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5:48p

Mincha  
5:50p

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Candle Lighting 3/15  
6:56p



## SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

5:48p Candle Lighting

5:50p 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 (9:29a KS)

11:15a Drasha: Rabbi Hershel Schachter

11:30a Kehillah Kiddush

4:45p Shiur Rabbi Hershel Schachter

5:35p Mincha followed by  
Shalosh Seudos and shiur (R' Schachter)

6:50p Maariv followed by Havdalah



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 3/10- 3rd of Adar II

7:15, 9:00a Shacharis

7:00p Mincha/Maariv

Mon - Fri am

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis

7:00p Mincha/Maariv

8:50p Maariv (New Beis Midrash)



## WEEKLY SHIURIM

by Rabbi Silber

Sun

8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri

5:45a Chovas HaTalmidim

5:55a Daf Yomi (5:45a Thurs & Fri)

Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of  
Mishnayos (Rabbi Richter)

Mon

8:30p Shulchan Aruch Chaburah

Tues

8:30p Hilchos Shabbos B'lyun

(Rabbi Richter)

Wed (shiurim for women)

9:30a Perek Shira for WIT, BJSZ

8:00p Inspiration and Intrigue:

Appreciating the Deeper Meaning of  
Purim

Thurs

8:30p Likutei Moharan (for men)

Mon-Thurs

8:30-8:50p Night Seder in Beis Midrash  
followed by Maariv.



## CHASING THE CLOUDS

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

*“He set up the courtyard all around the Mishkan and the altar, and he put up the screen at the entrance to the courtyard; and Moses completed the work.” (Exodus 40:33)*

Over the last number of *Parshios* we have read of the collection and subsequent creation of the *Mishkan*. God asked for an earthly abode, a place where His beloved children could come to connect. And now, in this week's *Parsha*, the last section of the book of *Shemos*, the work was complete. The *Mishkan* was brought to Moshe, the Divine Presence descended upon it and the relationship between God and His nation was further cemented. Yet, the Torah adds a seemingly extraneous piece of information.

*“When the cloud rose up from over the Mishkan, the Children of Israel set out in all their journeys.” (Exodus 40:36).*

Over the course of the next three verses the Torah discusses *Mishkan* movement. Specifically, when the cloud of God would ascend, it signaled a need to break camp and journey forward. But why is this mentioned here? This belongs in the book of *Bamidbar* which details our various journeys in the desert. Yet, this is the last piece of information closing out the book of *Shemos*. What is the deeper meaning?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, 1902-1994) provides an incredible insight. The purpose of the *Mishkan* was to create a home for God within our midst. Although, we believe that God is everywhere, as physical beings it is helpful for us to have an address, a place where we can dedicate ourselves to connection and elevation. The *Mishkan* was the place where God allowed His Presence to be more acutely felt. The cloud which hovered over the *Mishkan* was a manifestation of God. When one saw the cloud, he understood that Hashem was dwelling within our midst; he felt God next to him. There are times in life when we feel close to God and there are times when we feel distant. What is the approach of the Jew when he feels disconnected and distant? What should we do when we don't feel inspired and holy? We must find the strength to seek out our Father. We must find the courage to run after the cloud when we are no longer enveloped by it.

This is the message of the verse.

*U'Vheyalos He'Anan Mey'Al HaMishkan, (When the cloud rose up from over the Mishkan) – There are times when the cloud of inspiration seems far away. At times, we don't feel connected to God. The cloud of holiness seems to leave our inner *Mishkan*.*

What is our approach in these moments of disconnect?

*Yis'u Bnai Yisroel B'Chol Maaseyhem, (the children of Israel set out in all their journeys) – we move forward trying to catch up to the cloud. Sometimes, the cloud is distant but attainable if we are willing to journey towards it. Spiritual inspiration doesn't show up at our doorsteps. More often, it is hovering, waiting for us, beckoning to us from a distance. We must travel to it, seek it out, find it and claim it. If we truly want to be enveloped by the cloud of godliness, we must be ready to travel for it.*

And now we understand. The entire purposes of the *Mishkan* was to create a space for God within our community and daily lives. Yet at the end of this incredible endeavor we are taught that no matter how much we want to keep the cloud near us, at some point it travels forward. It is then that the true nature of our spiritual mettle comes through. We all love holiness, inspiration and closeness to God but are we willing to push ourselves, to travel and venture out to acquire them? Meaningful and lasting personal holiness is never acquired with ease. It requires effort, exertion and willingness to chase after the cloud.



