

Heights Jewish Center News

Achdus—Unity and Friendship

Strengthening the Pillar of Torah

The Jewish People were given so many mitzvos that it is sometimes difficult to figure out what the big picture is. The old cliché of not being able to see the forest for the trees is how this is often described. It is for this reason that every few generations or so, Klal Yisroel produces leaders that remind us of the big picture. One of the earliest Jewish Leaders to do this was Shimon Hatzaddik, who states in Pirkei Avos that the world stands on three principles: Torah, Avodah and Gemilus Chasadim.

Shimon Hatzaddik himself was the leader of the Sanhedrin whose role was to teach Torah to the nation, the Kohen Gadol who was the leader of Avodas Hashem in the Beis Hamikdash, and according to the medrash founded a charity organization that helped the poor in Jerusalem.

Shimon Hatzaddik's motto has been the shul's statement of principles for many years now. Boruch Hashem the Daf Yomi shiur after Maariv has gotten off to a very good start and should have finished Masechta Beitzah by the time you read this. In addition to the Chumash and Novi classes on Shabbos, more opportunities to strengthen the pillar of Torah will be knocking in the weeks to come.

'Heights' continues to be a

mokom tefilla par excellence, where a Jew knows he can come to daven with kavana and still reasonably expect to say kedusha as well. We are also known as a no-talking-during-davening shul. This should not be a mark of pride. After all, we're not supposed to be interrupting during services. Yet it is something for which we are notable. The members of our shul also stand out in the Chesed that they do.

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Deena and I have felt this firsthand, as so many of you have stepped forward to offer us a helping hand since the baby was born.

With these three pillars so strongly set in place by Rabbi Schurzt'l, all we have to do is make sure that we continue to grow as we focus on those priorities even more in the future.

Deena and I wish you all a Happy Chanukah.

Rabbi Raffy Davidovich

Synagogue Notes



Israeli Style Chanukah Party

Motzei Shabbos,
December 16 2006

Heights Jewish Center

7:30 pm

Pre-paid reservations only

Welcome to the Heights
Jewish Center Family:

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Weinstock and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. Avner Cohen and
family

We hope your association with
HJC will be a long and
meaningful one.

May the observance of
lighting the Hanukah
menorah and the Shabbos
candles bring the light of
Hashem's kindness into your
home bringing to all good
health and much personal
joy.

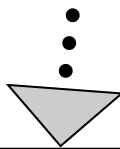
A happy Chanukah to all.

Reminder:

When entering the shul building
for a function, ladies and gentlemen should dress properly
(Tznius) in a manner in
accordance with Jewish
Orthodoxy.

Chanukah

- ◆ Place the menorah near a window so it can be seen from the road, if it can be done safely.
- ◆ Before kindling, make sure there is enough oil or the candles are big enough to last half an hour.
- ◆ On **Erev Shabbos**, kindle Chanukah lights first, then Shabbos lights. Make sure the candles or oil will last through half hour **after night-fall**.
- ◆ Do not use Chanukah menorah lights for reading, working, etc.
- ◆ Candles must be lit at home even if you were present for or lit the candles at the Synagogue.
- ◆ Menorah is usually lit between Mincha and Maariv at the synagogue, but must be lit **after Havdalah Motzi Shabbos**.
- ◆ After candle lighting we say Hanayros Halolu.
- ◆ During the eight days, V'Ahl Hanisim is added in Shmoneh Esrei and Birkat Hamazon. Complete Hallel is read after Shmoneh Esrei in the morning. There is a daily Torah reading.
- ◆ See Brachas below.



Remember:

- Add candles/oil from right to left; light from left to right
- Three brachas the first night:
- Baruch ... Asher Kidshonu B'Mitzvosov V'tzivonu L'hadleek Ner Shel Hanukah
- Baruch ... She Oso Neesim La'avoseinu Bayomeem Hohaim Bazmohn Hazeh
- ◆ Baruch ... Sheh-heh-Cheh-younu Veekeymonu V'heegi-yonu Lazmahn Hazeh (First night only).

Special Thanks to All

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for you good wishes and prayers for my full recovery after my illness. I really appreciated all the cards, calls and personal greetings when I was at davening.

Isabel Parks

Many thanks to my HJC family for your thoughtfulness and kindness to me when my beloved sister Betty passed away.

