



Parshas Emor

13 Iyar | May 18, 2019

Candle Lighting
7:57p

Mincha
7:00p

Torah Reading
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Haftorah
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Candle Lighting 5/24
8:03p



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

7:00p Mincha followed by

Kabbolas Shabbos

7:57p Candle Lighting

Shabbos Day

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

9:00a Shachris (9:27a KS)

11:20a Drasha followed by Kehillah
Kiddush: *The Tolerance Revolution*
(Rabbi Moshe Miller)

4:30p Women's Living Emunah Group
(Home of Tania Shichtman)

5:25p Early Mincha

5:50p Daf Yomi

6:40p Shiur: *The Problem of Chessed*
(Rabbi Miller, main shul)

7:40p Mincha

8:00p Shalosh Seudos and Shiur: *The Assimilation Imperative* (Rabbi Miller)

8:59p Maariv followed by Havdalah



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 5/19 – 14th of Iyar

7:15, 9:00a Shacharis

6:35p Plag Mincha

8:05p Mincha/Maariv

Mon—Thurs, Fri am

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis

6:35p Plag Mincha

8:05p Mincha/Maariv

8:50p Maariv (New Beis Midrash)



WEEKLY SHIURIM

by Rabbi Silber

Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon— Fri a.m.

5:45a Chovas HaTalmidim

5:55a Daf Yomi

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

Mon

8:15a Business & Bagels (Goldberg's)

Tues

8:30p Hilchos Shabbos B'Iyun
(Rabbi Richter)

Wed (shiurim for women)

9:30a Perek Shira for WIT, BJSZ

Thurs

8:30p Likutei Moharan (for men)

Mon-Thurs

8:30-8:50p Night Seder in Beis Midrash



ELEVATING SERVITUDE

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

"No non kohen may eat holy things; a kohen's resident and his hireling may not eat holy things. And if a kohen acquires a person, an acquisition through his money, he may eat of it, and those born in his house they may eat of his food." (Vayikra 22:10-11)

The Kohanim led lives devoted to serving the Jewish people. They were our emissaries in the Temple and served as spiritual role-models for the nation of Israel. We were charged with supporting them through different types of tithes and portions which were then sanctified and could not be consumed by a non-Kohen. With some significant exceptions. If a *Kohen* purchased a servant, the servant was permitted to eat of the same sacred items of which the *Kohen* master partook. The servant, having become a member of the household, assumed the same rights as the members of the immediate family. If we take a moment to reflect on this reality we see how truly amazing it is. A regular *Yisroel* (non-*Kohen*) was precluded from partaking of sacrificial or sanctified items, yet the gentile who becomes the servant of the *Kohen* was permitted. The Lubavitcher Rebbe (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, 1902-1994) explains this dynamic with a profound insight. We often think of servitude in negative terms. We think of it as one person subjugating another. Servitude, the lack of complete personal autonomy is viewed as a disservice and abuse of the other. Yet, according to the above-mentioned verse, when the individual is free he may not partake of the Kohanic portion, yet when becomes a servant to the *Kohen*, he is permitted. At times, giving yourself over to something greater than yourself, frees you from your own limitations. There is elevation through servitude.

"For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants, whom I took out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord, your God." (Vayikra 25:55)

God calls us many names, the children of Israel, my son, my firstborn, yet the term used most often throughout the Torah is "servant." When the Torah eulogizes Moshe, it says: *"And Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there, in the land of Moab, by the mouth of the Lord."* (Devorim 35:55)

The great leader is not referred to as a prophet or a teacher, he is simply called a servant, an *eved*. When we find the strength to give ourselves over to God, we transcend our limitations. As individuals, our reach, ability and capacity are all limited. But when we become servants to the Infinite, all becomes possible. When a man becomes a servant to the *Kohen*, he gets to partake of the holy Kohanic diet; when we become servants to God, we discover the divinity within.

