



Chesed Notes

December '06 - February '07 / Kislev - Shevat 5767

Rabbi's Message

It's mind boggling how life can change in an instant. We stood before the Almighty on Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, praying for a good year, a sweet year, a year of blessings and life. Everything, every detail is planned out for the year on Rosh HaShana. We often reflect during Rosh HaShana on the previous year in awe and recognition on how all that had transpired throughout the year was decreed last Rosh HaShana.

For me, I don't have to wait till next Rosh HaShana. Less than 3 weeks after Rosh HaShana our lives changed in an instant. Not only my life and the lives of those in my immediate family, but the lives of many who were touched by this life changing event of our collision during Chol HaMoed Sukkos.

But how has this affected different people, many families, relatives, friends, and many who we don't even know?

All we have is the ability to choose. We are the sum total of our choices. Our net worth is the effects of our choices. For many, we follow the Talmud's advice, "When suffering befalls a person, look into your ways." For others, it's all one big blur and a question of not seizing the tailor fit opportunity to grow and improve, and yet for others it is a time to respond with teshuva, tefilla, tzedakah, and chesed.

I guess these 3 basic responses can correspond to the Tsadik, Bainoni (average-balanced with equal amount of mitzvos and mistakes), and Rasha who are judged on Rosh HaShana. Again, our status depends

on our choices. Ultimately we choose our path: the past of the Tsadik, Bainoni, or Rasha. We don't become a Tsadik or a Rasha by one choice (there can be exceptions), but we choose our direction and the path we pursue.

Since this major ordeal that has hit me and my family on October 11th, I/we have seen the bright side of what makes us the Jewish People. The outpouring of tefillos, the numerous tehillim said, the generous amounts of tzedakah given, and all the chesed, the acts of kindness with no bounds or limitations, all to benefit my children who are in need of spiritual support for a speedy and full recovery. The responses have come from not only here in St. Louis, but from all over. "Mi ka'amcha Yisroel – "Who is like your Nation, Israel." The nurses and doctors have never seen this level of care and concern for a non-family member. What they don't realize is that we are all really one family.

I am thankful and proud to be in a community, who responded on our behalf with the strength of our tradition through teshuva, tefilla, tzedakah, and chesed. All the meals provided for our family, all the many visits to Dovid (Rafael Dovid) and Tehilla, and assistance in many different ways, attest to the deep chesed that is within so many wonderful people. We are very grateful. We are a nation of chesed because our source, the Almighty is all chesed.

Our Shul, Beth Hamedrosh

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Special points of

Interest:

- Look for more details to come soon on our new shul website!
- Important! Please call Mrs. Muser with your email address or email it today to: cmuser@shaarei-chesed.org. We are communicating more via email so don't miss out!
- Save the date for our annual Chanukah party, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

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Mission Statement

Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Sha'arei Chesed Shul is dedicated to providing a welcoming environment to Jewish families from all backgrounds, who seek to enhance their understanding and practice of their Jewish heritage within a strong communal framework. With a commitment to learning, personal growth, and community building, Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Sha'arei Chesed Shul encompasses the spectrum of experiences to the development of vibrant Jewish personalities and families.

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President's Message

It has been so heartwarming to have members pitching in to help make our Shul so member—active. Thanks to those who moved all the High Holiday siddurim in and out of storage. Thanks to those who helped transfer the Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol Sefer Torahs from Torah Prep to their new home at the Shul. Thanks to those who planned, bought, built, took down our sukkah. Thanks to those who serve on the board and those who help prepare our kiddushes and special luncheons. Thanks to those who find reasons to sponsor a kiddush. Thanks to those who have made special gifts and tributes for the recovery of the Grunberger children, Tehilla bas Bracha and Rafael Dovid haLevi ben Bracha. Thanks to everyone who attends our expanded learning programs and brings their friends. Thanks to those who reach out to new faces at services and events.

— David Rich, President ❧

News about our members

Mazel tov:

- to Alan & Carin Bortz on the marriage of their son Amit Bortz, to Elyssa Beth Rotkowitz, daughter of Perry & Lori Rotkowitz of New York.
- to Rabbi Elazar & Mrs. Bracha Grunberger, Rabbi Binyomin & Sora Liba Yudin and the entire family on the birth of the Yudin's baby daughter, Bluma.
- to Rabbi Elazar & Mrs. Bracha Grunberger on the engagement of their daughter Leah to Reuvain Sipel of Johannesburg, South Africa.

- to Rabbi Chona & Mrs. Chaya Muser on the birth of a granddaughter, to their children Binyomin & Rivkie Biron.

