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Schedule

Friday, March 2nd (15th Adar)

Candle Lighting 5:42 P
Mincha 5:45 P

Shabbos, March 3rd (16th Adar)

Shachris 9:00 A
BISLI 10:00 A

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Daf Yomi 4:30 P
Minchah 5:30 P
Maariv/Havdala 6:40 P
Parent/Child learning 7:10 P

Sunday, March 4th (17th Adar)

Daf Yomi 7:00 A
Shachris 8:00 A
General Board Meeting 5:00 P
Mincha/Maariv 5:45 P

Monday, March 5th (18th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:45 A
Mincha /Maariv 5:45 P
Pesach Class with Rabbi Haber:
What to Clean for Pesach & why 7:15 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P
Partners in Torah (JCC) 8:00 P

Tuesday, March 6th (19th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 7:00 A
Tomer Devora class 12:00 N
Mincha/Maariv 5:45 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P

Wednesday, March 7th (20th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 7:00 A
Mincha / Maariv 5:45 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P

Thursday, March 8th (21st Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:45 A
Mincha / Maariv 5:45 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P

Friday, March 9th (22nd Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 7:00 A
Candle Lighting 5:49 P
Mincha 5:50 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

BNOS

Shabbos Afternoon 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

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

Next Bnos: 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.

MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES WITH RABBI HABER

Monday nights at 7:15 PM

3/5 - What to Clean for Pesach & why

3/12 - Kashering, Shopping and Feeling Inspired

3/26 - Make the most of your Seder

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

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.

TORAS CHAIM SHABBOS LUNCH

NEXT 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 or call 757-686-2480. **The deadline for reservations was Friday, March 2nd**

BNAI ISRAEL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

NEXT Sunday, March 11th before Mincha, time TBA.

There will be a meeting of the Bnai Israel General Board NEXT Sunday. At the meeting, topics such as building improvement projects and the upcoming election of the Executive and some General Board members will be discussed. All members of the shul are cordially invited to attend.

INTRODUCTORY PILATES CLASS FOR WOMEN (WITH MODIFICATIONS)

To be held in "babysitting" room in the Fred Aron Education Wing

There will be a special 3 week class - 30 minutes per class (once a week). There are 2 choices: Mondays at 9:00 AM or Wednesdays at 9:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact Amy Brooke to make your reservations (space is limited).

MONDAY NIGHT CLASSES WITH RABBI HABER - PESACH

Monday night classes at 7:15 PM

March 5th: What to Clean for Pesach & why

March 12th: Kashering, Shopping and Feeling Inspired

March 26th: Make the most of your Seder

Thank You to our Contributors

To Aaron & Ruth Cohen for their contribution to the Bridge-Sturman Fund in honor of Benn & Jackie Richels and family.

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To Dr. Stuart & Ileana Berman for their contribution to Bnai Israel Congregation.

For the Week of Shabbos, March 3rd through Friday, March 9th

BIRTHDAYS

Amy Bridge	3/3	Yehudis Loiterman	16th	3/5	Chana Brooke Horowitz	3/8
Adam Goldberg	3/4	Seth Schoenfeld		3/5	Etti Brandt	17th 3/9
Eliyahu Loiterman	12th 3/4	Elisa Bloch		3/6		

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Miller	20th	3/8
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YAHRTZEITS

Annette Brenner	3/3	Stanley Levinson	3/5	William Buckman	3/7	Dorothy Schwartz	3/8
Jack Lubin	3/3	Anne Putterman	3/5	Isaac Hobowsky	3/7	Pauline Tasgal	3/8
Grace Peters	3/3	June Rosen	3/5	Anna Mandel	3/7	P. Troutman-Schloss	3/8
Roslyn Brodsko	3/5	Joseph Fleischman	3/6	Beatrice Samuels	3/7	Jacqueline Goodman	3/9
Kate Caplan	3/5	Leonard Low	3/6	Gussie Weisman	3/7	Charles Karlin	3/9
Harry Casper	3/5	Faye Miller	3/6	Manny Isaacs	3/8	Aaron Leiderman	3/9
Bernard Joseph Frank	3/5	Irving Stern	3/6	Bess Peck	3/8	Meyera Oberndorf	3/9
Irvin Legum	3/5	Annabelle Swanson	3/6	Cecelia Saks	3/8	Michael Robert Zysman	3/9

