



Candle Lighting  
4:45p

Mincha  
4:50p

Torah Reading  
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Candle Lighting 1/18  
4:53p



**SHABBOS SCHEDULE**  
Shabbos Night

4:45p Candle Lighting  
4:50p Mincha followed by  
Kabbolas Shabbos

**Shabbos Day**

8:10a Daf Yomi  
8:35a Chassidus on the Parsha  
(Rabbi Richter)  
9:00a Shacharis (9:51a KS)  
11:30a Simcha Kiddush  
4:40p Mincha followed by  
Shalosh Seudos  
5:47p Maariv followed by Havdalah  
6:50p Motzei Shabbos Learning



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sun 1/13 - 7th of Shevat  
7:15, 8:00, 9:00a Shacharis  
5:00p Mincha/Maariv  
Mon - Fri a.m.  
6:45, 9:00a Shacharis  
5:00p Mincha/Maariv



**WEEKLY SHIURIM**

by Rabbi Silber

Sun  
8:00a Daf Yomi  
Mon - Fri  
5:45a Chovas HaTalmidim  
5:55a Daf Yomi (Mon 5:45a)  
Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of  
Mishnayos (Rabbi Richter)  
Mon  
8:00a Business & Bagels  
8:30p Shulchan Aruch Chaburah  
(Beis Midrash)  
Tues  
8:30p Hilchos Shabbos B'Iyun  
(Rabbi Richter)  
Wed  
8:00p Life Lessons from the Parsha  
(for women)  
Perek Shira resumes February 6th



**THE COURAGE TO SEARCH**  
RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

*“So Moses stretched forth his hand toward the heavens, and there was thick darkness over the entire land of Egypt for three days.” (Exodus 10:22)*

*Choshech* (darkness), the ninth plague had descended upon Egypt. The plagues were not happenstance and random. Each plague had a purpose and message. What was the purpose in *choshech*?

Rashi explains:

*“... The Israelites searched [the Egyptians’ dwellings during the darkness] and saw their [own] belongings. When they were leaving [Egypt] and asked [for some of their things], and they [the Egyptians] said, “We have nothing,” he [the Israelite] would say to him, “I saw it in your house, and it is in such and such a place.”*

The Lubavitcher Rebbe (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, 1902-1994) makes a fascinating observation. Every stage of our salvation and emancipation was miraculous. From the plagues to the splitting of the sea. No part of this redemption was rooted in the natural order. Yet, the Jews had to “ask” the Egyptians for gold, silver and clothing. If God was already orchestrating supernatural salvation, why not just have the Egyptians give the wealth to the Jews? Furthermore, this wealth was back pay and reparations for 210 years of barbaric mistreatment. Why did the Jewish nation have to spend the days of *choshech* searching for the Egyptian wealth?

The Talmud states (Megillah 6b):

ואמר ר' יצחק אם יאמר לך אדם יגעתי ולא מצאתי אל תאמן לא יגעתי ומצאתי אל תאמן יגעתי ומצאתי תאמן

*Rabbi Yitzhak said: If a person says to you: I have labored and not found success, do not believe him. Similarly, if he says to you: I have not labored but nevertheless I have found success, do not believe him. If, however, he says to you: I have labored, and I have found success, believe him.*

Where there is effort there is success. Where there is no effort there can be no enduring success. God was teaching us this all-important lesson. If you want the gold, silver and accomplishments of life you must be willing to search and work. Nothing meaningful will ever just show up at your doorstep.

The Jewish nation was about to take the final step in transitioning from a slave to a free nation. A slave is beholden to his master, a free man is responsible to himself. The slave lacks control over many elements of his existence, the free man must own the nature and direction of his life. Each of us desire things in life but all too often we don't want to put in the work. We want the successes, but we want to minimize the effort. To reap the true blessings of life, one must be willing to search out opportunities even in the darkness. To experience success in this world requires an incredible amount of effort. We have dreams, aspirations and goals but we must realize that no one else will make them happen for us. No one else will roll up their sleeves to make our dreams come true. Too often, we live with a sense of life entitlement. We think our parents owe us, our spouse owes us, our children owe us and of course, God owes us. The most empowering way to live is to rid oneself of this sense of entitlement. No one owes you anything. If we want something from life, we need to make it happen. We must search out the successes and be willing to work hard and exert ourselves. Navigate the darkness, follow your own light and IYH life success will follow.



