



Parshas Titzaveh

Adar 15 | February 27, 2021

Candle Lighting
5:38p

Havdalah
6:40p

Torah Reading
Shemos 27:20- 30:10

HafTorah
Yechezkel 43:10-43:27

Candle Lighting 3/5
5:45p

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

5:38p Candle Lighting

5:40p Mincha followed by Kabbolas Shabbos

Shabbos Day

7:00a Hashkama (Main Shul)

8:45a Shacharis (Main Shul & Beis Midrash/ Outdoors* See Note Below) (9:31a KS)

5:30p Mincha

5:50p Daf Yomi

6:40p Maariv

6:40p Havdalah

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/28 – 16th of Adar

7:15a Shacharis

9:00a Shacharis

5:50p Mincha/Maariv

Mon-Wed

6:45a Shacharis

9:00a Shacharis

5:50p Mincha/Maariv

WEEKLY SHIURIM

Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon-Fri

5:45 Tzidkas HaTzaddik

5:55a Daf Yomi

Mon-Wed

Online Emunah Minute

Mon

8:30p Semichas Chaver Program

Online Perek Shira

Wed

Online Tehillim, Perek Shira,

Thurs

Online Virtual Shabbos Drasha

Beis Midrash/Outdoor Minyan WhatsApp:

A WhatsApp group has been set up dedicated specifically to the outdoor minyan. It provides daily updates and relevant information. If you are interested in taking part in the outdoor minyan, we encourage you to join the group.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KCizkwsIvs8FVreEmomQYn>

Please monitor this group for timely updates.

Titzaveh: One Small Spark

Rabbi Shmuel Silber

V'Ata Titzaveh es Bnai Yisroel, V'Yikchu Elecha Shemen Zayis Zach Kasis La'Maor L'Haa-los 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 (Exodus 27:20-21)."

It has to be pure. Not just any oil can be used for the kindling of the Menorah. As Rashi explains, "it must be pure without dregs or sediment ... only from the first oil which emerges from the olive." The deeper meaning seems obvious – we must strive for purity in our service of God. If we choose to kindle the fire of spirituality within ourselves, we must find the personalistic oil of purity. We must reach into ourselves and find that holiness which remains intact and untarnished, despite our many life mistakes and missteps. We each possess this oil, but like the Chanukah story, this oil of holiness is often buried beneath layers of rubble and impurity – but it's there. If I can summon the courage to search for it, I can burn bright.

There is a second lesson to be learned from this simple commandment. Rashi comments:

to keep the lamp burning constantly: Heb. להעלות, - to cause to rise. [The kohen] shall light it until the flame rises by itself (Shabbos 21a).

The Kohen must ignite the wick, but all it needs is a spark, and after that, "the flame rises by itself." The creation of light does not require a burning torch or blazing fire; it just requires a spark. What is true for the Menorah is true to personal luminescence as well. Each of us is on a quest for holiness. We want to find God, and we want to find our true selves. We seek deeper connections to our people, we yearn to discover our strengths, and we want to know we have made a difference in even some small way. But we often become paralyzed when looking to make the first move toward the actualization of these aforementioned goals. What should I do? What should I take on? So many options and possibilities. How do I know what the right move is? Rashi comes to teach us – all I need is a spark. Just do something. Find something positive to propel your life forward. Find something meaningful to create extra holiness. Choose something you are going to start or improve, or choose one area of immense struggle and create a plan to tackle it. These are the sparks of life, and they can generate so much future light. All you need is one tiny spark to get the fire burning.

Purim is a day of sparks. We ignite a spark of Torah by reading the Megillah. We ignite a spark of compassion and kindness by giving Matanos L'Evyonim (gifts to the poor). We ignite the spark of reconciliation by giving Mishloach Manos (gifts of food to one another). These sparks light the way toward Pesach, the celebration of national and personal freedom from that which enslaves us.

It is a spark which provided light in the Bais HaMikdash, and it is a spark of positive, dynamic activity which can provide light in our lives. May we find the courage to ignite the spark and bask in the raging flame of accomplishment and growth.

MEMBER NEWS:

CONDOLENCES:

Richard & Sharon Levine on the passing of Richard's mother, Ruth Levine, Rochel bas Yerachmiel z'l, grandmother of Shira Leah (Asher) Wildman, Tova (Shimon) Brody, Eli (Sima) Levine, and Nachum Levine. Richard will be sitting shiva at his home, 3215 Northbrook Rd. beginning on Monday.

SHIVA TIMES:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM-4:00PM, 7:00PM-9:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Richard can also be reached by phone at 410-580-9480 or 410-336-8339.