Condolences:

- to the Storch Family on the passing of Debbie Storch.
- to Mr Henry Hutkin, Dr. Erol & Mrs. Sally Amon on the loss of their sister and aunt.
- to Brent Kornblum on the loss of his grandmother, Sylvia Kayne. ❧



Davening Times

Parshas Vayeshev, First Night of Chanukah

Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, 24 Kislev

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| Shacharis | 6:15 p.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:21 p.m. |
| Mincha, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:20 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 5:26 p.m. |

Shabbos, Dec. 16, 2006, 25 Kislev

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 8:59 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:35 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:00 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 5:27 p.m. |

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, 26 Kislev

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun—Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:20 p.m. |
| Mon—Fri, Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |



Parshas Miketz, 8th Night of Chanukah

Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, Rosh Chodesh Teves

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| Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:24 p.m. |
| Mincha, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:25 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 5:29 p.m. |

Shabbos, Dec. 23, 2006, 2 Teves

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:03 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:39 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:05 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 5:29 p.m. |

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, 3 Teves

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun—Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mon—Fri, Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |

Parshas Vayigash

Friday, Dec. 29, 2006, 8 Teves

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| Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:28 p.m. |
| Mincha, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:30 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 5:34 p.m. |

Shabbos, Dec. 30, 2006, 9 Teves

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:06 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:42 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:10 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 5:34 p.m. |

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, 10 Teves

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| Asora B'Teves: Mincha | 4:15 p.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Mon—Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:35 p.m. |
| Mon—Fri, Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |

Parshas Vayichi

Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, 15 Teves

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| Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:34 p.m. |
| Mincha, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:35 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 5:39 p.m. |

Shabbos, Jan. 6, 2007, 16 Teves

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:08 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:44 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:15 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 5:40 p.m. |

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, 17 Teves

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun—Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:40 p.m. |
| Mon—Fri, Shacharis | 6:20 p.m. |

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Parshas Shmos

Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, 22 Teves

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| Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:41 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:40 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 5:46 p.m. |

Shabbos, Jan. 13, 2007, 23 Teves

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:09 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:45 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:20 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 5:47 p.m. |

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, 24 Teves

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:45 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |

Parshas Vaera – Shabbos Rosh Chodesh

Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, 29 Teves

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| Shacharis | 6:20 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:48 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:50 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 5:53 p.m. |

Shabbos, Jan. 20, 2007, Rosh Chodesh Shvat

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:09 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:45 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:25 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 5:55 p.m. |

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, 2 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:55 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:15 a.m. |

Parshas Bo

Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, 7 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 6:15 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 4:56 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 4:55 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 6:01 p.m. |

Shabbos, Jan. 27, 2007, 8 Shvat

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:07 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:43 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:30 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 6:02 p.m. |

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, 9 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:00 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |

Parshas Beshalach – Tu B'Shevat

Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, 14 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 5:24 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 5:05 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 6:09 p.m. |

Shabbos, Feb. 3, 2007, 15 Shvat

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:04 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:40 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:40 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 6:10 p.m. |

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, 16 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:10 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:10 p.m. |

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Laws of Chanukah

This year, Chanukah begins on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, and ends on Friday, Dec. 22, 2006.

TIME TO LIGHT

- ◆ On **Erev Shabbos**, Chanukah lights are lit before Shabbos candles. This year, Shabbos candlelighting is on Dec. 15, at 4:21 p.m. Chanukah candles must burn for a minimum of 95 minutes on Shabbos. Less than this time is a problem. (Lighting Chanukah candles 20 minutes before sunset, plus 45 minutes from sunset until nightfall, plus 30 minutes after nightfall = 95 minutes). On Motzei Shabbos, we light immediately after Shabbos ends.
- ◆ Advice for **Erev Shabbos**:
 - Use oil which will burn for 95 minutes.
 - Use large candles in your menorah.
 - Use at least ONE large candle, even if the other(s) are smaller.
- ◆ The ideal time to light the Chanukah candles **during the week** is approximately 25 minutes after sunset. Sunset on the third night of Chanukah is 4:42 p.m.
- ◆ One can light with a bracha until daybreak. If one returns home late at night they should consult a Rabbi.
- ◆ The Chanukah lights must burn minimally for 30 minutes after nightfall. Nightfall is 45 minutes after sunset.
- ◆ It is best to use olive oil, but if using candles, it is best to use 1-hour burning candles. If one only has 30-minute burning candles, they should light at nightfall and not before.

PLACE TO LIGHT

- ◆ Adjacent to a window facing the street. If this is impractical, light on a table in the house.

