



This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Brina Weissman and Rabbi Gershon & Sara Litt and family in honor of the 70th birthday of Dr. Michael Weissman



Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Dr. Behrooz & Trudy Dayanim in memory of Behrooz's brother, Avraham ben Meir Moshe Dayanim and by Joey & Carol Miller in memory of Bernard Miller on his second yahrtzeit

## Schedule

<b><u>Friday, February 23rd (8th Adar)</u></b>		Late Maariv	7:50 P
Candle Lighting	5:36 P		
Mincha	5:35 P	<b><u>Wednesday, February 28th (13th Adar)</u></b>	
		<b><u>Ta'anis Esther</u></b>	
<b><u>Shabbos, February 24th (9th Adar)</u></b>		Fast Begins	5:25 A
Shachris	9:00 A	Daf Yomi	6:00 A
<b>Parshas Zachor at approximately 10:15 A</b>		Shachris	6:45 A
<i>BISLI</i> <b>AFTER THE READING OF ZACHOR!</b>		Mincha	5:45 P
<i>See Page 2 for additional Learning programs</i>		Maariv	6:25 P
Daf Yomi	4:15 P	First Megilla Reading	6:35 P
Minchah	5:15 P	Light Refreshments following Megilla	
Maariv/Havdala	6:33 P	Fast Ends	6:37 P
Parent/Child learning	7:00 P	Second Megilla Reading	8:15 P
		<b><u>Thursday, March 1st (14th Adar) PURIM</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday, February 25th (10th Adar)</u></b>		Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Daf Yomi	7:00 A	Shachris	6:45 A
Shachris	8:00 A	First Megilla Reading (approximately)	7:15 A
Mincha/Maariv	5:35 P	Second Megilla Reading	9:30 A
		"Yeshivas Mordechai HaTzaddik"	12:00 N
<b><u>Monday, February 26th (11th Adar)</u></b>		Mincha (early)	12:47 P
Daf Yomi	6:00 A	Open House at Rabbi & Rebbitzin Haber	2:45 P - 4:45 P
Shachris	6:45 A	B'nai Israel Purim Celebration	4:45 P - 7:12 P
Mincha /Maariv	5:35 P	(Dessert, Dancing, Bounce House, & more)	
Class on Purim with Rabbi Haber:		Late Mincha	5:45 P
Purim Today: Meaning, Laws & Purpose	7:15 P	Maariv (SHARP)	7:12 P
Late Maariv	7:50 P		
Partners in Torah (JCC)	8:00 P	<b><u>Friday, March 2nd (15th Adar) Shushan Purim</u></b>	
		Daf Yomi	6:00 A
<b><u>Tuesday, February 27th (12th Adar)</u></b>		Shachris	7:00 A
Daf Yomi	6:00 A	Candle Lighting	5:42 P
Shachris	7:00 A	Mincha	5:45 P
Tomer Devora class	12:00 N		
Mincha/Maariv	5:35 P		

## **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

### **B N O S**

*Shabbos Afternoon 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM*

For girls from Kindergarten to 6th Grade in the Fred Aron Education Wing.

*Next Bnos: This Shabbos, March 10th*

### **SHABBOS LEARNING FOR BOYS**

Grades 5th - 8th: Gemara class at the home of Rabbi Harpaz

Grades 1st - 4th Parsha with Rabbi Lipman at shul 30 minutes before Mincha

### **PARENT-CHILD LEARNING**

*Motzei Shabbos (last session: March 10th)*

Please join our beautiful Parent-Child learning each Motzei Shabbos.

Inspiring atmosphere, beautiful learning, and exciting prizes.

### **PURIM CLASSES BY RABBI SENDER HABER:**

Mondays at 7:15 PM

*"Esther: The Final Chapters"*

February 26th - Purim Today: Meaning, Laws and Purpose

### **PARTNERS IN TORAH**

*Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

Meets at the JCC in Room 238

### **KOLLEL NIGHT SEDER FOR MEN**

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays following the Late Maariv

Held in the Bnai Israel Minyan Room.

Includes: Rabbi Goder Open Beis Medrash Learning Night

### **WOMEN'S TUESDAY NOON LEARNING CLASS**

The sefer Tomer Devorah is being studied.

**TALMUD CLASS** - 75 minutes before Mincha

*Tuesday evenings:* With Gershon Aronoff - Avoda Zara.

