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Rabbi's Corner

Thank you so much to all those helped to make our Scholar in Residence Shabbat last week a success including the sponsors. Thanks to Steven and Ilana Bernstein, Judith Hessing, The Ganeles family, David and Rachel Cohen, Eliza Katz who helped with the dinner, and our babysitters Miriam Young and Avigayil Halpern. Thank you to Bob and Evelyn Harris who hosted our melave malka, and to Stu and Laura Miller for hosting Professor Gurock at their home.

It was nice having Professor Gurock with us and I am happy that so many of you were able to hear him speak and that so many of you expressed to me how much you enjoyed him. It was a little different than the types of speakers we have had in the past and was interesting not only to be exposed to some fascinating and pertinent historical facts and documents, but also to historical methodology. We were able to learn how a historian thinks and how he or she does research and gets to the bottom of things in order to create a more complete picture of what happened in our past.

On a different note: One of the most important aspects of life in our shul is our daily minyan. Praying with a minyan is a way of connecting with Hashem on a deeper level and it is a way of being able to hear and say the various sections of the prayers that we cannot say alone such as the kaddish and kedusha. One of the reasons we pray in a minyan is so that our prayers will be more readily answered; when we pray as a group, as a "team," G-d is more willing to overlook our individual offenses and individual mistakes in our prayers and see the good of the collective. From the human perspective, one can draw a lot of strength and concentration by praying with others around you.

I know that coming to minyan is not easy when all of life's responsibilities are upon us, but it can be so rewarding. It is critical that our shul maintain a strong minyan not only because it is what is expected of a shul, not only because it offers people who wish to pray with a minyan that opportunity, but also because there are mourners who come to shul and want to say kaddish and count on us for that. Having a strong daily minyan is something that will only strengthen the spiritual core of our shul and could be so beneficial to all of us in ways that we can't even imagine.

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SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYESHEV
 November 27, 2010 ✪ 20 Kislev 5771
 Kiddush this Shabbat
 Is Sponsored by
Judy & Lauren Daman
 On the occasion of
Lauren's mother's Yahrzeit
Feiga bat Yosef

MY SISTER'S PLACE DRIVE

**This Drive is in Memory of Judith Harris,
 daughter of Evelyn & Bob Harris.**

My Sister's Place is dedicated in making a difference in the lives of homeless women and their children. Since 1982, My Sister's Place has been a safe haven for those who are suddenly forced into the streets due to domestic violence, eviction, unemployment, or mental illness. Through guidance and empowerment, My Sister's Place helps the homeless towards a future of self-reliance and permanent, safe housing.

- Here are some items needed by MSP:
- paper goods (paper towels, tissues, etc.)
 - baby wipes, large diapers (sizes 3-5), bottles
 - cleaning products, laundry detergent
 - store gift cards, arts and crafts supplies
 - Thermometers, first aid kit, umbrellas
 - Pillows, bed sheets, mattress pads
 - Towels, bath rugs

To drop off any donations, there will be a box at the YIWH, and at the home of Judith Hessing (18 Grenhart).

**For more information, contact:
 Judith Hessing at 860-906-8352
 Tova Goldfischer at tova37@gmail.com
 Josh Glahn at josh.glahn@gmail.com**

This drive will run through December 16th!

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Dorit & Akiva Kanik on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Segev! מזל טוב to siblings Evyatar, Kinneret & Zev!
מזל טוב to Rabbi Mordechai and Dvora Weiss on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter in Florida!

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SAVE THE DATES
UPCOMING SHUL & COMMUNITY EVENTS

TAKE 15 WITH THE RABBI

Short recorded Shiurim by Rabbi Weinberg will be sent by email every Monday on the topic of Tefilla.

The first topic is "Kaddish"

They can also be downloaded or listened to on our website: www.youngisraelwh.org

ELISHA ROSENSWEIG'S CLASS

Tuesday, November 23rd, at 8:00 PM

We are studying the

Opening Parshiot of Sefer Bereishit.

At the home of Judy Brenner, 103 Steele Road

BOOK CLUB

New Book ~ **The Finkler Question**

By Howard Jacobson

CRAFT CIRCLE

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, needlepoint, bead, weave ?? "" We meet informally usually on

Monday evenings at 7:30 PM

Please email Debbie Luger (deluge613@sbcglobal.net)