BIRTHDAYS:

Mindy Landau, Shimmy Messing, Bella N. Friedman, Ruth Miller, Charles Leve, Elie Tuchman, Eileen Creeger, Rikki Ehrenfeld, Yehuda T. Leipnik, Bonnie Pesacov, Judith Nudelman, Vered Wildman, Noah Schmutter, David S. Bierer, Yisrael Markowitz, Sholom Dov Ber Schechter, Phil Miller, Elad Barnoy, David Leipnik, Aviva Silber, Elozer Isbee, Elizabeth Hammond, Doris Goldstein, Rachel Turniansky

Yahrzeits:

Solomon Aizenstein, Anna Backman, Carl Bauman, Daniel Blankchtein, David S. Crane, Max Elworth, Mindel Friedman, Steven Gladstein, Ada Hack, Henry Kellman, Margaret Kovacs, Sophie Meiseles, Theodore Miller, Bentzion Pancer, Annie Pollack, Clara Rifkind, Paul Rosenbaum
Mollie R. Rosenbaum, Rose Rosenberg Lee, Aliza Schwab, Sheina Zwany, Michael Zysman

SPONSORSHIPS:

TALMUD TORAH:

Paul & Kathy Pollack in memory of Paul's grandmother, Dinah bas Pesach, and Paul's grandfather, Zechariah ben Zechariah, whose yahrzeits are in the month of Adar.

DAY OF LEARNING:

Ephraim & Shifra Abramson as

a zechus of refuah sheleima for Moishe Shalom Ben Chana Bracha.

DAF YOMI:

Linda & Michael Elman l'iluy nishmas Bernice Rogoff Rubin z'l, Basha bas Binyamin, on her yahrzeit, the 9th of Adar.

Milton & Eleanor Marder in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Milton's beloved father, Raphael ben Eliezer HaKohen z'l.

Barry & Rena Dubin in honor of Baruch Meir's fathers 80th birthday. May you go from strength to strength.

The Plunka Family in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rav Moshe Feinstein, Moshe ben David z'l.

Gobbie & Shayna Cohn in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Shayna's grandfather, Kalman Eliezer ben Avraham HaLevi z'l.

SHABBOS DRASHA:

Andre & Marianne Katz to mark the shloshim of Andre's father Louis Katz, Mordechai ben Chaim HaKohen z'l, on March 1. Louis Katz z'l, a Holocaust survivor, passed away on the 17th of Shevat, at the age of 101.

DONATIONS:

Michael & Sharon Bennett in memory of Ida Nabozny z'l, beloved, courageous mother of Barry Nabozny.

Brian & Shoshi Ponczak in memory of Adele Brem z'l.

Jerry & Abby Appelbaum in memory of Mrs. Ida Nabozny ,איטה בת שמשון ע"ה, beloved mother of Barry (Judy) Nabozny.

Bernhard & Marlene Kiewe in memory of Mrs. Judy Sykes brother, David Konoson z'l and Mrs. Ida Nabozny z'l.

Sandra Fitzell in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her beloved father, Sidney Kahanovitz, Yeshayahu ben R' Leb Hakohen z'l.

Howard & Jennifer Caplan in memory of Jeanne Bailer z'l.

Mildred Shapiro in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Bill Bashevkin z'l.

Meir & Chava Weinheber in memory of Barry Nabozny's mother, Ida Nabozny z'l.

Arnold Goldberg & Nina Allen-Goldberg in memory of Renate Bauman z'l and in memory of Ida Nabozny z'l.

Manfred & Elaine Meiseles in memory of Sophie Meiseles, Shifra bas Shmuel z'l, mother of Manfred Meiseles.

Jason & Shoshana Reitberger and Leib & Judy Hoffman in memory of Mrs. Adele Brem z'l, mother of Dr. Henry Brem.

Allen & Sue Myrowitz in memory of Ruth Levine z'l, Renate Bauman z'l, Ida Nabozny z'l, Miriam Garfield z'l, and Louis Katz z'l.

PARSHA CHALLENGE QUESTIONS: (From Aish.com)

1. Whose name appears in almost every parsha in the books of Shemos, VaYikra and Bamidbar - but not in this parsha?
2. What unit of measurement is applied to only one object in the entire Torah?
3. Which stone of the Kohen Gadol's breastplate is a name of a country found in the Prophets?
4. What do both the Kohen Gadol's head-plate and the breastplate have in common with the mitzvah of tzitzit?
5. Which term is used for the first time in this parsha to distinguish segments of the Jewish people?
6. Of the seven species special to the Land of Israel, which two are mentioned in this parsha?

Answers:

1. Moshé's name does not appear in this parsha.
2. A *zeref*, which measures a half-cubit, is the length and width of the breastplate of the Kohen Gadol.
3. The first stone on the fourth row is called *farshish*.
4. The High Priest's head-plate, breastplate, and tzitzit each have a string of *fechelles* (blue) wool.
5. In this parsha, the word *shevet* ("tribe") is used for the first time to describe segments of the Jewish people.
6. Olives and pomegranates are mentioned in the parsha. Olive oil is used to light the Menorah ([Exodus 27:20](#)), and woolen pomegranates are attached to the bottom of the Kohen Gadol's robe (28:34).