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Zev-Adi Shimshon Goldberg



This week's Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Kevin & Amy Lefcoe and the Lefcoe Family Partnership in memory of Kevin's mother,
Mavolyn Lefcoe

Schedule for the Week

<u>Friday, April 13th (28th Nisan)</u>		Mincha /Maariv	7:25 P
Candle lighting	7:00 P*	Partners in Torah (JCC)	8:00 P
Minchah/Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv	7:15 P*		
<u>Shabbos, April 14th (29th Nisan)</u>		<u>Tuesday, April 17th (2nd Iyar)</u>	
Shachris	8:30 A	Daf Yomi	6:00 A
BISLI	10:00 A	Shachris	7:00 A
Daf Yomi	5:45 P	Tomer Devora class	12:00 N
Shabbos class with Rabbi Haber:		Mincha/Maariv	7:25 P
Pirkei Avos: Practical Lessons for Life	6:15 P	<u>Wednesday, April 18th (3rd Iyar)</u>	
Minchah	7:05 P	Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Maariv/Havdala	8:19 P	Shachris	7:00 A
		Mincha / Maariv	7:25 P
<u>Sunday, April 15th (30th Nisan)</u>		<u>Thursday, April 19th (4th Iyar)</u>	
<u>Rosh Chodesh Iyar</u>		Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Daf Yomi	7:00 A	Shachris	6:45 A
Shachris	8:00 A	Mincha / Maariv	7:25 P
Mincha/Maariv	7:25 P	<u>Friday, April 20th (5th Iyar)</u>	
<u>Monday, April 16th (1st Iyar) Rosh Chodesh Iyar</u>		Daf Yomi	6:00 A
Daf Yomi	6:00 A	Shachris	7:00 A
Shachris	6:35 A	Candle Lighting	7:00 P*
Pirkei Avos with Rabbi Haber at JCC	12:00 N	Mincha	7:00 P

**Until September 14th we will making an early Shabbos with Mincha at 7:00 PM.
Candle lighting will be at 7:00 PM, and no later than 7:20 PM**

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 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, April 14th

SHABBOS LEARNING FOR BOYS

Grades 5th - 8th: Mishnayos class with Rabbi Harpaz at shul 30 minutes before Mincha

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

SHABBOS AFTERNOON PIRKEI AVOS WITH RABBI HABER

50 minutes before Mincha

Pirkei Avos: Practical Lessons for Life

PIRKEI AVOS WITH RABBI HABER

Mondays at noon at the JCC

Delve into the Ethics of our Fathers, while enjoying lunch at the JCC

PARTNERS IN TORAH

Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meets at the JCC in Room 238

MONDAY NIGHT CLASS WITH RABBI HABER

Mondays at 6:45 pm

The Monday Night class with Rabbi Haber will be beginning a new series on Mesillas Yesharim - Path of the Just. Come weekly or just drop in to learn this classic text outlining our role in this world and our strategies for achieving our potential. Practical, thought-provoking, and fundamental.

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.

SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

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

HARRIS TEETER

As a community, we have come to rely on Farm Fresh on West 21st Street for our local kosher food purveyor. Now that the Farm Fresh has been sold to Harris Teeter, we have to speak up and let Harris Teeter know that we cherished the Kosher section in Farm Fresh and that we would like them to continue it. The more people who contact Harris Teeter's corporate offices, the more powerful is our collective voice.

There are three ways you contact them:

Online: <https://www.harristeeter.com/contact-us/contact-us-form>

By Phone: 800-432-6111

Mail: Harris Teeter Inc., Attn: Customer Relations, PO Box 10100, Matthews, NC 28106-0100

This approach has been effective in other locations and we appreciate your help in this matter. Also, if you do hear from them, continue the correspondence so that they know it is a true concern on our part.

PIRKEI AVOS LUNCH & LEARN AT THE JCC WITH RABBI HABER

Mondays 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

Topic: "An Historical, Philosophical, and Mystical Perspective on the Ethics of the Fathers"
Come and learn what the Ethics of the Fathers is and what its meaning is for us today.

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ISRAELFEST - ISRAEL AT 70

Sunday, April 22nd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Simon Family JCC

Experience Israel through art, education, culture, food and entertainment with activities for all ages! Bnai Israel will, once again, be having a booth at the festival. It is being organized by Chava Goldberg - but she needs help for this endeavor to be a success. Please contact her on her cell phone if you are able to help.

BNAI ISRAEL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 22nd at 6:30 PM

Please attend this important Bnai Israel congregational meeting. We will be electing officers of the Executive Board and members of the General Board. We will also be giving reports of the upgrades going on in the shul, both present and future.

