

# The Shul

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Miketz — Shabbat M'vorchim — Shabbat Chanukah

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## Like a Parent Loves a Child

Are you grown up? Out of school and out of the house?

Is your education complete?

Before you answer that last question, consider the profundity implied by the term 'education'.

It's not just the three 'R's and their academic partners. It's so much more.

There is a deep objective to educating a child, and it's not simply a function of knowledge. 'Education' is about initiating a child into his/her own personality and talents, equipping them for a meaningful life in a complex world.

Chassidic thought points out that when you launch any new endeavor, you need to pay special attention to its initial stages; you need to ensure you give it a healthy send-off, before you can exhale and trust in its ability to follow a healthy pattern. You need to be wholly invested in those early, vulnerable chapters.

Similarly, in helping to launch a child's life, a parent/teacher needs to shower love and support, building a sense of security and empowerment. Within that healthy cocoon, a child can hit a healthy stride, growing to meaningfully engage the world.

That's the soul of education.

And it doesn't stop with childhood; the concept applies to any situation where the subject is too vulnerable to find his or her own way forward over a threshold.

That's one reason this Holiday is called Chanukah, which literally means 'Inauguration' or 'Education.'

When the Hellenists took control of Israel, and began to seduce the Jews with their hedonistic ways, the Jews were in a particularly weak position, both spiritually and militarily. Their lives went dark; they couldn't extricate themselves from this threat to their very existence.

But, in the final analysis, we never go totally dark. There's always the spark of elemental connection to G-d that can never be extinguished. Digging deep for that backstop of moral strength, the Jews refused to surrender their religious practices. They wouldn't - they couldn't - separate themselves from their G-d and their heritage.

And G-d - like the quintessential loving Parent - responded. Seeing their childlike vulnerability, G-d showered them with loving care, with spiritual and military strength, with supernatural light in their lives, to make it over this difficult threshold.

That's what we celebrate on Chanukah: The miracle of G-d's care and love lighting up the darkness.

In those days.

Today.

*(by Rabbi Mendy Herson from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

## What You See & What You Get

Almost every year on the week of Chanukah, Parshas Miketz is read. It contains the story of Yoseph, the viceroy of Egypt, who greet his brothers and accuses them of spying. This story is read annually on Chanukah. There must be a connection between the story of Miketz and the Chanukah story. What is it?

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This week the Torah relates how a famine plagued the entire Middle East. Yaakov's children elected to go to the only country that was spared from hunger, Egypt. Through the brilliant vision, organization, and planning of a young Hebrew slave known to Egyptians as Tzafnat Paneach, that country fed both itself and the world. The brothers were ushered into the prodigal viceroy's chambers. He acted towards them like a total meshuganah. He accused them of a heinous plot to spy on Egypt. He incarcerated Shimon, and forced them to bring their youngest brother, the orphaned child of an aged father, to him. Yoseph surely wanted to teach a lesson to the brothers who sold him. But if Yoseph wanted to castigate or punish his brothers for selling him, why didn't he do so openly and directly? Why the senseless charade?

Chanukah is symbolized by the Menorah. It represents a miracle. A small amount of oil, enough for one day, lasted for eight. But there were greater miracles. A small army of Kohanim, priests who were previously involved in only spirituality and had very little experience in battle, defeated the Greek army. Why don't we make a parade or a feast to celebrate a major victory? Why is the main commemoration over a little oil?

*(by Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))*

Dedication of plaques on the Shul board which is prominently located in the hall at the entrance to the Shul is an appropriate means of Tzedakah and supports the Shul as well. Below is the list of items available. Please contact Howard Kaplon at [hkaplon@towson.edu](mailto:hkaplon@towson.edu) for more information.

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| 1. Top (large) Plaques \$5,400 | 2. Medium Plaques \$3,600 |
| 3. Small Plaques \$1,000       | 4. Simcha Leaf \$250      |

Yahrzeit Plaques on the Shul's Memorial board are available. Each yahrzeit plaque is \$360.

#### Yahrzeits This Week:

Irv Hain	28 Kislev - Saturday night / Sunday	for father	Uri ben Hechover Moshe
Chaim Kahn	1 Tevet - Tuesday night / Wednesday	for father	Rav Nachman ben R' Meir
Deborah Eisenberg	1 Tevet - Tuesday night/ Wednesday	for mother	Sheva bas Rav Chaim Elazar
Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan	3 Tevet - Thursday night / Friday	for father-in-law	Rav Peretz ben Yehoshua

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#### DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

##### Friday — Chanukah, 12/27 — 26 Kislev

Shacharit — 6:45 a.m.  
 Third Chanukah Candle — 4:30 p.m.  
 Shabbat Candles — 4:32 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:35 p.m.

##### Shabbat — Chanukah, 12/28 — 27 Kislev

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:45 a.m.  
 Minchah — 4:20 p.m.  
 Shiur — after Minchah  
 Shkiah — 4:51 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 5:36 p.m.  
 Fourth Chanukah Candle — after 5:36 p.m.

##### Sunday — Chanukah, 12/29 — 28 Kislev

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Maariv — 4:40 p.m.  
 Fifth Chanukah Candle — at night

##### Monday — Chanukah, 12/30 — 29 Kislev

Shacharit — 6:45 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.  
 Sixth Chanukah Candle — at night

##### Tuesday - Chanukah — Rosh Chodesh Tevet, 12/31 — 30 Kislev

Shacharit — 6:35 a.m..  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.  
 Seventh Chanukah Candle — at night

##### Wednesday - Chanukah — Rosh Chodesh Tevet, 1/1 — 1 Tevet

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.  
 Eighth Chanukah Candle — at night  
 Tanya Shiur: 2<sup>nd</sup> part of Tanya Shaar HaYichud  
 V'Emunah which deals w/the nature of creation and  
 the unity of Hashem — 8:00 p.m.

##### Thursday — Chanukah, 1/2 — 2 Tevet

Shacharit — 6:45 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.

##### Friday, 1/3 — 3 Tevet

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Shabbat Candles — 4:38 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.