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Women

Shoshana bas Miriam	Adi Simcha bas Penina Leah	Sheva bas Rivka	Tye Miriam bas Zehavit
Vittel Zilke bas Leah	Aida Batya bas Etta	Chaya Ruchel bas Zeld	Yehudis Sima bas Alta Ruchel
Leah Adina bas Chaya Esther	Chaya Tova Gittel bas Shulamis Sima	Shira bas Sarah	Chaya bas Ruchel
Yochana bas Chana	Elka Gittel bas Basya	Nechama Getzel bas Rachel	Chana Rochel bas Sara
Nava bas Fruma Leah	Chana Yitta bas Bryna	Ruchama Malka Briendel bas Shai- na Shifra	Ginendal Sarah bas Perel
Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma	Yehudis bas Irma	Miriam bas Chava	Chana Bracha bas Sara
Simcha bas Tzipporah	Bayla Mishka bas Devora	Leah Aviva bas Masha	Arielle Mazal Tov bas Eliane
Malka Esther bas Devorah	Malka Chana bas Ruchel	Rochel bas Tova	Miril bas Ida Hudya
Devorah bas Ruchel	Miriam bas Tzipora	Chaya Rochel bas Esti Rivka	Sara bat Zipporah
Sara Bas Sara	Chaya Raizel bas Dena	Rivka bas Chaya Ruchel	Devora Faiga bas Malka
Miriam Rochel bas Chava Elisheva	Chana bas Sarah	Rivka bas Yocheved	Shoshana Aliza bas Aviva Michal
Kayla Dodie bas Rochel Bracha	Devora Leah bas Civet Elkie	Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka	Miriam Chava Chana Devora bas Shaindel Chaya Rivka
Rochel Bracha bas Baila	Samecha Yehudis bas Esther	Devora Rivka bas Tzipora	Batya Pia bas Chaya Ruchel
Tirtze Sorah bas Rochel Bracha	Adi Bat Miriam	Raizel Shoshana bas Faiga Leah	Etti bas Avraham HaCohen
Rivka Tehilla bas Sarah	Chana Leah bas Fraydel	Orly Rachel Bat Yehudit Rus	
Hinda bas Dena	Ruth bas Sarah	Leah Rivka bas Sarah	
Shula bas Carmela	Chaya bas Ruchel	Yehudis bas Chana Leah	
Eliana Chaya bas Nacha	Tinokes bas Esther Hadassah		

Men

Shalom Boruch ben Masha	Avraham Beryl HaLevi ben Miriam	Gittel	Chaim Shmuel ben Rivka
Yehuda ben Chasha Ruchel	Yissachar ben Rachel	Yehuda Herschel ben Chaya Leah	Eliyahu Aron ben Hudel
Moshe Yechezkel Halevi ben Sara Malka	Binyamin Leib ben Rachel Chana	Dovid Leshem ben Esther	Sholom Yehuda ben Fayga
Reuven Simcha ben Naomi Rus	Zecharia Avraham ben Devorah Rivka	Chaim Yaakov Dovid ben Avigail	Tinok ben Rochel
Yonah Michael Alter ben Esther Sarah	Nosson Yitzhak Ben Leah	Abba ben Tzipora	Shlomo Yoel ben Chaya Leah
Aryeh Nachman HaCohen ben Ita	Moshe ben Raizel	Pesach ben Baila	Chanina Getzl ben Chana Fradel
Shlomo ben Tzipporah	Eliezer ben Penina Kaila	Rachmiel Leib ben Mordechai HaLevi	Meyer Yisroel Hirsch ben Zahava Zippora
David Shlomo ben Rivka Tehilla	Meir Yehoshua ben Penina Kaila	Chaim Rafael Yoel ben Shayna Golda	Shlomo ben Na'ami
Koppel ben Bayla	Beryl ben Chava	Daniel Yosef ben Miriam	Eliyahu Yaakov ben Sarah Roiza
Yonatan ben Rivka	Shmuel Yeruchem ben Baila	Moshe Yosef ben Esther	Yitzhak Mordechai ben Yehudis Sima
Abraham ben Iza	Yehoshua ben Nechama Aliza	Reuven HaCohen ben Sarah	Chaim bas Shifra
Yoel Meir ben Chaya	Menachem ben Tzipka	Eitan Shmuel bas Chana Leah	Dovid Avraham HaCohen ben Libby Yeshia
Yehudah Ben Batya	Avraham ben Chana	Eliezer Yehuda ben Chana Shaindel	Yehudah Leib ben Lenora Daniella
Rafael Messod ben Naomi Sarah	Asher Eliyahu ben Leah	Yisroel Shmuel ben Sarah	
Eliezer ben Sara	Akiva Hillel Ben Cooki Tziporah Feige	Chaim Avraham ben Feiga	

THE B'NAI ISRAEL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Week of February 25th through March 3rd

Friday, March 2nd: Shushan Purim

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

Shabbos, March 3rd: Shalosh Seudos by Dr. Gedalia & Jodi Schwartz in honor of Gedalia's Siyum

Week of March 4th through March 10th

Monday, March 5th: Women's morning Pilates with Amy Brooke (continues on 3/12 & 3/19)