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### MEMBER NEWS

#### MAZAL TOV

**Asher & Shira Wildman** on the bar mitzvah of their son, Moshe Tzvi. Grandparent: Rabbi Richard & Sharon Levine

**Modo & Chana Artman** on the birth of a baby girl

**Samuel Volkin** on his aufruf and upcoming wedding

#### BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Simeon Krumbein, Manfred Meiseles, Joseph Rifkind, Koby Erez, Samuel Tzvi Hackam, Dina Nachman, Eliana Barnoy, Tova Nachman, Avital Bauman, Shira Schorr, Izzy Silber, Sima Turner, Rabbi Michael Reches, Sophie Messing, Noah Dubin, Baruch Ness, Rena Trestman, Judy Pachino, Michal Charner

#### Yahrzeits

Levi Chaim Strauss, Frank J Levi, Bernard Creeger, Miriam Grossblatt, Floyd Moss, Harriet Neuman, Mordechai Konowitz, Claire Katz, Bruce Robert Gold, Elliott Miller, Elizabeth Benn, Charles Henry Fall, Jacob Rutkin



### SHUL HAPPENINGS

#### SOTC Book Club

Tues 1/15 | 2:00p, SOTC

The Girl from Berlin by Ronald Balson

#### Security Training

Sun 1/27 | 9:00a, SOTC

Kindly register with Co-Chair Michael Diamond: [mikeisadiamond@gmail.com](mailto:mikeisadiamond@gmail.com)

#### Taharas Hamishpacha Refresher

Mon & Tues 1/28-29 | 8:00p, SOTC

Presented by Rebbetzin Aviva Silber, for women. RSVP required.

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#### DAF YOMI

**Robert Lillianfeld** in honor of his wife Lisie and her passion to inspire others to engage in acts of tzedakah.

**Irvin Cohen** in honor of the yahrzeit of his father, Henry, Chaim ben Yitzchok HaKohen z'l

**Moshe Werdesheim:** Celebrating Devorah, my inspiring and courageous

wife, and our completion of mishnayos Seder Zeraim

#### DONATIONS

**Selma Woolf** in honor of the Kiewe's anniversary and for a refuah shleima for Leah Sol's daughter, Ilana bas Esther

**Rodney & Tina Kaplan** in honor of the yahrzeit of Tina's father, Frank Levi z'l

**Fred & Iris Friedlander** in honor of the yahrzeit of Fred's mother, Rassel Leah bas Aharon z'l

**Stephen Wolf & Adrian Diamond Wolf** in honor of the upcoming yahrzeits of Alice Wolf & Abraham Diamond



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

#### MEET THE NISSELS (Winner Ave)

As children, Zalman and Shiffy lived in many cities: Baltimore, Brooklyn, Englewood, Lawrence, Patterson, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Worcester and Yerushalayim. Zalman came to Ner Yisroel for High School and Yeshiva. Shiffy's family moved to Baltimore at the same time. Introduced by Zalman's Rebbe, Rabbi Adler, they were married at Beth Jacob. Shiffy runs a bookkeeping consultancy and Zalman (a hobbyist in macrophotography) handles the business operations of Bais Yaakov. They are both extremely grateful to the Rav and the Shul. Zalman notes "Joining Rabbi Silber's Daf Yomi has made a profound impact on my life. Aside from the Rav's masterful shiur, I have gained immeasurably from the camaraderie". They enjoy spending time with family. Their married children live in Baltimore, Passaic and Lakewood.




**Motzei Shabbos Learning**

**MOTZEI SHABBOS 1/12 @ 6:50PM**  
AVOS U'BANIM (BEIS MIDRASH)  
PARENT/CHILD LEARNING (SOCIAL HALL)

*divrei Torah  
pizza & prizes  
and tons of fun*

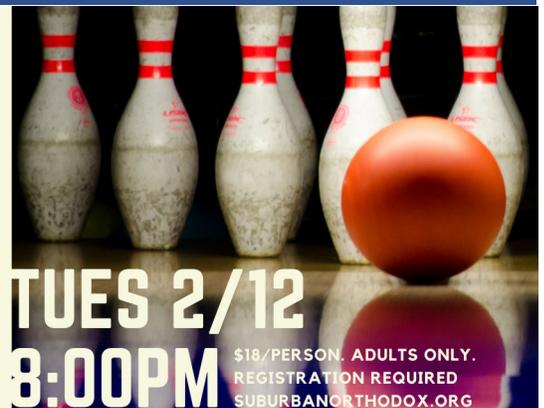
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SHIUR AND Q&A:  
"STRIKING OUT" IN LIFE -  
EXPECTATION AND  
EVALUATION

FOLLOWED BY  
FRIENDLY COMPETITION



**TUES 2/12**  
**8:00PM**

\$18/PERSON. ADULTS ONLY.  
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