



Suburban Orthodox  
Congregation Toras Chaim



## SHABBOS SCHEDULE

### Shabbos Night

Shabbos Mevarchim  
6:30p To'ameha Pre Shabbos  
Farbrengin (Beis Midrash)  
7:00p Mincha followed by  
Kabbolas Shabbos  
7:24p Candle Lighting

### Shabbos Day

9:00a Shacharis (9:50a KS)  
5:25p Early Mincha  
5:50p Daf Yomi  
7:20p Mincha followed by  
Shalosh Seudos  
8:26p Maariv/Havdalah

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Week of 4/15 - 1st of Iyar

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

Mon - Thurs, Fri a.m.  
6:45a, 9:00a Shacharis  
(Mon early Shacharis at 6:30a)  
6:10p Plag Mincha  
7:35p Mincha/Maariv  
9:05p Late Maariv



## WEEKLY SHIURIM

Online at [suburbanorthodox.org](http://suburbanorthodox.org)

Sunday  
8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon-Fri  
5:45a Gan HaEmunah (Mon Daf Yomi)  
5:55a Daf Yomi

Mon - Thurs | 8:15- 9:30p  
IJC Night Kollel  
Kol Hanearim Mondays 8:15 - 9:05p

Wednesday  
9:30a Psalms for the Ages: Tehillim Shiur (for women)  
8:00p The Power of Praise: Hallel on Yom Ha'atzmaut

Thursday  
8:00p Likutei Moharan (for men)

# Parshas Shmini

29 Nissan | April 14, 2018

Candle Lighting  
7:24p

Mincha  
7:00p

Torah Reading  
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Haftorah  
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Candle Lighting 4/20  
7:31p



## SHMINI: CARRYING THE NATION

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

*Dedicated in memory of Sholom Elazar z'l ben Rav Elimelech Bentzion*

*And Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, each took his pan, put fire in them, and placed incense upon it, and they brought before the Lord foreign fire, which He had not commanded them. And fire went forth from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, [when He said], 'I will be sanctified through those near to Me, and before all the people I will be glorified.' And Aaron was silent." (Vayikra 10:1-3)*

It was to be a day of rejuvenation and reconciliation. The dedication of the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle) symbolized the return of the Divine Presence to the camp of the Jewish nation (after the separation caused by the sin of the Golden Calf). But alas, it was not to be. The death of Aharon's two sons transformed this day of joy into a day of pain, grief and loss. But was their sin? What was the nature of their "foreign fire?"

The commentaries provide many different interpretations and insights. The Talmud (Eruvin 63a) explains that Nadav and Avihu decided on matters of Jewish law in the presence of their teachers, Moshe and Aharon. This fundamental lack of respect and breakdown of authority led to their deaths. Others explain they were inebriated when serving in the Mishkan. The Midrash writes that Nadav and Avihu ventured into the *Kodesh HaKodashim*, the Holy of Holies and were punished as a result. Yet other rabbinic commentaries explain that they took fire from outside the confines of the Temple to offer the incense instead of taking from the Divine fire that descended from the Heavens.

Perhaps, there is another insight into their sin which can be gleaned from the Haggadah. In the beginning of the Seder we recite *Ha Lachma Anya*, this is the bread of affliction: "This is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry, come and eat. Let all who are needy, come and celebrate Passover (partake of the Paschal lamb). This year we are here - next year, may we be in the Land of Israel. This year we are slaves - next year, may we be free."

Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau (former Chief Rabbi

of the State of Israel, current Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv) provides a beautiful insight into this paragraph by sharing a moving story. During his tenure as Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Lau was conducting a communal Seder on an air force base. There were over 1,000 people in attendance from all walks of life. Rabbi Lau began the Seder with reading and translating *Ha Lachma Anya*. As he concluded, a young pilot stood up and said, "Rabbi, I feel these words, this text - has lost its meaning. Why should we say this year we are here, next year may we be in the Land of Israel? I was born here, I am a sabra. Why would I say, this year we are slaves, next year may we be free? I was born free and I have always been free?"

