



# Young Israel of Greater Cleveland

## January 2017 Newsletter-Teves/Shevat 5777

### From the Rabbi's Shtender

Dear Member,

Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski once quoted a great Chassidic master who said that one can learn something from anyone or anything.

On Chanukah, some play checkers as well as dreidel. The Rabbi asked some checker players, "What did you learn from this game?"

When they did not answer, the Rabbi explained: "This game can teach you some rules of living:

1. You may only move forward, never backward
2. You can only move forward one step at a time.
3. Sometimes it is wise to give up something in order to gain more (i.e. surrender one checker to set up a double jump)."

The rules of checkers can also be guidelines for spiritual growth.

Wishing you all a meaningful and enjoyable Chanukah.

*Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein*

### SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

**Young Israel of Greater Cleveland is pleased to announce a Dinner in honor of Rabbi Naphtali & Mrs. Burnstein's 25th anniversary as our Morah D'Asra & Rebbetzin. Watch for details.**

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## JANUARY TIME TABLE

	Vayigash Jan. 6-7 8/9 Teves	Vayechi Jan. 13-14 15/16 Teves	Shemos Mevorchim HaChodesh Jan. 20-21 22/23 Teves	Va'era Rosh Chodesh Jan. 27-28 29 Teves/1 Shevat
<b>Candlelighting</b>	4:54 pm	5:01 pm	5:09 pm	5:18 pm
<b>Mincha Erev Shabbos</b>	5:00 pm	5:05 pm	5:15 pm	5:25 pm
<b>Hashkoma Stone</b>	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am
<b>Shacharis</b>	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	9:00 am
<b>(Stone) Childcare Groups (HAC) Junior Congregation</b>	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am	10:30-11:30 am 10:30-11:15 am
<b>Mincha</b>	4:45 pm	4:50 pm	5:00 pm	5:10 pm
<b>Ma'ariv</b>	5:55 pm	6:02 pm	6:10 pm	6:19 pm
<b>Motzei Shabbos</b>	6:03 pm	6:10 pm	6:18 pm	6:27 pm
<b>Latest time for krias shema (am)</b>	10:12 am	10:13 am	10:12 am	10:10 am
<b>Latest time for Shacharis (am)</b>	10:59 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Weekday Mincha (week of...)</b>	1/9-1/12 5:05 pm	1/15-1/19 5:10 pm	1/22-1/26 5:20 pm	1/29-2/2 5:25 pm

