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Schedule for the week

Friday, March 10th (12th Adar)

Shabbos Candle Lighting
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv

Shabbos, March 11th (13th Adar)
 Shachris 9:00 A
 BISLI 10:00 A
 Zachor - Not before 10:15 A
 Gemara for boys 5th - 8th @ Harpaz 3:00 P
 Daf Yomi 4:40 P
 Learning for boys 1st - 4th grades 5:10 P
 Mincha 5:40 P
 Havdala 6:47 P
 Maariv 7:10 P
 Megilla Reading #1 7:20 P
 Megilla Reading #2 8:30 P
 Purim Extravaganza approximately 9:30 P
CHANGE CLOCKS FORWARD
(Don't be late for Shachris!!!!)

Sunday, March 12th (14th Adar)

Daf Yomi
Shachris
Megilla Reading #1
Megilla Reading #2
Yeshivas Mordechai HaTzadik
Mincha #1
Bnai Israel Purim Seuda
Mincha #2
Dancing in the Shul
Maariv

Monday, March 13th (15th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:35 A
Mincha / Maariv 6:55 P
Daf Yomi - right after Maariv
Partners in Torah (JCC) 8:00 P

Tuesday, March 14th (16th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 7:00 A
Tehillim Class for Women 12:00 N
Minchah / Maariv 6:55 P
Daf Yomi - right after Maariv

Wednesday, March 15th (17th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 7:00 A
Minchah / Maariv 6:55 P
Goder Beis Medrash - right after Maariv
Daf Yomi - right after Maariv

Thursday, March 16th (18th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:45 A
Mincha / Maariv 6:55 P
Daf Yomi - right after Maariv

Friday, March 17th (19th Adar)

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 7:00 A
Shabbos Candle Lighting 6:57 P
Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 6:55 P

CLASSES FOR EVERYONE

DAF YOMI

Morning Class: Sundays at 7:00 A, Weekdays at 6:00 A 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

SHABBOS LEARNING FOR BOYS

Grades 5th - 8th with Rabbi Harpaz at his home at 3:00 PM

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

TAKING PURIM & PESACH TO NEW HEIGHTS

A THREE PART SERIES WITH THE NORFOLK KOLLEL FOR BOTH MEN & WOMEN

All classes will be held in Bnai Israel at 8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 28th - The Laws of Pesach by Rabbi Gavriel Rudin

Sunday, April 2nd - Perspectives on the Meaning of Pesach

by Rabbi Velvel Cook

RABBI HABER'S MONDAY NIGHT CLASS AT 7:45 PM

Monday, March 13th - No Class

Monday, March 27th: Picking Up those Tiny Crumbs: In Halacha & Jewish Thought

Monday, April 3rd: Awesome & Exciting: The Seder Explained

PARTNERS IN TORAH:

Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

For both men and women, 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.

RABBI HABER'S MONDAY NIGHT CLASS SCHEDULE

These classes are open to both men & women.

Monday, March 13th - No Class

Monday, March 20th (7:45 PM): How to Prepare for Pesach & Enjoy the Seder

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OD YOSEF CHAI

One of the Primary Mitzvos of Purim is "Matanos L'aevyonim" - "Gifts to the poor". Bnai Israel Congregation has a great tradition of partnering with Od Yosef Chai to help impoverished families in Israel. Donations for Od Yosef Chai can be made before or during Purim (Sunday, March 12th).

All monies will be tallied and reported to the organization for distribution before the end of Purim. **Their deadline is 5:30 PM on Sunday, March 12th.** If you wish that your funds be distributed locally, please contact Rabbi Haber. Checks for Od Yosef Chai should be made out directly to them. Checks for the local use should be made to "Bnai Israel - Rabbi's Discretionary Fund".

ANNUAL PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA

This Motzei Shabbos at 9:30 PM

Once again, we will be having our fabulous Purim Extravaganza at 9:30 pm after the second Megilla Reading. This year will once again feature Torah-true Comedy hosted by Sid Bridge with guest appearances including the Daf Yomi Performers and Avi 'the fish' Zysman. As far as the food goes, this year, we are doing things a little different. We will be having a "pop-up" restaurant. Mr. Shwarma will be here, bringing their yummy food with them. Mr. Shwarma will be charging for the food (we're just providing the space and entertainment).

ANNUAL BNAI ISRAEL PURIM SEUDA

This Sunday, March 12th starting at 5:30 PM

Enjoy a Delicious Buffet including Brisket, Chicken. There will be a "kiddie" menu also. Your kids will enjoy the moonwalk, annual Costume Parade & the 8th grade Carnival.

