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Schedule

<u>Friday, December 8th (20th Kislev)</u>		Shachris	6:45 A
Candle Lighting	4:31 P	Tomer Devorah for women	12:00 N
Mincha	4:35 P	Mincha/Maariv	4:35 P
<u>Shabbos, December 9th (21st Kislev)</u>		Light 1st Chanuka candle	
Shachris	9:00 A	Late Maariv	7:50 P
BISLI	10:00 A	Kollel Night Seder	er Late Maariv
<i>See Page 2 for additional Learning programs</i>		<u>Wednesday, December 13th (25th Kislev)</u>	
Women's class with Mattie Lefcoe	3:15 P	<u>1st Day of Chanuka</u>	
Daf Yomi	3:25 P	Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Minchah	4:25 P	Shachris	6:45 A
Maariv/Havdala	5:31 P	Mincha/Maariv	4:35 P
Parent/Child Learning starts	6:00 P	Light 2nd Chanuka Candle	
<u>Sunday, December 10th (22nd Kislev)</u>		Late Maariv	7:50 P
Daf Yomi	7:00 A	Kollel Night Seder	er Late Maariv
Shachris	8:00 A	<u>Thursday, December 14th (26th Kislev)</u>	
Mincha/Maariv	4:35 P	<u>2nd Day of Chanuka</u>	
Kollel Night Seder	8:00 P	Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Women's Partners in Torah at Weinreb	8:00 P	Shachris	6:45 A
<u>Monday, December 11th (23rd Kislev)</u>		Mincha/Maariv	4:35 P
Daf Yomi	6:00 A	Light 3rd Chanuka Candle	
Shachris	6:45 A	Late Maariv	7:50 P
Rabbi Zier: "Two Chanukah Myths Debunked"	3:30 P	Kollel Night Seder	er Late Maariv
Mincha /Maariv	4:35 P	<u>Friday, December 15th (27th Kislev)</u>	
Bina Pre-Chanuka Dinner	6:00 P	<u>3rd Day of Chanuka</u>	
Late Maariv	7:50 P	Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Daf Yomi	er Late Maariv	Shachris	6:45 A
Rabbi Haber: Making Chanuka Mer	8:00 P	Light 4th Chanuka Candle (before Shabbos candles)	
Partners in Torah	8:00 P	Candle Lighting	4:32 P
<u>Tuesday, December 12th (24th Kislev)</u>		Mincha	4:35 P
Daf Yomi	6:00 A		

CLASSES FOR EVERYONE

DAF YOMI

Morning Class: Sundays at 7:00 AM, weekdays at 6:00 AM
with Rabbi Loiterman

Evening Class: Sunday through Thursday after Late Ma'ariv

Shabbos & Yom Tov: both classes meet together one hour before Mincha with Rabbi Loiterman

BNOS

Shabbos Afternoon 3:15 - 4:15

For girls from Kindergarten to 6th Grade in the Fred Aron Education Wing. There will be Bnos this week (12/9), but not Shabbos of Chanuka (12/17).

SHABBOS LEARNING FOR BOYS

Grades 5th - 8th Gemara class with Rabbi Harpaz at his home at 3:00 PM
Grades 1st - 4th Pasha with Rabbi Lipman at shul 30 minutes before Mincha

PARENT-CHILD LEARNING

Motzei Shabbos

Join us once again for our beautiful Parent-Child learning each Motzei Shabbos. Inspiring atmosphere, beautiful learning, and exciting prizes.

PARTNERS IN TORAH

Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meets at the JCC in Room 238

WOMEN'S PARTNERS IN TORAH

Sunday, December 10th at 8:00 PM

At the home of Leah Weinreb

KOLLEL NIGHT SEDER FOR MEN

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays following the Late Maariv

Held in the Bnai Israel Minyan Room

RABBI DOVID ZITTER

Monday, December 11th at 3:30 PM

Rabbi Zitter will be discussing: "**Two Chanukah Myths Debunked**"

RABBI SENDER HABER

Monday, December 11th at 8:00 PM

Rabbi Haber will be discussing: **Making Chanuka Meaningful**

WOMEN'S TUESDAY NOON LEARNING CLASS

The sefer Tomer Devorah is being studied.

TALMUD CLASS - 75 minutes before Mincha

Tuesday evenings: With Gershon Aronoff - starting Avoda Zara.

RABBI GODER OPEN BEIS MEDRASH LEARNING NIGHT

Wednesdays after Maariv at B'nai Israel

Join one of several informal study groups being offered.

