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**Next Shabbos: CHAI Kiddush!!!**

## Schedule for the week

### Friday, December 16th (16th Kislev)

Shabbos Candle Lighting 4:32 P  
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 4:35 P

### Shabbos, December 17th (17th Kislev)

Shachris 9:00 A  
BISLI 10:00 A  
Gemara for Boys (5th - 8th grades)  
[at the home of Rabbi Harpaz] 3:00 P  
Women's Shabbos Class @ Haber 3:15 P  
Daf Yomi 3:20 P  
Learning for Boys (1st- 4th grades)  
[with Rabbi Lipman at Shul] 3:50 P  
Mincha 4:20 P  
Maariv/Havdala 5:33 P  
Parent-Child Learning - after Havdala

### Sunday, December 18th (18th Kislev)

Daf Yomi 7:00 A  
Shachris 8:00 A  
Mincha/Maariv 4:35 P

### Monday, December 19th (19th Kislev)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
Shachris 6:45 A  
Mincha /Maariv 4:35 P

#### Class: **Chanukah 2016:**

##### **What's Special about this Year?**

Late Maariv 7:15 P  
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv 7:50 P  
Partners in Torah (JCC) 8:00 P

### Tuesday, December 20th (20th Kislev)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
Shachris 7:00 A  
Tehillim Class for Women 12:00 N  
Minchah / Maariv 4:35 P  
Gemara Shiur 6:00 P  
Rabbi Stein: "**Chanuka, Part 2**" 7:15 P  
Late Maariv 7:50 P  
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv

### Wednesday, December 21st (21st Kislev)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
Shachris 7:00 A  
Minchah / Maariv 4:35 P  
Late Maariv 7:50 P  
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv

### Thursday, December 22nd (22nd Kislev)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
Shachris 6:45 A  
Mincha / Maariv 4:35 P  
Parsha Prep with the Kollel 7:00 P  
Late Maariv 7:50 P  
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv

### Friday, December 23rd (23rd Kislev)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
Shachris 7:00 A  
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 4:35 P  
Shabbos Candle Lighting 4:36 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 Ma'ariv

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

### Special Women's Shabbos Class

Shabbos, December 17th at 3:15 PM at the Haber Home  
Special presenter: Abigail Simon

### LEARNING FOR BOYS ON SHABBOS

**GEMARA FOR BOYS IN 5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES:** **3:00 PM at the home of Rabbi Harpaz.**

**PARSHA FOR BOYS IN 1ST THROUGH 4TH GRADES:** **30 minutes before Mincha** with Rabbi Lipman.

### Rabbi Haber's Monday Night Class

Monday, December 19th at 7:15 PM  
Topic: **Chanukah 2016: What's Special about this Year?**

### PARTNERS IN TORAH

Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Partners in Torah, **for both men and women**, now meets at the JCC, in Room 238.

### TEHILLIM CLASS FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays at noon  
Join Amy Lefcoe and other women of the community as they delve into the meaning of the Psalms of King David.

### TALMUD CLASSES

Tuesday evenings: With Gershon Aronoff - Megilla

### GODER OPEN BEIS MEDRASH LEARNING NIGHT

Wednesdays after Maariv at B'nai Israel  
Join one of several informal study groups being offered.

### PARSHA PREP WITH THE NORFOLK KOLLEL - THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM

Get ready for Shabbos with a good vort.  
Open to both men and women

## SPECIAL WOMEN'S SHABBOS CLASS

*Shabbos, December 17th at 3:15 PM at the Haber home*

We will be having a special Shabbos class for women this week. The presenter will be Abigail Simon.

## BNAI ISRAEL PRE-CHANUKA CHAI KIDDUSH

Shabbos, December 24th

It's been a while, Baruch Hashem, since we've had a "free" Shabbos to have a Chai Kiddush for the community. So, we're having one on December 24th - just in time for Chanuka! Please call the office to get your sponsorship in - by this Wednesday, December 21st.

## THE BNAI ISRAEL GIFT SHOP

The Bnai Israel gift shop will be open this coming Sunday, December 18th from after Shachris till 12:30 PM and again 30 minutes before Mincha and 30 minutes after Maariv. The deliveries have been made and a lot of new items are in for this Chanuka.

## WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW? CHANUKA IN HISTORY WITH RABBI STEIN

*December 20th at 7:15 PM in Richels Hall*

Rabbi Stein's History of Chanuka concludes this week with the fourth & final class. The topic of Class #4 is "**Chanuka, Part 2.**"



## THIRD ANNUAL KOLLEL CHANUKA PARTY

*Next Motzei Shabbos, December 24th at 7:30 PM*

The Norfolk Kollel invites you to join them in their 3rd annual Chanuka Party, taking place at Bnai Israel at 7:30 PM.

Celebrate the first night of Chanuka with music, crafts, delicious food, exciting stories and moving Divrei Torah. The cost is: \$5 per person (with a cap of \$30 per family).

