surviving & Thriving in the Rosh Hashanah Prayer Service”

Class taught by Rabbi Michael Goldstein at 11:00 AM in the Beit Midrash

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 12

“Sorry – it’s not just a game!”

Class taught by Rochel Goldbaum at 10:45 AM in the Beit Midrash.

“I’m back again?! What happened to last year’s Yom Kippur?”

Class taught by Rochel Goldbaum at 1:00 PM in the Beit Midrash.

High Holidays Youth Programming

Pre-Sukkot Shabbat Dinner — October 14

Take a break from the Kitchen and enjoy a delicious Shabbat Dinner at the Shul!

\$30/Person \$15/Child ages 6-12 \$5/Child ages 3-5 Free for children ages 0-2

Featuring the Shabbat Kids Club and Babysitting to entertain the little ones.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6:05 PM and Dinner at 6:50 PM

Creative Kosher Catering | Please call the Shul office to reserve your spot!

- Youth Programs for all ages
- Exciting NCSY program for teens
- Fun, professional staff
- Interactive family service with Rabbi Scher and our dynamic youth leaders

Come join us on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for a fun-filled program!

From Mitzvah Adventures and Honey Cookie Baking to a Shofar Blowing Workshop and Nutritious & Delicious Snacks!

Torah Tots: Ages 0-JK

Staff: Bernadette Gala, Cheryl Visperas & Tziporah Ross

Mini Menches: Ages SK-Grade 3

Staff: Sarina Aarenau & Ariel Aarenau

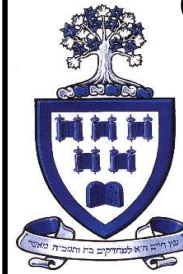
Little Schmoozers: Grades 4-7

Staff: Avidani Aarenau & Canaf Ahituv

NCSY - Torah High Program: Ages 13-17

***Check out the full schedule on our website at

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OCTOBER 1, 2016

SHABBAT | ITON

Torah Thoughts from *Sermonic Wit* by Rabbi Bulka

A TRUE SECRET

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God... (Deuteronomy, 29:28.)

One of the many messages in this statement is that there is Godliness in secretiveness.

In this vein, the Kotzker Rebbe makes a fascinating observation. He remarks that people think that a hidden righteous person is one who hides his or her righteousness and good deeds from the community.

The truth is, says the Kotzker Rebbe, that a true righteous person is one whose righteousness is hidden from himself or herself.

The truly righteous person has no pretence or claim of being righteous.

LIFE IS GOOD

Behold, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil...choose life... (Deuteronomy, 30:15, 19)

The Torah is a moral and ethical code, a code of the good. The people are given a choice, and are urged to choose correctly.

The correct choice is obvious, but the language of the choice is surprising. We are asked to choose life. Why?

Perhaps because the ultimate gauge of whether a specific norm is consistent with morals and ethics or whether that specific norm is consistent with life itself.

Torah norms emanate from a concern for life and are predicated on life. The basic choice, therefore, is of life itself, and that choice is, by definition, good.

POINTS TO PONDER

How can a covenant be struck with those who are not there at the time of its actually being agreed upon? (see pp.1138-1139; 29:13-14)

Why are certain words in 30:28 (p.1141) dotted?

What is the meaning of the statement that the mitzvah is not far, is not in the heavens, or beyond the sea (p.1143; 30: 11-13)? And which mitzvah is it to which these verses are referring?

After giving the people the alternative of choosing between life and good health, and death and the bad, (pp. 1143-44; 30: 11-13), the people are urged to choose life (p. 144; 30:19). Why are they not asked to choose the good?

Would it not be more logical if they should choose to make a value choice rather than a quantity choice?

HAFTARAH

The Haftarah for Nitzavim is found in your Humashim, starting on page 1145.

This is the final culminating Haftarah of the seven comforting Haftarah following Tish'ah B'Av, and like all of its predecessors, is taken from the book of Yeshayah.

The Haftarah begins with the statement that the people will rejoice in God because of God's having restored Israel's glory.

God asserts that for Zion's and Jerusalem's sake God will not rest, until triumph and salvation shall come.

Quote of the week

God will not fail you or forsake you...

Schedule of Services

Saturday October 1

8:10 a.m.: Rabbi Scher's Class
8:45 a.m.: Shoharim
5:45 p.m.: Rabbi Bulka's class
6:15 p.m.: Minhah
7:23 p.m.: Shabbat Ends

Sunday October 2

7:30 a.m.: Selihot
followed by Shoharim & Hatarat Nedarim

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday evening
Lighting: 6:19 p.m.
6:30 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Yom Tov

Monday, October 3

8:00 a.m.: Shoharim & Musaf
10:30 a.m.: Blowing of Shofar
6:35 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat 2nd Day Yom Tov

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Monday evening
Lighting: After 7:19 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 a.m.: Shoharim & Musaf
10:30 a.m.: Blowing of Shofar
6:25 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv
7:18 p.m.: Yom Tov Ends

Wednesday, October 5—Fast of Gedalyah

6:20 a.m.: Selihot & Shoharim
6:15 p.m.: Minhah
7:16 p.m.: Fast Ends

Thursday, October 6

6:20 a.m.: Selihot & Shoharim
6:20 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Friday October 7

6:20 a.m.: Selihot & Shoharim
Lighting: before 6:10 p.m.
6:20 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Shabbat

SHUL SHUK IS OPEN!

Bring your Torah Tickets and take part in the fun!
The Shuk is open from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the lower foyer.

Congregational Kiddush will take place in the Upstairs Social Hall.

Seudah Shleesheet is sponsored by **Sonja & Ronald Kesten** to commemorate the yearzeit of **Edith Sporn**.

WEEKLY CLASSES

Sunday Morning Talmud, 7:45-8:30, with Rabbi Bulka
Not on this week.

Daf Yomi Class, 6:20 a.m., Weekdays, Rabbi Scher.
Not on Rosh Hashanah.

Rose Kravetz Ladies Class in Jewish Ethics, Tuesday Morning, 9:45 a.m., Rabbi Bulka. **Not on this week.**

Simchat Torah Siddur Presentation

If you have a child in Grade One, please contact the office, so that they can be part of the Siddur presentation on Simchat Torah. 613-521-9700

Yahrzeits for the Week of Oct. 1

28 Elul—Oct 1

Morris Lang
Zahava Malkin
Dorothy Smith
Moses Taller
Dora Weller

3 Tishray—Oct 5

Label Blostein
Nathan Coshof
William Dubrofsky
Florence Weisz

29 Elul—Oct 2

Joel Cohen
Millie Schaenfield
Edith Sporn

4 Tishray—Oct 6

Sadie Froman
Lippman Klug
Rose Landau
Aaron Mintz
Ruth Rothman

1 Tishray- Oct 3

Bess Freed
Esther Shayndel
Levinson
Brucha Szyper
Harry Thaw
Solomon Yufe

5 Tishray—Oct 7

Sam Betcherman
Gittel Kooperstock
Lila Kramer
Solomon Reichstein
Max Wollock
Rhea Appel Victor

2 Tishray—Oct 4

Hyman Gandall
Isaac Zunder