Prices are: **AT THE DOOR (WITH NO RESERVATIONS), the price for entry will be: \$30 for adults (12 years and up), \$15 for kids (ages 5 to 11 years) and \$95 per family.**

As usual, any additional donations will be accepted and appreciated.

BINA VENDOR'S FAIR

Sunday, March 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Ghent Square Clubhouse (852 Mowbray Arch)

Looking for something new for Passover? Why not attend the BINA Vendor's fair, featuring: LuLaRoe, Tastefully Simple, The Pampered Chef, Mary Kaye Cosmetics, Thirty-One and many more. A generous portion of the sales will be donated to BINA High School.

BNAI ISRAEL GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 PM

There will be a meeting of the Bnai Israel GENERAL BOARD on next Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 PM. There are many topics to be discussed. A formal agenda will be sent out within the week.

A "SMALL" FUNDRAISER

Years ago, pushkes for Bnai Israel were distributed to the community. There are still a small number of the pushkes available for your home, so you can drop a coin or two in them. You'll be surprised how quickly they can fill up! You don't even have to count the coins if you don't want (although it's a good project to do with your kids), just bring the loose coins into the shul office and we'll do the work for you. If you need a pushke, just contact Michele.

ANNUAL YAK GIFT AUCTION

Sunday, March 26th at 8:00 PM at the home of Laurie Slone

Once again, women are gathering to have a break from cleaning for Pesach to have a good time and to get gifts. Purchase a gift (try to keep it under \$20), wrap it really pretty (and put a clue on it - not too hard, but not too easy either) and see how much it goes for! The proceeds will benefit Yeshivas Aish Kodesh.

BNAI ISRAEL FREEZER / WALK-IN

Several months ago, a major clean-out of the Bnai Israel freezer was done and a lot of old (freezer-burned), unmarked food was tossed out of the freezer, and the food was stored in an orderly manner. Well, it seems that things have come full circle. Once again, there are a number of items in the freezer (and walk-in) without names on them. Members of the executive board have taken upon themselves to keep the freezer (and the entire shul, for that matter) in an orderly fashion. If you have items in the freezer, please let Michele know what you have and make sure that it is marked with your name. If not, it will either be used by the shul (i.e., become Hefker) or will be tossed out. **You will have till Monday, March 20th. After that date, there will be no guarantees.**

NEED MONEY FOR SCHOOL FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR?

Apply for a JELF Interest-Free Loan for Higher Education Beginning March 1!

Applications for interest-free loans for higher education (college, graduate school and vocational programs) are available to Jewish students in your area for the 2017-2018 school year from JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Fund).

From March 1 – April 30 (and from September 1 – September 30), the loan application is available on JELF's website at jelf.org.

JELF loans are need-based and offer "last-dollar" financing, meaning that JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student's total financial resources and the cost of attending school. To qualify, applicants must be:

1. Enrolled full time in a program leading to a degree or certificate at an accredited U.S. institution
2. A U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status
3. Able to demonstrate financial need (2017 FAFSA application required).

For more information, contact application@jelf.org or visit jelf.org.

B'NAI TZEDEK TEEN PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

The Tidewater Jewish Foundation is very excited to debut an exciting new program just for teens! The B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program encourages teens to become involved in tzedakah by establishing a fund for Jewish charitable giving. Opening a B'nai Tzedek fund gives your teen a chance to play a part in improving your community and the world. So how does this work?

Donate at least \$250 to the Tidewater Jewish Foundation (TJF) in order to establish a fund in the name of your teen! TJF will match your gift with another \$250 for a starting fund balance of \$500! Your teen can learn about the needs of the Jewish community—locally, in Israel and around the world. Each year, fund holders, your teens, can grant 5% of their fund to a Jewish charity of their choice. In essence, you are empowering your kids to take ownership of their own philanthropy—a valuable lesson that we know pays off! Please contact the Tidewater Jewish Foundation for more information.

Thank You to our Contributors

To Kevin & Amy Lefcoe for their contribution in memory of Amy's grandmother, Jean Ehrlich.

To Caroline Miller for her contribution in memory of her step father-in-law, Carl Turchin.

To Caroline Miller for her contribution in memory of her husband, Bernard (Barney) Miller.

To Caroline Miller for her contribution in memory of her grandmother, Ann Elberg Schaikewitz.

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To Joey & Carol Miller for their contribution in memory of Joey's grandfather, Carl Turchin.

To Joey & Carol Miller for their contribution in memory of Joey's grandmother, Adele Ashe.

To Dr. Morton Coleman for his contribution to the Cemetery Fund in memory of his mother, Bessie Coleman.

