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**SHABBOS SCHEDULE**

**Shabbos Night**  
5:00p Candle Lighting

5:05p Mincha followed by  
Kabbolas Shabbos

**Shabbos Day**

8:35a Chassidus on the Parsha (Rabbi Richter)

9:00a Shacharis (9:51a KS)

10:45a Shabbos Drasha

11:30a Simcha Kiddush

4:05p Daf Yomi (Rabbi Silber)

4:55p Mincha followed by  
Shalosh Seudos

6:01p Maariv/Havadala

7:05p Motzei Shabbos Learning



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sun 1/26 - 29th of Teves  
7:15, 9:00a Shacharis

5:10p Mincha/Maariv

Mon (Rosh Chodesh) - Fri a.m.

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis (6:30a Mon)

5:10p Mincha/Maariv

8:55p Maariv (Mon-Thu)



**WEEKLY SHIURIM** with Rabbi Silber

Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon (Rosh Chodesh) - Fri

5:45a Mesilas Yesharim (no MY Mon)

5:55a Daf Yomi (5:45a Mon)

Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of Mishnayos  
(Rabbi Richter)

**Mon**

12:15p CHAW Lunch & Learn at Dougies

Analysis of modern day issues through the lens of halacha and hashkafa. Lunch sponsored by Adam & Yudit Ben-Zev, followed by 1:00p Mincha. Please allow time to buy lunch.

Online Perek Shira

**Wed**

9:30a WIT Tehillim

Online Perek Shiur

Parsha Shiur on break

Night Seder with Rabbi Richter

Mon-Thurs 8:30-8:55p

Mon Daf Chazara Program (Rabbi Bachrach)

Tues Contemporary Halacha

Wed-Thurs Kitzur Shulchan Aruch

**Register now:**

Downtown Lunch & Learn 2/13

Insights on Purim: Drunk With Happiness

Learning begins promptly at noon. Please allow time to self-park. Lunch sponsored by NQGRG.



**RESPECTING DIFFERENCES**

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

Redemption had begun but it was a slow and long process. The fury of the plagues was unleashed on Egypt and yet, Pharaoh still refused to emancipate the Jewish nation.

The Lord said to Moses, "Stretch forth your hand heavenward, and hail will be upon the entire land of Egypt, upon man and upon beast and upon all the vegetation of the field in the land of Egypt." So, Moses stretched forth his staff heavenward, and the Lord gave forth thunder and hail, and fire came down to the earth, and the Lord rained down hail upon the land of Egypt. And there was hail, and fire flaming within the hail, very heavy, the likes of which had never been throughout the entire land of Egypt since it had become a nation." (Exodus 9:22-24)

Rashi explains that this was miraculous hail, "it was a miracle in a miracle, fire and water were mixed together. In order to fulfill the will of their Creator, they created peace between themselves." Hail stones comprised of opposites, fire and water rained down on Egypt. Each plague contained a message for the Egyptians and the Jews. It was during this plague of barad (hail) that we learned the world is filled with different kinds of people. Every person has a place and every person has a purpose. The Egyptians felt that they had the right to subjugate and persecute the Jewish nation. They felt that their perceived superiority provided them with full autonomy and control over the Children of Abraham. They didn't perceive what they were doing as evil, they understood it to be quite justifiable. The weak serve the strong, the few serve the many. The Egyptians were the master race and therefore, had every right to do what was needed to advance their own society even if it meant exploiting another nation.

Persecution and subjugation occur when one group feels a level of superiority over another. There are no two more opposite forces than fire and water. It would be easy for fire to feel superior to try to burn up or consume water. It would be just as easy for water to feel superior and try to extinguish fire. Yet, in this plague, both fire and water recognized the greatness and importance of the other and worked together to create something miraculous. In fact, they demonstrated that neither was more important, accepted their differences and worked together to sanctify the name of God.