## 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](mailto:yakseniors2018@gmail.com)

## SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

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

## OD YOSEF CHAI

One of the Primary Mitzvos of Purim is "Matanos L'aevyonim" - "Gifts to the poor". Bnai Israel Congregation has a great tradition of partnering with Od Yosef Chai to help impoverished families in Israel. Donations for Od Yosef Chai can be made before or during Purim (this coming Thursday, March 1st). All monies will be tallied and reported to the organization for distribution before the end of Purim. Their deadline is 5:30 PM on Thursday, March 1st. If you wish that your funds be distributed locally, please contact Rabbi Haber. Checks for Od Yosef Chai should be made out directly to them. Checks for the local use should be made to "Bnai Israel - Rabbi's Discretionary Fund".

## LAST CHANCE: VAAD HAKASHRUS SHALACH MANOS

Trying to figure what to put in your Shalach Manos? Why do the Work? Let the Vaad will do it for you. They have two options for you.

Option #1: The Vaad HaKashrus of Tidewater will make beautiful Shalach Manos baskets and deliver them to all members of B'nai Israel who live in Ghent, for a flat fee of \$136.00. Our Shalach Manos will contain a deluxe assortment of wonderful treats, Hamentashen and wine.

Option #2: If you would like to send only a few Shalach Manos baskets to people on the B'nai Israel list who live in Ghent, please send a list of names - at the price of \$10 per name. For more information, please contact Rabbi Sholom Mostofsky at (757) 572-6344. All checks are to be made out to the Vaad HaKashrus of Tidewater - **BEFORE PURIM.**

## ANNUAL YOUTH PASSOVER CANDY SALE

### BENEFITTING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING & BABYSITTING

Barton's Pesach candy is back at Bnai! Through these candy sales, we're hoping to be able to increase our children's programming and cover the cost of babysitting during the High Holidays and throughout the year. Everyone who sells the candy is a winner! There are prizes for all levels of sales.

All children who sell more than \$500 of candy & such will get a \$25 gift certificate. The child who sells the most will get a special local prize of \$100 cash and a lunch with Rabbi Haber. These prizes are IN ADDITION to the prizes offered by Miss Chocolate.

All orders must be in by Purim, March 1st.

## **WOMEN'S CABINET + ONE**

*Sunday, February 25th at the Sandler Family Campus*

The UJFT Women's Cabinet invites you to a special "Bike & Brunch" plus ONE event! Repairing the Jewish World, with special guest KATE BELZA from Richmond, VA, Board Member of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The schedule is:

9:00 AM (optional) - all-women's spin/exercise class

10:30 AM - Kosher Dairy brunch (from the Cardo Café)

11:00 AM - Around the World with JDC. Enjoy this unique opportunity to see in beautiful photos the kinds of programs you fund; and the faces of those whose lives you improve through your gifts to the Federation's Annual Campaign.

All women in the Jewish community are encouraged to attend - bring a friend!

Couvert: \$5 (for brunch). RSVP by Monday, February 23rd to Patty Malone at 965-6115 or pmalone@ujft.org. Please let her know if you're planning to attend the spin class!

## **ANNUAL BINA PURIM CARNIVAL**

*This Sunday, February 25th - Sandler Family Campus from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM*

Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn

New attractions: Hair Styling, Balloon animals & clown, sponge throw, rainbow sand, fluff & chips, pickle race, basketball, guess how many, arts & crafts, pick a lolly, spin to win.

Prizes, games, activities and more!

They are still looking for sponsorships - please call 627-2462.

## **BNAI ISRAEL PURIM CELEBRATION**

*Purim, Thursday, March 1st*

This year's exciting celebration will feature Dessert, Lively Dancing, an Extra Large Bounce House, Professional Balloon creations, and fun booths and activities

Thursday, March 1st (Purim Day) from 4:45 PM to 7:12 PM

Admission is free of charge with no reservations necessary. There will be a small fee for some activities.

Please note that refreshments will be dessert only. Spaces are available at individual homes for lively Purim Meals. Please contact Rabbi Haber for more information.

## **CHAI KIDDUSH - FEBRUARY 17TH**

The following sponsors were omitted from the list last week:

Jeff & Amy Brooke

Aaron & Ruth Cohen

Robert & Audrey Gutterman

Shmuel & Shira Itzhak

Rabbi Gershon & Sara Litt

Ruth Rothman

Barney & Basha Leiba Siegel

## TORAS CHAIM SHABBOS LUNCH

*Shabbos, March 10th*

Please mark your calendars for the annual Toras Chaim Shabbos lunch on March 10th. The cost will be:

\$12 per child, \$18 per adult, \$65 max per family

Toras Chaim invites you to join them for Shabbos lunch and see projects and artwork made by the students, hear Divrei Torah given by the students, and view pictures of what has been going on in the local Torah Day School.

