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Schedule for the week

Friday, December 23rd (23rd Kislev)

Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 4:35 P
Shabbos Candle Lighting 4:36 P

Shabbos, December 24th (24th Kislev)

1st Night of Chanuka

Shachris 9:00 A
BISLI 10:00 A
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

Sunday, December 25th (25th Kislev)

1st Day of Chanuka/2nd Night

Daf Yomi 7:00 A
Shachris 8:00 A
Sunday Morning with the Kollel 9:30 A
Interactive class on the Laws of
Menorah with Rabbi Rudin
Mincha/Maariv 4:35 P

Monday, December 26th (26th Kislev)

2nd Day of Chanuka/3rd Night

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

Tuesday, December 27th (27th Kislev)

3rd Day of Chanuka/4th Night

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:45 A
Tehillim Class for Women 12:00 N
Minchah / Maariv 4:35 P
Gemara Shiur 6:00 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv

Wednesday, December 28th (28th Kislev)

4th Day of Chanuka/5th Night

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:45 A
Minchah / Maariv 4:35 P
Late Maariv 7:50 P
Daf Yomi - right after Late Maariv

Thursday, December 29th (29th Kislev)

5th Day of Chanuka/6th Night

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 30th (1st Teves)

Rosh Chodesh Teves/6th Day of Chanuka/7th Night

Daf Yomi 6:00 A
Shachris 6:45 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

Learning for Boys on Shabbos

Parsha For boys in 1st through 4th Grades:
30 minutes before Mincha with Rabbi Lipman.

Sunday Morning Program with the Norfolk Kollel - December 25th

8:00: Shachris followed by breakfast.

9:30 - Interactive class by Rabbi Rudin on the Laws of Menorah

PARTNERS IN TORAH - OFF FOR CHANUKA

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

3RD ANNUAL KOLLEL CHANUKA PARTY

This 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 SROUR

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) Srouer. Please consider contributing by making a dish at shul or becoming a sponsor for this event. Please contact Chamie Haber for more information.

SHABBOS SHEVA BRACHOS FOR YUDI & ADINA NATHAN

Shabbos Chanuka, January 7th

The B'nai Israel community will be hosting shalosh seudos Sheva Brachos on January 7th in honor of Yudi & Adina (Mostofsky) Nathan. Please consider contributing by making a dish at shul or becoming a sponsor for this event. Please contact Chamie Haber for more information.

Meaning in the Mikva

January 15th at 7:00

Special class for married by women by Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum of Denver, Colorado on Taharas Hamishpocha (Family Purity). See more at <http://rochelgoldbaum.com/> or by contacting the office.

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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Basha Leiba bas Baila Fruma	Sora bas Miriam Rivka	Shlomo Yaakov Yonason ben Chana Raizel	Chaim ben Ruth
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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
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		Shmuel Yeruchem ben Baila	
		Eitan ben Sarah	

Chanukah: Culture Shock

By Rabbi Sender Haber

The Medrash tells us about a man named Yosef Meshisa. He may have lived at the time of the Roman invasion, but the context of the Medrash makes it sound like he lived at the time of the Greeks. He was what we would call a traitor. He joined the Greeks, adopted their culture, and assisted them in military strategy. When the Greeks invaded the Bais Hamikdash (Temple), they sent him in first. They told him to choose one item that would be his to keep.

Yosef Meshisa entered the Bais Hamikdash and grabbed the Menorah. When he came out it was immediately confiscated by the Greeks.

"This is too pretty", they said. "It's too nice for you. A simple man like you cannot own something like this"

The Greeks told Yosef Meshisa to go back into the Bais Hamikdash and choose something else. He refused. They offered to make him a tax collector for three years if he would go back in. He still refused. Finally, they threatened to kill him if he did not re-enter.

Yosef Meshisa remained defiant. He said, "I angered my G-d once. I will not do it again." And he was put to death.

What happened to Yosef Meshisa? He couldn't have been too holy if he was willing to go into the Bais Hamikdash and take the Menorah. What caused him to repent?

The Ponevizher Rav explains that the very space of the Bais Hamikdash had the power to change a person. Yosef Meshisa was a different man because he had spent time in the Bais Hamikdash. This is an awesome thought, but still does not totally answer the question. If he repented inside the Bais Hamikdash, why did he come out carrying the Menorah?

Perhaps it was his conversation with the Greeks that put him over the edge. Yosef went into the Bais Hamikdash and was, perhaps unexpectedly, overwhelmed by its holiness. He was drawn to the Menorah and all that it embodied and represented. This Menorah was the focal point of the entire Jewish nation in their service of Hashem. It was constantly lit and represented the light that Hashem asked us to share with the world. The Menorah was holy. Yosef Meshisa grabbed the Menorah because, deep inside, it meant something to him.

When he came outside to his friends, he encountered a culture shock. The Greeks said he couldn't have the Menorah because it was too beautiful, too fine a work of art and he was too simple to appreciate it. They couldn't see the spirituality in the Menorah or holiness that it brought. They couldn't see that it was meaningful to him. All they saw was a beautiful candelabra.

It was at that point that Yosef realized that he had fallen in with the wrong crowd. The Jews weren't against the beauty, the mathematics, or the art of the Greeks. They were against the attitude that everything in this world is tangible and that an invisible G-d and spirituality have no place.

Yosef Meshisa realized that there was far more the Menorah than what the Greeks were able to recognize. He realized that there was far more to Yosef Meshisa than he himself had been willing to recognize. He had a soul and it was far more important to him than any honor or riches or culture that he had been willing to exchange for it.

One of the edicts of the Greeks was that every Ox horn must be engraved with the statement "we have nothing to do with Hashem". The Greeks knew what they were doing.

Imagine a Jew walking behind his ox plowing his field or bringing goods to the marketplace. He realizes that as hard as he is working, he is relying on Hashem to make him successful. The Greeks wanted to put a stop to that. They wanted us to spend all day staring at anti-god bumper stickers.

The lesson of Chanukah and of Yosef Meshisa is that there is more to the world than what the Greeks were willing to see. There is a spiritual component and G-d is with us in everything that we do.

Several years ago I joined the Lost Tribe on another one of their motorcycle rides down to Surrey, VA. As I sat enjoying the thrill of sharp turns at 70 mph I felt particularly close to the asphalt and knew that we would need to say Tefillas Haderech (the traveler's prayer). We made a stop in the quaint village of Isle-of-white, parked our bikes and stood in a semi-circle. I explained that we would be asking G-d to keep us safe and healthy and out of harm's way. The group nodded appreciatively and treated me to a resounding "Amein" when I finished.

Two statements from the riders told me that Tefillas Haderech had been a good idea:

"If that is how fast all of your services are", one fellow said, "I'm becoming Orthodox".

The second fellow was a little more reverent. "So, will G-d be joining us on our ride now?" he wanted to know.

The idea of G-d coming along on our bike ride is still bouncing around in my head. G-d comes along with us, no matter who we are, where we are, or what we are doing. It should be obvious to us, but it sometimes isn't.

We need to use the days of Chanukah to refocus and connect to the purity that powers our lives and has the ability to give meaning and depth to everything that we do. Whether we are holding the Menorah, leading an ox, sitting behind a desk, or riding a Harley, G-d is with us. He is on our side and an integral part of our lives.