SPECIAL WOMEN'S CLASS THIS SHABBOS

Shabbos, December 9th at Lefcoe Shabbos Home

Mattie Lefcoe will be giving a class for women at her home on Shabbos afternoon at 3:15.

CEMETERY CLEANUPS: DECEMBER 10TH

BNAI ISRAEL CEMETERY

This coming Sunday December 10th, we are looking for volunteers to come out to the B'nai Israel cemetery. Most of the work will be removing overgrowth. We will plan to be there from 9:30 to noon. Please bring equipment and see Rabbi Haber or Adam Goldberg for more details. Following this project...

MIKRO KODESH CEMETERY (2295 BERKLEY AVE, CHESAPEAKE)

Sunday, December 10 from 12:30pm

We need your help! Bring your friends, gardening gloves, and rakes because the Mikro Kodesh (aka the Berkley Cemetery) in Chesapeake has become overgrown with weeds and unruly shrubs. Perform a mitzvah with Hands on Tidewater, December 10 at 12:30pm. Street parking is available off Kemet Rd. Rain date: January 7.

WOMEN'S PARTNERS IN TORAH

Sunday, December 10th at 8:00 PM

This meeting of the Women's Partners in Torah will take place this coming Monday night at the home of Leah Weinreb. In addition to words of Torah, Shari Berman will be demonstrating cake decorating techniques.

TWO CHANUKA MYTHS DEBUNKED

Monday, December 11th at 3:30 PM

Rabbi Zitter will be giving an exciting class on debunking two common Chanukah myths.

BINA HIGH SCHOOL PRE-CHANUKA CELEBRATION

Monday, December 11th

Start your Chanuka celebrations a day early! Come spend an evening relaxing with family, friends, & community. The menu will be:

Chicken Lo Mein Hot Dogs for kids Salad Vegetable Latkes Sufganiyot Ices
Prices: Adults: \$12.50 Children (4 - 11 years): \$7.50 Family Price: \$55.00

Please RSVP to BINA HIGH SCHOOL: 627-2462 or to apollock@binahighschool.com

MAKING CHANUKA MATTER

Monday, December 11th at 8:00 PM

Rabbi Haber will be giving a special class on Chanuka - Making Chanuka Matter.

CHAI KIDDUSH - CHANUKA EDITION

Shabbos, December 16th

Join the Bnai Israel family in celebrating Chanuka by becoming a sponsor of the Chai Kiddush. Each sponsorship is \$18.00. **Please have your sponsorships into the Bnai Israel office by this coming Thursday, December 14th.**

"HANUKAH ON ICE"

Next Motzei Shabbos, December 16th at 7:00 PM

Teddy Bear Toss, Post-game Skate with the Players, Candle Lighting Ceremony and Kosher Food (under the Vaad HaKashrus of Tidewater).

The Norfolk Admirals vs. the Orlando Solar Bears

\$14 per ticket. To purchase go to admiralgroups.com, enter code: B'NAI

Tickets are **NOT** available on day of game, pick up is at "Will Call"

For more information, please contact sami@norfolkadmirals.com or (757) 640-1212, Ext. 24

4TH ANNUAL KOLLEL PARTY

Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 PM

Join the Kollel for music, Chanuka crafts, delicious food, exciting stories and moving Divrei Torah. Cost: \$8.00 per person, Family: \$40.00

KABBALAH

Join the Norfolk Kollel for a 6 week Kabbalah course. Discover ancient mystical Jewish teachings and how they apply to our lives today.

All the classes will take place at the Simon Family JCC. There are two options:

- 1) **Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 PM** (Remaining evening class dates are December 12, 19, January 9, 16, and 23)
- 2) **Wednesday Lunch at 12:30 PM** (Remaining day class dates are: December 13, 20, January 10, and 17) There will be boxed lunches available for \$8.00.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Gavriel Rudin at 757-386-3274 or email him at rabbirudin@norfolkkollel.com

YAK 2018 SENIORS FUNDRAISER

Please support the Yeshiva Aish Kodesh Seniors by buying their delicious dips. Flavors available: Onion, roasted garlic, olive, jalapeno with many more to come. Each container of dip is \$4.50. All products are made in the yeshiva kitchen.

All orders should be placed before 8:00 AM on Thursdays by emailing: yakseniors2018@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

The Sisterhood provides fresh flowers for the Bimah for every Yom Tov. Contributions to the Bnai Israel Sisterhood "flower fund" can be mailed to Irene Mazel or Frances Berger.