HOW TO LIGHT

- ◆ PLACE candles from RIGHT to left. LIGHT candles from LEFT to right.
- ◆ First night make 3 blessings. On subsequent nights make the first two blessings.
- ◆ The blessings are:
 1. L'hadlik Ner Shel Chanukah
 2. Bayamim Hahaim
 3. Shehechianu (see page 728 in the Artscroll Siddur)



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- ◆ If one missed lighting on the first night, one should light two candles on the second night with three blessings. If one forgot Shehechyanu on the first night, one can say it on the second night. Shehechyanu is said only at the time of lighting.
- ◆ After reciting the blessings, one proceeds to light. After the first light is lit, as one continues to light the other ones, recite the Hanairos Halalu paragraph.
- ◆ If one lit properly and the light goes out, one is not required to re-light, but the custom is to do so without a blessing.
- ◆ Chanukah lights must be even, in a straight line, in a straight row.
- ◆ Our custom is to use a Shamash, an additional candle or light to light the Chanukah lights. The Shamash should be adjacent to the menorah, apart or higher, so as not to be confused with the Chanukah lights.
- ◆ When a man will be unable to be home personally during candlelighting time, and he will return home when all members of his household are asleep, he should instruct his wife to light for him at the proper time. If he expects to return home after candlelighting time, but when members of his household are still awake, he should light when he returns.



HELPFUL CHANUKAH HINTS:

- 1) Everyday of Chanukah after the lighting of the menorah, each family member lists a personal miracle corresponding to each candle lit.
- 2) Commit to “rededication” by committing to one aspect of spiritual growth. Best is additional 5 minutes a day of Torah study.
- 3) After the lighting of the menorah, meditate on the beauty of the lights and pray that the Almighty grant you **and your family true wisdom for living and spiritual insights into life.**

GOOD READING:

- ◆ The Book of Our Heritage, Rabbi Eliyahu Kitov (Feldheim Publishers)
- ◆ Chanukah Revival Kit, Shimon Apisdorf (Leviathan Press, 1-800-LEVIATHAN)
- ◆ Visit Aish HaTorah’s website at www.aish.com for general articles on Judaism and specific articles on the holidays.

For further reading, classes, or advice, call Aish HaTorah at 314-862-2474.∞

Davening Times continued – Part 3

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Parshas Yisro

Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, 21 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 5:12 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 5:10 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 6:17 p.m. |

Shabbos, Feb. 10, 2007, 22 Shvat

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:01 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:37 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 4:50 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 6:18 p.m. |

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, 23 Shvat

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:20 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |

Parshas Mishpatim—Shekalim

Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, 28 Shvat

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 5:20 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 5:20 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 6:25 p.m. |

Shabbos, Feb. 17, 2007, 29 Shvat

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 8:57 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:33 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 5:00 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 6:26 p.m. |

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, 30 Shvat

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:25 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |

Parshas Teruma

Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, 5 Adar

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 5:28 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 5:30 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 6:33 p.m. |

Shabbos, Feb. 24, 2007, 6 Adar

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 9:28 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 10:24 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 5:05 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 6:34 p.m. |

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, 7 Adar

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| Shacharis | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun–Thurs, Mincha/Ma'ariv | 5:35 p.m. |
| Mon–Fri, Shacharis | 6:10 p.m. |
| Taanis Esther, March 1, Mincha | 5:20 p.m. |

Parshas Tetzaveh – Parshas Zachor

Friday, March 2, 2007, 12 Adar

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| Shacharis | 6:10 a.m. |
| Candlelighting before | 5:35 p.m. |
| Minchah, Kabbalas Shabbos, Ma'ariv | 5:35 p.m. |
| Repeat Kriyas Shema after | 6:40 p.m. |

Shabbos, March 3, 2007, 13 Adar

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| Say Shema Yisrael before coming to shul | |
| According to Magen Avraham by | 8:46 a.m. |
| According to the G'ra by | 9:22 a.m. |
| Shacharis | 8:50 a.m. |
| Mincha followed by family | |
| Shalosh Suedos | 5:10 p.m. |
| Ma'ariv and Havdallah | 6:41 p.m. |

