



Suburban Orthodox Congregation Toras Chaim



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

5:25p Candle Lighting

5:30p Mincha followed by Kabbolas Shabbos

Shabbos Day

8:15a Daf Yomi (Kalman Akiva Kovacs)

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

9:00a Shacharis (9:40a KS)

11:30a Kehillah Kiddush

5:20p Mincha followed by

Shalosh Seudos

6:27p Maariv followed by Havdalah

7:30p Motzei Shabbos Learning



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 2/17 - 12th of Adar I

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

5:40p Mincha/Maariv

Mon - Fri a.m.

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis

5:40p Mincha/Maariv



WEEKLY SHIURIM

by Rabbi Silber

Sun

8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri

5:45a Chovas HaTalmidim

5:55a Daf Yomi

Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of

Mishnayos (Rabbi Richter)

Mon

8:30p Shulchan Aruch Chaburah

(recorded)

Tues

8:30p Hilchos Shabbos B'Iyun

(Rabbi Richter)

Wed

9:30a Perek Shira for WIT, BJSZ

(for women)

Life Lessons on the Parsha resumes 2/27

Thurs

8:30p Likutei Moharan (recorded)

Parshas Titzaveh

Candle Lighting
5:25p

Mincha
5:30p

Torah Reading
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Haftorah
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Candle Lighting 2/22
5:33p

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LIGHTING THE FIRE

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

“V’Ata Titzaveh es Bnai Yisroel, V’Yikchu Elecha Shemen Zayis Zach Kasis La’Maor L’Haalos Ner Tamid ...”

You shall command the Children of Israel and have them bring you clear olive oil, [made from olives that were] crushed for lighting, to keep the lamp burning constantly. In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain, which is before the Testimony, Aharon and his sons shall arrange it [for the lamp to burn] from evening to morning before God. This is an everlasting statute for their generations of the Children of Israel.” (Exodus 27:20-21)

God commands Moshe to issue the call for pure, virgin olive oil to be used for the daily kindling of the *Menorah*. But why here? Moshe had already asked the people (in last week’s Parsha) to contribute the various materials necessary for the construction, fabrication and maintenance of the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle). Furthermore, why is the discussion about the oil inserted between the construction of the *Mishkan* and its utensils and the appointment of Aharon and his sons?

Rabbi Moshe Alshech (born in Turkey in 1507, and died 1593 in Tzefat, Israel) explains that Moshe was distressed. Moshe had seen the incredible generosity of the people. He asked them to contribute precious metals, fine fabric and jewels and they did so with a complete heart and a generous spirit. In fact, that they were so generous that Moshe had to end the collection. Moshe saw Betzalel and Ohaliav, the head craftsmen who, together with their volunteers, built and constructed the various utensils and structure of the *Mishkan*. He saw Aharon who was chosen by God to be the *Kohen Gadol* (High Priest) and he saw his nephews who had been chosen to serve alongside their illustrious father. Moshe saw all of this and grew despondent. *What is my role? Where is my share in this holy work?* Moshe felt left out, marginalized and unimportant. It was in this moment of despondence and sadness that God appeared to Moshe and told him, “You are vital to the people, you are the foundation of the entire nation, for you are the enabler of their growth.”

Where did this incredible national generosity come from? The people witnessed Moshe’s selflessness; they saw all he sacrificed for God and nation. The people said, “If Moshe could give up the trappings of a normal life and devote himself wholly to

serve God, we can give of our gold, silver and jewels.” When Aharon was asked to assume the role of the High Priest he hesitated but quickly realized he had no choice. He knew he had to assume this mantle. “If Moshe has assumed so much responsibility, I must do my part as well.”

This is the meaning of the opening verse of this week’s Parsha. God is communicating an all-important message to His beloved servant.

“V’Ata, (and you Moshe)” – You must understand and appreciate how important you are.

“V’Yikchu Eylecha Shemen Zayis Zach, (and have them bring you clear olive oil)” – Oil represents potential; it is the fuel capable of creating great illumination. Tell the people to come before you with their oil of potential.

“L’Haalos Ner Tamid, (to light a lamp continually)” – Moshe, you are the flame; you are the one who ignites the oil of the people. You are the catalyst for their growth; you are the one who inspires them to be more and to actualize their potential.

“V’Ata Hakrev Eylecha Es Aharon Achica Ves Banav, (and you, bring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him...)” – Moshe, your brother is unsure of himself, build him up. Bring him close and inspire him. Whisper in his ear that you believe in him. Remind him, that if you can assume your responsibilities, he can assume his. Ignite his oil and allow him to find his greatness.