Monday, March 5th: Class with Rabbi Haber at 7:15 PM: *What to Clean for Pesach & why*

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

Wednesday, March 7: Women's evening Pilates with Amy Brooke (continues on 3/14 & 3/21)

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

Monday, March 12th: Class with Rabbi Haber at 7:15 PM: *Kashering, Shopping and Feeling Inspired*

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

Shabbos, March 17th: Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Shabbos, March 17th: Parshas HaChodesh

Shabbos, March 17th: Kiddush by Kevin & Amy Lefcoe in memory of Kevin's parents, Dr. Sonny & Mavolyn Lefcoe

Shabbos, March 17th: Shalosh Seudos by Cantor & Mrs. Jacob Tessler in memory of Jacob's mother, Rochel bas Zev on her first yahrtzeit.

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 Lefkovitz

Week of March 25th through March 31st

Monday, March 26th: Class with Rabbi Haber at 7:15 PM: *Make the most of your Seder*

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

CHOOSING THE PEOPLE

By Rabbi Sender Haber

Moshe was up on Har Sinai receiving the Torah when Hashem told him, "You need to leave now. Your Jewish people have made themselves a Golden Calf. They have made a wrong turn and are heading in the wrong direction. They are dancing around the calf and worshipping it, saying 'this is your god who took you out of Egypt.'"

It was clear that the forty days on Har Sinai would not end successfully. Moshe would not receive the Torah.

Hashem gave Moshe some advice. "These people are stubborn." He said, "Let me destroy the Jewish people. Keep the Luchos and start a new nation. I will make you great."

Now Moshe had a choice: He could forsake the Jewish people and take the Luchos or he could stay with the Jewish people and, necessarily, break the Luchos. (Perhaps, he also had the option to retire).

The logical course of action was to forget about the Jewish people. The Jewish people had been complaining since Moshe first lobbied Pharaoh to let them go. The Jewish people deserved to be destroyed. Moshe deserved better.

Still, Moshe chose the Jews. He descended Har Sinai to join them and he shattered the luchos before their eyes. Over time, he helped them change their ways and finally grow to the point where they were ready to truly accept the second Luchos.

Moshe could have taken Hashem's advice. He could have chosen the easy and logical way. He could have kept the Luchos and built a nation with his own family. Instead, he risked everything and stuck with the Jewish people.

What was Moshe thinking when he voluntarily left G-d's presence and descended the Mountain? What motivated Moshe?

If we could ask Moshe this question, we would expect the answer to be profound: 'My heart is with my people', 'I couldn't see things any other way', 'I was blinded by my love', or perhaps 'they needed me, how could I forsake them?'

According to the Gemara, Moshe Rabeinu's thoughts were quite different:

Moshe's first motivation was logical. Avraham Yitzchak and Yaakov had devoted their lives to G-d. G-d promised each of them that He would care for their children. If those promises were not a strong enough to keep a nation alive – there was no way that Moshe be able to successfully build a nation.

Moshe's second motivation was shame: "How will it look? People will say that I abandoned the nation I was leading to start a nation of my own"

It is difficult to believe that Moshe Rabeinu made such a selfless decision based on such selfish motives. He was afraid that his new nation wouldn't work and he was afraid that it would look bad. Didn't B'nai Yisroel themselves factor in? Weren't they part of the equation?

About one hundred years ago in Russia there was a young yeshiva bochur who was a bit of a troublemaker. One morning he wanted to have a bit of fun so he tucked a goat in the Aron Kodesh of the bais midrash before davening. It was a day with krias haTorah so when the Aron was opened in the middle of davening the goat popped out and started prancing all over the bais midrash.

It didn't require much investigation to identify the perpetrator. In short order the case was taken up by the faculty. The overwhelming opinion was to expel the young man but such a move would have drastic implications. Finally, the menahel of the yeshiva, who was the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe met with the boy. The principal asked him some questions and then asked him if there is any reason he should not be expelled from the yeshiva.

The boy responded very cleverly, "If you expel me from the Yeshiva", he said, "You are not only expelling me. You are also expelling my children and my children's children and their children for all generations."

The menahel was impressed with the boy's answer and allowed him to stay in yeshiva, on the condition that he stay away from all goats.

Moshe Rabeinu realized that it was not important to judge the Jewish people who stood at the bottom of the mountain. He needed to think about the descendants of their forefathers. They had strong roots and they would grow into a strong nation. At the moment it might be logical to abandon them, salvage the Luchos and start his own nation, but as a leader he knew that their past and their future were too powerful to be abandoned based on a momentary lapse.

By looking at the pragmatic realities of existing as a nation, Moshe did more than just 'stick with his people', he recognized them for who they were and acknowledged that no momentary situation could justify abandoning them forever.

Hashem offered Moshe the logical choice, but Moshe read between the lines. He recognized our past and helped us realize our future.