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## MEMBER NEWS

### MAZAL TOV

**Mrs. Rosalie Sklar** on the birth of a great-grandson

**Keely & Jillian Goldberger** on the birth of a baby girl

### BIRTHDAYS

Hadassah Bierer, Avi Brum, Shmuel Dinovitz, Wendy Drazin, Morris Efron, David Gerhardt, Pnina Tzila Gladstein, Dr. Andrew Gross, Sholom Tuvya Leiter, Zecharia Lerner, Yaakov Lichter, Rabbi Pesach Raczkowski, Esti Rakovsky, Yehuda Chaim Raskas, Ella Rosen, Maayan Devorah Rutstein, Sarah Rivka Schechter, Anina Libi Sidransky, Shmuel Siegel, Mitchell Trestman, Betzalel Tusk, Atara Wildman, Tehilla Wildman, Kivi Ziffer

### Yahrzeits

Beatrice Minkove, Suzanne Schneider, Jack Hamermesh, Nachum Raczkowski, Herman Greenberg, Harry Kahn, Zina Rosen, Gladys Eskenazi, Esther Prager

### Cholim List

The Cholim list has been refreshed with the hope that all tefilos have been answered l'tova. Please send names to [zotcgabbaim@gmail.com](mailto:zotcgabbaim@gmail.com)



## SHUL HAPPENINGS

### SOTC Book Club

Tues 3/12 | 1:30p, SOTC

Washington Black by Esi Edugyan  
Refreshments served, bring a friend and come socialize!

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

#### Book Talk with Judy Pachino

Tues 3/12 | 7:00p, CJE Library

[www.cjebaltimore.org/judy-pachino](http://www.cjebaltimore.org/judy-pachino).



## SPONSORSHIPS

### KEHILLAH KIDDUSH

**Steve & Wendy Drazin**

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

**Dr. Charles & Zipora Abzug** in memory of Charles' cousins, Rabbi Albert Hollander, רב אלימלך בן יצחק ע"ה and Adele (Hollander) Cheifetz, ח"י שרה בת יצחק ע"ה

**Rabbi Pesach Raczkowski** in honor of the yahrzeit of his father Nachum Gershin ben Menachum Mendel HaKohen z'l

### DAF YOMI

**Sheldon & Fran Rosen** in honor of the

yahrzeit of Fran's father Theodore Rosenzweig, Todros ben Shlomo Zalman z'l

**Michael & Rachel Turniansky** in honor of the yahrzeit of Michael's brother, Alan, Avraham Yitzchak ben Shimon Yaakov z'l

**Anonymous** for a refuah sheleima for Yisraella bas Fruma Elka

### DONATIONS

**Ann Berman** for the shloshim of her sister, Susan Shefter z'l

**Selma Woolf** in the merit of a refuah for Dena Lerner



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### MEET OUR HONOREES

### YANKY & NAAMI SCHORR

This amazing couple has a home and a heart dedicated to kehillah and connecting Klal Yisroel.

We are so lucky that they have set their roots and their efforts in helping our kehillah grow. Yanky Schorr (VP with Residential Title & Escrow) throws his all into every organization he joins from his role with IMPACT, the young adult division of The Associated to Chai Lifeline Mid-Atlantic Region and so many

organizations in between. His expertise currently guides the SOTC building project. Naomi Schorr has devoted her career to the Jewish world. From Aish International to ACHARAI: The Shoshana S. Cardin Jewish Leadership Institute, her thoughtful, loving approach has built bridges and built talent.

We are so excited to honor them with the Young Leadership Award on March 17!



*Shabbos 3/9  
Parshas Pekudei*

### SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

**RABBI HERSHEL SCHACHTER**  
ROSH YESHIVA,  
YESHIVAS RABBEINU YITZCHAK ELCHANAN

Rabbi Schachter, a noted Talmudic scholar, has had a distinguished career with RIETS for over 50 years. He joined the faculty at 26 was the youngest Rosh Yeshiva. Since 1971, Rabbi Schachter has been Rosh Kollel in RIETS' Marcos and Adina Katz Kollel (Institute for Advanced Research in Rabbinics) and also holds the institution's Nathan and Vivian Fink Distinguished Professorial Chair in Talmud.

In addition to his daily shiurim, Rabbi Schachter lectures, writes, and serves as a world renowned decisor of Jewish Law.

### SCHEDULE

#### 11:15am Shabbos Morning Drasha

Redemption and Salvation - Understanding the Framework and Process of Geulah

#### 4:45pm Shabbos Afternoon Shiur

Celebration and Jubilation - The Origins of Purim

#### Shalosh Seudos (following 5:35p mincha)

Living in the Shadow of Greatness - Reflections on the life of Rav Yosef Dov HaLevi Soloveitchik zt'l