Seating is by reservation only, so please RSVP by email to [office@toraschaim.net](mailto:office@toraschaim.net) or call 757-686-2480. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 2nd

### **Thank You to our Contributors**

To Barney & Bette Lou Siegel for their contribution to Bnai Israel Congregation in honor of Dr. Gedalia & Jodi Schwartz and family.

To Barney & Bette Lou Siegel for their contribution to Bnai Israel Congregation in honor of Dr. Earl & Andie Pollock and family.

To Aliza Sternlicht Dalkoff for her contribution to the Bnai Israel Yahrtzeit Fund in memory of her beautiful grandmother Renee's yahrtzeit.

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To Dr. Ludwig & Ruth Sternlicht for their contribution to Bnai Israel Congregation for the Refuah Shelaima of Joel Mazel, son of Irene Mazel.

To Dorothy Slone for her contribution of a Siddur to Bnai Israel in memory of her aunt, Ida Weininger.

To Dorothy Slone for her contribution of a Siddur to Bnai Israel in memory of her cousin, Irving Stern.

To Irene B. Mazel for her contribution to the Bnai Israel Yahrtzeit Fund in memory of her mother, Lottie Banks.

To Dr. Behrooz & Trudy Dayanim for their contribution to the Bnai Israel Yahrtzeit Fund in memory of Trudy's mother, Lottie Banks.

## For the Week of Shabbos, February 24th through Friday, March 2nd

### BIRTHDAYS

Devorah Leah Peck	19th	2/24
Dr. David Richels		2/24
Dr. Corrin Richels		2/28

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Gershon Aronoff	18th	2/27
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### YAHRTZEITS

Alvin Davis	2/24	Jack Stein	2/26	Bert Schloss	2/28
Avraham Dayanim	2/24	Celia Jacobson Broudy	2/27	Frank Stern	2/28
Bernard Miller	2/24	Samuel Isaac Friedman	2/27	Shoshana Ashkenazi	3/1
Herman Leon Baras	2/25	Larry Bennett Kurzer	2/27	Caroline Miller	3/1
Israel Casper	2/25	Samuel Lutsky	2/27	Etta Salita Friedman	3/2
Alan Cogan	2/25	Lena Postove	2/27	Ethel Levin	3/2
Anna Elberg Schaikewitz	2/26	Dora Bullock	2/28	Brian Siegel	3/2
Chaim Seltzer	2/26	Lena Minsberg	2/28		

### REFUAH SHELAIMA

#### Women

Shoshana bas Miriam Vittel 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 Aida Batya bas Etta Chaya Tova Gittel bas Shulamis Sima Elka Gittel bas Basya Chana Yitta 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 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 Shai- na Shifra Miriam bas Chava Leah Aviva bas Masha Rochel bas Tova Chaya Rochel bas Esti Rivka Rivka bas Chaya Ruchel Rivka bas Yocheved Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka Devora Rivka bas Tzipora Raizel Shoshana bas Faiga Leah 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 Chana Bracha bas Sara Arielle Mazal Tov bas Eliane Miril bas Ida Hudya Sara bat Zipporah Devora Faiga bas Malka Shoshana Aliza bas Aviva Michal Miriam Chava Chana Devora bas Shaindel Chaya Rivka Batya Pia bas Chaya Ruchel Etti bas Avraham HaCohen
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#### Men

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 Aryeh Nachman HaCohen ben Ita Shlomo ben Tzipporah David Shlomo ben Rivka Tehilla 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 Nosson Yitzhak Ben Leah Moshe ben Raizel Eliezer ben Penina Kaila Meir Yehoshua ben Penina Kaila Beryl ben Chava Shmuel Yeruchem ben Baila 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 Rachmiel Leib ben Mordechai HaLevi Chaim Rafael Yoel ben Shayna Golda Daniel Yosef ben Miriam 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 Shlomo ben Na'ami 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 February 18th through February 24th**

**Shabbos, February 24th:** Parshas Zachor

**Shabbos, February 24th:** Kiddush in honor of Michael Weissman's 70th birthday by Brina Weissman and Rabbi Gershon & Sara Litt and family