May you all stay well.

Lena Katz and family

Shana Tova

Omitted Greetings - The following HJC members wish you a belated, but just as heartfelt Shana Tova

Martin, Marla, Avramy and Aharon Lipman

U. Harold and Faiga Males

Josh, Sora and Leah Mendelson

Melanie, Jeff, David, Aaron and Elana Muller

Barbara Schur and Family

Mazel Tov ...

- ◆ Rabbi and Mrs. Davidovich and Family on the birth of a baby boy.
- ◆ Mrs. Frances Senser on the birth of a great grandson
- ◆ Ted and Arlene Bennett on the birth of a grandson.
- ◆ Toby and Herb Geduld on the marriage of their granddaughter and the birth of a great-granddaughter
- ◆ U Harold and Faiga Males on the birth of a grandson
We should only know from simchas, B"H.

Yomim Tovim

Thank you for a job well done to Rabbi Davidovich, our Ba'al Tefilah Rabbi Simcha Mann and Hillel Seltzer, our gabboyim, Martin Lipman and Jeff Muller who always see to it that there is respect in Shul, and our Shamash Steve Baker.

Thanks also to our President Gershon Ireland, Neil Parks, Efraim Bolotin, the office staff, Mr. Johnson and his staff and everyone who helped make our Yomim Tovim special.

Many, Many Thanks

Thanks so much to the members who sponsored the following:

Kiddush:

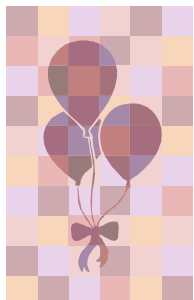
- ◆ Isabel and Neil Parks - 25th Wedding Anniversary
- ◆ Marla and Martin Lipman - 25th Wedding Anniversary:
- ◆ Marion and Michael Swirsky - Daughter & granddaughter birthday
- ◆ Linda and Larry Crane - Larry's milestone birthday
- ◆ Betty and Mike Hoffer - Mike's milestone birthday

Shelosh Seuda:

- ◆ Harry and Margaret Schuster - Memory of his mishpocha
- ◆ Rob and Jan Altshuler - Memory of his mother Rose
- ◆ Mr. Avner Cohen - For so graciously volunteering to make salads

Hanny birtthday to:

November	December	January
Alvin Cohen	Penny Beer	Alex Adelman
Harvey Goldstein	Gary Blake	Saundra Cohen
Isak Kampinski	Eta Boyce	Toby Geduld
Lena Katz	Rachel Faigenbaum	Sharon Gross
Jack Klein	Faige Golub	Reb. Sofie Hofmann
Borris Mikhli	Marion Kampinski	Hillel Joseph
Jeniffer Mintz	Kurt Kohr	Arthur Lefkowitz
Cecile Mishkind	Rita Kohr	Marla Lipman
Daniel Waxman	Martin Lipman	Charles Perkel
May all of you be blessed with health, happiness, nachas, simchas and all of Hashem's blessings 'til 120.	Jeffrey Muller	Robert Pinkis
	Neil Parks	
	Goldie Schkolnik	
	Esther Shimansky	
	Eleanor Wayman	



Happy Anniversary to all and may you be together in health and happiness always.

- November (Belated)**
 George and Saundra Cohen
 Martin and Marla Lipman
 Chanon and Bobbi Perkel
 Kurt and Rita Kohr
 Neil and Isabel Parks
 Richard and Barbara Schlesinger
- December**
 Josh and Sora Mendelson
- January**
 Art and Claire Lefkowitz
 U Harold and Faige Males

Condolences ...

to the family and friends of:

Betty Arsham

To the family and friends of

Rose Altshuler

To the family and friends of

Rabbi Isidore Pickholtz

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Thank you to everyone who cooked or sent meals and made donations in their memories.

In case you haven't heard ...

Heights Jewish Center now has a program for the older children on Shabbos morning. The program is headed by Rabbi Kirsh and is quite successful.

We also have free baby sitting for the younger children on Shabbos morning headed by Andrea Rosen.

Let your friends know what's happening at Heights and perhaps they will come with you.