It is in these simple verses that God lifts Moshe from the depths of despondence and reminds him that enabling others to find their personal greatness is the true pinnacle of human accomplishment.

We often assume that the path to life-greatness is paved with personal accomplishments. That the metric of our success is how much we can each do, accrue and accomplish as an individual. But this is only partially true. We must grow, we must accomplish, and we must achieve. However, we must remember that a life solely devoted to personal self-actualization is incomplete. Life cannot be exclusively dedicated to one’s personal growth and achievement. We must all strive to be an enabler and facilitator of the growth of others. We must look to see what we can do to inspire and uplift those around us. Sometimes, a kind word, a compliment, a few minutes (or hours) of our

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MEMBER NEWS

MAZAL TOV

Mr. Isaac Samuel on his engagement to Brenda Sassoon of Miami Beach

Ted and Barbara Levin on the birth of a granddaughter

Rabbi Richard & Sharon Levine on the birth of a grandson to their children Eliezer & Sima Levine

Pacy & Lisa Kadin on the birth of a grandson to their children, Menachem & Zahava Toporowitz

BIRTHDAYS

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Yahrzeits

Phishel Beryl, Ida Lipnick, Steven Gladstein, Murray A. Goldenberg, Karl Finkelstein, Irvin Jaffe, Margaret Kovacs, Raphael Marder, Kalman Strimber, Dorothy Wolasky, Oscar Bernstein, Abraham Willner, Stuart Schreiber

CONDOLENCES

Jon (Jen) Kaplan on the loss of his father, Rodney z'l. Shiva is taking place at the Kaplan's home 3213 Shelburne Rd until Tuesday morning



SHUL HAPPENINGS

Profiles in Heroism: A Multimedia Presentation by Sivan Meir

Motzei Shabbos 2/23 | 8:30p
Full weekend details posted in shul

CPR/First Aid Training & DHS Stop the Bleed Certification

Sun 3/10 | Two morning sessions, SOTC
suburbanorthodox.org/event/CPR

61st Annual Dinner & Show feat. Modi

Sun 3/17 | 5:50p, Doubletree Hilton
suburbanorthodox.org/61

SOTC Book Club

Tues 3/12 | 2:00p, SOTC
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Purim: Drinking to Remember or Forget

Thurs 2/21 | 8:00p, BJSZ
Shiur feat. Rabbi Dovid Orlovsky. \$10



DVAR TORAH CONT.

time, a few words of inspiration can be what it takes to motivate our fellow Jew to move forward in his/her life journey. If we can find the strength to be attentive to the difficulties and struggles of the other, we can give them the strength to overcome their hurdles and become more.

With our family, our friends and our community, our job is to become Moshe Rabbeinu enablers of growth. We must each strive to be the flame that ignites the soulful, potential-rich oil of all those around us.

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Roundtable Networks

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT MEET THE GOETZ FAMILY (Seven Mile Lane)

Doniel & Tzippi both moved to Baltimore at a very young age. Though they lived near each other, they were introduced by SOTC members Yoni & Ashley Strauss. They have been married for 7 years and have 2 awesome kids: Netanel 5 (going on 45!) and one year old Talia. Doniel is a VP with M&T Bank's business division and Tzippi recently started at Woodholme Gastroenterology Associates as a nurse practitioner. They love spending time with family and "feel very fortunate to be a part of the Suburban Orthodox mishpocha"; Doniel serves as Board Treasurer and Tzippi is Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.



AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

Please join Rabbi Silber and the rest of the Suburban Policy Conference delegation March 24-26th. \$399 first time rate available until Monday only at www.policyconference.org. If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Leah Berry at lberry@aipac.org or 410-223-4190.

Suburban Delegation

Gary & Sherri Bauman, Adam Ben-Zev, Jacob & Julie Blumenfeld, Steve Czinn & Terri Kahn-Czinn, Jody Crane, Michael & Linda Elman, Josh Erez, Sam & Malka Esterson, Howard & Aileen Friedman, Moishy & Yardenia Gardyn, Hirsch Goldberg, Tzvi Haber, Gil Horwitz, Lehmann Family, Chuck & Patty Leve, Gregg Levitan, Mark & Elsa Lustman, Barry & Judy Nabozny, Neuberger Family, Mitch & Janice Posner, Aron Raskas, Meir Raskas, David Reidy, Marc Teles, Jerry & Sora Wolasky