

Shabbos Times

Friday, April 17

Mincha/Maariv: 7:00

Candle Lighting 7:22

Shabbos, April 18

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Krias Shema: 9:38

Counting Towards Sinai: 6:00

Boys Perkei Avos: 6:45

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 7:15

Shekiah: 7:41

Nightfall/Maariv: 8:22

Weekday Times

Shacharis

Daf Yomi: 8:00

Sunday: 8:30

Kollel Boker: 6:15

Weekday Shacharis

Monday, Thursday: 6:40

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
6:45

Mincha

Sunday-Thursday: 7:30

Friday: 7:00

Candle Lighting next

Shabbos: 7:29

Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

Kiddush is sponsored by Jeff and Rose Lonstein in honor of Briella's Bas Mitzvah. It is a special occasion to have her 12th birthday on this Shabbat, celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with friends and family. May she continue to grow in wisdom and kindness. Mazel Tov!

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Ezra and Susie Wohlgeleinter in memory of Moreinu v'Rabeinu Rav Felder zt"l whose Yahrtzeit is the 3rd of Iyar.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Bernie and Allison Greenberg upon the bris of their grandson Moshe Zev! Mazel Tov to parents Zach and Rachel Greenberg!

Mazel Tov to Sue Carre upon the wedding of her granddaughter, Tzipora Merkin to Meir Komarow!

Mazel tov to Briella Lonstein upon her Bas Mitzvah! Mazel tov to parents Jeff and Rose Lonstein and to the entire family!

Upcoming Programs

April 18: Boy's Shabbos Afternoon Learning Program - Shabbos Kickoff

April 13-May 21: OU Women's Counting Towards Sinai

April 19: Breakfast & Learn: The Chazzan and the Choir

April 22: Yom Haatzmaut BBQ at the Schwarzbaum home at 6:00 pm.

April 26: L'Chaim Initiative: Andrea Strongwater

June 14: Annual Shul Dinner

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!

Thank You

Thank you to our anonymous donors who were מחזיר עטרה לישנה and had our כתר תורה and sefer torah plates restored! They add so much to the כבוד התורה in our Aron and it is especially appropriate as we count towards the days of Shavuot!

Welcome

Welcome to Rabbi Dovid Engel who will be speaking to the boys before Mincha and at Shalosh Seudos.

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M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE

This Week, That Thought

This past Shabbos, while I was away, I overheard a conversation about the challenges of making Pesach, not only at home but even when going away to Florida or elsewhere. Packing, cooking, navigating travel, and then adjusting to a new environment all bring real stress during a time meant to celebrate freedom. One person summed it up simply: it is often the women who carry the greatest burden. They organize, plan, shop, prepare, and execute every detail, and they deserve the credit.

This year, the quick turnaround from Pesach to Shabbos added another layer. Beyond the intense pre-Pesach preparations, there was the pressure of transitioning the kitchen back and preparing for Shabbos in such a short window. It required exceptional organization, foresight, and effort. It is no small task, and we owe deep appreciation to all who worked so hard to make both Yom Tov and Shabbos so meaningful, before and after.

At the same time, it would be incomplete to focus only on the effort without recognizing something more foundational. The atmosphere, the warmth, and the sense of occasion that define our Yom Tov experience are so often shaped by the unique touch within the home. It is that touch which brings our mesorah to life, not only in what we learn, but in how we live it. Thank you to all who carried and transmitted that mesorah over these past weeks, and who showed us what it means to truly experience cheirus.

Thank you to Sue Carre for sponsoring this week's Shabbos Reader in honor of the marriage of her granddaughter, Tzipora Merkin to Meir Komarow.

Between the Lines

The parsha focuses primarily on the laws of tzara'as, how to identify this "spiritual leprosy" and the path to becoming tahor. Yet it opens with childbirth, bris milah, and the tumah that follows. These are two opposite realities with strikingly different effects.

The metzorah is counted among those considered as if dead in their lifetime, as his actions, particularly lashon hara, create division and separation. Childbirth, by contrast, brings life, light, and unity. Yet the metzorah's tumah is brief, while a woman who gives birth cannot enter the Beis Hamikdash for forty or eighty days. Why should tumah last longer in the very act that brings life?

"The fathers taught generations how to observe the Shabbos; mothers taught generations how to greet the Shabbos and how to enjoy her twenty-four hour presence." Rav Soloveitchik

Part of the answer lies in recognizing that the child was once part of the mother herself. That transition carries a sense of loss and significance, reflected in the halachah. But perhaps there is a deeper message. The Torah is directing the mother's focus. This is a time to devote herself to nurturing her child, to shaping new life with care and attention. For now, her avodah shifts from the Beis Hamikdash to her home, where kedushah will shine most powerfully.

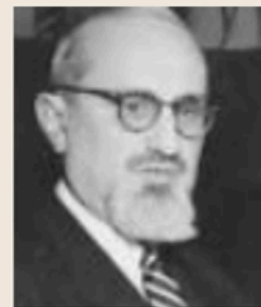


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Pages of the Past

In his Hespel for the Talner Rebbetzin, Rabbi Soloveitchik beautifully wrote: What is *toras emecho*? What kind of a Torah does the mother pass on?... Permit me to draw upon my own experiences. I used to have long conversations with my mother. In fact, it was a monologue rather than a dialogue. She talked and I "happened" to overhear... She talked *me-inyana de-yoma*. I used to watch her arranging the house in honor of a holiday. I used to see her recite prayers; I used to watch her recite the *sidra* every Friday night and I still remember the nostalgic tune. I learned from her very much.

Most of all I learned that Judaism expresses itself not only in formal compliance with the law but also in a living experience. She taught me that there is a flavor, a scent and warmth to *mitzvos*. I learned from her the most important thing in life – to feel the presence of the Almighty and the gentle pressure of His hand resting upon my frail shoulders... The fathers knew much about the *Shabbos*; the mothers lived the *Shabbos*, experienced her presence, and perceived her beauty and splendor.



For the Table

- How can we become more intentional about cultivating an atmosphere of warmth and lived Yiddishkeit in our homes, beyond the technical fulfillment of mitzvos?
- In the midst of preparation and responsibility, how do we ensure that the spirit, joy, and sense of cheirus remain at the center of our Yom Tov experience?