

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!



To Gabrielle Yona Fisher on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Proud parents' are Arie & Dahlia Fisher; thrilled siblings are Aliza, Shayna, & Maytal.

Dear Members & Guests,

I love this time of year as we polish our menorahs, test drive our dreidels, and make sure the kitchen is packed with enough oil and potatoes to last for 8 nights.

However, as we have said many times before, while the external symbols of any Jewish holiday are important, they must also be accompanied by the internal and spiritual preparations that are at the core and root of the holiday as well.

One of the most critical messages that Chanukah sends us is actually related to the time period in which Chanukah always falls out. Chanukah, which begins this Sunday night, is celebrated in the dead of winter and during the darkest and coldest time of the year. It is a season that is often grey and depressing to the point that there is an actual diagnosed disorder specific for this time period- Seasonal Affective Disorder, aptly known as "SAD". When things are dark and gloomy, people get down, depressed and disheartened by their surroundings, and therefore, the world of science developed a bright light therapy which mimics the daylight of a brighter season, in order to fool your body and mind into thinking that it is not actually a grey, winter day.

Interestingly, the world of Torah and Judaism long ago invented its own "bright light therapy", but with a subtle, yet transformative, different goal. We don't buy a light to make us feel as if it is not dark and grey outside; we LIGHT a light and realize that our purpose in the world is to share our light, and illuminate the world around us. We don't "deal" with darkness, rather we realize that when we spread a little light, it can and will get rid of a lot of darkness. One act of kindness can transform a life, one act of forgiveness can rekindle a friendship, one little prayer can bring tremendous healing, and one smile truly can light up the world!

May our lights stand tall in our homes, and shine brightly throughout the world.

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Urim Sameach,

Rabbi Lipner

Weekly Davening Times

FRIDAY NIGHT

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 3:44 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:24 PM

MINCHA 4:30 PM

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM

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 5:30 PM

WEEKLY MINCHA 4:30 PM

SUNDAY – EREV CHANUKAH

DAF YOMI 7:15 AM

SHACHARIT 8:15 AM

MONDAY-THURSDAY-1st-4th DAY of CHANUKAH

DAF YOMI 6:30 AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30 AM

FRIDAY-5th Day of CHANUKAH

DAF YOMI 6:30 AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30 AM

MINCHA 4:30 PM

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 3:44 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:22 PM



**Chanukah begins Sunday night. Do not light candles before 5:15 P.M*



THIS WEEK'S TEFILLAH TIDBIT

"Making Tefillah Work, By Working on Our Tefillah"

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

Written by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Special thanks to Harvey Mincer for submitting this.

YASHER KOACH & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by Dahlia & Arie Fisher in honor of their daughter Gabrielle's Bat-Mitzvah.



Parsha Sheet is sponsored by Sheldon & Denise Popliger & Family in honor of the Yahrzeit of Denise's father Al (Albert) Cohen A"H

Parsha Sheet is sponsored by Dr. Sol & Marcia Werb in honor of Marcia's beloved mother Mary Raskin A"H. Whose Yahrzeit will be observed on the 25th of Kislev.



Seudah Shleshit is sponsored by Jake & Vivian Anhang in loving memory of Jake's mother Mina Anhang A"H. Whose Yahrzeit will be observed on the 26th of Kislev.

Thank you to Jonathan & Kylie Leibtag for their donation in honor of the Rabbi & Rebbetzin for their hard work and dedication to the shul and the community.



Thank you to Abe & Bella Rolnick for their donation in honor of their parents Szyja & Mania Borzykowski and Michael & Pezia Rolnick A"H. May their Neshama's have an Aliyah.



Thank you to Alan & Sharon Kaplan & Family for their donation in appreciation of the shuls support during the shiva of Alan's brother Yaakov Dovid Ben Moishe Kaplan A"H.

A very **Happy Birthday** to Rabbi Lipner, whose birthday is this Shabbos December 1st!

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



In this weeks Parsha, Yoseph is sold in to slavery by his brothers because they are very jealous of him.

In STC groups, we will be snacking on yummy Rainbow Coats, as well as trying to find the best deal to save Yoseph from his captors!

- Ryan & Batya

Upcoming Events:

Chanukah Learnathon

Sunday December 2, 10:00AM-12:00PM

A Yeshiva University Torah MiTzion.

4 Incredible speakers!

Men & Women Welcome



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

Saturday Night Skate Night:

December 15th, 2018

For more information or to RSVP please contact

styouthdirector@gmail.com

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

Yahrzeits for the Week

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member Name
Gertrude Pelt	Mother	Mr. Melvyn Pelt
Ceilia Genesove	Mother	Mrs. Naomi Kideckel
Freda Fenwick	Sister	Mr. Joe Myers
Andrew Spitzer	Father	Mrs. Debbie Cohen
Mary Raskin	Mother	Mrs. Marcia Werb
Zvi Shore	Father	Mr. Alan Shore
Mina Anhang	Mother	Mr. Jacob Anhang
Aimee Lichaa	Sister	Mrs. Vivian Anhang
Dr. Jack Genesove	Husband	Mrs. Belle Genesove
Dr. Jack Genesove	Brother	Mr. Jerry Genesove
Harry Rosen	Brother	Mrs. Freda Band
Abraham Fischer	Husband	Mrs. Magda Fischer
Alvin Malkin	Husband	Mrs. Edith Malkin