

Shabbos Times

Friday, November 7

Candle Lighting: 4:32

Mincha/Maariv: 4:35

Shabbos, November 8

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Latest Shema: 9:10

Iyun Shiur: 3:55 PM

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 4:25

Shekiah: 4:49

Maariv/Nightfall: 5:32

Weekday Times

Shacharis

Daf Yomi: 8:00

Sunday: 8:30

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday:

Kollel Boker: 6:20

Kollel Boker: Tuesday: 8:05

Monday and Thursday: 6:40

Tuesday: 8:30

Wednesday and Friday: 6:45

Mincha

Sunday - Friday: 4:30

Candle Lighting next Shabbos:
4:26

Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

Kiddush is sponsored by Akiva and Leah Homnick in honor of Akiva receiving Choson Breishis.

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Akiva and Leah Homnick in commemoration of Mori Vrabbi, Rav Dovid Feinstein zt"l's yahrtzeit.

Sunday Morning Breakfast and Learn is sponsored by Yehuda and Renanit Baker in honor of the yahrzeit of Yehuda's grandmother, Rebbetzin Dreiza Liba (Hadarah) Baker

הרבנית דרייזא ליבא (הדרה) בת ר' גרשון ע"ה

May the tzedakah given for this sponsorship and the Torah learning at this event be a zechus for the aliyah of her neshamah.

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Sue Carre on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Moshe Merkin, in Silver Spring, MD!

Mazel tov to Yisroel Leib Burr upon his Bar Mitzvah this shabbos! Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Burr and to the entire Burr family! The Bar Mitzvah will be taking place at Ahavas Torah.

Mazel Tov to Mordechai and Gitty Zisow upon the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Burr and to the entire Burr family. There will be a Sholom Zachor on Friday night at 8218 Dorcas, starting at 8:15pm.

Condolences

Condolences to Adina Braun upon the passing of her grandmother.

Condolences to Gary Cohen upon the passing of his wife, Rosalie Cohen.

Thank you to an anonymous donor for sponsoring the repair/enhancement of the lighting and electrical work that is beautifying the Aron Kodesh.

KIDS KORNER

KIDS' KABOLOS SHABBOS

All kids old enough to sit with their parents are invited to join us for kabolos shabbos and will receive a prize!

YOUTH GROUPS

Back on! Beginning @ 9:30 with Shevi Burr.

We encourage our boys to participate and lead the end of davening!

BI POINTS

Given out all Shabbos to all participating kids. Accumulate and earn great prizes!

Upcoming Programs

November 9: Breakfast & Learn: History of Tefillah

November 16: Mother Daughter Series: Jewmba with Lauren Marcus

November 21-22: Scholar in Residence with Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

November 26: L'Chaim Initiative- Dr. Michael Schatz; A Look at the History of Jewish Philadelphia

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M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE

This Week, That Thought

Disclaimer: These are broad reflections and general observations; every individual situation is unique and deserves its own careful consideration.

Before Tuesday night was over, I decided, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, to post our BIOZ "Visit Our Community" flyer, suggesting Northeast Philadelphia as an option for New Yorkers who, in light of the election results, might be thinking of relocating.

There are countless factors that go into a family's decision to move or stay put. I've had to make that choice myself more than once. After the 2024 elections, many people said the same thing: it's time to move.

But for us as Jews, with our long history of exile, it's worth pausing to consider what that sentiment really means. It speaks to how comfortable and settled we've become, and perhaps how fortunate we are, that our primary reason to leave is frustration with those in power. In most of Jewish history, moving was not a matter of preference or politics; it was a matter of survival. Genuine appreciation for the countries that have hosted us has always been rare and precious.

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Between the Lines

As we mentioned last week, Avraham, our first Jew and first mekarev, was constantly on the move. Together with his father, Terach, he began the journey toward Eretz Yisroel. The Sforno explains that even then, the Land possessed a higher spiritual quality, its very air nurtured elevated thought, and even the Mabul could not penetrate it. Terach never made it, but Avraham and Lot continued on.

Avraham longed to settle, but circumstances forced him to move. Famine drove him to Mitzrayim, though the Rishonim debate whether that decision reflected proper trust in Hashem. He also kept close to Lot, but not too close, maintaining his commitment to protect him.

A person surrounded by corruption should seek a community of the righteous; if none exists or it is unsafe to move, he should live in seclusion—and if even that is impossible without joining in wrongdoing, he should withdraw entirely, even to the wilderness. - Rambam

When things were finally stable, Avraham chose to live bein Beis-El mi'yam v'ha'Ai mikedem—between two major cities. The Sforno notes that he did this intentionally, seeking maximum exposure so others could encounter his message of faith.

Later, after Sedom's destruction and the decline of travelers, Avraham again moved—to Gerar, positioned between Kadesh and Shur—for the same reason: to reach people.

Avraham was willing to live in less-than-ideal surroundings if it meant spreading Hashem's truth. Though he had no settled community or family nearby, his drive to make an impact shaped his every move. Each person's journey is different, but through Avraham's, the journey of the Jewish people began.

This Week, That Thought cont.

I share this reflection for two reasons. First, yes, I posted the flyer partly in jest. It would be wonderful for people to discover the beauty of our community, and for our community to welcome new, wonderful people. But as one of my rabbinic mentors once told me, Rabbis are not real estate agents. Our role is not to move people around, but to serve the people right in front of us - to build a Torah-based community and deepen what we already have. Marketing has its place, but it's not our mission.

Second, I once heard a remarkably insightful comment from a respected longtime member of one of the shuls I served. He said: "Many have come and gone from our shul. There are always good reasons to move: for family, comfort, or opportunity, but once a family is settled, they also carry a responsibility to the kehillah they've joined. I could have left many times for good reasons, but I stayed because I felt a responsibility to my community."

That perspective is worth holding onto, especially in times when moving feels easier than ever.



For the Table

- What are the key factors to consider when deciding where to live?
- How often in Jewish history did we even have the luxury of asking that question?