



Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation Newsletter

This month's services schedule

Date: Nov	Candle lighting	Evening Service	Shacharit/ Mincha	Kriat Shema	Maariv	Shabbat Ends
7-8	4:23 pm	5:00 pm	9:30 am	9:03 am	5:35 pm	5:23 pm
14-15	4:16 pm	5:00 pm	9:30 am	9:08 am	5:25 pm	5:16 pm
21-22	4:11 pm	5:00 pm	9:30 am	9:13 am	5:20 pm	5:11 pm
28-29	4:08 pm	5:00 pm	9:30 am	9:17 am	5:20 pm	5:08 pm

Weekday Shacharit – 7:00 am at 51 Hawkins.

Weekday Mincha – 12:45 pm at HSC in Admissions Office (Dr. Fuhrer's Office).

Weekday Maariv – 5:40 pm at Delancy Street Cafe.

Learning

Weekly Talmud Class – Tuesdays at 8:00 pm led by Rabbi Roffman in Beit Midrash.

Hebrew Reading Level II – Wednesdays at 7 pm at 51 Hawkins Rd. E-mail sbhc@verizon.net or call 751-3289 to register.

Special events in November

Women's Melaveh Malkah – On Nov. 8th at 8 pm at 54 Pembroke Dr. In honor of the yahrzeit of Rochel Imeinu a DVD on prayer will be shown with Rebbetzin Heller & Rebbetzin Yeager. Optional donations will also be collected for the poor of Israel. Light refreshments served.

Upsherin of Avraham Roffman – November 9th at 51 Hawkins Rd at 12:30 pm.

Rosh Chodesh Kislev – Friday, November 28th.

Synagogue Shabbat Luncheon – On November 22nd, at 1 pm. Place TBA. E-mail sbhc@verizon.net or call 751-3289 to reserve.

Nachas News

- Happy Birthday to Barbara Ebin, Yasha Ebin, Rochel Linkoff, Naftoli Stein, and Avraham Roffman.
- Mazel Tov to the Delman family on the Birth of their Daughter Tziviah Ahuvah.

Observing Yahrzeit

- Adele Milch for her father on the 16th of Cheshvan, November 14th.

Kiddush

Kiddush this month is sponsored by the Klonsky family.

Rabbi Roffman's Monthly Message

When Maimonides discusses serving G-d out of love, he uses Avraham as the example. In Hilchot Teshuvah (10:2) he states the following:

“One who serves G-d out of love will busy himself with study of Torah and the performance of mitzvot not due to any external consideration, neither for fear of punishment, nor in order to receive reward. Rather, he does what is true simply because it is the truth. This is the level attained by Avraham Avinu whom G-d called ‘My beloved one’ and this is the level that G-d commanded each of us to achieve as it states, (Dev. 6:2) ‘*And you shall love G-d, your G-d.*’ When one reaches the proper level of love, he will immediately perform all of the mitzvos out of love.”

To gain insight into how to come to love of G-d we can look at the Rambam in Sefer HaMitzvos (3):” ... we are commanded to love G-d. This means that we must contemplate and ponder His commandments, His statements, and His deeds, until we understand them, *and we derive the greatest possible enjoyment from this understanding – this is the love that we are required to achieve.*”

R' Wolbe points out that the Rambam describes love of G-d very differently than the love for another person. Love of G-d is described as the enjoyment taken from the understanding and appreciation of his commandments and deeds. One who takes pleasure from gaining insight into the words of the Torah and looks expectantly towards further study fulfills the commandment to love G-d. Similarly, one who takes pleasure from understanding the wisdom and kindness of G-d found in nature also fulfills this commandment. Through gaining a love of learning and understanding we can follow in Avraham's ways of using that love in our service to G-d and His people.