



Suburban Orthodox Congregation Toras Chaim



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

4:26p Candle Lighting

4:30p Mincha followed by

Kabbolas Shabbos

7:45p Shabbos of Inspiration Oneg

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Shabbos Day

8:05a Daf Yomi (Yehuda Neuberger)

8:35a Chassidus on the Parsha

(Rabbi Richter)

9:00a Shacharis (9:32a KS)

11:15a Shabbos of Inspiration Drasha

(Rabbi Yitzchak Fanger, bio on back)

11:45a Kehillah Kiddush

4:20p Mincha followed by

Shalosh Seudos

5:26p Maariv followed by Havdalah

6:30p Motzei Shabbos Learning



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 12/2 - 24th of Kislev

7:15, 8:00, 9:00a Shacharis

4:30p Mincha/Maariv

Mon - Fri a.m.

6:30, 9:00a Shacharis

4:30p Mincha/Maariv

9:00p Maariv

All minyanim during Chanukah will take place in the main shul.



WEEKLY SHIURIM

by Rabbi Silber

Sun

8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri

5:45a Daf Yomi

Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of

Mishnayos (Rabbi Richter)

Mon

8:00a Business & Bagels (Goldberg's)

8:30p Shulchan Aruch (Beis Midrash)

Tues

8:30p Hilchos Shabbos B'Iyun

(Rabbi Richter)

Wed

9:30a Perek Shira for WIT

(for women, BJSZ)

8:00p Life Lessons from the Parsha

(for women)

Thurs

8:30p Likutei Moharan (for men)

Contact office for address

Parshas Vayeishev

23 Kislev | December 1, 2018

Candle Lighting
4:26p

Mincha
4:30p

Torah Reading
Pg. 198

Haftorah
Pg. 1142

Candle Lighting 12/7
4:25p



FILLING THE EMPTY PIT

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

“Now it came to pass when Joseph came to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his shirt, of the fine woollen coat which was upon him. And they took him and cast him into the pit; now the pit was empty there was no water in it.” (Genesis 27:23-24)

From the opening verses in this week’s Parsha we see the animosity between Yosef and his brothers. The brothers feel that Yosef is arrogant and trying to lord over them. Yosef, seemingly oblivious to the impact of his dreams on his brothers, continues to share them. Tensions reach a boiling point and when the brothers have Yosef alone they decide it is time to eliminate him. The first thought was to kill him, but Reuven intervened and convinced the brothers to instead throw Yosef into a pit. The Torah tells that the pit was empty, there was no water. Rashi explains:

Since it says: “now the pit was empty,” do I not know that there was no water in it? For what purpose did the Torah write, “there was no water in it”? [To inform us that] there was no water in it, but there were snakes and scorpions in it.”

The Lubavitcher Rebbe (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, 1902-1994) extracts an incredible lesson from these words of Rashi. The pit represents man. We each have an emptiness within ourselves. God created us this way. He fashioned us but left an empty

space for us to fill so we can partner with Him in the creation of our selves. The pit represents the unfinished part of my self. Mayim, water represents Torah. Just as water quenches, refreshes and creates growth, Torah quenches the thirsty soul, girds us with strength and creates the platform and framework for dynamic life growth. When a person is “without water,” without Torah or spirituality in his or her life, then there are “snakes and scorpions inside.” The pit or incomplete part of man must always be filling with something, it is never remains empty. If we fill it with the holy, beautiful and rejuvenating waters of Torah then we partner with God in completing our personal creation. If we fail to fill the pit with something meaningful then destructive forces, snakes and scorpions, will fill the void.

The words of the Rebbe give us much to ponder. In life we are either constructing or deconstructing, there is no status quo or holding pattern. We each have a void, an incomplete part of our self, a pit, and we must decide what to fill it with. To do nothing, to fail to grow and progress allows the emptiness within to be filled with impurity and harmful influences. Let us find the strength to partner with God and finish

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If you have questions, contact the Shul office at 410.484.6114 or office@suburbanorthodox.org.