*NOTE: Purim schedule will be included in next Chesed Notes. □



Weekly Class Schedule

| MONDAY – FRIDAY | |
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| Daf Yomi/ Kitzur Shulchan Aruch | After Shacharis Rabbi Bloch leads the daily study of one page of Talmud. Rabbi Yudin teaches the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, the laws of daily living. |
| Chofetz Chaim | Between Mincha and Ma'ariv Rabbi Yudin leads a study of the works of the Chofetz Chaim. The topic will soon be Ahavas Chessed, the laws of kindness. |
| SUNDAY | |
| Daf Yomi | 7:30 a.m., for men Rabbi Bloch leads the daily study of one page of Talmud. |
| Mesilas Yesharim | 9:30 a.m., for men and women Start your week right with Sunday morning learning with Rabbi Shaya Mintz. Learn the secrets of becoming a better person as outlined in the classical text of Mesilas Yesharim. |
| Bagels, Lox & Talmud | 9:30 a.m., for men Taught by Rabbi Yudin, join us for an hour of delicious skill building learning. No cost and no RSVP needed. |
| MONDAY | |
| Boys Mishnayos group | 7:30 p.m., Boys 11 and up only Taught by Rabbi Yudin, this is an hour of fun, but serious, learning of mishnayos brachos for motivated boys. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Contemporary Halacha | 8:00 p.m., for men and women Rabbi Yudin delves into Jewish Law on everyday topics such as lying, business ethics, etc. |
| Lunch and Learn | 12:15 p.m. Rabbi Yudin leads a discussion of themes in the weekly Torah portion and how it affects our everyday life perspectives. No cost and no RSVP needed. |
| THURSDAY | |
| Boys Mishnayos group | 7:30 p.m., Boys ages 8-10 Taught by Rabbi Yudin, this is an hour of fun, but serious, learning of mishnayos brachos for motivated boys. |
| SHABBOS | |
| Midrash in the Morning | 8:00 a.m., for men and women Rabbi Yudin leads an in depth discussion of ideas brought forth by the midrashim on the week's Torah portion. |
| Children's program | 10 a.m., for children ages 4-10 Aviva Grunberger teaches about the parsha, holidays and more. |
| Learner's Service | 10 a.m., for men and women Rabbi Greenwald leads a meaningful, educational and inspirational Shabbos morning service in the Mishkan Israel Beis Medresh. |
| Daf Yomi | One hour before Mincha, for men Rabbi Bloch leads the daily study of one page of Talmud. |

Thank you for supporting our shul

Tributes:

- In honor of Jacob Rubin's bar mitzvah from Brent & Rachael Kornblum
- In honor of Caroline Wolff's bas mitzvah from Brent & Rachael Kornblum
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- In the merit of a speedy recovery

for Henry Hutkin from Louise Morganstern

- In the merit of a speedy recovery for Frances Fixman's daughter from Louise Morganstern
- In memory of Mrs. Sarah Fishman from Brent & Rachael Kornblum, Herman & Beverly Turner, Brenda Bernstein, and David Schwartz.
- In memory of Rabbi Maurice Lyons from Brent & Rachael Kornblum
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Rabbi's Message continued...

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Hagodol Sha'arei CHESED, was founded on the premise of chesed. We should think about the far reaching affects of our acts of Chesed, which on all levels is a mitzvah and emulates HaShem. Just imagine the chesed impact one can do for another (and oneself) by strengthening the connection to HaShem and our rich heritage of Torah. Our relationship with HaShem and deeper awareness of Torah knowledge gives us a context and framework for life. Torah means instructions for living and it gives guidance and the tools to handle the gifts of life and the wonderful opportunities that present themselves regularly. It also gives us the strength and wisdom on how to handle the challenges and tests that come our way throughout life. To bring another closer to this awareness is a very profound level of chesed.

We have begun another new chapter in our Shul. We have merged with the rich heritage of Beth Hamedrosh

Hagodol. We are blessed with Rabbi Binyomin Yudin joining us as Assistant Rabbi. We have begun renovations within the Shul. We have initiated new programs, and there is much more to come. I ask that we all rethink our priorities and put our energies into building our Shul into a stronger and more vibrant outreach Shul. This will benefit others and our community, and the merit of this level of chesed will be a blessing for ourselves and our families.

This is the month of Chanukah and it is the time to celebrate the lights and the miracles. There is so much to be thankful for and Chanukah is an opportune time to stop and reflect on all the chesed and miracles that HaShem has given us and continues to give us every single day. May the lights of the menorah illuminate all our lives towards this constant awareness, understanding, and appreciation.

I wish you and yours a wonderful Chanukah.

Rabbi Elazar Grunberger ☞

Davening for cholim (the sick)

If you know of someone who is ill, send the name(s) to David Schwartz at david@davidmschwartz.us. Updates need to be submitted by Thursday to be in shul by Shabbos. Please include:

- 1) **your name and contact information,**
- 2) **how long the person should be on the list,**
- 3) **and the person's name. Please type out the person's transliterated name, "First name Ben/Bas Mother's Hebrew Name."** If you don't know the mother's

Hebrew name, use the English name or Sarah.

If you know of someone who can be removed from the list, please let us know. Do not submit the same person weekly, unless they received an additional Hebrew name to help in their recovery. If you don't have email, please give the information to Mrs. Muser and ask her to email it to David at the above address. May HaShem grant a complete and speedy healing to all the cholim of K'lal Yisrael! ☞

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Save the Date!
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, 6:30 p.m. *Prizes!*

**When its chilly outside, have chili inside!
Join us for chili and latkes at our annual**

Dinner

CHANUKAH PARTY!



Special program for the adults. Fun for everyone!