



Parshas Toldos

5 Cheshvan | November 21, 2020

Candle Lighting
4:30p

Havdalah
5:33p

Torah Reading
Bereishis 25:19 - 28:9

Haf Torah
Malachi I 1:1 - 2:7

Candle Lighting 11/27
4:27p



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

4:30p Candle Lighting

4:35p Mincha followed by Kabbolas Shabbos (outdoors)

Shabbos Day

7:00a Hashkama (Main Shul)

8:45a Shacharis (Indoors) (9:25a KS)

9:00a Shacharis (Outdoors) (9:25a KS)

4:20p Mincha

4:45p Daf Yomi

5:30p Maariv

5:30p Havdalah

6:30p Motzai Shabbos Learning



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 11/22 – 6th of Kislev

7:15a Shacharis (indoor/outdoor)

9:00a Shacharis (indoors)

4:35p Mincha/Maariv (outdoors)

Mon-Fri

6:45a Shacharis (indoor/outdoor)

9:00a Shacharis (indoor)

4:35p Mincha/Maariv (Outdoor)

Thursday - Thanksgiving

7:15a Shacharis (indoor/outdoor)

9:00a Shacharis (indoors)

4:35p Mincha/Maariv (outdoors)



WEEKLY SHIURIM

Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon-Fri

5:45a Tzikkas HaTzadik (Not Thurs.)

5:55a Daf Yomi (Thurs 8:00a)

Mon-Wed

Online Emunah Minute

Mon

8:30p Semichas Chaver Program
suburbanorthodox.org/event/scp

Online Perek Shira

Wed

Online Tehillim, Perek Shira, The 7 Habits of Highly Spiritual People

8:30p SCP Chazara Shiur with Rabbi Richter

Thurs

Online Virtual Shabbos Drasha



I MUST BE ME RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

It was a daring plan. Rivka ordered her younger son, Yaakov, to dress up and play the part of her older son, Esav, in order to receive the birthright blessings. Yaakov complied and brought his father a beautiful meal so as to put him in the right mindset to convey the *berachos*. The Torah describes the scene in great detail.

And he came to his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

And Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you have spoken to me.

Please rise, sit down, and eat of my game, so that your soul will bless me." And Isaac said to his son,

"How is it that you have found [it] so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the Lord your God prepared it before me." And Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come closer, so that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not (Genesis 27:19-21)."

Yitzchak was suspicious, something did not seem right, and he asked Yaakov to approach.

"So, Jacob drew near to Isaac his father, and he felt him, and he said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." (Genesis 27:22)."

What was the meaning of Yitzchak's statement, "*The voice is the voice of Jacob?*" Rashi comments, "*the voice of Jacob: who speaks entreatingly: "Please rise," but Esau spoke harshly, "Let my father arise!"*" Yaakov was almost discovered; the plan was almost ruined because Yaakov did not speak like Esav. Yaakov spoke softly, Esav crudely. But why wouldn't Yaakov try to replicate Esav's speech? After all, Rashi indicates that it was not the pitch of Yaakov's voice which aroused Yitzchak's suspicion; it was the Yaakov's soft word choice. If Yaakov was willing to dress like his brother, impersonate his brother, play the role of his brother – why not speak like him as well?

The Baal Shem Tov explains that Yaakov was willing to adapt in this strange and difficult situation. His mother asked him to do something which caused him profound discomfort. Rivka asked him to masquerade as Esav, to deceive his father, and Yaakov complied. Yaakov understood that life is complicated, and we must often adapt to new realities. We must sometimes change parts of our personality and lifestyle to meet certain life challenges. At times, we must yield to someone else when they ask us to do something necessary, even if it is uncomfortable. But at a certain point, I must draw my line. At a certain point, a person must say, *I cannot sacrifice anymore. I cannot continue to make myself into the person you need me to be. I cannot yield any further. Because if I yield, change, sacrifice, or accommodate any more – I will no longer be me.* Yaakov said, *I will dress like my brother and pretend to be my brother – but I will not talk like Esav. Because the moment I speak like Esav is the moment I lose the last vestige of self. The moment I speak like him – I will no longer be me.*

These words of the Baal Shem Tov resonate with such profound meaning. Life is filled with challenges. It can be challenges with family, professional challenges, or difficult interactions with others. When navigating these challenges, we are often called upon to make changes. I may have to yield to another (even if I am correct) for the sake of keeping the peace. There may be practices which are important to me but cause friction with others that I may have to give up. At times, I may have to develop a certain sternness (even if my natural disposition is to be kind and caring) in order to deal with difficult circumstances. Life changes us in so many ways, and at times, we must change ourselves to meet life's challenges. But I must draw the line somewhere. I may be willing to change, yield, and give up certain things – but I can't change, yield, and give up everything. Because if I change everything about me to accommodate you – then I am no longer. I must identify those pieces of me which must remain intact and immutable. I must establish the areas in which I can yield and accommodate and the areas in which I will always stand my ground. I must be clear as to when I can bend to accommodate you and when I must stand up and continue to be me. Yaakov was willing to be a dutiful son and listen to his mother. He was willing to sacrifice many things, but he could not give up his entire sense of self; something of him had to remain unchanged. May we find the courage to know when to change and to know when to stand strong.

JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE OUR DAF YOMI JOURNEY THROUGH SHAS.

דפיומי

PESACHIM BEGINS MONDAY 11.23!

For the next 120 days, you can explore the unique and intricate laws of Pesach from the Simcha of the Beis HaMikdash to our Pesach of today.

START NOVEMBER 23
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In Person with Rabbi Shmuel Silber
at a luncheon at 6:00pm
Mon-Fri 5:30pm (Thurs 6:00pm) @ 8:00pm
Sederim @ 9:00pm (Thurs 8:30pm) @ 10:00pm
Rabbi: Rabbi Shmuel Silber

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MEMBER NEWS

MAZAL TOV to **Avie & Elana Rock** on the birth of a granddaughter, Leora Esther, born to Eli & Tamar Miller.

BIRTHDAYS

Elie Berman, Itzik Blustein, Isaac Brum, Dovid Ehrenfeld, Avron Elbaum, Shevy Friedman, Yonit R. Goldberg, Zev (William) Griner, Arie Hizkiya, Chad Kaplan, Dr. Cliff Katz, Avigayil Pollack, Yaakov Reches, Noah Rubin, Elyn Samuelson, Lillian Soloweszyk, Carmeil Strum, Yona Zalesch

Yahrzeits

Sidney Lewis Klein, Michael Dexter, Steven Waranch, Simone Pollack, Lois Posner, Meir Dorsch, Rabbi Zev Shimshon Schwab, Irving Weissman



SPONSORSHIPS

TALMUD TORAH SPONSOR: All learning in the month of Kislev has been sponsored by **Samuel & Malka Esterson** in memory of their parents, Yitzchaq Laib ben Aharon, haKohen, a"h, Ludwig Stiefel, Sarah Rachel bas Baruch Avraham, a"h, Sarah Stiefel and Hinda bas Henech Efraim, a"h, Hinda Esterson

WEEK OF LEARNING:

Jack Bennett in memory of First Sergeant רפאל (רפי) זנגוויל, who served as an infantry soldier in the Givati Brigade and was killed by Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon on 1/25/2000

DAY OF LEARNING:

Dr. Linda Weinberg, Sarah, Ricky, Julia, Rena, and Eve Gratz to commemorate the Shloshim of our beloved husband, father, and zayda, Dr. Paul Weinberg, Peretz Moshe ben Avram Dovid z'l

Josh & Becca Friedman in memory of Josh's father, Yisroel Yehuda ben HaRav Chaim Rephael z'l

The Haber Family on the first yahrzeit of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Aaron Green, Aharon ben Moshe Menachem z'l

Jacob & Goldie Milner in honor of the 2nd yahrzeit for Goldie's Zayde, Max Jacob, Moshe ben Elyahu z'l, who was a pillar of the Baltimore Jewish community.

DAF YOMI:

Nathan and Jessi Franco in honor of the first yahrzeit of Nathan's grandfather, Nissim ben Shmuel z'l

Barry & Rena Dubin wishing the entire kehillah an abundance of brachos - the dew of heavens, the fat of earth - parnasah, health, shalom bayis, shidduchim, children, growth in Torah learning, and the zechus of seeing the coming of Moshiach speedily in our days!

Bernhard & Varda Birnbaum

commemorating the yahrzeit of Bernhard's beloved father, Dr. Adolf Birnbaum, Avraham ben Hechaver Yissachar Dov halevi z'l.



Motzei Shabbos Learning

THIS WEEK - 11/21
1HR AFTER HAVDALAH
INDOORS IN THE SHUL

*divrei Torah
pizza & prizes
and tons of fun*

WEEKLY SPONSORS NEEDED
\$180 LEARNING SPONSOR
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Josh & Jen Erez in memory of Josh's grandparents, Nechemya Leib ben Yehoshua Zelig z'l, Yitzchak ben Ephraim Fischel z'l, and Baila bas Zeileg z'l, whose yahrzeits are in the month of Kislev

- Program will follow social distancing protocols.
- All participants must wear masks.
- 40 Family Tables Available.

VIRTUAL SHABBOS DRASHA:

Pam & Neil Weissman in memory of Saba Irving, Yitzchak ben Menachem Mendel z'l, with loving memories on his Yahrzeit.

DONATIONS:

Pam & Neil Weissman donation to the Torah Fund.

Gary & Dena Lebowitz in memory of Dena's father Hy Rubinstein, Chaim ben Shmuel Moshe z'l.

Chaim & Jackie Nachman in memory of Jackie's mother, Dale Meyerhoff z'l.

Elly Rutstein for a Refuah sheleima Chava bas Chana, Hadassa bas Sarah, Sheindel Rivka bas Tzipporah.