To Janet Gelman for her contribution of a Sefer in memory of her uncle, Joseph Fleischmann.

To Alan Kurzer for his contribution to the Cemetery Fund.

BIRTHDAYS

Allan Berman	3/11
Reuven Wilson	3/12
Yosef Ezra Nagar	5th
Mattisyahu Loiterman	17th
	3/14
	3/17

ANNIVERSARIES

YAHRTZETS

Dora Bullock	3/11	Kate Caplan	3/16
Lena Minsberg	3/11	Harry Casper	3/16
Bert Schloss	3/11	Bernard Joseph Frank	3/16
Frank Stern	3/11	Irvin Legum	3/16
Shoshana Ashkenazi	3/12	Stanley Levinson	3/16
Etta Salita Friedman	3/13	Anne Puttermann	3/16
Ethel Levin	3/13	June Rosen	3/16
Brian Siegel	3/13	Joseph Fleischman	3/17
Annette Brenner	3/14	Leonard Low	3/17
Jack Lubin	3/14	Faye Miller	3/17
Grace Peters	3/14	Irving Stern	3/17
Roslyn Brodsko	3/16	Annabelle Swanson	3/17

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Women

Shoshana bas Miriam	Shoshana bas Leah
Vittel Zilke bas Leah	Chaya Ruchel bas Esti Rivka
Leah Adina bas Chaya Esther	Chana Yitta bas Bryna
Yochana bas Chana	Yehudis bas Irma
Navia bas Fruma Leah	Bayla Mishka bat Devora
Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma	Malka Chana bas Ruchel
Simcha bas Tzipporah	Miriam bas Tzipora
Malka Esther bas Devorah	Chaya Raizel bas Dena
Devorah bas Ruchel	Chana bas Sarah
Tzippora Aviva bas Rivka	Devora Leah bas Civet Elkie
Devorah Rivka bas Tzipora	Samecha Yehudis bas Esther
Miriam bas Chava	Chana Shifra bas Freidel
Sara Bas Sara	Reva Raza bas Malka
Bryna Leah bas Faiga Rochel	Shoshana bas Netta
Miriam Rochel bas Chava Elisheva	Adi Bat Miriam
Kayla Dodie bas Rochel Bracha	Chana Leah bas Fraydel
Rochel Bracha bas Baila	Ruth bas Sarah
Tirtze Sorah bas Rochel Bracha	Chaya bas Ruchel
Rivka Tehilla bas Sarah	Tamar Adina bas Kayna Shulamis
Hinda bas Dena	Tinokes bas Esther Hadassah
Shula bas Carmela	Sheva bas Rivka
Eliana Chaya bas Nacha	Esther bas Devora
Adi Simcha bas Penina Leah	Chaya Ruchel bas Zelda
Gilsom Gila bas Tzipporah	Chana Bas Nachama
Tzipporah bas Gilsom Gila	Shira bas Sarah
Aida Batya bas Etta	Nechama Getzel bas Rachel
Chaya Tova Gittel bas Shulamis Sima	Ruchama Malka Briendel bas
Elka Gittel bas Basya	Shaine Shifra

Men

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

THE B'NAI ISRAEL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Week of March 5th through March 11th

Motzei Shabbos, March 11th: Purim

First Megilla reading 7:15 PM

Second Megilla reading: 8:45 PM

Purim Extravaganza to follow SECOND Megilla reading

Week of March 12th through March 18th

Sunday, March 12th: Purim

First Megilla reading 8:15 AM

Second Megilla reading: 9:30 AM

Yeshivas Mordechai HaTzaddik: 1:00 PM

First Mincha: 1:45 AM

Second Mincha: 5:45 PM

Sunday, March 12th: Annual Bnai Israel Purim Seuda at 5:30 PM

Costume Parade & Dancing at 6:30 PM

Maariv: 8:22 PM - SHARP!

Week of March 19th through March 25th

Sunday, March 19th: BINA Vendor's Fair

Monday, March 20: Class with Rabbi Haber: How to Prepare for Pesach & Enjoy the Seder

Week of March 26th through April 1st

Sunday, March 26th: Yeshivas Aish Kodesh Annual Gift Auction at the home of Laurie Slone

Monday, March 27th: Class with Rabbi Haber: Picking Up those Tiny Crumbs: In Halacha & Jewish Thought

Tuesday, March 28th: Norfolk Kollel: Taking Purim & Pesach to New Heights: The Laws of Pesach by Rabbi Gavriel Rudin