JFS RUN, WALK

Sunday, May 6th

JFS' 14th Annual Run, Roll or Stroll will take place the morning of Sunday, May 6 at 24th Street Park and the Virginia Beach Boardwalk. The Run, Roll or Stroll features an 8K run, 5K run, 5K walk, and a 1 Mile run/walk. Families and individuals of all ages are encouraged to come out to walk, run, or just cheer on the participants.

But the excitement is not just limited to running/walking on the boardwalk. Inside 24th Street Park, attendees will be treated to music by the New 101.3 radio station. Kids of all ages will be transformed thanks to face painter, Ashley Pickin, dazzled by the incredible balloon art creations of Ryan the Balloon Guy, and will find lots more fun things to explore!

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

This is a project which began in Bnai Israel!

We are excited to inform you that Dr. Michael Weissman and Rabbi Mordechai Wecker are co-authors of a soon-to-be published book!

The book is entitled, "Real Torah/Real Life," and follows the following format: Dr. Weissman culled case studies from his 40 years of clinical psychology practice (carefully obscuring the identity of the participants, of course) that illustrate the application of Torah principles to the psychotherapy process.

Rabbi Wecker will provide the halachic and/or hashkafic (Jewish philosophical) background with more than thirty Divrei Torah. The Book is intended to provide a comprehensive treatment of the integration of psychotherapy and Torah in the service of helping people who struggle with personal and relationship problems to resolve their life challenges and to help them improve the quality of their lives.

The book has been approved for publication by Mosaica Press in Israel, and the text is being edited now.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Rabbi Wecker.

OU ADVOCACY'S ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MISSION TO D.C.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Last year, participants at our Annual Leadership Mission to D.C. advocated on issues such as:

Increased security grant funds for our schools and shuls;

The Taylor Force Act to stop the Palestinian Authority from using U.S. aid to pay terrorists and their families for killing Israelis and Americans;

New FEMA law to provide federal aid for disaster-damaged shuls and other houses of worship.

These efforts led to important legislative victories:

- 1:** A record \$60 million in security grants to our schools, shuls and other nonprofits across the country – more than double the allocation for 2017
- 2:** Enactment of the Taylor Force Act
- 3:** New FEMA policy and law that for the first time provides federal aid for disaster-damaged shuls and other houses of worship

But we are far from done, and we need your help to maintain this extraordinary momentum for our community and Israel's security.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the White House and on Capitol Hill for our

Annual Leadership Mission to Washington, D.C. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rabbi Sender Haber.

SHAVUOS LEARNING PROGRAM & SPONSORSHIP

Shavuos learning program starting Friday, May 19th at 11:30 PM

Following tradition, we are, once again, having a special learning program at Bnai Israel for Shavuos, starting at midnight and continuing to 5:00 AM - with a special early Shachris.

The classes will be published next week.

Once again, we are extending the opportunity to the community to sponsor these classes and learning opportunities as follows:

Entire night of learning:	\$1,000
Sponsor for each lecture:	\$250 (6 sessions)
Sponsor for Teen Learning Program:	\$250 (1 session)
Sponsor for one hour of learning:	\$100
General Sponsorship:	\$18

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the B'nai Israel office as soon as possible.

Thank You to our Contributors

To one of our Pesach guests for an anonymous contribution to Bnai Israel Congregation.

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- To Mrs. Sonia G. Land for her donation to Bnai Israel Congregation in honor of Susan Wilson's new home.

For the Week of Shabbos, April 14th through Friday, April 20th

BIRTHDAYS

Donald Hornstein		4/15	David Blais	4/18
Henna Devora Lefkovitz	9th	4/15	Peggy Zedd	4/18
Eddie Schlain		4/15	Dalia Rubenstein	8th 4/19
Binyomin Yosef Zelikovich	11th	4/16	Dalya Miller	19th 4/20
Susan Becker		4/17	Dr. Earl Pollock	4/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Aschkenas	29th	4/14	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Jaffe	67th 4/19
Mr. & Mrs. Holberg	29th	4/18		

YAHRTZEITS

Max Japha	4/14	Murray Poritsky	4/17
George Amdursky	4/15	Arthur Bernard Siegel	4/17
Nathan Berger	4/15	Harry Cohen	4/18
Robert Franklin Burk	4/15	Anita (Fraenkel) Stern	4/18
Mavolyn Lefcoe	4/15	Halina Sternlicht	4/18
Jerome Rubin	4/15	Henry Leibovici	4/19
Milton Pete Goodman	4/16	Bess Hilles	4/20
Aaron Baer	4/17	Gari Polevoy	4/20
Louis Mirman	4/17		