ROSH CHODESH TEHILLIM GROUP

Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30 PM

At the home of Barbara Snyder, 22 Mohegan Drive

HAGH WINING, DINING & DASTARDLY DEEDS

12.11.10

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM

Elegant, Fundraising Dinner to benefit the HAGH

Wining, Dining & Dastardly Deeds,

An interactive murder mystery

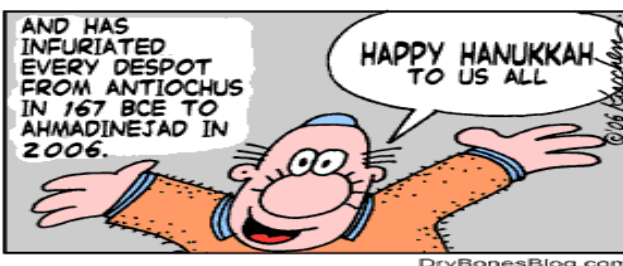
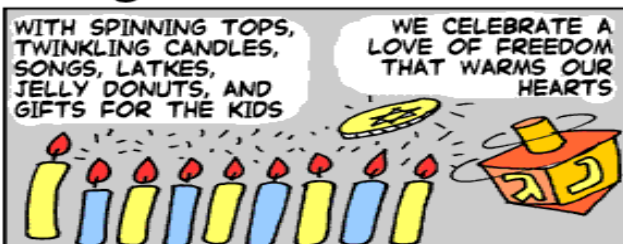
& theatre production

At the HAGH

RSVP or for more information:

860-243-8333 or www.sigelacademy.org

Dry Bones HAPPY HOLIDAY



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Youth Department is excited to announce upcoming activities and events for our children and teens of all ages! Get involved now and support our Youth Department. Your feedback and ideas are wanted!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF YOUTH EVENTS

Dec. 4, 2010 - Shabbat Chanukah Groups

Dec. 17, 2010 - Friday Night Teen Game Night & Chulent (Grades 9-12)

Jan. 15, 2011 - Shabbat Luncheon & Program (Grades 5-8)

Jan. 15, 2011 - Youth Department Hockey Game Outing: The Whale vs. The Bruins

Jan. 16, 2011 - Tu B'Shvat Seder & Dessert Party (Preschool-4th Grade)

Feb. 11, 2011 - Teen-Led Minyan & Friday Night Dinner (Grades 9-12)

Mar. 13, 2011 - Pre-Purim Bonanza & Carnival

Apr. 9, 2011 - Pre-Pesach Chametz in the Park

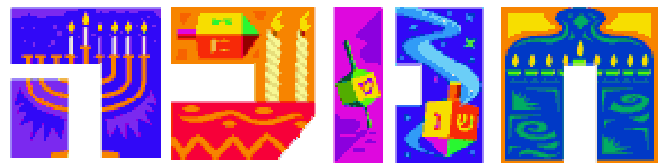
For more information, contact Zvi Goldfischer at 860-906-1111 or the Youth Department via email at yiwhyouth1@gmail.com

All pre-teens and teens with a Facebook account are encouraged to sign up with the shul's youth department account at: Young Israelwh

Rabbi's Corner, Continued

While we always seem to have a minyan in the mornings it is not always the strongest minyan and sometimes hovers around 10 or 11 men and 1 or 2 women. We could use your help to make it grow. Even if you come once a week or once every two weeks it would help a lot.

We are starting to offer coffee one morning a week so you don't even need to run to the coffee shop before work! If need be, we will make minyan at 6:30am on torah reading days to help you get out earlier. We will work with you to help you come. **I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE TRY TO COME TO ONE MORNING MINYAN A WEEK.**



BUY SCRIP! BUY SCRIP!

Please remember to continue to use scrip. It costs nothing additional to you - yet it helps the Shul. Remember, if you can not come and get the cards we can bring it to you!

Contact: Judith Hessing (860-233-6042), at 18 Grenhart Street

Projecting One's Jewishness by Rabbi Mayer Twersky

“*Vayar adonav ki hashem ito v'chol asher hu oseh Hashem matsliach b'yado* – and his [Yoseif's] master saw that Hashem was with him [Yoseif] and that Hashem brought him success in all his endeavors” How did Yoseif's pagan master know that Hashem was with Yoseif? How did the master know to attribute Yoseif's success to Hashem? While not explicitly posing these questions, Rashi does provide the answer. “*Shem shomayim shagur b'piv* – the name of Hashem was constantly on Yoseif's lips.”

When Yoseif's master would greet him and inquire as to his welfare, Yoseif would inevitably answer “*Baruch Hashem*”. When the master would entrust him to carry out some task, Yoseif would without fail respond, “*Im yirtze Hashem*” or “*B'ezras Hashem*”. If Yoseif's master would comment on a job satisfactorily **completed**, Yoseif would credit Hashem with the success. Yoseif *Hatzaddik* so openly and unequivocally identified himself as a *maamin b'Hashem* and *eved Hashem*, that even his pagan master “saw that Hashem was with him...”

Yoseif *haTzaddik*, through the combination of his integrity and his repeated, unequivocal identification as a *maamin b'Hashem* generated a *kiddush Hashem*. Moreover, Yoseif understood that wherever positive potential exists for a *kiddush Hashem*, negative potential exists for a *chilul Hashem*. One who openly identifies as a *maamin b'Hashem* reflects upon Hashem through his behavior. When his behavior is worthy and noble, he reflects credit. When his behavior is unworthy and ignoble, *Rachmana litzlan* he reflects discredit. And thus Yoseif rejects the temptress, the wife of Potiphar, by saying “*v'eich e'eseh ha'ra'ah hagedolah hazos v'chatasi l'Elokim* – and how shall I commit this terrible evil and sin to Hashem.”