### **Week of February 25th through March 3rd**

**Sunday, February 25th:** BINA annual Purim Carnival at the JCC

**Monday, February 26th:** BINA Yeseira in the Fred Aron Education Wing

**Monday, February 26th:** *Esther: The Final Chapters* series of classes with Rabbi Haber.

Third class: *Purim Today: Meaning, Laws & Purpose* at 7:15 PM

**Wednesday, February 28th:** Ta'anis Esther Fast begins at 5:25 AM (Fast ends at 6:37 PM)

**Wednesday, February 28th:** First Megilla Reading at approximately 6:35 PM, followed by light refreshments

**Wednesday, February 28th:** Second Megilla Reading at 8:15 PM

**Thursday, March 1st:** Candy Sales form due in.

**Thursday, March 1st: Purim**

**Thursday, March 1st:** First Megilla Reading at approximately 7:15 AM

**Thursday, March 1st:** Second Megilla Reading at 9:30 AM

**Thursday, March 1st:** Yeshivas Mordechai HaTzaddik at 12:00 N

**Thursday, March 1st:** Early Mincha at 12:47 PM

**Thursday, March 1st:** Mincha at 5:45 PM

**Thursday, March 1st:** Bnai Israel Purim Celebration (4:45 PM to 7:12 PM)

**Thursday, March 1st:** Maariv at 7:12 PM **SHARP!**

**Friday, March 2nd: Shushan Purim**

**Shabbos, March 3rd:** Kiddush by Dr. Gedalia & Jodi Schwartz in honor of Sarah Minna Schwartz

### **Week of March 4th through March 10th**

**Wednesday, March 7th:** Kollel Holiday Series: "*Let Them Eat Matzoh*" at the JCC

**Shabbos, March 10th:** Parshas Parah

**Shabbos, March 10th:** Annual Toras Chaim Shabbos Lunch at Bnai Israel (reservation only)

### **Week of March 11th through March 17th**

**Monday, March 12th:** BINA Yeseira in the Fred Aron Education Wing

**Thursday, March 15th:** Kollel pre-Pesach Scotch and Steak, location to be announced.

**Shabbos, March 17th:** Rosh Chodesh Nisan

**Shabbos, March 17th:** Parshas HaChodesh

### **Week of March 18th through March 24th**

**Wednesday, March 21st:** Kollel Holiday Series: "The Exodus Revisited" at the JCC

**Shabbos, March 24th:** Shabbos HaGodol

**Shabbos, March 24th:** Bar Mitzva of Chaim Dov Lefkowitz

### **Week of March 25th through March 31st**

**Friday, March 30th:** Erev Pesach - Last time to eat Chometz (10:41 AM) & Last time to burn Chometz (11:55 AM)

**Shabbos, March 31st:** First day of Pesach

### **Week of April 1st through April 7th**

**Sunday, April 1st through April 7th:** Pesach

**Pesach:** Bar Mitzva of Osher Hilel (Miami)

### **Week of April 8th through April 14th**

**Monday, April 9th:** Rabbi Haber starting a Pirkei Avos class at the JCC on Mondays at noon

**Shabbos, April 14th:** Bar Mitzva of Zev-Adi Goldberg

## WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW WON'T HURT YOU

By Rabbi Sender Haber

Knowledge is a dangerous thing. To know something is to become familiar with it in a way that we cannot separate ourselves from our knowledge.

We grow up knowing that everything G-d does is for the best, that G-d has a plan and that there is justice in this world. G-d gives us glimpses into His plan and we love to tell those stories. The plane that we didn't make, the job we didn't take, and the deal that fell through. Those are our "Baruch Mordechai" moments. They are the moments when we thank G-d that there are people like Mordechai and Ester in this world to inspire us and to make sure that every story has a happy ending.

But that isn't all we know. We know suffering. We know pain. We know hypocrisy and death and illness. We know sadness in ways that make it hard to remember Hashem's plan and the confidence that it should inspire. Those are our "Arur Haman" moments. They are the moments when we become aware of a Haman, of an Achmedenijad, of illness and suffering and of righteous people dealing with pain.

Those cynicism laced moments of "Arur Haman" do not come from a bad place. They come from intelligence and experience. Our knowledge of evil gets in the way of our acknowledgment that all that G-d does is good.

We are, after all, intelligent people.

We celebrate the Purim story, but was it really that great? Genocide was legalized. The king and his Prime Minister wanted to kill us and the army and police force were making plans. Sure it ended well, but was it a happy story?

There will be people mourning this Purim. There will be people who are sick and people who need to accept those charitable gifts we so generously give. There is plenty of despair to go around. We know.

And for one day a year we are told to forget what we know. We are encouraged to suspend our intimate knowledge of the evil and sorrow that surrounds us and to be drunk with the thought that life is good and G-d is great.

For one day a year our intelligent and experienced and empathetic nation is enjoined to get to a point at which we no longer "know" the difference between "Arur Haman" and "Baruch Mordechai". We forget everything we know and rejoice in G-d.

Sometimes too much knowledge is a bad thing. This Purim we need to forget some of our knowledge and allow ourselves to get utterly lost in the bliss of G-d's grand plan.

(Based on Biur Hagra, Orach Chaim 695:3. See also Sifsei Chaim, Vol. II p.233 and Afikei Mayim, ch. 8)