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MEMBER NEWS

MAZAL TOV

Rita Bayuk on the birth of her great grandson to Nechama and Menachem Wecker

Justin & Avigail Rosemore on the birth of a baby boy

Gregg & Rachel Levitan on the birth of a granddaughter to Sarah & Chesky Schwartz of Los Angeles

BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Yehuda Teles, Dov Friedman, Chaim Dov Friedman, Ben Rock, Sara Ehrenfeld, Rivky Topaz Kushner, Ed Wolf, Ari Ross, Sheldon Rosen, Judy Minkove, Brian Gold, Doni Weichbrod, Rivka Fogel, Glicka Creeger, CG Polirer, Joshua Cane, Abie Leichter, Moie Frand

Yahrzeits

Corinne Rothenberg, Abraham Benn, Helen Brown, Edward Kalish, Nathaniel Rothenberg, Elaine Elworth, Shirley Stein, Theodore Fellner, Hinda Esterson, Judith Rosenzweig, Mary Brill, Dorothy Wiseman, Jerry Lass, Esther Pollack, Robert Wolf



CHOLIM LIST

The shul cholim list will be refreshed on December 2nd. Please send names to sotcgabbaim@gmail.com



SHUL HAPPENINGS

Chanukah Chagigah
Thurs 12/6 | 6:00p

RSVP required: suburbanorthodox.org

Sisterhood Glass Blowing

Wed 1/9 | 7:00p, McFadden Art Studio
RSVP required: suburbanorthodox.org

SOTC Book Club

Tues 1/15 | 2:00p, SOTC
The Girl from Berlin by Ronald Balson

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Nefesh B'Nefesh Talks and Fair
Sun 12/16 | 6:00p, Doubletree Hilton
www.nbn.org.il/Baltimore

One Crucial Night for Mental Health

Mon 12/17 | 8:00p, BJSZ
Increase awareness. Reduce stigma
otlasson@gmail.com



DVAR TORAH CONT.

the process of creation He began. God left us the empty pit and asks us to finish this last small piece of our self-creation. May we fill ourselves and our pits with the beautiful refreshing and life-sustaining waters of Torah and spiritual growth.

Newly posted shiurim online and on Podcast www.rabbisilber.com



RABBI YITZCHAK FANGER

Born into a secular Israeli family, Rabbi Yitzchak Fanger ventured to the Far East to learn Reiki where he became heavily involved in Buddhism. After a wild journey, he returned to Israel and found his way back to his Creator. Today Rabbi Fanger is one of the most popular motivational speakers in Israel, sharing his personal story of return to Torah and mitzvos: From Buddhist Monk to Haredi Rabbi. With a fascinating story and an unbelievable message, Rabbi Fanger continues to inspire tens of thousands with his lectures through Arachim, Hidabroot and other outreach organizations.



SHABBOS OF INSPIRATION FRIDAY NIGHT ONEG

For Men & Women at the home of **Matt & Susie Schoenfeld**, 3514 Bonfield Road at 7:45p. With Rabbi Steven Burg and David Schwartz.

MOTZEI SHABBOS

Melave Malka reception at BJSZ at 7:45p. Featuring comedian Ashley Blaker with a presentation by Rabbi Chaim Sampson, founder and CEO of Project Inspire. Divrei Bracha from Rabbi Yaakov Hopfer.



SPONSORSHIPS DONATIONS

Lillian Mayer in honor of the yahrzeit of her husband, Isidor, Yisroel ben Shimon z'l

Rodney & Tina Kaplan in honor of the yahrzeit of Rodney's uncle, Carl Donwitz z'l

DAF YOMI

Zalman & Shiffy Nissel with hakoras hatov for their new granddaughter Sora Fischman

Matt & Susie Schoenfeld in honor of the completion of Maseches Menachos

Gregg & Rachel Levitan in gratitude to Hashem for of the birth of their granddaughter to their children Sarah & Chesky Schwartz of Los Angeles

KEHILLAH KIDDUSH

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CHANUKAH חגיגה Thurs 12/6 6:00pm

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MOTZEI SHABBOS 12/1 @ 6:30PM
AVOS U'BANIM (BEIS MIDRASH)
PARENT/CHILD LEARNING
(SOCIAL HALL)

*Divrei Torah
pizza & prizes
and tons of fun*

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David & Blimie Ehrenfeld in honor of their daughter Sara's birthday
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