Often there is a discomfort with describing oneself as a "servant" of God. It sounds like I am signing away my autonomy and freedom. The servant described in the verse may or may not have the right to choose his destiny, but we do. If we become servants of God, it is because we choose to do so. We choose to cast our lots with our Father because we believe that when we connect ourselves to Him, we can discover our own personal greatness. When we connect ourselves to Him, we transcend our myopic personalistic and world view. We spend much time running from servitude, instead of embracing it. True freedom is the ability and opportunity to become the best version of ourselves. This can only occur when we tap into the resources which God provides. But like the servant who can only eat at the table of his master if he pledges himself to the services of the master, we can only grow, find our greatness and discover our limitless holiness if we become true servants to our Master Father. Servitude to God doesn't stymie our individuality or autonomy. In fact, it is quite the opposite, only the servant is truly free. Only the servants have the ability and tools to become the best version of themselves.

Talmud Torah

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ben Sara Leah





MEMBER NEWS

THANK YOU

Becca Friedman for baking the cookies for this week's kiddush and **Yocheved Schechter, Selma Wolf, and Dina Brookmyer** for assisting with set up.

Saeed Haken, Jon Kaplan, Netanel Lebowitz and **Daniel Wealcach** for overseeing the Lag B'Omer bonfire and festivities on 5/22. If you are able to assist with set up and/or clean up, please contact the shul office: office@suburbanorthodox.org

MAZAL TOV

Richard and Lauren Simon on the birth of a baby boy

Shusie Ehrenfeld on her graduation from University of Maryland with a Doctorate in Nursing

Richard & Susan Lehmann on the engagement of their son, Micah, to Adi Cohen

BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Auerhan, Rita Bayuk, Robert Benedek, Dassi Berry, Yisroel Bluman, Zevi Charner, Eli Creeger, Derek Fine, Avi Fogel, Ari Gladstein, Steve Goloskov Brocha Lawrence, Zecharya Lebowitz, Temima Lebowitz, Gabriella Meira Luxenburg, Judah Minkove, Judy Moss, Terri Rosen, Shaindel Turniansky, Yisrael Turniansky, Herman Venick, Faith Lisa Wolf

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SHUL HAPPENINGS

Lag B'Omer Bonfire & Kumzitz

Wed 5/22 | 8:30p

Pre- Shavuot Lunch n Learn

Tuesday 6/4 | 12:00p, Baker Donelson suburbanorthodox.org/event/lunch

Sisterhood Shavuot Blooms Event

Tuesday 6/4 | 7:00p, SOTC suburbanorthodox.org/sisters

Shavuot Siyum Tanach

Mon 6/10 | 11:30a

Choose a segment of Tanach to complete by Shavuot.

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SOTC Book Club

Tues 6/18 | 2:00p, SOTC

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate



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SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Judah & Judy Minkove in honor of their beloved daughter, Rachel Tova z'l bas Yehuda Avrum

SHABBOS DRASHA

Barry Dexter in honor of the yahrzeit of his mother, Claire Dexter, Kallah bas Shimshon z'l



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEET THE MINKOVES

Judah, a Baltimore native with strong family ties to Suburban Orthodox, and Judy, originally from Memphis, met while studying in Stern College/Yeshiva University. They moved to Baltimore after their graduation, so Judah could continue his education at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he went on to complete his medical residency. He currently practices internal medicine, while Judy works as a writer for Johns Hopkins Medicine. Their oldest son, Jon, lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter in New York. Sam and his wife, Nicole, live in Pikesville with their twins. Both boys named their daughters after their sister, Rachel.

Rachel was known for her passion and zeal for life. Following her graduation from the University of Maryland, College Park, Rachel taught in Los Angeles and New York before returning to Baltimore for treatment, after having been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She inspired her family and friends with her unwavering faith and developed an interest in social work, hoping to one day serve young adults with cancer. Her parents started the Rachel Minkove Memorial Scholar in Residence Weekend at Suburban as a tribute to her love for education and in appreciation of the Suburban Orthodox community's unwavering support during a difficult time.



RABBI MOSHE MILLER

Rabbi Moshe Miller received his semicha from Ner Israel Rabbinical College in 1974 and has been in the Jewish Education field for over 35 years including positions as principal of schools in Santa Clara, CA; Providence, RI where he earned an MA from the department of philosophy at Brown University in 1991; Atlanta, GA; and Miami Beach, FL. He has also lectured at Michlalah Jerusalem College and was the Rosh Kollel of the Boca Raton Community Kollel. He and his wife, Grizzy, made aliyah in 2010 and live in Jerusalem where he writes and teaches. "Rising Moon: Unraveling the Book of Ruth" is his first book.



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