**Chanukah Recipe
 Potato Latkes**



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| 2 eggs | 6 potatoes |
| 1 onion | Oil for frying |
| 1/4 tsp. baking soda | 1/3 c flour |
| 1/2 tsp salt, pepper and brown sugar | |

Place eggs in blender or food processor, add onion and potatoes (no need to peel, just wash them well.

Blend everything together, add flour, baking powder and seasonings.

Place a heaping tablespoon in hot oil in frying pan and fry until golden brown. Turn to fry other side.

Place on paper towels to absorb excess oil before serving.

Project Inspire

Project Inspire, a movement whose goal is to inspire the religious community to impact the lives of other Jews, has come to Cleveland. Many of us are observant today as the result of someone reaching out to us. Project Inspire is all about cultivating relationships. Many times we are unaware of the tremendous opportunities before us. We can strike up a conversation with someone before an exercise class, or make an effort to speak more frequently with our non observant neighbors or co-

workers. Once a relationship has been developed we can invite them for a Shabbos meal, tell them about a great book shiur, or learning opportunity or send them a Torah insight through e-mail.

Project Inspire is being launched in Cleveland just in time for Chanukah. This month's campaign is to reach out this Chanukah by giving out chocolate coins with an inspiring card. The cards and chocolates are \$2.00 each. To obtain the cards and hear more about Project Inspire, contact Beth Baker at 216 691 9844, or go to www.projectinspireonline.com

As observant Jews, we have the privilege and responsibility to reach out to other Jews.



December 2006 Kislev-Tevet 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					110 Kislev Shabbos Starts 4:39	2 11 Kislev Parsha Vayetza Shabbos ends 5:47
3	4	5	6	7	8 17 Kislev Shabbos Starts 4:38	9 18 Kislev Parsha Vayishlach Shabbos ends 5:46
10	11	12	13	14	15 24 Kislev Shabbos Starts 4:39 1st Chanukah Light	16 25 Kislev Parsha Vayeshev Bichak Hachodesh Shabbos ends 5:47 2nd Chanukah Light Party at 7:30 pm
17 26 Kislev 3rd Chanukah Light	18 27 Kislev 4th Chanukah Light	19 28 Kislev 5th Chanukah Light	20 29 Kislev 6th Chanukah Light	21 1st Day Rosh Chodesh Tevet 7th Chanukah Light	22 2nd Day Rosh Chodesh Tevet 1 8th Chanukah Light Light before Shabbos Shabbos Starts 4:42	23 2 Tevet Parsha Miketz Final day of Chanukah Shabbos ends 5:50
24 3 Tevet	25 4 Tevet	26 5 Tevet	27 6 Tevet	28 7 Tevet	29 8 Tevet Shabbos Starts 4:46	30 9 Tevet Parsha Vayigash Shabbos ends 5:55
31 10 Tevet Fast of Jerusalem Siege - Starts: 6:41 Ends: 5:56						

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January 2007 Tevet-Shevat 5767

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 15 Tevet Shabbos starts: 4:52	6 16 Tevet Shabbos ends: 6:01 Parshas Vayechi
7	8	9	10	11	12 22 Tevet Shabbos starts: 5:00	13 23 Tevet Shabbos ends: 6:09 Parshas Shemot Birchat Hachodesh
14	15	16	17	18	19 29 Tevet Shabbos starts: 5:08	20 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Shevat Shabbos ends: 6:17 Parshas Vaera
21	22	23	24	25	26 7 Shevat Shabbos starts: 5:16	27 8 Shevat Shabbos ends: 6:26 Parshas Bo
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Reservation form for Chanukah

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Name _____

Phone _____

Category	Member Price	Non Member Price	How many?	Subtotal \$\$\$	Israeli Style Chanukah Dec 16 7:30 pm Questions? Call 382-1958
Adults	\$6.00	\$7.00			
Children under 12 yrs	\$3.00	\$4.00			
Children under 6 yrs	Free	Free			
Family of five (Immediate family- same household)	\$20.00	\$25.00			
Total enclosed \$ Reservations and check payable to Heights Jewish Center must be received by December 11, 2006					Raffle, Fun, Food and Friends Bring your favorite games and your friends. You'll have a great time!

Thank you very much to the Wylen and Lipman families for their generous donations of Tannachim. The Wylens in memory of Channa Zelda bas Zvi Meyer and the Lipmans in memory of Marla's father.

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