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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? 7:15 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv
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 to order.

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BIRTHDAYS

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

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

Men

Shoshana bas Miriam	Aida Batya bas Etta	Shalom Boruch ben Masha	Shlomo Yitzchak ben Elka
Vittel Zilke bas Leah	Esther bas Devora	Yehuda ben Chasha Ruchel	Yehoshua ben Nechama Aliza
Leah Adina bas Chaya Esther	Chaya Tova Gittel bas Shulamis Sima	Moshe Yechezkel Halevi ben Sara Malka	Menachem ben Tzipka
Yochana bas Chana	Elka Gittel bas Basya	Reuven Simcha ben Naomi Rus	Avraham ben Chana
Nava bas Fruma Leah	Shoshana bas Leah	Yonah Michael Alter ben Esther Sarah	Asher Eliyahu ben Leah
Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma	Sora bas Miriam Rivka	Shlomo Yaakov Yonason ben Chana Raizel	Chaim ben Ruth
Zelda Mira bas Fruma Ella	Chaya Ruchel bas Esti Rivka	Aryeh Nachman HaCohen ben Ita	Akiva Hillel ben Tzipora Gittel
Simcha bas Tzipporah	Chana Yitta bas Bryna	Shlomo ben Tzipporah	Yehuda Herschel ben Chaya Leah
Malka Esther bas Devorah	Yehudis bas Irma	David Shlomo ben Rivka Tehilla	Dovid ben Chaya
Devorah bas Ruchel	Bayla Mishka bat Devora	Noach HaLevi ben Miriam	Dovid Leshem ben Esther
Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka	Malka Chana bas Ruchel	Yehuda Pinchas ben Asna	Chaim Yaakov Dovid ben Avigail
Devorah Rivka bas Tzipora	Miriam bas Tzipora	Koppel ben Bayla	Abba ben Tzipora
Miriam bas Etta	Chaya Raizel bas Dena	Yonatan ben Rivka	Pesach ben Baila
Sara Bas Sara	Chana bas Sarah	Yoel Meir ben Chaya	Dovid Avraham ben Miriam
Shulamis bas Sora	Devora Leah bas Civet Elkie	Yoseph Shalom ben Bluma Devorah	Chaim Tzvi ben Golda Gila
Bryna Leah bas Faiga Rochel	Samecha Yehudis bas Esther	Yehudah Ben Batya	Yosef Aaron ben Keren Shoshana
Miriam Rochel bas Chava Elisheva	Chana Shifra bas Freidel	Rafael Messod ben Naomi Sarah	Robert ben Jean
Kayla Dodie bas Rochel Bracha	Reva Raza bas Malka	Eliezer ben Sara	Rachmiel Leib ben Mordechai HaLevi
Rochel Bracha bas Baila	Shoshana bas Netta	Avraham Beryl HaLevi ben Miriam	Yehuda Sema ben Alta Ruchel
Tirtze Sorah bas Rochel Bracha	Miriam Shaindel bas Chava Devora Yutta	Moshe ben Dovid	Chaim Rafael Yoel ben Shayna Golda
Rivka Tehilla bas Sarah	Adi Bat Miriam	Yissachar ben Rachel	Daniel Yosef ben Miriam
Miriam Zelda bas Freida Gittel	Chana Leah bas Fraydel	Binyamin Leib ben Rachel Chana	Aaron Emanuel ben Tzippora
Hinda bas Dena	Ruth bas Sarah	Mordechai Chai ben Bracha Yehudis	Shmuel Aharon ben Yehudis
Shula bas Carmela	Chaya bas Ruchel	Zecharia Avraham ben Devorah Rivka	Michael Dovid ben Rivka
Eliana Chaya bas Nacha	Esther Malka bas Sora	Nosson Yitzhak Ben Leah	Moshe Yosef ben Esther
Sara Shayna bat Elisheva	Tamar Adina bas Keena Shulamis	Moshe Avraham ben Minna Masha Chaya	Binyamin ben Pinchus
Adi Simcha bas Penina Leah		Moshe ben Raizel	Shmuel ben Rivka
Chaviva Sarah bas Ahuva Tziviva		Eliezer ben Penina Kaila	Reuven ben Sarah
Gilsom Gila bas Tzipporah		Meir Yehoshua ben Penina Kaila	Eitan Shmuel bas Chana Leah
Tzipporah bas Gilsom Gila		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. Yaacov 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 Yaacov 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 Yaacov to begin with?

The first thing we need to remember is that Yaacov 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 Yaacov 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 Yaacov? 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, Yaacov 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 Yaacov 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 Yaacov "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 Yaacov cried so much when he buried her.

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