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מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Mark Duman on the occasion of the birth of a son. The **שלום זכור** will take place at 13 Park Road after 7.30pm.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Lance Bookatz on the occasion of the birth of a son. The **שלום זכור** will take place at 16 Park Road.

Mazel Tov to Tuvia Irwin and Vera Rotter on the occasion of their Vort.

Kiddush This Shabbos

There will be a kiddush this Shabbos, sponsored by Mr & Mrs Dovid Brackman on the occasion of the birth of their daughter Penina - Mazel Tov!

Check The Calendar - Shiur on Sunday

Rabbi Stanton will be giving a shiur on Sunday night at 8.00pm in the Shul on the subject of 1763-1772: Remember Yom Tov? (An analysis of the mathematics of the Jewish calendar). There will be a minyan for Maariv beforehand at 7.45pm.

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast

On Sunday morning we will be holding our Rosh Chodesh breakfast. Seder HaLimud is at 7.50am, Shacharis at 8.20am followed by breakfast at 9.00am.

Please note there is also a first minyan for Shacharis at 7.20am

Looking To The Future

Following the Rov's drosho on Simchas Torah, Dave Levine is arranging a series of informal get-togethers where members are invited to discuss any issues of concern together with suggestions as to how our Kehillah should look over the next 3-5 years.

We will hold three sessions: Ladies and girls - Sun Dec 27th 8.30 pm, Men - Tues Dec 29th at 8.30 pm and Boys (from 12 years and upwards) - Wed Dec 30th at 7.00pm.

All sessions will be held at the home of Mr & Mrs Dave Levine, 4 Mayfield Road, Salford. Please confirm to Dave if you can attend on 07875 538735 or via email davidjblevine@gmail.com.

Stay In Touch By Text

We have recently launched a text service to receive Shabbos times, updates etc. Text 07813 326 423 to subscribe.

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Shabbos Lights vs Chanukah Lights

Avrom Barr

"It is not me. G-d will answer the peace of Pharaoh" (41:16). R' Yacov Kamenetsky zt"l in his Sefer Emes L'Yaacov points out the outstanding characteristic which Yosef exhibits as he is on the cusp of personal stardom. Instead of accepting personal praise he unreservedly places Hashem at the very forefront of his abilities as a dream interpreter. This is in itself praiseworthy, but all the more significant is Yosef's repeated use of "Hashem" in his conversation, to the extent that Pharaoh who, as we will know, is a complete denier of anything Divine is compelled to praise a man, Yosef, who "has the spirit of Hashem within him".

Bringing Hashem into our everyday lives undoubtedly improves us as people, but the impact it has on even the most cynical and

impenetrable souls around us is perhaps of even greater significance.

Shabbos and Chanukah provide us with two contrasting mitzvahs with lights. Shabbos candles are there to be used to create a warm and enjoyable atmosphere. Chanukah lights on the other hand are there only to be seen but not to derive benefit from. Such is their level of Kedusha, which is representative of the light of the Shechina which rests within Klal Yisroel (with their symbolism of the lights of the Menorah in the Beis Hamikdash).

The Gemora in Shabbos tells us, that a person, who only has enough money to purchase either Chanukah lights or Shabbos lights, should acquire the Shabbos lights – because of the importance of Sholom Bayis. At first glance this seems surprising. The magnitude of Pirsumei Nisah on that one Shabbos a year (or this year two) should surely outweigh the downside of a Friday night in the dark (admit it – we've all set the Shabbos clock wrong occasionally). But the Gemora clearly states that the Oneg Shabbos derived from a Shabbos meal enhanced by lit Shabbos candles prevails.

Once again we see that fusing kedusha with a seemingly mundane activity – in this case, eating our Friday night meal with the benefit of light has precedence over the lighting of the purely spiritual Ner Chanukah.

Chazal tell us that eating on Shabbos is "Ma'ain Olam Habah"; it bears a connection to the eternal world. How can this be? The answer is simple. As with Yosef, if we harness our Friday night food with true spiritual embellishment we can rise up beyond this world into a world which is described by Chazal as "Yom Shekulo Shabbos Umenucho".

The Week Ahead

שבת פרשת מקץ

שבת חנוכה

Candle Lighting and Shabbos	3.35pm
Mincha	3.40pm
Seder Halimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	10.03am
Mincha 1st Minyan / 2nd Minyan	1.30pm / 3.45pm
Rov's Mishnayos Shiur	4.15pm
Maariv & Motzei Shabbos	4.50pm
Ovos uBonim	5.50pm
Sunday 1st/2nd Minyan	7.20am/8.20am
Mincha & Maariv All Week	3.40pm
Monday / Thursday	7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday	7.20am
Friday - Bank Holiday	7.20am / 8.20am
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	3.44pm (Shabbos 3.39pm)



Our thanks to Andrew Addleman for providing the donuts for the Chanuka party and between Mincha and Maariv this week



Many thanks to Yitzchok and Chana Brocha Steinhaus for arranging another phenomenal Ohr Yerushalayim family event



For the next two weeks there will be a minyan for Mincha & Maariv at 3.40pm. There will not be a 7.45pm minyan.

Exceptions are this Sunday when there will be a 7.45pm Maariv followed by a shiur by Rabbi Stanton, and next Sunday (Asoroh B'Teves) when Mincha and Maariv will be at 3.30pm

Brain teasers

Here is this week's brainteaser based on the sedra:

- 1 In which two ways is the Maftir this week unique
2. Where else apart from Chanuka can one find the phrase 'מעוז צור ישועתי' ?

Answer Next Week ...

Last Week's Answer

Two men in the Torah have the same name, one has a sedra named after him, the other one comes in Vayishlach. who was the father of the one in this week's sedra?

פרק מ פסוק יג: וְשָׂא פְרָעָה אֶת־רֹאשָׁהּ

פרק מ פסוק יט: וְשָׂא פְרָעָה אֶת־רֹאשָׁהּ

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The monthly Rosh Chodesh Chaburoh and Breakfast takes place this Sunday

Chaburoh from 7.50am - 8.20am
Shacharis from 8.20am - 9.00am
Followed by breakfast

All members are encouraged to join in!

Don't Forget!
1st Minyan also at 7.20am