Week of April 2nd through April 8th

Sunday, April 2nd: Norfolk Kollel: Taking Purim & Pesach to New Heights: Perspectives on the Meaning of Pesach by Rabbi Velvel Cook

Monday, April 3rd: Class with Rabbi Haber: Awesome & Exciting: The Seder Explained

Week of April 9th through April 15th

Monday, April 10th: Erev Pesach, burn Chometz

Monday, April 10th - Tuesday, April 18th: Passover

Little Things

By Rabbi Yaakov Haber

This week's parsha describes in detail the garb the Kohen had to wear while performing his priestly functions. The purpose of these garments, as explained in the Torah, is "for honor and glory" (Exod. 28:2). If you use any of the wonderful learning aids available today, you can see for yourself in full color how dignified and elegant the Kohen must have looked.

As we read through all the required garb we suddenly come upon a strange requirement—that bells should be attached to the bottom of his tunic. Bells? This is certainly a departure from the royal dignity which characterizes the rest of his clothing. Never has a king, or any dignitary, attached noisy little bells to his garments!

The Ramban concludes that the reason for this is distinct from that for the rest of the garments, and is given in the text itself: so that "its sound will be heard as he approaches the holy place" (28:35). This, explains the Ramban further, is because it is proper etiquette in general to announces oneself before entering a room, by knocking on the door or by making some other form of noise. Hence the bells would ring as the Kohen entered the Holy Place.

In fact, as the Talmud (Pesachim 112) says, one of the seven important instructions R' Akiva gave to his son R' Yehoshua was never to enter even his own home without warning, and, even more so, the home of a neighbor. The Rashbam explains that R' Akiva learned this from the bells the Kohen wore.

Let us try to understand this: we can understand why it would not be right to barge into someone's home, even our own. It could startle or embarrass someone. But how could any of this apply to G-d? How could He not be ready to receive the Kohen in the Sanctuary?

The answer, I believe, is that this is not at all for the sake of G-d, but for our own sake! It should go against one's grain to violate a rule of "derech eretz" (good manners) under any circumstances, even where there are no bad consequences on the recipient's side. One must always be a "mensh".

Society seems to forgive certain behavior on the part of our greatest leaders in science or politics. How can someone who is busy finding a cure for AIDS, or organizing an important peace conference, be expected to remember to wipe his feet before walking on the carpet? Many great artists and composers have been known for their short tempers and rudeness, but this "artistic temperament" has usually been accepted as the price others have had to pay for the brilliance the artist was sharing with them. Such scientists, statesmen and artists were considered to be above the usual demands of common courtesy. In the Torah world too this can happen. We can become so engrossed in the big issues of study, prayer and meditation that we lose sight of little areas of social sensitivity.

To all this, the bells of the Kohen ring out an answer. Here we can have the holiest man (the Kohen Gadol) in the holiest place in the world (the Kodesh Kedoshim) on the holiest day of the year (Yom Kippur), who is deep in his thoughts in a world of his own, when suddenly the

bells ring to remind him that even he, at such a time and in such a place, must notice the world in which he lives and be sensitive to even the most trivial rules of *derekh eretz*.

When the Steipler Rav of blessed memory passed away, many stories began to circulate about this great genius and tzaddik. One story that stuck in my mind was the following.

There was once a Bar Mitzvah celebration in the Lederman Shul in Bnei Brak. The guests were enjoying themselves when suddenly the Steipler entered the shul! They all jumped to their feet in respect, wondering what he was doing there, and watched in astonishment as the Steipler walked over to the Bar Mitzvah boy and asked him for forgiveness. The lad, shaking, had no idea what the tzaddik meant until he explained.

A year previously, on Yom Kippur, the Steipler had seen the boy in the synagogue, reading from a very large book. He went over to the boy and told him gently that although it is very commendable to study the Talmud, on Yom Kippur one should really be spending one's time in prayer. The boy blushed, and timidly showed the Steipler that the book he was holding was not a Talmud, but indeed a very large Machzor (a chazan's edition). They both returned to their seats, but the Steipler was disturbed. He felt that he had embarrassed the boy unnecessarily (even though he had spoken gently to him), and wanted to beg his forgiveness. However, the boy, being a minor, was not halachically capable of granting such forgiveness, and so the Steipler made a note of the incident, and a year later appeared at the boy's Bar Mitzvah to ask his forgiveness!

The Steipler was the *Gadol Hador*. People crossed oceans to receive his blessings, and there was not an area of the Talmud in which he was not an expert. And yet, he did not feel that all this greatness exempted him from such trivialities. The reason is that he realized that such "trivialities" are not at all trivial! It was precisely the Steipler's attention to such matters that made him the great and holy man he was.