**Shacharis Schedule:**  
**Stone Syn:**  
 S 7:15/8:00/ 8:30 am  
 M & Th 6:40 / 7:50 am  
 T-W-F 6:45 am/ 7:50 am

**HAC:**  
 S 7:20 am  
 M & Th 6:40 / 7:10 am  
 T-W-F 6:45 / 7:20 am

**Rosh Chodesh Shevat**  
**Shabbos, January 28**  
**Stone:** 8:00/9:00 am  
**HAC:** 9:00 am

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<b>Shiurim Schedule</b>	
<u>WEEKDAYS</u>	<u>WEEKDAYS CONT'D</u>
<b>M-F 7:30 am Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)</b>	<b>Th 8:15 pm Rabbi Soloveitchik's Yahrzeit Shiurim (Rabbi Berger-Stone)</b>
<b>S-Th 9:00 pm Mishna Brura (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)</b>	<b>Rabbi Berger's classes held at Siegel College:</b>
<b>S-F 8:50 am Daf Yomi (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)</b>	<b>S 9:00-10:30 am Bagels, Lox &amp; Torah Class on Parshas HaShavua</b>
<b>S After 7:15 am Shacharis Minyan Mussar (Rabbi Dovid Gross-Stone)</b>	<b>M 6:30-8:30 pm The Book of Ruth as a Gateway to Biblical Narrative</b>
<b>S After 8:30 am Shacharis Minyan Maimonides: Guide for the Perplexed (Hillel Chiel-Stone Beit Midrash)</b>	<b>Th 10:00 am -12:00 pm Talmud Berachos</b>
<b>S-Th Shiur after Maariv (Rabbi Lebovics-HAC)</b>	<b><u>SHABBOS</u></b>
<b>M 8:15 pm Halacha for women (Rabbi Burnstein-home of Deena Israeli)</b>	<b>8:30 am Parsha (Rabbi Lebovics-HAC)</b>
<b>T 2:15 pm Mesilas Yesharim for women (Rabbi Baum-Stone)</b>	<b>8:30 am Parsha (Stone)</b>
<b>T 7:30 pm Parshas HaShavua for women (Rabbi Berger-Stone)</b>	<b>10:15 am Aspects of Prayer and Liturgy (Rabbi Berger following Stone Hashkoma)</b>
<b>T 8:30 pm Chumash for high school boys (Rabbi Borchardt-Stone)</b>	<b>10:15 am Sefer Melachim (Dr. Jeff Lautman following Stone Hashkoma)</b>
<b>W 12:15 pm Sefer Shemos for women (Rabbi Berger-Stone)</b>	<b>90 Minutes before Mincha Gemorra Avodah Zora at home of Dr. Jeff Lautman</b>
<b>W 8:00 pm Gemorra for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)</b>	<b>Dvar Torah at Shalosh Seudos (Rabbi Moshe Berger-Stone)</b>
<b>W 9:25 pm Yorah De'ah for men (Rabbi Burnstein-Stone)</b>	
<b>W. 8:15 pm Dramatic Narratives in the Talmud (Rabbi Berger-Stone)</b>	

## The Power of Prayer

One of the Brachos we recite on Chanukah before we light the Chanukah candles is the Bracha: *הַשְׁמַיִם נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה* which is translated to mean: “who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this season”.

The literal translation of the last words of this Bracha is “in those days in this time”. The commentaries explain that “in this time” refers to our own time. We tend to think that miracles occurred only in ancient times. However, our Rabbis tell us that it is not so. We are frequent beneficiaries of Hashem’s intervention on our behalf, but the miracles are disguised as natural phenomena. We should never despair. Even when a person feels himself/herself to be beyond all help, we continue to pray for Hashem’s help and support.

### **IMPORTANT WINTER SHACHARIS REMINDER**

The earliest time one may put on Tallis & Tefillin is from a time called “Mi-She-Yakir,” which is approximately one hour before sunrise. For those davening at our earlier minyanim (6:40-6:45 am), the two recommended solutions to this problem are as follows:

- Begin Shacharis and wait to put on Tallis & Tefillin after Yishtabach (except for the Shliach Tzibur who puts them on before Yishtabach)
- Put on the Tallis & Tefillin before davening without a bracha and after completing Yishtabach move the Tallis and Tefillin slightly and recite the bracha

### **KOLLEL CORNER**

For those interested in a chavrusa at night, please contact the Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Baum (248-860-9102).

Kollel Minyanim Sunday through Thursday: (not during Chanukah break Dec. 29 –Jan. 2)

Mincha: 1:00 pm      Maariv: 9:30 pm

Regular Kollel classes:

(Sunday) Rabbi Gross’s class after the 7:15 am minyan

(Tuesday) Rabbi Baum’s class in Mesilas Yeshorim for women at 2:15 pm.

(Tuesday) Rabbi Borchardt’s Chumash class for high school boys 8:30 pm.

**Friday Night Onegs:**

January 13, 8:00 pm at the home of Reuven & Sheila Freund

January 27, 8:00 pm at the home of Josh & Henna Klarfeld

**ASARAH B'TEVES**

The Tenth of Teves, **Sunday, January 8, 2017** is a fast day. On this day, the wicked Nevuchadnetzar, king of Babylonia, approached the city of Yerushalayim, laid siege to it and eventually crushed it. This led to the eventual destruction of the first Beis Hamikdash.

