

*Shaarei Tefillah is the destination for families and individuals from diverse Jewish backgrounds who share a desire for strong Jewish values, relevant inspiration, personal growth and warm welcoming community!*

**Weekly Davening Times**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 3:44 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:22 PM

MINCHA 4:30 PM

**SHABBAT DAY - ROSH CHODESH TEVET DAY 1**

DAF YOMI 8:30 AM

MORNING SERVICES 9:00 AM

BREAKAWAY w/ R'LIPNER 10:15 AM

MINCHA followed by SEUDAH SHELSHIT 4:15 PM

MAARIV/HAVDALAH 5:29 PM

**WEEKLY MINCHA 4:30 PM**

**SUNDAY – 7th DAY OF CHANUKAH & ROSH CHODESH TEVET DAY 2**

DAF YOMI 7:15 AM

SHACHARIT 8:15 AM

**MONDAY– THURSDAY**

DAF YOMI 6:30 AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30 AM

**FRIDAY**

DAF YOMI 6:30 AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30 AM

MINCHA 4:30 PM

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 3:45 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:23 PM

Dear Members & Guests,

There is something so subtle, yet powerfully unique about Chanukah that really brings home the goal of Judaism. I'll give you a hint: While strong Jewish institutions, schools, or even shuls are important, they do NOT guarantee a strong Jewish future.

There is no mitzvah to light the menorah in school. There is no mitzvah to light the menorah in the office, or at a Jewish event. In fact, if we do light the menorah in any of these places, we must still light it again afterwards! Strange... I can fulfill my obligation to blow the shofar, shake a lulav, eat matzah or read the megilla anywhere; so why can't I light the menorah in any of these places?

The answer, I believe, is at the very heart of Jewish continuity:

Chanukah is really about the battle against Jewish assimilation. The Greeks did not start a physical war against us, as they were out to destroy not the Jew, but his or her Judaism. The Maccabees battled against assimilation, and we continue to battle today, and the way to do that is in the home. And so, we must ignite the flame in our houses.

Judaism must be strongest and brightest within the four walls of one's home. If one succeeds, then like the candles on our menorahs, the light will shine brightly from the window for all to see, while providing inspiration and warmth for those inside. However, if we only light the menorah outside as a ceremonial gesture, chances are that the light will not translate beyond that event, and will fail to illuminate the next generation.

Our goal as adults is to learn the depth and shining beauty behind the messages, traditions, and values of our heritage and have them inspire us to translate those same ideas and ideals into our own homes (or condos!) enriching our lives and those around us.

Wishing everyone a Chag Urim Sameach and a Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Lipner



*\*On Friday light before Shabbos Candle lighting & on Motzi Shabbos light after Havdalah.*



**THIS WEEK'S TEFILLAH TIDBIT**

"Making Tefillah Work, By Working on Our Tefillah"

We chose something that can help illuminate a Tefillah specific to Chanukah!

Don't forget to pick up a copy of this week's Tefillah insight on the table:

**The Al Hanisim Prayer I: Survive and Thrive  
By Rabbi Jesse Horn**

## **YASHER KOACH & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Congregational Kiddush** is generously sponsored by Howard & Olga Wolfe on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Olga's beloved father Shmuel Engel A"H, whose Yahrzeit is to be observed on the 4th of Tevet. May his Neshama have an Aliyah.



**Parsha Sheet** is generously sponsored by Magda Fischer & Family on the occasion of the 35th yahrzeit of Magda's beloved husband Avraham Fischer A"H, whose yahrzeit was observed on the 27th of Kislev. May his Neshama have an Aliyah.



**Thank you** to the Krausz & Fischer Families for their generous donation in honor of their beloved father Avraham Fischer's 35th yahrzeit. May his Neshama have an Aliyah.

**Thank you** to Mark Heitin for his generous donation on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his beloved mother Esther Heitin A'H, which will be observed on the 30th of Kislev. May her Neshama have an Aliyah.

**Thank you** to Jeff Kulbak & Family for their generous donation on the birthday of Trisha Kulbak A"H, which will take place on December 13th.

**Our condolences** to the Rosenzweig Family on the loss of our beloved member, Fay Rosenzweig A"H, wife of the late Morris Rosenzweig A"H.

**Our condolences** to the Fenyves Family on the loss of our beloved member, Edith Fenyves A"H, wife of the late Julius Fenyves A"H.

### **This Week's Youth Shabbat Activity**

In this week's programs we will learn about Yosef's dreams!

We will also be learning about the upcoming holiday Chanukah as we will enjoy some holiday related games!

-Ariel Bernstein



This week youth in grades 4 and up will be with Ariel in the Makerspace! Get ready to enjoy a Chanukah inspired Kiddush and have a great time.

-Ryan & Batya

### **CLASSES FOR THE WEEK:**



#### **Monday @ 10 am**

Rabbi Shlomo Schwartz - The Social Hall  
"Heaven From Ten to Eleven-a spirited discussion of modern Halacha"

#### **Wednesday @ 7:30 pm**

Rabbi Alex Hecht (YU Kollel)-The Apter Hall  
"Controversies of the 20th Century"

#### **Thursday @ 9 am**

Rabbi Rafi Lipner - The Social Hall  
The Mom's Morning Jolt

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Meaningful Date Night:

JFI & Shaarei Tefillah Present's  
3 Incredible Wednesday nights  
**December 12th, February 13th, & March 13th**  
for anyone dating, engaged or married!  
Please register @ [www.myjfi.com/register](http://www.myjfi.com/register)

#### Saturday Night Skate Night:

**December 15th, 2018**

For more information or to RSVP please contact [sty-outhdirector@gmail.com](mailto:sty-outhdirector@gmail.com)

#### Jews for Judaism Events:

A Musical Kumsitz with  
Rabbi Michael Skobac, Rabbi Eli Cohen,  
& Rabbi Jesse Shore

**December 24th, 2018 @ 7:30 PM**

"How to Not Answer a Christian Missionary"

With Rabbi Yisroel Chaim Blumenthal

**December 25th 2018 @ 12:30-4:00 PM**

### **Yahrzeits for the Week**

<b>Deceased Name</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
Dinah Cooper	Sister	Mrs. Molly Lazarus
Abraham Shniffer	Father	Mr. Leslie Shniffer
Alexander Engel	Father	Mrs. Olga Wolfe
Alexander Engel	Husband	Mrs. Elizabeth Engel
Esther Shiewitz	Mother	Mr. David Shiewitz
Hinde Myrovitch	Mother	Mr. Joe Myers
Jerry Applebaum	Husband	Mrs. Chana Applebaum
Lily Cohen	Sister	Mrs. Naomi Cohen
Max Cohen	Brother	Mr. Irving Cohen
Morris Henry	Father	Mrs. Maxine Gutzin
Phillip Band	Husband	Mrs. Freda Band
Sidney Cohen	Father	Mr. Steven Cohen
Sidney Cohen	Father	Mr. Brian Cohen
Susan Levy	Sister	Mrs. Vivian Anhang
Walter Alkin	Father	Mr. Roy Alkin