



Suburban Orthodox
Congregation Toras Chaim



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Rosh Chodesh Teves
Shabbos Night

4:25p Candle Lighting
4:30p Mincha followed by
Carlebach Kabbolas Shabbos led by
Dovi Ziffer & Zevi Daniel

Shabbos Day

8:10a Daf Yomi
9:00a Shacharis (9:32a KS)
11:30a Kehillah Kiddush
4:20p Mincha followed by
Shalosh Seudos
5:26p Maariv followed by Havdalah
>> Chassidus on the Parsha and Motzei
Shabbos Learning will resume next week



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 12/9 - 1st of Teves
Rosh Chodesh

7:15, 8:00, 9:00a Shacharis
4:30p Mincha/Maariv

Mon - Fri a.m.

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis (6:30a Mon)
4:30p Mincha/Maariv

9am Shacharis takes place in main shul
during Chanukah



WEEKLY SHIURIM

by Rabbi Silber

Sun

8:15a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri

5:45a Chovas HaTalmidim
5:55a Daf Yomi (5:45 Mon)
Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of
Mishnayos (Rabbi Richter)

Mon

8:30p Shulchan Aruch (Beis Midrash)

Tues

8:30p Hilchos Shabbos B'lyun
(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 Mikeitz, Shabbos Chanukah

30 Kislev | December 8, 2018

Candle Lighting
4:25p

Mincha
4:30p

Torah Reading
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Haftarah
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Candle Lighting 12/14
4:26p



CHANUKAH: DISCOVERING THE OIL

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

What is Hanukkah? The Sages taught: On the twenty-fifth of Kislev, the days of Hanukkah are eight. One may not eulogize on them and one may not fast on them. What is the reason? When the Greeks entered the Sanctuary, they defiled all the oils that were in the Sanctuary. And when the Hasmonean monarchy overcame them and emerged victorious over them, they searched and found only one cruse of oil that was placed with the seal of the High Priest, undisturbed by the Greeks. And there was sufficient oil there to light the Menorah candelabrum for only one day. A miracle occurred, and they lit the Menorah from it eight days (Tractate Shabbos 21b).

We have heard this story since our youth. The one cruse of oil which miraculously remained lit for eight days. This little miracle gave us the Yom Tov of Chanukah. Yet we know this was not the only miracle. There was a stunning military upset. The small band of soldiers from the Hasmonean family led a revolt against the formidable Syrian-Greek army. They were outnumbered and at a clear disadvantage in every way. Yet, they fought and won. Interestingly this miracle goes relatively unnoticed. It is true, we refer to it in the supplemental paragraph in the *Amidah* (*Al HaNissim, Bimey Matisyahu*), but the clear focus of Chanukah is the miracle of the oil. If we put these two miracles, the miracle of the oil and the miracle of the military victory side by side – which one is greater? I think we would all agree that the military victory is overwhelmingly more significant. The miracle of the oil is incredible, but a rag-tag Jewish army defeating the strong and well-trained regional army is truly miraculous. Why the all the emphasis on the oil miracle?

Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook (1865-1935) provides a beautiful explanation. The miracle of the *pach shemen*, the cruse of oil contains a much deeper message. The Greeks defiled the Temple. They took that which was holy and made it impure. They took our sacred space and profaned it. Each of us is a personal *Beis Hamikdash*, a Temple. Just as the Temple was a physical structure which housed the presence of God, we have a physical body which houses the presence of God in the form of our soul. Just as our national *Beis Hamikdash* was desecrated and defiled, sometimes because of the bad decisions we make, negative behaviors in which we engage, we defile our personal Temple. There are times in life when we look in the mirror and can barely see the spark of God inside of us. We see the physical shell, but can't see the light which was once there. We see the structure, but we can't see the holiness. When the Maccabim came into the Temple and saw the physical and spiritual debris, they thought all was lost. But then they found the little jug of unsullied oil, the little jug of intact holiness and with it they rekindled the light of the Temple; they reignited the spark of national holiness. On the Yom Tov of Chanukah, we look within ourselves. As we begin to survey our lives, we may find layers of debris. The fallout of poor decisions and lost opportunities. It may look like everything is lost. We are condemned to the darkness. But then something amazing happens. We find the jug of oil. Inside each of us is a little, pure cruse of untainted, unspoiled spiritual holiness. No matter how badly we mess up in life – there is still beautiful holiness inside of each of us. We must have the courage to look for it and once we find it, the strength to ignite it.

This is the deeper message of the oil miracle and the reason it is the centerpiece of the Chanukah experience. Each of us is a Temple in a state of disrepair (the extent of disrepair differs from person to person) and it is on this Yom Tov that we follow in the footsteps of our ancestors. We sift through the life debris and find our jug of pure, holy and luminescent spiritual potential. We bask in the light of our ancestors and may future generations bask in ours.



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



VOLUNTEER THANKS

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers:

Moishe Abramson, Gavriella, Netanel and Tziporah Lebowitz, Saeed Haken, Jon Kaplan, Chavi Simha, Yocheved Schechter, Mayeer Schwarzbaum and Moshe Werdesheim.