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Women		Men	
Shoshana bas Miriam	Chana bas Sarah	Shalom Boruch ben Masha	Rachmiel Leib ben Mordechai HaLevi
Vittel Zilke bas Leah	Adi Bat Miriam	Yehuda ben Chasha Ruchel	Chaim Rafael Yoel ben Shayna Golda
Leah Adina bas Chaya Esther	Chaya bas Ruchel	Moshe Yechezkel Halevi ben Sara Malka	Daniel Yosef ben Miriam
Yochana bas Chana	Sheva bas Rivka	Reuven Simcha ben Naomi Rus	Moshe Yosef ben Esther
Nava bas Fruma Leah	Chaya Ruchel bas Zelda	Yonah Michael Alter ben Esther Sarah	Reuven HaCohen ben Sarah
Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma	Shira bas Sarah	Aryeh Nachman HaCohen ben Ita	Eitan Shmuel bas Chana Leah
Simcha bas Tzipporah	Nechama Getzel bas Rachel	David Shlomo ben Rivka Tehilla	Eliezer Yehuda ben Chana Shaindel
Malka Esther bas Devorah	Ruchama Malka Briendel bas	Koppel ben Bayla	Yisroel Shmuel ben Sarah
Devorah bas Ruchel	Shaina Shifra	Abraham ben Iza	Chaim Shmuel ben Rivka
Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka	Miriam bas Chava	Yoel Meir ben Chaya	Eliyahu Aron ben Hudel
Sara Bas Sara	Rivka bas Chaya Ruchel	Yehudah Ben Batya	Sholom Yehuda ben Fayga
Miriam Rochel bas Chava Eli-sheva	Rivka bas Yocheved	Rafael Messod ben Naomi Sarah	Tinok ben Rochel
Kayla Dodie bas Rochel Bracha	Raizel Shoshana bas Faiga Leah	Eliezer ben Sara	Shlomo Yoel ben Chaya Leah
Rochel Bracha bas Baila	Orly Rachel Bat Yehudit Rus	Avraham Beryl HaLevi ben Miriam	Chanina Getzl ben Chana Fradel
Tirtze Sorah bas Rochel Bracha	Tye Miriam bas Zehavit	Yissachar ben Rachel	Meyer Yisroel Hirsch ben Zahava Zippora
Rivka Tehillah bas Sarah	Yehudis Sima bas Alta Ruchel	Binyamin Leib ben Rachel Chana	Shlomo ben Na'ami
Hinda bas Dena	Chana Rochel bas Sara	Zecharia Avraham ben Devorah Rivka	Eliyahu Yaakov ben Sarah Roiza
Shula bas Carmela	Arielle Mazal Tov bas Eliane	Nosson Yitzhak Ben Leah	Yitzhak Mordechai ben Yehudis Sima
Eliana Chaya bas Nacha	Devora Faiga bas Malka	Moshe ben Raizel	Chaim bas Shifra
Adi Simcha bas Penina Leah	Shoshana Aliza bas Aviva Michal	Eliezer ben Penina Kaila	Dovid Avraham HaCohen ben Libby Yeshia
Aida Batya bas Etta	Miriam Chava Chana Devora bas	Meir Yehoshua ben Penina Kaila	Yehudah Leib ben Lenora Daniella
Chaya Tova Gittel bas Shulamis Sima	Shaindel Chaya Rivka	Beryl ben Chava	Yosef Tzvi ben Rochel Pessil
Chana Yitta bas Bryna	Batya Pia bas Chaya Ruchel	Shmuel Yeruchem ben Baila	Chaim Yaakov ben Avigail Dovid
Bayla Mishka bas Devora	Esther bas Ruth	Yehoshua ben Nechama Aliza	Moshe Yosef ben Esther
Malka Chana bas Ruchel	Rachel Chana bas Shulamet Itel	Avraham ben Chana	
Miriam bas Tzipora	Chaya Ruchel bas Esti Rivka	Asher Eliyahu ben Leah	
Chaya Raizel bas Dena		Akiva Hillel Ben Cooki Tziporah Feige Gittel	
		Yehuda Herschel ben Chaya Leah	
		Dovid Leshem ben Esther	
		Abba ben Tzipora	
		Pesach ben Baila	

THE B'NAI ISRAEL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Week of April 8th through April 14th

Monday, April 9th: Rabbi Haber starting a Pirkei Avos class at the JCC on Mondays at noon (continues on Mondays until May 14th)

Wednesday, April 11th: Yom HaShoah program at Congregation Beth El

Shabbos, April 14th: Bar Mitzva of Zev-Adi Goldberg at Bnai Israel.

