

NER AVRAHAM NEWSLETTER

Ner Avraham - A caring Kehilla of learning and growth in the heart of Yerushalayim



Shabbos Mevarchin Parshas Miketz

שבת מברכין פרשת מקץ שבת חנוכה



Candle Lighting (Chanukah & Shabbos) 4.07pm
Chanukah candles should burn through until 5.40pm

Mincha Erev Shabbos 4.30pm

Rabbi Wolff will speak between Kabbolas Shabbos and Maariv

Maariv 5.20pm

Shacharis 8.00am followed by Kiddush

Daf Yomi 3.20pm

Mincha 4.10pm followed by *Seuda Shlishis*

Maariv Motzai Shabbos 5.25pm

Havdalah in Shul

Rosh Chodesh Teves

לי כסלו - Tuesday 31 December

אי טבת - Wednesday 1 January

Message From Rabbi Wolff

In the עיל הניסים for Chanukah, said during every tefilah and bentching, we begin with the introduction that these events took place 'in the days of Matisyahu the son of Yochanan Kohen Gadol'. The inclusion of Matisyahu's father, which we don't find on the Purim side of Al Hanissim with Mordechai and Esther, must show that Yochanan Kohen Gadol made a great contribution in his own right to the Chanukah victory.

I saw a beautiful suggestion given by Rav Yehuda Kelemer זצ"ל in the newly published sefer of his Torah, תורתך שעשועי (thank you Dr. Wachtel!). The Mishna (Maaser Sheni 5:15) tells us that, among other enactments, Yochanan 'annulled the arouzers'. The Gemara in Sotah 48 explains that the Leviim, in their singing, began to add the pasuk in Tehilim, "עורה למה תישן ה'" implying that Hashem was 'sleeping' and letting His people suffer and He should 'wake up'. Now, the intent of the passuk is to be a call of prayer to Hashem to have mercy on us and pay attention to our plight, but Yochanan felt that there was a tone and message of blame and despair in the song of the Leviim.

Blaming the bleak situation on the fact that Hashem seems to be sleeping shirks our responsibility to fix the situation and implies that we have no hope that things will improve. By stopping the Leviim, Yochanan was conveying the message that we must act to improve and we will see that Hashem is not 'sleeping' at all, he is just waiting for us to wake up.

If we realize that Hashem will help us, we will be able to find inner כח that we never thought we had in order to be victorious over our enemies, both physical and spiritual.

Perhaps it was this message that inspired Matisyahu and the Chashmonaim not only not to despair, but to battle for the sake of saving the Jewish people. Their actions aroused Hashem to have mercy and help them and we are the beneficiaries of the great mesirus nefesh of Matisyahu who received inspiration from Yochanan Kohen Gadol.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos, a Chanukah Sam'each, and only b'soros tovos!

To sponsor a Kiddush/Shalos Seudas or share a family simcha or other news via the Newsletter, please contact the office on 0586049524 or email: office@neravraham-jerusalem.com

This Week's News

מזל טוב

Mazal Tov to Shevach and Esti Black on the birth of a granddaughter to his son Naftali!

Mazal Tov to Ronny and Carrie Wachtel on the engagement of their grandson Uri, to Devorah Gross of Ramat Beit Shemesh.

Kiddush

Kiddush this week has been sponsored by Leon and Janice Bernstein on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

Shalosh Seudas

Shalosh Seudas this week is sponsored by Mr and Mrs Birnbaum in honor of the Rebbeim of Ner Avraham.

Reflections on the Shabbaton



As I look back at the recent Shabbaton, two words come to mind: gratitude and community. Regarding gratitude, Necha Golda and I have been coming to Ner Avraham for more than four years. Not a day goes by where we don't reflect on how fortunate we are to have connected to Ner Avraham.

With Rabbi Wolff and Rabbi Silberstein constantly showing their love and caring for the shul and the community, we feel we have become part of something bigger. Between davening, shiurim, learning, hosting classes and even collecting Chumashim on Shabbos morning. More than we have become part of Ner Avraham, Ner Avraham has become part of us.

Regarding community: during the Shabbaton I was looking around and I realized I was surrounded by my very best friends and had become part of the Ner Avraham family. I knew all the men by name and found myself getting closer to them while they were sharing their deepest feelings answering Rabbi Wolff's question: "Who has influenced you the most?" The Shabbaton was just the latest example of how Rabbi Wolff and Rabbi Silberstein work tirelessly to build our community.

On behalf of the Ner Avraham community, we thank you both so very much!!

Mendel Dubinsky



CHANUKAH 5785



DAVENING

Shacharis - 7.15am

Mincha - 2.00pm

Maariv - 5.45pm (NOT 8.30pm)

MEN'S EVENING SHIURIM

The men's evening shiurim will NOT take place during Chanukah.

LADIES' SHIURIM

The ladies' shiurim with Rebbetzen Chani Jacobowitz will NOT take place during Chanukah.

SHIR SHEL YOM

Weekday Chanukah: 30 - 7.

Shabbos Chanukah: 92 - צב (as regular)

Rosh Chodesh Chanukah: 104 - טז



קהילת נר אברהם
 In memory of Avraham (Ted) Mirkhani z"l
Growing Together



To sponsor the Daf Yomi shiur, the Coffee Corner, learning at the Kollel etc., please contact the office on 0586049524 or email: office@neravraham-jerusalem.com

ב"ס"ד

Morning classes at the
Ner Avraham Community Kollel

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Sunday - Wednesday 9.30am - 1.00pm

9.30 - 10.10	Kuzari	Rabbi Silberstein
10.15 - 10.55	Chumash	Rabbi Silberstein
11.00 - 11.40	Mishna	Rabbi Silberstein
11.45 - 12.15	Classical Halochos of Daily Living	Rabbi Silberstein
12.20 - 13.00	Introductory Gemora	Dr Fred Stepen

14 Kahanov, Shaarei Chessed
 (additional entrance opposite 15 Diskin)
 Office: 0586049524

Chanukah at Ner Avraham

Pre-Chanukah shiur by Rabbi Shuster

Pre-Chanukah Ladies' shiurim

Candle lighting at Ner Avraham

Sponsorships

Sponsorships are available in the coming weeks for both Kiddush and Shalosh Seudas.

To book please check availability on the calander on the website and complete the booking form. Alternatively call, message or email the office.

Shabbos Meals

If you would like to be hosted for a Shabbos meal please contact Janice Bernstein on 0586049524 or Leon Bernstein on 0585796979.

A Lichtige Chanukah!