"The Sages in Yavne were wont to say: I who learn Torah am God's creature and my counterpart who engages in other labor is God's creature. My work is in the city and his work is in the field. I rise early for my work and he rises early for his work. And just as he does not presume to perform my work, so I do not presume to perform his work. Lest you say: I engage in Torah study a lot, while he only engages in Torah study a little, so I am better than he, it has already been taught: One who brings a substantial sacrifice and one who brings a meager sacrifice have equal merit, as long as he directs his heart towards Heaven." (Tractate Berachos 17a)

It would be easy for the Torah scholar to feel superior to the farmer. After all the Torah scholar spends his days plumbing the depths of God's Torah and ascending to lofty levels of holiness. His soul is filled with holiness, while the farmer's hands are filled with dirt. The scholar tills the secrets of the Talmud while the farmer simply tills the soil. Yet, the great rabbis of yesteryear understood that despite our difference we are all important. Each of us has a place, each of us has a mission and if we work together, we advance the cause of holiness and spirituality.

Society has become fractured and polarized. Too often we live with the mantra, "if you don't share my opinions you are worthless. If you don't subscribe to my views, political affiliations, religious doctrines, societal outlooks, then you have no value in my eyes." The world is filled with fire and water. The water spends so much time and energy trying to extinguish the fire and the fire expends so much energy trying to consume the water. In Egypt we saw how fire and water can coexist. We saw that there is room for respect even in the midst of disagreement. We saw how opposites can come together to work towards a common goal and yet still maintain their respective differences and unique identities. When water and fire stop trying to conquer each other and begin to work together, they bring salvation just a bit closer. Let us try to find ways to build bridges with the people who are fire and water within our lives and in doing so feel the redemptive embrace of our Creator.



## MEMBER NEWS

### THANK YOU

With tremendous gratitude to: **Saeed Haken, Ari Lichtman, Keely Goldberger and Teddy Green** for all of their efforts in facility restoration.

### MAZAL TOV

**Bryna Tusk**, Junior Congregation Leader, on her engagement to Aryeh Nirenberg of Monsey, NY. Mazal tov to parents **Mordechai & Malky Tusk**.

**Yaakov & Ruth Gordon** on the wedding of their children, Sarah Baila and Tzvi Friedman of Montreal/Brooklyn.

**Bernie & Marlene Kiewe** on the birth of a new great granddaughter.

### BIRTHDAYS

Jason Allen, Noah Brum, Ami Elman, Atara Shulmit Friedman, Hadas Galay, Zach Gardyn, Bennett Goldberg, Dina Greenbaum, Barbara Kadin, Abigail Klein, Shayna Lerner, Nachum Levine, Batsheva Messing, Alexandra Polirer, Anna Ponczak, Avigayil Reidy, Elan Rotenberg, Chavie Rothschild, Aviva Rubin, Eitel Mordechai Weinberg, Moshe Wildman

### Yahrzeits

Hannah Ben-Zev, Bruce Bluman, Lea Frydman, Selma Greenspon, Leah Friedlander, Sarah Neuman, Bashi Hakakian, Barbara Holzman Rush, Benjamin Levin, Hilda Marder, Sonia Korn, Celia Burnstein, Bessie Greenberg, Dr. Solomon Shapiro, Michael Wolasky, Libby Werdesheim, Estelle Schreiber, Celia Katzman

### CHOLIM LIST

List will be refreshed 1/12. Send names to [sotcgabbaim@gmail.com](mailto:sotcgabbaim@gmail.com)



## SHUL HAPPENINGS

### Suburban Book Club

Tues 1/28 | 2:00pm

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

### Ax Throwing Guys Night Out

Mon 3/23 | Urban Axes

[Suburbanorthodox.org/event/ax](http://Suburbanorthodox.org/event/ax) to register



## SPONSORSHIPS

### TALMUD TORAH TEVES

All learning in the month of Teves has been generously sponsored by **Shirley Elbaum and Avron, Shaan & Judah Elbaum and their families** in memory of their beloved husband and father, Gerald Elbaum z'l, in commemoration of his 10th yahrzeit