Rabbi Lau provided a dramatic and beautiful answer: "In my youth I had the privilege to study under many great teachers. Great men like Rav Elazar Man Shach, Rabbi Eliyahu Lopian, Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach and I was privileged to spend Yom Kippur with each of them. I stood next to these great men as they recited the *Al Cheyts* (list of sins for which we repent on Yom Kippur); I heard their muffled cries and saw the tears stream down their face. I often wondered - did these great rabbis commit these heinous acts which they were confessing? It couldn't be. Even "regular" people don't commit half of the sins outlined in the list. Why would these great rabbis confess sins they had not committed? Truthfully, the Baal Shem Tov also beat his chest while confessing this list, the Vilna Gaon cried out when enumerating these sins. Surely, these giants of our past had not committed these transgressions! And then it dawned on me. These great rabbis were not confessing their sins; they were confessing and seeking forgiveness for sins of the nation. These great men realized that although they had not committed these aggrieved acts, there were Jews who did. Perhaps, those Jews would not or could not confess and repent. These holy rabbis decided that we

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## ISRAEL AT 70 SCHEDULE:

**11:20a** Shabbos Drasha  
Leadership, Responsibility and  
Mesirut Nefesh – Defining Today’s IDF

**12:00p** Kehillah Kiddush

**1:00p** Luncheon  
Defining Zionism – Is Israel an Option or  
Obligation?

**6:30p** Pre-Mincha Shiur  
Halachic Issues and Ramifications of a  
Jewish Army

**7:20p** Shaosh Seudos Shiur  
Following G-d’s Commandments and  
Building the Land of Israel



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We are in great need of regular  
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areas:

- Filing
- Cookie Baking
- Kiddush Set-Up, Clean-Up
- Event Set-Up, Clean-Up

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## DVAR TORAH CONT.

...will do *teshuva* (repentance) on  
their behalf. We will cry their tears,  
we will utter their apologies, we will beg for  
their forgiveness. I realized that the true  
mark of greatness is the ability to think  
beyond oneself and to connect to the plight,  
circumstances and reality of the other.”

Rabbi Lau then turned to the young pilot  
and said: “You are truly privileged to be here  
and free. But what about all of your brothers  
and sisters who are not? What about your  
fellow Jews who are suffering and enduring  
persecution? What about those who are not  
able to celebrate Pesach either because they  
don’t have or they don’t know? You may be  
here – but they are not. You may be free –  
but they are not. Let us be their mouthpiece.  
Let us utter these words on their behalf. Let  
us ask Hashem on this sacred night to bring  
all of those who are there – here. Let us  
supplicate before God and beg Him to allow  
all of those who are slaves to taste the  
sweetness of freedom.”

Perhaps, this was the mistake of Nadav and  
Avihu. If one looks closely at the verse, it  
says, “*V’Yikchu Bnei Aharon, Nadav  
V’Avihu Ish Machtaso*, And Aaron’s sons,  
Nadav and Abihu, each took his pan.” The  
Torah goes out of its way to state “*Ish*, each  
man” and “*Machtaso*, his pan” (possessive),  
identifying Nadav and Avihu as individuals.

The job of the Kohen is to represent the  
nation; the mandate of the Kohen is to be the  
embodiment of the collective. Perhaps, the

mistake of Nadav and Avihu was that they  
acted as individuals. What they did was to  
satisfy their own needs and wants. They  
served God the way they deemed fit without  
regard for the needs of the collective. They  
were not acting as the emissaries of the  
Jewish people – they were each an *Ish*, an  
individual. When we stop thinking about the  
collective and only think about ourselves, we  
end up making terrible mistakes.

This Shabbos we will IYH announce the  
arrival of month of *Iyar*. We have begun the  
*Sefira* count towards the Yom Tov of  
*Shavuot*. It is during this time of year that we  
focus on our personal growth the  
development. We ready and prepare ourselves  
to reexperience the upcoming Sinaitic  
revelation. Proper preparation cannot be  
limited to a focus on the self. Holy  
preparation requires a recognition that we are  
we are part of a greater collective called *Am  
Yisroel*. On *Pesach* we became a nation and it  
is during these days that we must focus on  
how to be a nation. Being part of *Am Yisroel*  
means feeling a sense of responsibility for the  
other. It means recognizing that even if  
everything is ok in our individual lives, there  
are others who are struggling and hurting and  
it is our responsibility to find some way to  
help. It is easy to become spiritually self-  
centered, but we know that true growth and  
spiritual self-actualization comes about when  
you carry the entire nation of Israel in your  
heart and in your soul.



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