

FHJC BULLETIN JANUARY 3/4, 7 TEVET 5780

Parshas Vayigash

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

PARSHAS: VAYIGASH

MINCHA AND CANDLE LIGHTING 4:35 PM

SHABBOS MORNING

PARSHAS CLASS 8:30 AM
 SHACHARIS 9:00 AM
 SUPERVISED PLAY FOR KIDS 9:00 AM
 KIDS PROGRAMMING 10:00 AM
 TORAH 10:00 AM
 SERMON 11:00 AM
 ALT. CLASS: "REVEALING JOSEPH", WITH ELDAN COHEN 11:20 AM

SHABBOS AFTERNOON

MINCHA 4:35 PM
 SHALOSH SEUDOS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MINCHA
 MAARIV 5:34 PM
 HAVDALLAH 5:44 PM

PARSHA
 HAFTARAH

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Tuesday, the 10th of Tevet is a day of fasting.
 Shacharis is 6:40 AM, Mincha is 4:25 PM and Maariv is 5:30.
 Fast ends at 5:38



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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

The Siyum HaShas

This last Sunday over **90,000** people came together at MetLife stadium in New Jersey to celebrate the completion of the entire Talmud in recognition of those that are part of the Daf Yomi Program (a-page-a-day). This Sunday a similar, but smaller, celebration will be taking place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building. Although I was in Toronto for this mega-celebration, I was well-represented by my father, brothers, nephews, second cousins and their children and many friends. I was also able to watch most of it on a great website called TorahAnytime.com which live-streamed it.

I can tell you that just watching the event brought tears to my eyes.

So many thoughts went through my head and here are just a few:

Firstly, I cried because I got to thinking that not so-long ago, survivors would have been overjoyed if 500 people gathered for such a ceremony. And now, in their lifetime, they got to see over **90,000** in MetLife and over **20,000** at Barclays in Brooklyn!

Secondly, there is no substitute for studying Torah. We live in an era where the pursuit of knowledge, of Torah knowledge specifically, has never been so readily available to us. There are literally hundreds of websites, thousands of beautifully written English books, and dozens of classes in the city. One has a Smorgasbord of opportunities that is all ours for the taking.

Thirdly, we have the two great challenges in our time (and truly, in all times): anti-Semitism and assimilation. As Jews, we must do what we can to ensure our success and continuity. I am always overjoyed when I see Jews who care about the Jewish people, yet claim not to believe in Divine Providence. I look at these people with awe - in my eyes, they are....CONTD.



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This week's kiddush is still available for sponsorship

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Last week's kiddush was sponsored by Allan Weiss in memory of the yahrzeit of his father Bernard Weiss [Dov ben Moshe]

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... like super-people... they commit their lives to the Jewish people, and yet they can't explain why they care as much as they care! I take a totally different perspective; I believe the HaShem cares about the actions of each and every single individual, that He cares when we open up a Jewish book as opposed to a magazine, that he cares when we spend an extra 10 minutes with a book in front of us instead of closing it and heading off to bed,, that He cares about every ounce of effort we put into our study, as well as all the other Jewish activities that we are involved with, and that the One Above looked down at MetLife and Barclays and saw a Jewish people coming together to celebrate his Torah and He got nachas.

So watching this thrilling event I felt that if we could only connect more to positive Jewish living, that we would then put assimilation and anti-Semitism to bed. No, I am not delusional, I do believe that we must be vigilant against the actual bad people who are out there. But I also believe that when the Jewish people are committed to living our eternal values, not only will good things happen to us when we reach heaven, but that heaven will come down to earth and make this world a better, safer place for us. Then, and only then, can we truly be a light amongst the nations, and then G-D's blessing to Abraham (that those who bless the children of Abraham will be blessed) will finally be fulfilled through us.

May HaShem continue to protect us and may we live with purpose and promise .

