



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Shabbos

Mincha & Maariv	4:20 pm
Candle Lighting	4:23 pm
Sunset	4:41 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	4:10 pm
Maariv	5:24 pm
Shabbos Ends	5:33 pm

25: Dedication to Holiness

- Chanukah begins on 25th of Kislev. It is day Maccabees rededicated Temple.
- Hebrew word Chanukah can be understood to mean "they encamped (i.e., army rested) on 25th" ("chanu kaf-hei").
- Construction of Tabernacle items — such as Ark, Menorah, beams, and curtains — was completed on 25th of Kislev (Bamidbar Rabbah 13:2).
- 2nd Temple was dedicated on 24th of Kislev (Haggai 2:18) and this was no doubt celebrated on next day.
- Rosh Hashanah, world's birthday, commemorates creation of man on 6th day of creation. Counting backwards 5 days, this would mean day 1 of creation occurred on 25th of Elul.
- 25th word of Torah is "ohr" (light) — a possible allusion to the Chanukah miracle.
- When Children of Israel traveled in desert, their 25th place of encampment was named "Chashmonah" (Numbers 33:29) — strikingly similar to Chashmonai family of Chanukah, which likewise "camped" on 25th of Kislev, after their victory.
- "Shema Yisrael..." ("Hear, oh Israel..." Deut. 6:4), in which we declare our allegiance to Gd, contains 25 letters.

36: The Hidden Light

- Altogether, we light 36 candles during 8 days of Chanukah (not including shamash — additional candle used each night to light others. Actual mitzvah is done with 36).
- Word "light" in all its conjugations appears 36 times in Torah (Pentateuch).
- There are 6 primary sefirot (emanations of Gd's influence) which influence world. (Although there are really a total of 10 sefirot, higher ones are considered too lofty for man's direct comprehension.) Kabbalists divide each of these into 6 primary components, totaling 36 emanations.
- Original light of creation, known as "ohr ha'ganuz", shined for 36 hrs before Gd hid it away for righteous in World to Come. This total of 36 is based on fact that Gd created light on 1st day, but only placed sun and heavenly bodies in their positions on 4th (Genesis 1:14-19). Thus, for 1st 3 days — with 12x3 hrs of daylight — Gd's own light shone throughout world unadulterated.
- There are 36 hidden righteous souls in each generation, who "receive Divine Presence every day" (Sukkah 45b).
- There are 36 tractates in Babylonian Talmud.

Dvar Torah: Jay Cantor

Numbers of Chanukah (from Aish.com)

8: Beyond Nature

- Maccabees rededicated Temple and found oil for only 1 night, but it lasted for 8. Now we commemorate by celebrating and lighting for 8 nights/days. At time of miracle, 8 days were required to retrieve new oil for Menorah.
- Miracle occurred with shemen = oil, which is almost same word as shemonah = 8.
- Priestly family, Chashmonai, spearheaded rebellion against Greeks. Name consists of Hebrew letter 'chet', gematria 8, plus word shemonah, which means 8.
- Greeks tried forbidding circumcision which is held on 8th day of a boy's life, and now Chanukah lasts for 8 days.
- Original Tabernacle of desert was dedicated in an 8-day ceremony (Exodus 29 and Leviticus 8-9). After dedication, Gd tells Aaron his lighting of Menorah is most precious service of all (Rashi, Numbers 8:2).
- In miraculous End of Days, there will be 8 unique notes in an octave instead of 7 (Erchin 13b).
- ...and don't forget these 8's:
- We are bound to gain 8 lbs eating latkes, sufganiyot, and Chanukah cookies over course of holiday. And just like candles, our weight will go up one lb a day.
- There are (AT LEAST) 8 ways of spelling Chanukah in English... eg, Hanukkah, etc

Kiddish is sponsored by Duke McCarthy: All praise, glory, honor, blessings, and beauty to the Great G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!! And His chosen people, the Jewish People! May He bless them and protect them especially on this beautiful Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh Day!! And especially all Young Israel of Cherry Hill and Families!! And we thank Him for the new shul!! Please, Amen.

Thank you to Mrs. Evy Reid for cleaning up and organizing the groups rooms at shul

Security Update

If anyone would like to join the security committee they can contact Marc Hess at Marchess@hotmail.com and those who are already working on the committee should send their email and phone numbers.

On Sunday, December 29, 2019 security volunteer training will be held at the residence of Karen and Marc Hess, 14 Knollwood Drive (near the intersection of Knollwood Drive and Chapel Avenue). The training will cover:

Assessing persons seeking entry into the Young Israel perimeter

Describing and reporting suspicious persons and vehicles

Detecting surveillance

Any member interested in becoming a Young Israel security volunteer, or just learning more about it, should attend.

If you want to come please RSVP to marchess@hotmail.com

If you do come please bring a pad and a writing instrument

Newsletter deadline update: Guaranteed deadline Wednesdays at 4 PM. All submissions before this guaranteed to be in newsletter. **Late Deadline** Thursdays 4 PM. Will likely make it to newsletter, but not guaranteed.

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Your simcha is our simcha... if anyone has a simcha or news they would like shared in the **newsletter**, please e-mail Martelle at ma5he5sp90@gmail.com. Please remember newsletter deadline is 4pm on Wednesdays.

Next Week

Shacharit (Sun, Wed)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	4:30 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	5:31 pm
Kollel Maariv (Mon-Thurs)	9:00 pm