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## Schedule for the week

**Friday, August 25th (3rd Elul)**

Shabbos Candle Lighting 7:00 P\*  
 Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 P\*

**Shabbos, August 26th (4th Elul)**

Shachris 9:00 A  
**PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR ADDITIONAL SHABBOS CLASSES**  
 Women's Shabbos Class at Pollock home 5:00 P  
 Daf Yomi 6:15 P  
 Pirkei Avos Class with Rabbi Haber 6:25 P  
 Mincha 7:15 P  
 Maariv / Havdala 8:22 P

**Sunday, August 27th (5th Elul)**

Daf Yomi 7:00 A  
 Shachris 8:00 A  
 Mincha / Maariv 7:20 P

**Monday, August 28th (6th Elul)**

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
 Shachris 6:45 A  
 Mincha / Maariv 7:20 P  
 Partners in Torah at the JCC 8:00 P

**Tuesday, August 29th (7th Elul)**

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
 Shachris 7:00 A  
 Mincha / Maariv 7:20 P

**Wednesday, August 30th (8th Elul)**

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
 Shachris 7:00 A  
 Minchah / Maariv 7:20 P  
 Rabbi Goder Beis Medrash - after Maariv  
 Daf Yomi - after Maariv

**Thursday, August 31st (9th Elul)**

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
 Shachris 6:45 A  
 Minchah / Maariv 7:20 P  
 Daf Yomi - after Maariv

**Friday, September 1st (10th Elul)**

Daf Yomi 6:00 A  
 Shachris 7:00 A  
 Shabbos Candle Lighting 7:15 P  
 Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:15P

## 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 & Yom Tov:** both classes meet together one hour before  
Mincha with Rabbi Loiterman

### SHABBOS LEARNING FOR BOYS

Grades 5th - 8th Gemara class at the Harpaz home at 3:00 PM with  
Rabbi Harpaz

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

Grades 5th - 8th Mishnayos Shiur with Rabbi Harpaz at shul 30  
minutes before Mincha.

### PIRKEI AVOS WITH RABBI HABER

*Shabbos afternoons, 50 minutes before Mincha*

How Pirkei Avos influenced the lives of the Rebbes; how Pirkei Avos  
should influence our lives.

### PARTNERS IN TORAH

*Mondays from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM*

**For both men and women**, meets at the JCC in Room 238

### Women's Tuesday Noon Learning Class

The Tuesday noon class for women is on hiatus until after Sukkos.

TALMUD CLASSES - 75 minutes before Mincha

*Tuesday evenings: With Gershon Aronoff - Megilla*

### RABBI GODER OPEN BEIS MEDRASH LEARNING NIGHT

*Wednesdays after Maariv at B'nai Israel*

Join one of several informal study groups being offered.

## **SHABBOS KALLAH FOR JENNY LEFCOE**

*Shabbos, August 26th*

The class will be held at the home of Mrs. Andie Pollock.

The speaker will be Mrs. Shana Danziger.

## **BNAI ISRAEL WELCOME & WELCOME HOME PICNIC**

*Sunday, September 3rd at Bnai Israel from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM*

What a way to start off the "new year." The cost is: \$7 for adults; \$5 for kids (3 and up); \$30 family cap; we are planning to have a moonwalk and other fun kids activities. Please RSVP to the B'nai Israel office (either by phone or email) by Wednesday, August 30th so we can have enough food for everyone!

## **CEMETERY ACCESS**

There is now a lock on the Bnai Israel Cemetery. For access, or any questions about the cemetery, please contact the office or Rabbi Haber.

## **SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND**

The Sisterhood provides fresh flowers for the Bimah for every Yom Tov. Contributions to the flower fund can be mailed to Irene Mazel or Frances Berger.

## **THE 5778 BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

The project is wonderful way one can fulfill their obligation (made during Yizkor) of donating tzedaka in memory of our loved ones. Even if you aren't obligated to say Yizkor, you can remember loved ones (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) in this publication. The charges are the same as in the past: \$18 for each of the first three names (Mr. & Mrs. are separate) and \$12 for each additional name. There are also special dedication pages for past presidents, past rabbis of the congregation, Mrs. Ann Zukerman, Mr. Bernard Ehrlich and Mrs. Caroline Miller. The charge for being a sponsor is \$100 (per family) per page. There are also opportunities to become a sponsor of the entire project. For more information, please contact Melissa Schoenfeld. The deadline for submitting names is Friday, September 15th.

## **YESHIVAS AISH KODESH**

The Yeshiva is looking for either a ping-pong or pool table. If you are interested in donating or selling (at a reduced rate) either item, please contact Rabbi Lefkovitz.