### WEEK OF LEARNING

**Weissman Children** (Chanan, Elana, Noam, Raizie, Maayan, Jeremy, Tani and Jordy) in honor of Pam Weissman's birthday and her commitment to derech erez and talmud Torah (ending 1/25)

**Weisbord Children** in memory of their grandmother Shayna Chana bas HaRav Yaakov Yitzchak HaLevi z'l

**Jack Bennett** in memory of his grandfather, Raphael Beniashevili z'l

### SIMCHA KIDDUSH

**Mrs. Shirley Elbaum** in honor of Shaan's engagement to Stacie Glick. Mazal tov!

### SHABBOS MORNING DRASHA

**Yisroel & Beth Bluman** in memory of his father, Bruce Bluman, Beryl Aharon ben Eliezer z'l

**Yona & Shushie Ehrenfeld** in honor of Bennett Goldberg, a dear friend, on his birthday

**Art & Sherry Miller** in the merit of a complete re'fuah sheleimah for אברהם עובדיה בן רחל

**Matt Schoenfeld** in honor of Susie for being an exceptional wife and mother (1/18)

### MOTZEI SHABBOS LEARNING

Learning Sponsors: **Cornberg, Gross and Hammond Families** (Feb sponsors needed!)

### ALIYAHS

Yehuda Neuberger, Saul Brum

### DONATIONS

**Shaidl Stein** with tremendous hakaras hatov to her brother, Yanky Statman, for his guidance and for being a shoulder to lean on.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

**Eli & Judy Ben-Zev** in memory of Chana Dvora bas Harav Binyamin Zev ah Bas Harav Binyomin Zev z'l

### DAF YOMI

**Doug & Gail Stanger** in memory of Alana Weinberg's great-grandfather, Moshe ben Shraga Feivel HaLevi z'l

**Stephanie Rabinowitz** in memory of her mother on her 25th yahrzeit, Mirka Miryam bas Reuven z'l  
**David Ochs** in memory of Pinchos Ben Ariya Yehuda z'l

**Mordechai & Malky Tusk** in honor of Bryna's engagement to Aryeh Nirenberg of Monsey, NY

**Yisroel & Beth Bluman** in memory of his father, Bruce Bluman, Beryl Aharon ben Eliezer z'l

**Michael & Linda Elman** in memory of his maternal



## MEET THE ELBAUM MISHPACHA

Gerry and Shirley's families both came to the States a few years before the Depression. Both sides are of Polish descent. Shirley's father's family was from Romania.

The couple met at the Concord Resort in upstate New York. Gerry was an accountant and Shirley, a pioneer woman in the uncharted territory of Physical Therapy. Shirley continues to run a private practice today as she works on her book on self-care for back and neck problems. She is a life learner, caring deeply about improving her knowledge and skill and helping patients think about holistic health.

In 1985, Gerry z'l and Shirley Elbaum came to Baltimore from Gathersburg because Gerry was hired as comptroller at the JCC. Their criteria when moving to Baltimore was to be near a shul, and so they settled two blocks away from Suburban. Gerry was an active part of the Kiddush Committee and worked closely with Rabbi Preis to engage the newly arrived Russian Jews in the 80s. Shirley "did whatever Sonia Diamond told me to do! She was an amazing woman, a true charitable leader in the Shul and I became her surrogate helper."

Gerry and Shirley raised their kids in the shul and their legacy continues with their son Avron as Gabbai Rishon today. "I love Suburban and the inspiration Rabbi Silber offers all of us. He directs us to see challenges as opportunities and I am grateful for that perspective." Shirley shepchs tremendous nachas from her sons and grandchildren: Avron & Gali (2), Judah & Noa in Highland Park, NJ (3) and Shaan, a partner with Price Waterhouse Cooper lives in Manhattan, NY. Today, we celebrate Shaan's engagement to Stacie Glick. Stacie is a Strategy Executive with American Express. She grew up in NYC. Mazal tov to the Elbaum mishpacha and to Sheryl Glick, Stacie's mother, here with us today!



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