Good Shabbos, Stay Jewish, Be Jewish, Live Jewish,

Rabbi Elie

MAZEL TOV



Mazel Tov to the Karfunkel Family on the birth of their daughter Leah Chana. May their love and blessings nurture her into a wonderful woman.

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Thank you to Ely's Fine Foods for sponsoring our Chinese Food & a Movie Night so that we could enjoy this special time together

BIRTHDAYS

Ben Rutman, 1/4

Ozzy Zauderer 1/4

Moshe Ilan Altbaum 1/4

Elisha Greenberg 1/6

Ella Rutman 1/6

Peter Altbaum 1/6

Jan Bornstein 1/7

Adam Somogyi 1/8

Max Philosophie 1/8

Ellie Landon 1/9

Yaniv Moshinsky 1/9



ANNIVERSARIES

Rael and Taryn Diamond, 1/5

YAHREZITS

David Pelt [Dovid ben Mordechai], 7 Tevet, 1/4
Father of Melvin Pelt [Mordechai Leib ben Dovid],
Grandfather of Jessica Pelt-Kronember [Yakova Yosefa]

Sam Winbaum, 7 Tevet, 1/4
Grandfather of Sam Winbaum

Robert Engel [Shaul], 8 Tevet, 1/5
Father of Evelyn Stieber [Chava]

Esther Fien, 8 Tevet, 1/5
Mother of Phyllis Fien [Feige bat Zavel]

Ben Albaum [Dov Ber], 10 Tevet, 1/7
Father of Terri Weintraub [Tovah Chayah bat Dov Ber]

Miriam Lipsey [Miriam bat Shmuel], 10 Tevet, 1/7
Mother of Antony Lipsey [Arieh Moshe]

Charles Sochett [Yecheskel], 10 Tevet, 1/7
Father of Etienne Sochett [Ephraim ben Yecheskel]

Zavel Fien, 10 Tevet, 1/7
Father of Phyllis Fien

Saul Cohen [Shlomo], 12 Tevet, 1/9
Father of Risa Drimmer [Necha bat Shlomo]

WINTER BREAKFAST SERIES KICKOFF JANUARY 15



Join us for our breakfast series! Warm up with a delicious spread in the Goose Family Banquet Hall



January 18



Reconnect with fellow South Africans
at this South African installment of the
Shabbos Luncheon Series

Women of Faith & Fortitude – Challenges Then & Now



JANUARY 21ST

Princess to Prophetess: The Lasting Impact of Our Mother Sara with Rivky Rosenberg

FEBRUARY 18TH

Rivka and Truth: If and When it is Okay to Lie. with Rebbetzin Rifky Karfunkel

MARCH 24TH

Devorah - The Bee Within Us with Risa Allison Cooper - Executive Director: Shores

APRIL 21ST

Esther: Believe in Your Inner Self with Ahava Spillman

NON MEMBERS **\$40 TOTAL**
MEMBERS **\$18 TOTAL**

EACH NIGHT INDIVIDUALLY
NON-MEMBERS **\$12**
MEMBERS **\$5**

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UPCOMING

THIS WEEK

Monday - Bat Mitzvah Class #1 6:45 - 8:15 PM
Men's Learning w/ Rabbi Katz 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Tuesday - Boys & Girls Live2Give 7:45 - 9:15 PM (Grades 9 - 11)

Wednesday - Bat Mitzvah Class #2 6:45 - 8:15 PM

Thursday - **Ladie's Parsha Class 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
Bar Mitzvah Class 6:20 - 7:30 PM
Bat Mitzvah Class #3 6:40 - 8:10 PM
Learn & Earn 8:15 - 9:15 PM (Grades 8 - 12)

DOWN THE ROAD

Jan 15 - Winter Breakfast Series Kick-off

Jan 18 - South African Luncheon

Jan 21 - Women of Faith & Fortitude-I, with Rivky Rosenberg

Feb 10 - Tu Bishvat Luncheon

Feb 22 - Harry Rothenberg—Scholar in Residence

Feb 27 - Cholent Cook off