LOST & FOUND

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MEMBER NEWS

MAZAL TOV

Justin & Avigail Rosemore on the bris of their son, Yishai Yisroel

BIRTHDAYS

Shaya Pensak, Chava Bluman, Ariella Esterson, Brocha Silber, Rebecca Baruch, Aiden Strauss, Andrew Shindel, Leah Chaika Saposnik, Ann Berman, Barry Dexter, Akiva Pomerantz, Sam Rogers Holy, Ahuva Galay, Natan Saposnik, Yaakov Lasson, Nossan Tzvi Fogel, Daniel Neuman, Dina Brookmyer, Avraham Blustein, Ayelet Elman, Rashi Turniansky, Joanna Kozlovsky, Nossan Horwitz, Jacob Ziv, Yael Ziv

Yahrzeits

Andree J. Rubin, Leslie Smith, Pesa Reva, Malya, Norman Louis Lindenberg, C. Theodore Berman, Annette Miller Finkelstein, Leonard Goldberg, Solomon Lavine, Fannie Gertner, Morris Wiseman, Dennis Goldman, Rabbi Julius Kreitman, Ruth Rosenbaum, Syd Ossip, Bernard Greenberg, Rose Woolf



SHUL HAPPENINGS

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

One Community One Family

Sun 12/16 | 8:00p, BJSZ
Shidduch Center of Baltimore presents Rabbi YY Jacobson on being a more inclusive community shidduchcenter.org

Nefesh B'Nefesh Talks and Fair

Sun 12/16 | 6:00p, Doubletree Hilton
nbn.org.il/Baltimore

One Crucial Night for Mental Health

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



SPONSORSHIPS

DONATIONS

Sheldon & Fran Rosen in honor of the yahrzeit of Fran's mother, Judith Rosenzweig, Yehudit bas Simcha Binyamin z'l

Bernard & Janice Fellner in honor of the yahrzeits of their parents, Theodore Fellner, Avraham ben Bentzion z'l, and Anna Weiner, Chana Raizel bas Shmuel z'l

DAF YOMI

Alan Wiseman in honor of the yahrzeit of his mother, Dorothy, Devorah Miriam bas Moshe HaCohen z'l

Leah & Akiva Weichselbaum in honor of their children, Yael & Shlomo Kanner on the birth of their daughter, Nava Miriam, and in loving memory of their Oma's yahrzeit on the 4th day of Chanukah, Chana bas Naftali z'l

Baruch Gross in memory of his father in law, Avraham Beynish Ben Yechiel Yehuda z'l

SHIUR SPONSORSHIP

Robert & Delia Benn in honor of the yahrzeits of their parents, Abraham

Benn, Avraham ben Sinai z'l, and Helen Brown, Chana Leah bas Alter Yaakov z'l

CHANUKAH CHAGIGA

Barry & Rena Dubin in honor of their children, Mia, Sophie & Noa

David & Ros Glaser in appreciation of Rabbi Silber and in honor of their wonderful children, Gavi & Bec Brown, who are imbued with the flame of Torah, on the birth of their daughter, Adi Noa Brown, may she grow to be a credit to her family and community.

SHABBOS MORNING DRASHA

Phran & Adam Edelman and family In commemoration of the first yahrzeit of Jerry Lass, Yitzchak ben Zalman Yehuda z'l, and in appreciation of Rabbi Silber and Chaim Nachman

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Sponsored in honor of the 77th yahrzeit of Annette Miller Finkelstein z'l, grand mother of **Jonathan and Daniel Hamburger and Elise Zakroff**



KEHILLAH KIDDUSH

Sponsored by **Yocheved Schechter** in memory of her mother, Pessya Reva bas Shmuel z'l



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the Gladsteins (Midfield Rd)

Jack (NYC) is a Pediatrician and the Interim Division Head, Pediatric Neurology & Ambulatory Medicine at the University of Maryland and an avid runner. Bette (Atlantic City) is a gourmet cook and a School psychologist for Baltimore County. They moved to Baltimore from the Bronx in 1987 and have been members ever since.

When we moved to town we picked our first house to be within walking distance to Suburban. We were told how warm the people were and how kind Rabbi Preis was. Both turned out to be true. Over the years the shul has grown, evolved and thrived. We have been active members, involved in committee work, and executive leadership. We love the diversity, warmth and spirituality, and of course, our special relationship with Rabbi Silber and his family.

Their kids: Aeli (38) and wife Sonia Gonzalez, have 5 year old, Gael. Ari (37) and wife Rachel Marom have Isadora (4) and Jerry (1.5). Penina, student at Towson (23).
Get to know them: jgladstein@peds.umaryland.edu | bsgladstein@yahoo.com



SOTC CHOLIM LIST

Your tefillos are appreciated.

Yekutiel ben Rachel Chana
Baruch Fishel ben Rochel
Yitzchak Yosef ben Bracha
Yerachmiel Moshe ben Hinda
Chaim Zalman ben Slava
Yair Naftali ben Penina Zlata
Aharon Simcha ben Chana
Chaim ben Shaul
Zev Shmuel ben Malka Rochel
Yechiel Gershon ben Tzila
Yitzchok Aryeh ben Chantza
Nachum ben Esther Dina

Nachshon Meir ben
Temima Chaya Sara Shlomit
Ronit Noa bas Rachel Penina Esther
Raisa Elka bas Miriam
Toba bas Leah
Shulamis Mina bas Essi
Malka Gitche Chaya bas Peryl Gittel
Yehudis Leah bas Rachel
Devorah bas Tzipora
Chava Nechama bas Chaya Rachel
Nechama Leah bas Devorah Leah
Rivka bas Tzila
Frida Levona bas Yedida
Kayla bas Gittel