## SHABBOS SHEVA BRACHOS FOR MERRIC & ELIANA

*Shabbos Chanuka, December 31st*

The B'nai Israel community will be hosting shalosh seudos Sheva Brachos on December 31st in honor of Merric & Eliana (Edery) Srour. Please consider contributing by making a dish at shul or becoming a sponsor for this event. Please contact Chamie Haber for more information.

## TIDEWATER TOGETHER SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

*February 2 - 5, 2017*

The annual Tidewater Together Scholar in Residence program will be featuring Mr. Alan Morinis of The Mussar Institute. The opening program on Thursday, February 2, 2017, will be taking place at B'nai Israel. More details will be available as the time comes closer.

## **DATE WITH THE STATE - RICHMOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Wednesday, February 8, 2017 From 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Attorney General have all been invited. Will you be there to meet them and make our collective voice heard? Share and discuss issues important to you, our Jewish community & Hampton Roads: Support for our institutions serving the elderly & impoverished • Social services Health care • The Virginia-Israel Advisory Board • And More!

## **B'NAI ISRAEL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

*February 10 - 11, 2017 (Parshas Beshalach / Tu B'Shevat)*

Rabbi Menachem Nissel, an acclaimed author and teacher will be joining us as our scholar in Residence. Please mark your calendars. We are planning a Friday night Oneg, a special Tu B'Shvat Shabbos Lunch and a Melave Malka. More details to come.

## **THE CANDY CORNER AT BINA**

The Candy Corner at BINA is once again open, selling candy wheels which are perfect for hostess gifts. Small wheels are \$12, medium wheels are \$14 and the large wheels are \$16. Please contact Andie Pollock directly or email [info@binahighschool.com](mailto:info@binahighschool.com) to order.

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## BIRTHDAYS

Ariella Loiterman	12/17	Ruchel Henna Richels	12th	12/21
Henrietta Schatz	12/18	Sarah Weinreb 5th		12/21
Michael Brodsky	12/19	Jesse Lev Rabinowitz		12/23
Anna Sloane	12/19			
Moshe Dovid Richels	12th	12/21		

## ANNIVERSARIES

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## YAHRTZEITS

Bernard Barban	12/17	Kathleen Low	12/20
Leonard Legum	12/17	A. Sol Weger	12/20
Jerry Malbin	12/17	Abraham Wellman	12/20
Emilia Schloss	12/17	Molly Anker	12/21
Charles Gelb	12/18	Milton Bass	12/21
Jacob Kreger	12/18	Sylvia Jason	12/21
Doris Pollock	12/18	Hyman Potts	12/21
Charles Meyer	12/19	Morris Blumenthal	12/23
Ethel Schwitzer	12/19		

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

### Women

Shoshana bas Miriam	Aida Batya bas Etta
Vittel Zilke bas Leah	Esther bas Devora
Leah Adina bas Chaya Esther	Chaya Tova Gittel bas Shulamis Sima
Yochana bas Chana	Elka Gittel bas Basya
Nava bas Fruma Leah	Shoshana bas Leah
Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma	Sora bas Miriam Rivka
Zelda Mira bas Fruma Ella	Chaya Ruchel bas Esti Rivka
Simcha bas Tzipporah	Chana Yitta bas Bryna
Malka Esther bas Devorah	Yehudis bas Irma
Devorah bas Ruchel	Bayla Mishka bat Devora
Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka	Malka Chana bas Ruchel
Devorah Rivka bas Tzipora	Miriam bas Tzipora
Miriam bas Etta	Chaya Raizel bas Dena
Sara Bas Sara	Chana bas Sarah
Shulamis bas Sora	Devora Leah bas Civet Elkie
Bryna Leah bas Faiga Rochel	Samecha Yehudis bas Esther
Miriam Rochel bas Chava Elisheva	Chana Shifra bas Freidel
Kayla Dodie bas Rochel Bracha	Reva Raza bas Malka
Rochel Bracha bas Baila	Shoshana bas Netta
Tirtze Sorah bas Rochel Bracha	Miriam Shaindel bas Chava Devora Yutta
Rivka Tehilla bas Sarah	Adi Bat Miriam
Miriam Zelda bas Freida Gittel	Chana Leah bas Fraydel
Hinda bas Dena	Ruth bas Sarah
Shula bas Carmela	Chaya bas Ruchel
Eliana Chaya bas Nacha	Esther Malka bas Sora
Sara Shayna bat Elisheva	Tamar Adina bas Keena Shulamis
Adi Simcha bas Penina Leah	
Chaviva Sarah bas Ahuva Tzivia	
Gilsom Gila bas Tzipporah	
Tzipporah bas Gilsom Gila	