BNAI ISRAEL DIRECTORY

We're just about ready to go to print - just need a few "ads" to offset the cost of printing. If you are interested in publicizing in the directory, please call the office. Full page: \$100.00

ANNUAL DATE WITH THE STATE

Tuesday, January 30 | 7:00am-4:00pm | \$36

Meet your State Senator & Delegate and discuss issues that affect our Jewish community. Bus leaves from the Reba & Sam Sandler Family Campus

Thank You to our Contributors

To R. Mark & Brenda Kozak for their contribution in memory of Bernard (Buddy) Kahn.

To Sandy Karlin for his contribution in memory of his grandparents: Betty Littman and Anna Littman.

To Kevin Snashall for his contribution to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the Fund for the Needy.

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To Kevin Snashall for his contribution to the Kiddush Fund

To Kevin Snashall for his contribution to the Adult Education Fund

To Kevin Snashall for his contribution to Bnai Israel Congregation

To Aaron & Ruth Cohen for their contribution to the Bridge-Sturman Fund in honor of the engagement of Leah Wolf, granddaughter of Benn & Jackie Richels, to Shimon Deutsch

To Henrietta Schatz for her contribution to the Yahrtzeit Fund in memory of her loved ones.

To Kevin & Amy Lefcoe for their contribution to the Yahrtzeit Fund in memory of Amy's grandmother, Sylvia Galen.

To Dr. Andrew & Ruth Fekete for their contribution of a Chumash in memory of Ruth's father, Charles Gelb.

To Marc & Nancy Samuels for their contribution in memory of Marc's uncle, Bernard (Buddy) Kahn.

To Susan Wilson for her contribution for the refuah shelaima of Natalie Aron.

To Stuart & Renee Brenner for their contribution in memory of Stuart's uncle, Marcus Aronoff.

To Anna Karp for her contribution in memory of her daughter, Lisa Karp.

For the Week of Shabbos, December 9th through Friday, December 15th

BIRTHDAYS

Rochel Tehilla Harpaz	8th	12/9	Rebekka Bridge		12/12	Sherman Katz		12/13
Yosef Tzvi L	12th	12/9	Bracha Harpaz	10th	12/12	Laurie Slone		12/13
Mrs. Hel n		12/11	Frieda Igdal		12/12	Chaya Sorah Stein	7th	12/13
Dan Rubenstein		12/11	Emunah Yehudis Miller	8th	12/12	Benjamin Aaron Yarow		12/15

YAHRTZEITS

Molly Anker	12/9	Beryl Oser	12/13
Milton Bass	12/9	Dorothy Petock	12/13
Sylvia Jason	12/9	Henry Schloss	12/13
Hyman Po	12/9	Meyer Blumenthal	12/14
Morris Blumenthal	12/11	Charles Burk	12/14
Louis Mand	12/12	Sheila Colby	12/15
Bertha Meyer	12/12	Morris Mirman	12/15
Jeane Tonelson	12/12	Benjamin Schloss	12/15
Ethel Goldbla	12/13		

