

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 3:51 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:33 PM

MINCHA 4:40 PM

SHABBAT

DAF YOMI 8:30 AM

MORNING SERVICES 9:00 AM

BREAKAWAY w/ R'LIPNER 10:15 AM

MINCHA followed by SEUDAH SHELSHIT 4:25 PM

MAARIV/HAVDALAH 5:37 PM

WEEKLY MINCHA 4:35 PM

SUNDAY

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

MINCHA 4:35 PM

EARLY CANDLE LIGHTING 3:47 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:27 PM

Dear Members & Guests,

“בראשית פרק כח: טו - והנה אנכי עמך, ושומרתיך בכל אשר-תלך...”

Bereshit 28:15 “Remember, I am with you: I will protect you wherever you go...”

Following the tragic news in Pittsburgh, one of the most prominent Gedolim (Jewish Rabbinic Leaders) in our times, Rav Chaim Kanievsky shlit"א, was asked what the Jewish communities should do to ensure greater safety, and he responded that we should daven more and talk less during our davening.

While obviously we still have to be vigilant and put forth the proper Hishtadlut (effort) with conventional security, as Jews who not only believe that Hashem exists, but that He still very much watches over us, this is not a piece of advice that should or can afford to be overlooked casually. When we pay attention to our tefillot, we see they are full of reminders of this fundamental perspective, as is reinforced in the line above from this week's Parsha as well.

For anyone who needs to see a reminder of this, we have to look no further than this past week's events in Eretz Yisrael. Our brothers and sisters experienced a barrage of over 400 missiles in one day that were once again indiscriminately fired into Israel with the sole purpose of killing any and everyone possible. Aside from the miracle that not one Jew was killed (not one!), there was a most miraculous story that emerged, one for we should pause and all give hoda'ah – thanks – to Hashem.

A bus heading to Kfar Aza near the Gaza border was carrying 50 Israeli soldiers reporting for duty. The bus stopped, all the soldiers disembarked, and literally not a minute later, the bus was hit directly by a missile and blew up. One minute earlier there would have been the single largest Israeli casualty count in decades; instead, there was not one fatality. Furthermore, the soldier who was standing on the street nearby and was critically injured is miraculously improving dramatically, has woken up and has been transferred to a less critical hospital unit.

Online you can find the video to witness the open miracle itself, as well as a video of this entire unit of soldiers at the Kotel giving hoda'ah to Hashem for the open miracle that they had just experienced.

There is one more video which never fails to move me emotionally and which I believe speaks to the unique nature of Jewish soldiers in a Jewish land. These soldiers on their way to their base are singing “Al Hanisim” – the Tefillah song we will sing in a few weeks on Chanukah that recalls the miracles that Hashem did to allow the small Maccabim to beat the mighty Greeks. These soldiers recognize the Hand of Hashem in everything that happens to them and they acknowledge the miracles that occur daily in their service.

Our Tefillot matter, and our trust in Hashem is a key element in how we respond to tragedy. As I mentioned last week, while we as a shul take steps to secure our physical structure, we should also be taking steps to secure our spiritual efforts as well. Whether it be not talking during Chazarat Hashatz, saying an extra Tefillah that you do not normally say, or keeping your phone away during weekly minyan, we remember that Hashem is with us and will protect us when we turn to Him in prayer.

May Hashem continue to watch over all of Klal Yisrael wherever we go.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Lipner

PS: If you would like the links to the videos please contact Rabbi Lipner

YASHER KOACH & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parsha Sheet is generously sponsored by Dr. Rolf Lederer & Family, for the Yahrzeit of Rolf's beloved father Benno Lederer A"H, whose Yahrzeit will be observed on the 9th of Kislev.

&

Alan & Tina Lax and Family, for the Yahrzeit of Alan's beloved Father Hyman Lax A"H, whose Yahrzeit will be observed on the 10th of Kislev.

Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by Guy & Dr. Rachel Goldberg and children Oren, Noah and Leeya, in honor of Oren reading Maftir for the first anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah Parsha.



If you are interested in sponsoring a Congregational Kiddush or the Parsha Sheet please contact the shul office!

This Week's Youth Shabbat Activity

In this week's Parsha we learn about Yaakov's endeavors working for Lavan for the purpose of eventually earning the right to marry Rachel!

This week, the Makerspace and Nursery will be learning about his endeavors as both groups play Parsha related games!

-Ariel Bernstein



Team Red won our Esav vs Yaakov color war this past Shabbat! It was so amazing to see the creativity the youth had to come up with different cheers and songs for their teams.

This week groups for grades 4 and up will be in the Apter Shul!

- Ryan & Batya

Upcoming Events:

Saturday Night Skate Night:
Calling STC Youth of all ages!

December 15th, 2018

For more information or to RSVP please contact
styouthdirector@gmail.com

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

Chanukah Learnathon

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

A Yeshiva University Torah MITzion.

4 Incredible speakers!

Men & Women Welcome

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

YAHARZEITS FOR THE WEEK

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member Name
Adele Miller	Sister	Mr. Harold Miller
Hyman Lax	Father	Mr. Alan Lax
Jack Somberg	Brother	Mr. Joe Myers
Molly Brown	Mother	Mrs. Lorraine Ringel
Ruth Schnieder	Sister	Mr. Jacob Anhang
Yitzchok Dovis	Father	Mrs. Fay Rosenzweig
Albert Miller	Father	Mrs. Eleanor Gower
Helena Ciss	Mother	Mr. Julius Ciss
Israel Schwartz-baum	Father	Rebbetzin Sarah Stern
Isadore Treffler	Father	Mrs. Belle Black
Yitzchak Samson	Father	Mr. Jules Samson
Julius Fenyves	Husband	Mrs. Edith Fenyves