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L'Chaim!

"L'Chaim" is the Jewish way of making a toast, a hearty wish or blessing to friends.

L'Chaim is spelled with five Hebrew letters: lamed, chet, yud, yud and mem. The two "yuds" are symbolic of two "Yids" or Jews. Set these two letters aside, and you are left with the letters of the word "lechem" - bread.

When two Yids get together in brotherly love and bless each other, they generate G-d's blessing for each other in the area of "bread" which is symbolic of livelihood.

According to our Sages, though, bread does not only mean livelihood. It is symbolic of all one's needs, both material and spiritual. So when two (or more) Jews get together in a true spirit of love and unity, they engender G-d's blessings in all areas of life.

Chasidic custom places the saying of "l'chaim" most effectively at Chasidic gatherings devoted to brotherly (or sisterly) love.

In describing the virtues and benefits of such a gathering, Rabbi Shneur Zalman (founder of Chabad-Lubavitch) said, "What a Chasidic gathering can accomplish, even the Angel Michael cannot accomplish!"

The fifth Rebbe of Chabad- Lubavitch, the Rebbe Rashab, explains how it is possible that a Chasidic gathering can be so powerful:

When a father looks at his children, and sees them living together with love, unity, peace and contentment - each one worrying about the good of the other in the same way that he worries about his own good - the father is filled with pleasure and he hurries to fulfill his children's requests.

What turns a random gathering into a "Chasidic gathering"? When those gathered are, or aspire to be, Chasidim.

When someone asked Rabbi Shneur Zalman, "What is a Chasid?" he answered: "A Chasid is one who foregoes his own good in order to do a favor for another."

A more detailed description of a Chasid can be garnered from the Rebbe Maharash.

Among the defining factors: A Chasid should be involved in doing favors for others; should be joyous; should relate to others good-heartedly; should know his own faults and the strong points of others; should consider the simplest person more worthy than himself; should be able to learn good behavior and positive qualities from every person; should conduct himself in a manner of peace, love, friendship and fellowship.

This issue of L'Chaim - and all of the L'Chaims published for the past 27 years in every country where they are printed and read - is dedicated to the memory of Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka Schneerson, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbe was once asked by a Jew who did not feel comfortable donning the outward garments of a Chasid, if he could still consider himself a Chasid. The Rebbe responded, "When a Jew endeavors to take a step forward in the service of G-d and the love of his fellow man every day, I am happy to consider him my Chasid."

So, L'Chaim brothers and sisters! May we gather at only joyous occasions to bless each other for the fulfillment of all of our needs, especially the most fundamental need - Moshiach, who will usher in the eternal era of personal and world peace, health, fulfillment and plenty.

(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

The last Father and Son Learning Session for this season will take place this Friday night at 8:15 p.m. Thank you Rabbi Itzkowitz for a very exciting and successful program, and we look forward to next year for the second installment.



Cantor
Yanky Lemmer
Accompanied By..

The Mezamrim Choir



Join us on Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim for Chazan Yaakov Lemmer and the Mezamrim Choir.



Thank you **Shoshana Zakar** for Editing the Shul Bulletin while I was recuperating. You did a magnificent job, and I hope that the readership will tolerate my inferior efforts.

Also, on behalf of the entire Shul, I periodically want to thank **Louis Leder** for preparing the delicious chollent each week.



We happily wish Mazel Tov to **Ethel and Eugene Fischer** on the **Birth of twin Grandson and Granddaughter**. Mazel Tov also to the parents Bracha and Moshe Frohlich.



We will be baking Matzah on Tuesday March 7th (9 Adar) in Brooklyn. Anyone who would like to can join us. Please contact Rabbi Kaplan or Judah Buchwalter as soon as possible to make arrangements

Yahrzeits This Week:

Arnie Gittleson 21 Shevat - Thursday night/Friday
Rivka Hain 28 Shevat - Thursday night/Friday

for father
for father

Yitzchok ben Refoel Reuven Hakohen
Chaim Yaakov ben Dovid Tzvi

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 2/17 — 21 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 5:28 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.
Father-Son Learning — 8:15 p.m.

Shabbat, 2/18 — 22 Shevat

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:35 a.m.
Berachot Gemara Shiur — 4:45 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:15 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 6:29 p.m.

Sunday, 2/19 — 23 Shevat

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:35 p.m.

Monday, 2/20 — 24 Shevat

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/21 — 25 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/22 — 26 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, 2/23 — 27 Shevat

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Friday, 2/24 — 28 Shevat

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 5:36 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:35 p.m.

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(by Rabbi Berel Wein from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

(by Rabbi Yochanan Zweig from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

**“The Rav’s Friday Night Hashkafa
Q&A Shiur for Men”**

will take place this Friday night
at 7:45 p.m. and will be held at
the home of Ben and Rachel Gutman at
6618 Shelrick Place (corner Old Pimlico).

**“A Friday Night Conversation with the Rav”
Hashkafa and Q&A Shiur**

For post Bar Mitzvah boys this Friday night
(November 8th) at 8:30 p.m.
Location: The home of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Shmuel
Kaplan, 6509 Deancroft Road.
Questions can be pre-submitted via e-mail to
rabbikaplan@chabadmd.com

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(by Rabbi Pinchas Avruch from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

(by Rabbi Yissocher Frand from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

(Praying With Joy by Rabbi Daniel Travis from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

Community Information of Interest

The Last Years of the Old Order: Israel and the Jews 1962-1966. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz.

October 31: “Will These Dry Bones Live?” *The Emergence of the Soviet-Jewry Issue 1962-66*
This lecture will begin at 8:30 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

April 26: “Are you prepared? Is your family protected? A Halachic Living Will, Why Everyone Must Have One!” Expert Panel: Rabbi Mordechai Shuchatowitz, Dr. Giora Netzer, Aryeh Guttenberg, Esq. and Rabbi Elchonon Zohn. **Sunday April 26th, 2015, 10 am-12 pm, Cong. Shomrei Emunah. Men and Women invited , free admission.** Contact Bikur Cholim of Baltimore at 410-999-3700 for additional information.

Community Information of Interest

The Ben Gurion Era at High Noon: Israel and the Jews 1957–61 Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz.

December 20: Part 6 הרבדב היולתה הבהא? *Israel and the Third World 1957-61*

This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

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November 14: *JFK and LBJ: Israel and the USA 1962-66*

This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Toby Epstein	4 Shevat - Friday night/Shabbat	for mother	Pesse Rivka bas Yechiel
Liz Mayer	9 Shevat - Wednesday night/Thursday	for father	Yekusiel Shmuel ben Michoel
Larry Ziffer	9 Shevat - Wednesday night/Thursday	for mother	Rochel bas Meir Yehuda Leib HaKohen



Looking for toys for our play area. If you have clean, Shabbat-usable toys in good condition that you can donate, please consider donating them. ALSO, sometime around Passover a number of small toys were removed from the area, including plastic track for the play table. If you know where they are, please return them to the toy room.

Seudah Shlishit סעודה שלישיית

The Shul has a Seudah Shlishit every Shabbat, but it rarely is funded.
Please consider sponsoring a Seudah Shlishit for an upcoming week.
For example: a birthday, anniversary, engagement, yahrzeit etc.
Please contact Reuven Frank at rfrank82@gmail.com