

ShaareiTefillah שערי תפילה

פרשת מקץ - שבת חנוכה ראש חודש

Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:55pm
Plag HaMincha	7:12pm
Kabolas Shabbos	7:40pm
Candle Lighting (Latest	8:26pm
Shkiah	8:44pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:39am
Shiur	7:45pm
Shabbos Mincha	5:00pm/
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	8:15pm
Shabbos ends	9:34pm

Davening Jimes this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha / Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	8:30pm
Monday	6:30/8:30am	8:30pm
Tuesday	6:45/8:30am	8:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am	8:30pm
Thursday	6:30/8:30am	8:30pm
Friday	6:45/8:30am	6:50pm

Summer Holidays

Over the coming weeks a number of our regular Mispalelim will be away. Please make an effort to attend Minyonim.

Thank You

Shaarei Youth

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

There will be NO groups over the summer holidays

Summer Avos Ubonim
This Week 7:30-8:15pm

Youth Seudah Shlishis - after Mincha

YESHIVAS KAYITZ PROGRAM
Shaarei Youth will be continuing the
Davening and learning program
TREETOP EXCURSION - THURSDAY 2/1/2020

SHAAREI YOUTH DAY CAMP Jan 20th-24th Make sure to book your place all boys Prep-Grade 6 welcome

Something for the Shabbos table

Chanuka is often described as the Festival of Lights. We find "light" being used in regard to the mitzvah of Pesach where the Gemora learns that one should use a light to search for chametz based on the verse in Mishlei which says, "Man's soul is Hashem's lamp which searches all the innermost parts." Accordingly, Rav Pincus learns that Chanuka, which the Gemora describes the mitzvah as ner ish ubeiso, light for a man and his household, also requires us to search for something. What are we supposed to be searching for? The Seforim hakedoshim describe Chanuka as the Festival of the Oral Torah. Furthermore, the entire battle between the Greeks and the Jews was because the Greeks attempted to make the Jews forget the Torah. Therefore, it stands to reason that the light of Chanuka should be used to search within ourselves whether we are learning enough Torah and showing suitable appreciation towards it and its scholars. We are told that the spiritual entities of each festival return each year; therefore, in essence, we — this year — are once again fighting the Greeks who are trying to make us forget our Torah. As such, it's specifically during Chanuka that we should strengthen our learning and our appreciation of Torah. And just like the negative spiritual entity of the Greeks is present during Chanuka, so is the positive spiritual entity of the Maccaabim who were willing to sacrifice everything to protect the Torah. Therefore, this Chanuka, if we make a commitment to increase our Torah study, no matter how hard it is, we will surely achieve the Heavenly help we need to be successful.