The fast begins at **6:40 am** and ends at **5:56 pm**. Although the fast does not officially begin until morning, one who intends to eat or drink before **6:40 am** should have this in mind before going to bed the night before. Otherwise, we assume that an unofficial acceptance of the fast and its accompanying restrictions have begun when going to sleep the prior evening. At Mincha, the traditional Krias Hatorah and Haftorah for a fast day are read.

**Fast begins: 6:40 am**

**Shacharis:**

Stone Synagogue 7:15/8:00/8:30 am —HAC 7:10 am

**Mincha** : 4:50 pm. **Maariv**: 5:40pm. **Fast ends**: 5:56 pm

\*Put on Talis and Tefillin after Yishtabach

**Clilei HaChodesh—Torah Thoughts from the YIGC Community**

We encourage you to take a look at *Clilei HaChodesh*, available both online and in print. Under Rabbi Moshe Berger's leadership, the monthly *Clilei HaChodesh* and the annual *Clilei Torah* journal are spaces for members to share Torah thoughts. Choose any topic that interests you. Each person has insights to share, and these projects provide a meaningful platform for that. Rabbi Berger can coach you through the process. Contact **Rabbi Berger, Sarah Rudolph or Leslie Seiger** to get on the schedule. Contact **Ronnie Shulman** for sponsorship information.

**JECC CAMP INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland is once again offering incentive grants for students attending denominationally sponsored, and some non-denominational overnight camps for the first or second time. Grants are not based on need. Just follow these steps:

- Enroll your child in a qualifying camp. For a complete list, go to [www.jecc.org/onehappycamper.org](http://www.jecc.org/onehappycamper.org)
- Register for the camp incentive at [www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org) (Day school students will be redirected to an alternate registration site.)

**To qualify for the grant as a member of Young Israel, YOU MUST CONTACT THE SHUL OFFICE. Deadline is March 1, 2017.**

**MISHNA YOMI PROGRAM**

The Mishna Yomi Program begins Maseches Orlah on Shabbos, January 14, 2017



**We're changing it up this year!**  
Young Israel of Greater Cleveland invites you to

## *Trivia Panoply*

With a new format to make it more fun and challenging

Teams of 6 adults will answer questions in 3 rounds of play.

Find experts to populate your team:  
#Talmudist #Sommelier #Forester  
#"Pun"dit #Engineer

*For this event, you will need to use all of your senses, especially your common sense!*

**When:** Saturday Night, January 28, 2017

**Time:** 7:45 pm - light dairy dinner | 8:30 pm - Game Time!

**Where:** YIGC Social Hall

**Price:** \$20 per person if registered and paid by Jan. 16, 2017  
\$25 per person if registered and paid after Jan. 16, 2017  
Deadline to register is Jan. 25, 2017

Prepayment to YIGC Office is required. For more information, contact Ezzie Goldish at [ezzie.goldish@gmail.com](mailto:ezzie.goldish@gmail.com) or 216-287-7199.  
**Register at:** <http://yigc.org/trivia/>

TRIBUTES

**In Honor of:**

**Don & Bernice Gandal** on their special anniversary from George Kronenberg

**Ariella Schlesinger** on graduating with a Master's in Occupational Therapy from Herschel & Debby Berger

**Refuah Shelaima to:**

**Rochel Koval** from Alan & Lisa Schabes

**Amy Weiser** from Larry & Sandi Gold/Alan & Lisa Schabes

**In Memory of:**

**Meyer (Mike) Haas** from Isaac & Francine Flaks/Harold & Deborah Polster

**Beni Ninio** from Herschel & Debby Berger

**Daniel Haas Scholarship Fund**

**In Memory of:**

**Meyer (Mike) Haas** from Esther Fuchs Berger & Avraham Peri/Refahel & Sharon Muskin/Hannah Porath/Yocheved Mintz/Don & Bernice Gandal/Florence Spero/Marsha Besuner Klausner/Neal & Susan