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Women

Men

Shoshana bas Miriam Vi el Zilke bas Leah Leah Adina bas Chaya Esther Yochana bas Chana Nava bas Fruma Leah Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma Simcha bas Tzipporah Malka Esther bas Devorah Devorah bas Ruchel Sara Bas Sara Miriam Rochel bas Chava Elisheva Kayla Dodie bas Rochel Bracha Rochel Bracha bas Baila Tirtze Sorah bas Rochel Bracha Rivka Tehilla bas Sarah Hinda bas Dena Shula bas Carmela Eliana Chaya bas Nacha Adi Simcha bas Penina Leah Gilsom Gila bas Tzipporah Tzipporah bas Gilsom Gila Aida Batya bas E a Chaya Tova Gi el bas Shulamis Sima Elka Gi el bas Basya Chana Yi a bas Bryna Yehudis bas Irma Bayla Mishka bas Devora Malka Chana bas Ruchel Miriam bas Tzipora Chaya Raizel bas Dena Chana bas Sarah Devora Leah bas Civet Elkie Samecha Yehudis bas Esther Reva Raza bas Malka Shoshana bas Ne a	Adi Bat Miriam Chana Leah bas Fraydel Ruth bas Sarah Chaya bas Ruchel Tinokes bas Esther Hadassah Sheva bas Rivka Chaya Ruchel bas Zelda Shira bas Sarah Nechama Getzel bas Rachel Ruchama Malka Briendel bas Shaina Shifra Miriam bas Chava Leah Aviva bas Masha Rochel bas Tova Chaya Rochel bas Es Rivka Rivka bas Chaya Ruchel Rivka bas Yocheved Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka Devora Rivka bas Tzipora Raizel Shoshana bas Faiga Leah Chana Shifra bas Freidel Orly Rachel Bat Yehudit Rus Leah Rivka bas Sarah Yehudis bas Chana Leah Tye Miriam bas Zehavit Yehudis Sima bas Alta Ruchel Chaya bas Ruchel Chana Rochel bas Sara Ginendal Sarah bas Perel Devorah Rivka bas Tzipora Chana Bracha bas Sara Arielle Mazal bas Eliane Miril bas Ida Hudya	Shalom Boruch ben Masha Yehuda ben Chasha Ruchel Moshe Yechezkel Halevi ben Sara Malka Reuven Simcha ben Naomi Rus Yonah Michael Alter ben Esther Sarah Shlomo Yaakov Yonason ben Chana Raizel Aryeh Nachman HaCohen ben Ita Shlomo ben Tzipporah David Shlomo ben Rivka Tehilla Noach HaLevi ben Miriam Koppel ben Bayla Yonatan ben Rivka Abraham ben Iza Yoel Meir ben Chaya Yehudah Ben Batya Rafael Messod ben Naomi Sarah Eliezer ben Sara Avraham Beryl HaLevi ben Miriam Yissachar ben Rachel Binyamin Leib ben Rachel Chana Zecharia Avraham ben Devorah Rivka Nossan Yitzhak Ben Leah Moshe ben Raizel Eliezer ben Penina Kaila Meir Yehoshua ben Penina Kaila Beryl ben Chava Shmuel Yeruchem ben Baila Eitan ben Sarah Yehoshua ben Nechama Aliza Menachem ben Tzipka Avraham ben Chana Asher Eliyahu ben Leah Akiva Hillel Ben Cooki Tziporah Feige Gittel Yehuda Herschel ben Chaya Leah Dovid Leshem ben Esther Chaim Yaakov Dovid ben Avigail	Abba ben Tzipora Pesach ben Baila Dovid Avraham ben Miriam Yosef Aaron ben Keren Shoshana Robert ben Jean Rachmiel Leib ben Mordechai HaLevi Chaim Rafael Yoel ben Shayna Golda Daniel Yosef ben Miriam Aaron Emanuel ben Tzippora Michael Dovid ben Rivka Moshe Yosef ben Esther Reuven HaCohen ben Sarah Eitan Shmuel bas Chana Leah Eliezer Yehuda ben Chana Shaindel Yisroel Shmuel ben Sarah Chaim Avraham ben Feiga Chaim Shmuel ben Rivka Eliyahu Aron ben Hudel Sholom Yehuda ben Fayga Tinok ben Rochel Shlomo Yoel ben Chaya Leah Chanina Getzl ben Chana Fradel Meyer Yisroel Hirsch ben Zahava Zippora Yitzchak ben Emma Shlomo ben Naomi Eliyahu Yaakov ben Sarah Roiza Yitzhak Mordechai ben Yehudis Sima Chaim bas Shifra Dovid Avraham HaCohen ben Libby Yeshia
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THE B'NAI ISRAEL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Week of December 3rd through December 9th

Shabbos, December 9th: Shalosh Seudos: By Rabbi Baruch Danziger and Dr. David Rosenberg in honor of their Siyum.

Week of December 10th through December 16th

Sunday, December 10th: Cemetery Clean-up at Bnai Israel Cemetery

Sunday, December 10th: Cemetery Clean-up at Mikro Kodesh Cemetery (Berkley)

Sunday, December 10th: Women's Partners in Torah at the home of the Weinrebs

Monday, December 11th: Rabbi David Zitter is giving a class on "Two Chanuka Myths Debunked" (3:30 PM)

Monday, December 11th: Bina High School Pre-Chanuka community celebration in Richels Hall at Bnai Israel (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

Monday, December 11th: Rabbi Sender Haber will be giving a class on "Making Chanuka Meaningful" at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12th: First night of Chanuka

Shabbos, December 16th: Chai Kiddush: *Chanuka Edition*

Motzei Shabbos, December 16th: *Chanuka on Ice with the Norfolk Admirals* at Scope. Tickets are \$14 each with code: Bnai.

