



MIKETZ

CHANUKAH-MEVARCHIM

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, December 27

4:22 PM Candle Lighting
4:30 PM Mincha & Kabbalat
Shabbat

Saturday, December 28

8:30 AM Shacharit
9:45-10:30 AM Kid's Program
10:30 AM Kiddush
11:00 AM **New!** Kolot Women
By Debra Laskow, Alisa Gellis,
Devorah Andrusier & Nicole
Martin
4:00 PM Women's Parsha Class
By Rebbetzin Itty @ 24 Natan
Yonatan, Floor 4, Apt 14
4:20 PM Mincha Followed by
Seudat Shlishit
5:20 PM Arvit
5:25 PM Shabbat Ends

Kiddush Sponsors

Rikki & Jeff Balsam celebrating
their new granddaughter, Yaara
Chen, & her wonderful parents,
Ronit & Shimmy Balsam.

Pam & Pinny Dollman are so
happy to have landed in this
wonderful community & want to
thank everyone for the very
warm welcome they received.

Sherri & Rami Goldsmith
celebrating the birth of their
granddaughter, Mika Naomi,
born to Ariana & Joey Cassell of
Netanya.

Gloria Gellis in honor of Alisa &
Jonathan Gellis' Birthday & in
honor of Jordan Lurie visiting for
Shabbat Chanukah.

Back To The Future

By Rav Mendel Wuensch

This world is a delicate balance of paradoxes. Light and darkness. Quantity and quality. Good and evil. Pleasure and pain. One of the most practical challenges we face as Jews is balancing sheltering ourselves from negative influences while also influencing the world around us. We see Yosef personifies this when he names his two sons Menasheh and Ephraim. Yosef named the first-born Manasheh meaning, "[Exile] causes one to forget". Menasheh was the constant reminder to never forget his father's home and where they come from. "And the second he named Ephraim, meaning, "G-d has made me fertile in the land of my affliction."" (Bereishit 41:52) Ephraim embodied being fruitful and spreading our light to the world. Impacting the world ("Tikkun Olam") is no doubt a more difficult task and therefore a more impressive achievement. However, we can not influence the world around us if we are not rooted in who we are, possessing absolute clarity in our message. As we see today with organizations that are meant to be keepers of the peace such as the ICC (International Criminal Court), the world will try to bully us and twist our ideals. The only way to fight this is to strengthen our clarity in who we are and where we come from by learning the Torah. This is our infinite weapon.

There was once a Torah scholar traveling by ship with other high level business men. They all began bragging one evening about their wares when they then turned to the scholar and asked him what his occupation was mockingly. He said, "My product is far greater than yours." Sure enough, a tremendous storm rocked the boat, disposing of all of their precious merchandise and leaving them penniless, marooned in a remote country. The people of this land quickly discovered the scholar's great wisdom and hired him to be their rabbi. The other businessmen came to him to ask for help and sure enough he vouched for them, getting them back on their feet. He then gently chided them saying, "Isn't this what I told you? My business is greater than yours, for it endures forever." This Chanukah, let's light up the world with the everlasting light of our people. Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach.

Tefilat Yamim

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