



CONGREGATION MACHANE CHODOSH

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SHAVUON WEEKLY NEWS

Our 86th
Anniversary Year

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16 Kislev 5786-12/6/25

Vayishlach

Please join us following services for Kiddush and Farbrengen
in the newly renovated Kent Auditorium
Sponsored by Daniel Fish
in honor of the yahrzeits of his paternal grandparents

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR SECURITY DETAIL

at our front door!

Please sign up for a slot by speaking with
Dr. Perl or Jacob Fiskus.!

Security Training Session for our volunteers is now
scheduled for January, 13 8:00 PM

LOOK OUT FOR THE EMAIL THIS WEEK!

**ARE WE
WORTHY
BECAUSE WE
ACHIEVE?
OR ARE WE
WORTHY
REGARDLESS?**

Wednesday, December 10th, 7:30 PM



THE KABBALAH OF
MEANING



LESSON 6

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SHABBAT VAYISHLACH

Friday, December 5 Light Shabbat Candles	4:09 PM
Mincha - Kabbalat Shabbat	4:15 PM
Shabbat, December 6 Shacharit	9:00 AM
Talmud Class	3:30 PM
Mincha (and Shalosh Seudos)	4:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:13 PM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

SHACHARIS

Sunday	8:00 AM
Monday & Thursday	7:05 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	7:15 AM

MINCHA

12/7-12/11	4:15 PM
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SCHEDULE OF TORAH CLASSES

Rambam's Mishneh Torah	Daily following Shacharis
Jewish Mysticism (men)	Mondays 8:00 PM
Friendship Club	Wednesdays 12:00 PM
Parsha Class	Wednesdays 12:15 PM
The Kabbalah of Life	Wednesdays 7:30 PM
The Rebbe's Advice (Zoom only)	New!! Motzei Shabbos 6:30 PM

SHABBAT VAYESHEV/MEVARCHIM TEVET

Friday, December 12 Light Shabbat Candles	4:09 PM
Mincha - Kabbalat Shabbat	4:15 PM
Shabbat, December 13 Shacharit	9:00 AM
Talmud Class	3:30 PM
Mincha (and Shalosh Seudos)	4:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:14 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

PAINT PARTY WITH IRIS-TOMORROW!

Sunday, December 7th, 1:30 pm

Join Iris for a pre-Chanukah Paint event for children ages 8 and up and adults. \$20 per person, RSVP in advance by December 3

ONEG SHABBAT

Friday, December 12th, 8 PM

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Mendelson invite you to their home for a Pre-Chanukah Shabbos oneg.

CHANUKAH GAME NIGHT

Monday, December 15th, 8 PM

Join together in celebrating Chanukah with fun, drinks, games and more!

RSVP by 12/12 at MachaneChodosh.org/Chanuka

\$20 per person, \$25 at the door.

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, December 21st, 10:00 am

Calling all children! Join together celebrating Chanukah crafts, music, pizza and more. No charge

SISTERHOOD MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, December 25th, 2:00 pm

All are invited to a movie event hosted by the Sisterhood "Doing Jewish, a Story from Ghana" \$10 per person. RSVP to Iris.

TEX-MEX SHABBOS DINNER

Friday, December 26th, 5 PM

Join together in celebrating Shabbos with a Tex-Mex theme dinner with good food, good energy and the Shabbos spirit. RSVP by 12/16 for early bird pricing.

IN OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

You can have a role in our security! Join the roster of volunteers who open the door and greet our community members while ensuring that we remain secure. We have organized a training session on how to spot danger, what you can do about it and how to keep safe while doing this important community service. The first training webinar has been moved to Tuesday, January 13th at 8:00 PM. For more info email JacobFiskus@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT CMC

Congratulations to the Horvitz boys for being the first to buy a prize with their "Mitzvah Cash." You may have noticed our younger worshippers davening so nicely and following along the Torah reading. School aged boys are encouraged to come to shul as early as they can and earn points. If you'd like to sponsor prizes, please speak to Rabbi Mendelson.

CHANUKAH

Sunday evening, December 14th is the first night of Chanukah. We kindle the first light on the menorah after 4:29 PM. Ideally, use olive oil or beeswax candles.

On each day of Chanukah is a special Torah reading, we encourage men to make an extra effort to come for Shacharis on the days of Chanukah.

We look forward to celebrating Chanukah with you at our various events.

A TELLING STORY

THE CHASIDIC REBBE WHO USED COMMUNISM

Over a period of twenty years Rabbi Shaul-Yedidiah Taub served as chief rabbi in a number of communities, and also as rosh yeshiva.

In 1921, he became the second rebbe of Moditz, succeeding his father, Rabbi Yisrael, and subsequently, also a leader of Agudat Yisrael. Famous for his musical compositions, Rebbe Shaul-Yedidiah is said to have written in excess of 1,500 songs, some very simple and some complex and operatic. He never used musical notation as he felt that a song had to come from the heart, not from notes written on paper. He had a special love for Eretz Yisrael and made three trips there in the interwar years.

On his first trip in 1925 he met with Sir Herbert Samuel, the British high commissioner for Palestine. As the clouds of war began to gather, he was one of the first to encourage his chasidim to flee Europe. When the war broke out he joined many others fleeing to Vilna. His home there became a center for refugees seeking help and comfort. Someone asked him how he was able to appear so calm and focused with all the trials and tribulations he had undergone getting to Vilna. He answered: "Do you think that if someone is worried that they are obligated to worry all day? I put all my worries in a suitcase that is closed and locked. Once a day I open the suitcase and worry about all my worries. Then I put them all back in the suitcase and lock it. That enables me to serve Hashem with joy and not be full of worry."

Many people came to his tish—his open table towards the end of Shabbat and Festive meals, especially for Melave Malka [the Saturday night "Meal of King David"], including Lithuanian yeshiva students who had no previous exposure to chasidic customs. Some of them expressed surprise at the chasidic custom of the Rebbe giving out shirayim—leftovers from his dishes to his followers. He explained to them: "There is war all over the world, because there are a lot of selfish people. If you remember to

save a portion of your food for someone else, that resists against the development of disagreements and wars. That's the idea of shirayim."

In February 1940, his family received a visa to travel to the United States. However, the Soviet government was refusing to allow refugees to leave, believing that everyone was better off in the Communist 'paradise'. Asking to leave was often a ticket to Siberia. Rabbi Shaul Yedidiah told the officials he met with that the Torah was sympathetic to the Communist cause, as it enumerated many laws to protect workers. He assured them that if they would allow him to go, he would utilize the opportunity to spread Communist ideology to other countries. They permitted him to leave, whereupon he traveled to the United States via Russia and Japan.

His clever maneuver eventually brought about a change in Russian policy and paved the way for many yeshiva students and others to leave by the same route, leading to the establishment of the large wartime Jewish community in Shanghai, including much of the Mir Yeshiva. When he died in 1947, the Chazon Ish (the unofficial leader of the non-chasidic Ashkenazi Torah students and scholars of Israel) attended his funeral and explained that he had to honor the man who saved the yeshiva world.

He arrived in the United States right after Sukkos of 1940 and spoke positively about the Soviet government to the press, thereby fulfilling his obligation. He started a Moditz community in the United States, but his heart was still in Eretz Yisrael. In 1947 he was finally able to visit for the fourth time, fully intending to remain and settle. Shortly after he arrived, however, he became ill, and was hospitalized until he passed away that same year at age 61.

SHABBAT SHALOM