Week of December 17th through December 23rd

Sunday, December 17: Norfolk Kollel Chanuka Celebration in Richels Hall at Bnai Israel.

Tuesday, December 19th: Last night of Chanuka

Week of December 24th through December 30th

Monday, December 25th: Chasuna of Leah Mostofsky & Eli Krischer

Thursday, December 28th: Asara B'Teves (Fast Day)

Shabbos, December 30th: Shalosh Seudos Sheva Brachos - Leah & Eli in Richels Hall at Bnai Israel

Week of December 31st through January 6th

Week of January 7th through January 13th

Sunday, January 7th: Chasuna of Chana Brooke & Avi Horowitz

Shabbos, January 13th: Shalosh Seudos Sheva Brachos - Chana & Avi in Richels Hall at Bnai Israel

Week of January 14th through January 20th

Sunday, January 14th: Bina High School play at Maury High School

Friday, January 19th: Annual Bina High School Friday night dinner

Week of January 21st through January 27th

Friday, January 26th - January 27th: Scholar in Residence - more information to follow.

CULTURE SHOCK

By Rabbi Sender Haber

The Medrash tells us about a man named Yosef Meshisa. The context of the Medrash makes it sound like he lived at the time of the Greeks. He was what we would call a traitor. He joined the Greeks, adopted their culture, and assisted them in military strategy. When the Greeks ascended Temple Mount and invaded the Temple, they sent him in first. They told him to choose one item that would be his to keep.

Yosef Meshisa entered the Temple and grabbed the Menorah. When he came out it was confiscated by the Greeks.

"This is too beautiful," they said. "It's too nice for you. A simple man like you cannot own something like this."

The Greeks told Yosef Meshisa to go back into the Temple and choose something else. He refused. They offered to make him a tax collector for three years if he would go back in. He still refused. Finally, they threatened to kill him if he did not re-enter.

Yosef Meshisa remained defiant. He said, "I angered my G-d once. I will not do it again." And he was put to death.

What happened to Yosef Meshisa? He couldn't have been too holy if he was willing to go into the Temple and take the Menorah. What caused him to repent?

Rabbi Yosef Kahaneman of Ponevitzh (1886-1969) explains that the very space of the Holy Temple on Temple Mount had the power to change a person. Yosef Meshisa was a different man because he spent time in the Temple. This is an awesome thought, but still does not totally answer the question. If he repented inside the Temple, why did he come out carrying the Menorah?

I believe that it was the protests of the Greeks that put Yosef Meshisa over the edge. Yosef went into the Temple and was, perhaps unexpectedly, overwhelmed by its holiness. He was drawn to the Menorah and all that it embodied and represented, the focal point of the entire Jewish nation in their service of Hashem. It was constantly lit and represented the light that Hashem asked us to share with the world. The Menorah was holy. Yosef Meshisa grabbed the Menorah because, deep inside, it meant something to him.

When he came outside to his friends, he encountered a culture shock. The Greeks said he couldn't have the Menorah because it was too beautiful and he was too simple to appreciate it. They couldn't see the spirituality in the Menorah or its holiness. They couldn't see that it was meaningful to him.

It was at that point that Yosef realized that he had fallen in with the wrong crowd. The Jews weren't against the beauty, the mathematics, or the art of the Greeks. They were against the attitude that everything in this world is tangible and that an invisible G-d and spirituality

have no place.

Yosef Meshisa realized there was far more to the Menorah than what the Greeks were able to recognize. He realized that he had a soul and it was far more important to him than any honor or riches or culture that he had been willing to exchange for it.

One of the Greeks' edicts was that every Ox horn must be engraved with the statement "we have nothing to do with G-d." The Greeks knew what they were doing.

Imagine a Jew walking behind his ox plowing his field or bringing goods to the marketplace. He realizes that as hard as he is working, he is relying on G-d to make him successful. The Greeks wanted to put a stop to that. They wanted us to spend all day staring at anti-god bumper stickers.

The lesson of Chanukah and of Yosef Meshisa is that there is more to the world than what the Greeks were willing to see. There is a spiritual component and G-d is with us in everything that we do.

We need to use Chanukah to refocus and connect to the purity that powers our lives and has the ability to give meaning and depth to everything we do. Whether we are holding the Menorah, leading an ox, or sitting behind a desk, G-d is an integral part of our lives.