### Men

Shalom Boruch ben Masha	Shlomo Yitzchak ben Elka
Yehuda ben Chasha Ruchel	Yehoshua ben Nechama Aliza
Moshe Yechezkel Halevi ben Sara Malka	Menachem ben Tzipka
Reuven Simcha ben Naomi Rus	Avraham ben Chana
Yonah Michael Alter ben Esther Sarah	Asher Eliyahu ben Leah
Shlomo Yaakov Yonason ben Chana Raizel	Chaim ben Ruth
Aryeh Nachman HaCohen ben Ita	Akiva Hillel ben Tzipora Gittel
Shlomo ben Tzipporah	Yehuda Herschel ben Chaya Leah
David Shlomo ben Rivka Tehilla	Dovid ben Chaya
Noach HaLevi ben Miriam	Dovid Leshem ben Esther
Yehuda Pinchas ben Asna	Chaim Yaakov Dovid ben Avigail
Koppel ben Bayla	Abba ben Tzipora
Yonatan ben Rivka	Pesach ben Baila
Yoel Meir ben Chaya	Dovid Avraham ben Miriam
Yoseph Shalom ben Bluma Devorah	Chaim Tzvi ben Golda Gila
Yehudah Ben Batya	Yosef Aaron ben Keren Shoshana
Rafael Messod ben Naomi Sarah	Robert ben Jean
Eliezer ben Sara	Rachmiel Leib ben Mordechai HaLevi
Avraham Beryl HaLevi ben Miriam	Yehuda Sema ben Alta Ruchel
Moshe ben Dovid	Chaim Rafael Yoel ben Shayna Golda
Yissachar ben Rachel	Daniel Yosef ben Miriam
Binyamin Leib ben Rachel Chana	Aaron Emanuel ben Tzippora
Mordechai Chai ben Bracha Yehudis	Shmuel Aharon ben Yehudis
Zecharia Avraham ben Devorah Rivka	Michoel Dovid ben Rivka
Nosson Yitzhak Ben Leah	Moshe Yosef ben Esther
Moshe Avraham ben Minna Masha Chaya	Binyamin ben Pinchus
Moshe ben Raizel	Shmuel ben Rivka
Eliezer ben Penina Kaila	Reuven ben Sarah
Meir Yehoshua ben Penina Kaila	Eitan Shmuel bas Chana Leah
Beryl ben Chava	Eliezer Yehuda ben Chana Shaindel
Shmuel Yeruchem ben Baila	
Eitan ben Sarah	

## Devorah

By Rabbi Sender Haber

Yaakov had a difficult life. Rashi tells us that at time that he was sending peace offering to Eisav he was "Sharuy B'kaas". He was angry. Yaakov had been harassed by his brother, left home, lost everything and been cheated by Lavan in the switching of Rachel and Leah and with the spotted and dotted and striped sheep. He had encountered Eisav and Eisav's angel, had his daughter kidnapped in Shechem and watched his sons Shimon and Levi get involved in a questionable tactic of promising peace and then killing an entire city.

In the midst of all this Yaakov had a funeral. There were many great people in the Torah but we do not hear about everyone's funeral. This funeral was a seemingly insignificant character, Devorah the nurse of Rivka yet we are told that Yaakov wept copiously. In fact the place where she is buried is called Alon Bachus. Who was this Devorah and why was she - Rivkah's nurse with Yaakov to begin with?

The first thing we need to remember is that Yaakov was leaving Lavan's home in Charan and Rivkah was Lavan's sister and a native of Charan. Presumably, her nursemaids were natives of Charan as well. Rashi explains that Devorah was with Yaakov because Rivka had promised to send for him when it was time to return home. Devorah was the messenger.

Why did Rivkah choose Devorah, of all people, to fetch Yaakov? It seems from the commentaries that this Devorah is the same wet nurse that was at Rivka's engagement party many years earlier. Rivka was blessed that she would be the mother of many multitudes. At the time, Devorah might have wondered if that would ever come true, but she stuck with Rivkah and raised her and helped her become who she was. The Targum says that Devorah was Rivka's "padagogia", she was her teacher. She showed Rivkah how to become great and she witnessed Rivkah as she grew.

Now Rivkah's son Yaakov was at a difficult juncture in life. The UN was mad at him for the incident at Shechem. Lavan had only let them go by the skin of their teeth. Eisav was ready to attack at any moment. And more than any physical danger, Yaakov said that he didn't know if he was spiritually able to stand all of it. "Maybe I became too small", he said. "Perhaps I'm not great enough for all this".

The only person who could answer this question honestly and bring Yaakov back home was Devorah. Devorah had been present when Rivkah was given her mandate. She had watched her grow and guided her through it. Devora, and only Devorah, could say to Yaakov "come home – this will work".

We cannot judge ourselves and decide that we can't go further and become greater. We need to find people outside of ourselves who are able to recognize the growth that we can't see and encourage us. Better yet, we need someone to say, I've seen people like you – they turn out ok. This is the role of Devorah. It is why Rivkah sent her, and why Yaakov cried so much when he buried her.

(Based in part on "Teachings" by Rabbi Asher Brander)