The responsibility of creating a *kiddush Hashem* and avoiding *Rachmana Litzlan* a *chilul Hashem* is not limited to the Yoseif *hatzaddiks* of the world. Anyone identified with Jewish causes – for that matter, anyone identified as a Jew – bears this responsibility. Whatever other prohibitions are violated by unethical business practices, one who is engaged in such behavior also *rachmana litzlan* creates a *chilul Hashem*. *Oy l'einayim shekach ro'os; oy l'oznayim shekach shom'os* – woe to the eyes who witness this; woe to the ears which hear of this.

The practice of *shem shomayim shagur b'piv*, openly, unambiguously identifying as a *maamin b'Hashem*, a *shomer Torah u'mitzvos* not only creates potential for *kiddush Hashem*. It also serves as a buffer for trials that one inevitably undergoes when working and functioning in a gentile society which does not share our moral code or religious obligations and sensitivities. In the workplace one can try to conceal or camouflage his religious commitment as much as possible. As much as possible, one can try to just be one of the boys. Make sure no one ever sees him *davening mincha* or learning during lunch. Pretend one simply is not hungry at a business lunch in the CEO's boardroom, etc.

This approach is diametrically opposed to that of Yoseif *hatzaddik*. It creates pressure and false expectations. If one is simply one of the boys, then he can not very well absent himself from the crude, lewd banter during a coffee break or at the **water cooler**. How can one not attend the seasonal end of year parties? Everyone at work is expecting him/her because, after all, he is an **employee** like all others.

The Yoseif *hatzaddik* approach undercuts and even pre-empts such pressures. One openly identifies as an observant Jew. Not in a provocative or “in your face” manner, but nevertheless unambiguously. It is clear that this observant Jew, while collegial, helpful, and loyal, is not one of the boys. He will not ever be present for the crude conversations which take place. He is being entirely consistent with his image in excusing himself from the seasonal parties. It is, after all, to be expected because, while collegial and loyal, he clearly follows a different code of conduct and set of values.

Im yirtza Hashem and b'azras Hashem may we be successful in always creating a *kiddush Hashem*.

DOR L' DOR

Come & Learn in a *Chavruta* format with your child.

At Chabad house every two weeks and then alternating at YIWH, Beth David, & Agudas Achim

12/4 at 6:30 pm at Beth David	12/18 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	1/8 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House
1/15 at 7:00 pm at Agudas Achim	1/22 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	1/29 at 7:00 pm at Agudas Achim
2/5 at 7:00 pm at YIWH	2/12 at 7:00 pm at Chabad House	3/5 at 7:00 pm at YIWH

For further information contact Rabbi Jaffee: 860-888-2017

☆ YIWH Schedule of Services ☆
November 26th - December 3rd, 2010
Shabbat Parshat Vayeishev

**IT IS EASY TO SPONSOR A KIDDUSH
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Friday, November 26th

Shacharit
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv

8:15 a.m.
4:06 p.m.
4:11 p.m.

Shabbat, November 27th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class
Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv
Shabbat Ends

8:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:50 p.m.
5:05 p.m.

Sunday, November 28th - Wednesday, December 1st

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday
Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur & Breakfast
Studying Masechet Makot
Shacharit... Monday - Wednesday
Mincha/Maariv @ Agudas Achim (S - Th)

5:59 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
6:45 a.m.
4:05 p.m.

Thursday, December 2nd - Friday, December 3rd - CHANUKAH

Shacharit
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv (To leave time for Chanukah Candles)

6:30 a.m.
4:03 p.m.
4:00 p.m.

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KIDDUSH SCHEDULE
11/27 Daman
12/4 Zwang
12/11 Pava

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December 3rd - 10th, 2010
Shabbat Chanukah Parshat Miketz

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Friday, December 3rd - CHANUKAH

Shacharit
Candle Lighting
Mincha/Maariv (To leave time for Chanukah Candles)

6:30 a.m.
4:03 p.m.
4:00 p.m.

Shabbat, December 4th - CHANUKAH

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class
Shacharit
Sof Zman Kriat Shma
Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv
Shabbat Ends

8:00 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
9:21 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
3:45 p.m.
5:03p.m.

Sunday, December 5th - Thursday, December 9th - CHANUKAH

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin
Shacharit... Sunday
Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur & Breakfast
Studying Masechet Makot
Shacharit... Monday - Thursday
Mincha/Maariv @ Agudas Achim

6:06 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
6:30 a.m.
4:05p.m.

Friday, December 10th

Shacharit
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6:45 a.m.
4:02 p.m.
4:07 p.m.

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9:25 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:45 p.m.

5:02p.m.

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Shacharit... Monday - Thursday

Mincha/Maariv @ Agudas Achim

6:12 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

6:45 a.m.

4:05p.m.

Friday, December 17th

Shacharit

Candle Lighting

Mincha/Maariv

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4:08 p.m.

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