Shabbos, April 14th: Kiddush in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Zev-Adi Goldberg

Shabbos, April 14th: Shalosh Seudos by Kevin & Amy Lefcoe in memory of Kevin's mother, Mavolyn Lefcoe

Week of April 15th through April 21st

Sunday, April 15th: Rosh Chodesh Iyar (Day 1)

Monday, April 16th: Rosh Chodesh Iyar (Day 2)

Shabbos, April 21st: Shalosh Seudos by Esther Sarah Carroll in memory of Menachem Carroll on his 5th yahrtzeit

Week of April 22nd through April 28th

Sunday, April 22: IsraelFest at the JCC from 11:00 am till 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 22nd: Bnai Israel Congregational meeting - election of Executive and General Board members

Week of April 29th through May 5th

Thursday, May 3rd: Lag B'Omer

Shabbos, May 5th: Bar Mitzva of Avraham Rothman at Bnai Israel

Week of May 6th through May 12th

Sunday, May 6th: JFS Run, Stroll, Walk

Week of May 13th through May 19th

Sunday, May 13th: Toras Chaim Dinner honoring Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Loitermans' 10 years of service

Tuesday, May 15th: Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Friday, May 18th: Erev Shavuos

Shabbos, May 19th: Annual All-night Shavuos Learning Sessions

Shabbos, May 19th: First Day of Shavuos

Week of May 20th through May 26th

Sunday, May 20th: Second Day of Shavuos (Yizkor)

Week of May 27th through June 2nd

Monday, May 28th: Memorial Day

Week of June 3rd through June 9th

Week of June 10th through June 16th

Wednesday, June 13th: Rosh Chodesh Tamuz (1st Day)

Thursday, June 14th: Rosh Chodesh Tamuz (2nd Day)

Week of June 17th through June 23rd

Sunday, June 17th: Yeshivas Aish Kodesh Graduation and Siyum Dinner (Bnai Israel)

Monday, June 18th: Bina High School Graduation (Bnai Israel)

Thursday, June 21st: Toras Chaim 8th Grade Graduation (Toras Chaim - Portsmouth)

Week of June 24th through June 30th

Monday, June 25th: First Day of Camp Ruach (4 weeks)

The Cruelty of the Cuckoo

In reading through the list of non-kosher birds and animals we find that many, if not all of them, have characteristics that we do not want to absorb in ourselves. We don't eat any carnivores or vicious birds. We don't eat lions or tigers or vultures or even storks.

One bird that should give us pause is the Cuckoo bird. Although it isn't clear which word in the parsha refers to the Cuckoo, the Tosfos in Chullin is very clear that Cuckoo birds are not kosher and have no business finding their way into our bloodstreams.

What's wrong with the Cuckoo? It seems that many Cuckoos engage in a practice known as brood parasitism or cuckoldry. This is a fancy way of saying that they go into the nests of other birds, kick their birds out and lay their own eggs. Perhaps it is this achazarius, this cruelty, that doesn't allow them into our cholent.

Recently, many scientists have come out in defense of the Cuckoo. Apparently he does protect the nest and the eggs that are left behind. Studies show that nests invaded by Cuckoos are safer for the eggs than nests that are not invaded by cuckoos. Nevertheless, it seems that the very act of cuckolding and not building their own nests – or moving into a clock – is considered cruel.

In the regular Haftorah for Shemini we find that King David wanted to build the Beis Hamikdash (Temple). We mourn every day that the Beis Hamikdash has been destroyed. Yet, when G-d heard Dovid's request He said, "I never asked for a Bais Hamikdash. We are doing just fine in a Mishkan. We've done well in the desert and in Shiloh and in Yerushalayim. There is no reason to build a building with a roof.

The Gemara tells us that this was because Dovid hamaelch had conquered the land – as he was commended to – with bloodshed and war. He wouldn't be able to build a Beis Hamikdash on that backdrop. The Bais Hamikdash was built with Shalom and not even a metal tool was used on the building site. This is the idea of "Mikdash Hashem Konenenu Yadecha". A Kein is a nest and it refers here to the Mikdash which needs to be a properly built structure from its very foundation.

This is our humble bracha to Zev. Zev approaches every mitzva with excitement, and he learns with excitement. May you continue to grow on the foundations you've been given with a life surrounded by Shalom and Kedusha. Your parents aren't kicking you out of their nest, but they are expecting you to spread your wings and continue to build a life of your own.

May they continue to have nachas. Good Shabbos!