## Thank You to our Contributors

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# For the Week of Shabbos, August 26th through Friday, September 1st

## BIRTHDAYS

Shayna Horowitz	15th	8/26	Erica Gruen	27th	8/28	Kayla Weinreb	15th	8/30
Sheila Friedman		8/27	Koby Schwartz	12th	8/29	Sarah Leah Schoenfeld	3rd	9/1
Chaim Schwartz	5th	8/27	Audrey Gutterman		8/30			
Benjamin Berman	20th	8/28	Tehilla Mostofsky		8/30			

## ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Cohen	27th	8/26	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Paul	47th	8/30
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Brooke	28th	8/27	Dr. & Mrs. Shaul Mansheim	48th	8/31
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Weissman	46th	8/29			

## YAHRTZEITS

Harry Cogan	8/26	Herman Levine	8/28	Susman Schaikewitz	8/31
Frances Rasel Kessel	8/26	Boris Liberman	8/30	Janie Barrach	9/1
Bertha Blumenthal	8/27	Calvin Zedd	8/30	Israel Casper	9/1
Jake Friedman	8/27	Betty Jane Katz	8/31	Susan Zedd	9/1
Samuel Glick	8/28	Herman Rosenblatt	8/31		
Bert Hornstein	8/28	Florence Samuels	8/31		

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

### Women

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

### Men

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

## THE B'NAI ISRAEL CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### **Week of August 20th through August 26th**

**Friday, August 25th:** Last of the "Early Shabbos candle lighting"

### **Week of August 27th through September 2nd**

**Wednesday, August 30th:** Reservations for picnic (September 3rd) due into the shul office

**Friday, September 1st:** First regular Shabbos

### **Week of September 3rd through September 9th**

**Sunday, September 3rd:** Bnai Israel Community picnic at Bnai Israel

**Monday, September 4th:** Chasuna of Jenny Lefcoe & Shneur Wallach

**Shabbos, September 9th:** Kiddush in honor of Shari Berman's special birthday

**Shabbos, September 9th:** Shabbos Kallah for Avigayil Simon (Weissman home)

**Shabbos, September 9th:** Sheva Brachos Jenny & Shneur at Shalosh Seudos

### **Week of September 10th through September 16**

**Sunday, September 10th:** Chasuna of Roe'e Mor & Avigail Simon

**Tuesday, September 12:** ISRAEL TODAY program at Simon Family JCC

**Shabbos, September 16th:** Shabbat Chatan of Ro'ee & Avigail

**Shabbos, September 16th:** Sheva Brachos Ro'ee & Abigail at Shalosh Seudos (Bnai Israel)

**Motzei Shabbos, September 16th:** Slichos for Yomim Noraim

### **Week of September 17th through September 23rd**

**Wednesday, September 20th:** Eruv Rosh Hashana (Eruv Tashvilin)

**Thursday, September 21st:** First Day of Rosh Hashana (Tashlich)

**Friday, September 22nd:** Second Day of Rosh Hashana

### **Week of September 24th through September 30th**

**Sunday, September 24th:** Tzom Gedalia (nidche)

**Friday, September 29th:** Erev Yom Kippur

**Shabbos, September 30th:** Yom Kippur

## Fuggedaboutit

By Rabbi Sender Haber

The Torah tells us in Parshas Shoftim (17:22) – You should not erect a ‘Matzeiva’ – a monument, which your G-d hates. This Pasuk was one of six Pesukim etched onto King Solomon’s throne.

The simple understanding of the verse is that we should not create a Matzeivah for idolatry, as the Ibn Ezra explains. Rashi quotes the Sifri that it is also forbidden to build a Matzeivah for legitimate sacrifices.

The difference between a Matzeivah, a monument, and a Mizbeiach, an altar, is that one is made of many stones and one is made of one stone. G-d hates the Matzeivah which is made with one stone. He favors the Mizbeiach which is made with many stones.

This is very odd. The Matzeivah was not the only thing use by idolaters. They used Mizbeiach’s as well. This is clear throughout the Torah. Furthermore, Yaacov built two Matzeivos. One was after his dream on Har Hamoriah and the second was after separating from Lavan. Did Hashem hate those too?

The Ramban and the Rambam explain that the Matzeivah that is forbidden was not a Mizbeiach at all. Besides for worshiping their gods, the pagans also worshipped the actual places of worship and stones upon which the priests would stand. This was frowned upon.

A third approach is that of the Abarbanel. The Abarbanel makes an important distinction between a Matzeivah and a Mizbeiach. A matzeivah is a monument to a past event, a reminder of something or someone that was. A Mizbeiach is an expression of thanks or prayer to Hashem. Yaakov built both a monument and an altar, but he was careful not to mix the two. He built Matzeivos but never prayed on them. He brought his sacrifices on a Mizbeiach. The idol worshipers, Abarbanel explains, did not know how to differentiate between a memory and a prayer. They brought their sacrifices right on the Matzeivah.

Remembering events, feelings, and people are important and they are an integral part of being Jewish. Still, they are not Hashem. Our relationship is with Hashem and Hashem alone.

And when Elul and Rosh Hashana comes, we need to break out of our comfort level.

We've all met people who had their fifteen minutes of fame. The reality is that after most people finish their fifteen minutes they are forgotten. They try to milk those fifteen minutes everywhere they go and with everyone they meet for the rest of their lives. Yet they find that most people don't care. It's nostalgia. Catching a home run ball at the World Series or meeting the President of the United States will only get you so far.

It wasn't enough for Yaacov to come back to Har Hamoriah and remember his dream with the ladder. That was awesome, but he had to keep moving. He built a new Mizbeach and brought new sacrifices to Hashem. We need to take everything that we have from previous years and move forward. We need to try something new, take something up a notch. We can't just bask in memories of great Elul's past.

Elul needs to be about more than just nostalgia. Forget the Matzeivah. Build a Mizbeiach.