Epstein/Carolyn Ohlbaum/Rabbi Sam & Sharon Rothberg/Zev Kessler/Allan & Marguerite Morris/Bob & Hedria Saltzman

**Elsie Chernack** from Rabbi Sam & Sharon Rothberg

**Norman Bresky** from Hannah Porath

**Steven Solomon** from Hannah Porath

Dear **Young Israel** family and friends,

*I want to share some personal reflections with you, from the perspective of a daughter living abroad, in Eretz Yisrael, while her two parents still lived in Cleveland, Ohio.*

*You are so fortunate to have Rabbi Naphtali Burnstein as your Rav.*

*Throughout the last years of their lives, including the healthier and more productive years until each of their own final months, weeks, and days, Rav Burnstein was a very good friend and religious guide to my parents, and offered warm counsel, consistent perspectives and availability to myself and my sisters. I cannot say enough about how crucial such availability was for us.*

*Emotionally and practically, the last years with my folks in Menorah Park were hard for us. In many ways, Rabbi Burnstein was there for us and a link to our dear parents. The Rav advised us regarding a host of complex issues, with legal and halakhic implications, such as DNR considerations and more.*

*In the end, it was he who was the last man to put tefillin and talit on our Dad. Aside from our own visits during the several years of their life in Stone Gardens and Menorah Park, when planning could still be somewhat flexible, we knew it was time to come in for what sounded like a "final" visit in the case of our father when Rabbi Burnstein, frankly and gently, suggested that that time seemed to have arrived.*

*After our father was niftar, the Rabbi helped us, through our pain and tears, to arrange a bekovodikah levaya. It was Rav Burnstein who decided the best place for burial for our parents in the Young Israel section of Mount Zion cemetery. And his parting words about each of our parents at the Bet Hespered were extremely comforting to us all.*

*I felt I needed to share this with you all. Sometimes we have good fortune and do not realize it; or fail to express gratitude where it is fully due. Ashreychem!*

*May Rav Burnstein be there for all of your many smachot!*

Warmly,  
Yehudit Spero



**Rabbi Naphtali & Rochel Burnstein** on the birth of a grandson. Parents are Eli & Esther Graiser of Cleveland Heights.

**Susan Gottesman and Sidney & Dorothy Katz** on the marriage of their grandchildren, Elaine Gottesman and Jason Katz. Parents are Robert & Irene Gottesman of Englewood, N.J. and Joel & Karin Katz of N.Y.

**Nachman & Lisa Muskal** on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Mr. & Mrs. Malachi Muskal.

**Sheri Hoenig** on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are David & Elana Glasner.

**Steve & Beth Baker** on the engagement of their son, Jeremy Rosen to Kara Zelman of Moreland Hills

**David & Cheryl Lever** on the birth of a two granddaughters. Parents are:

- Yehuda & Kayla Shugarman of Israel.
- Dovid & Racheli Ribakow of University Heights

**Rabbi & Mrs. Dovid Gross** on the birth of a girl

**Rabbi & Mrs. Avraham Baruch Greenblatt** on the birth of a boy

**Eli Kaliff** on his Bar Mitzvah. Parents are **Matthew & Beth Kaliff**.

**Rabbi Moshe & Rochel Fine** on the engagement of their daughter, **Aliza**, to Avromi Orloff of Los Angeles

**Ariella Schlesinger** on graduating with a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from Cleveland State University

**Sherman & Shirley Frankel** on the birth of a grandson. Parents are Gedalya & Brachie Frankel of Baltimore.

**Menachem & Tova Chaya Levitansky** on the birth of a girl

Many thanks to the chairpersons of our Murder Mystery Event:

**Adam Gardin, Ezzie Goldish, Tamara Lempel, Ronnie Shulman**

All your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Kudos to:

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Sarah Rothner (Sora bas Roiza)

**Condolences to:**

The family of our member, **Meyer (Mike) Haas** on his passing