



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful week of Chanukah celebrations! From the mall lightings to Jewish Heritage Night at Nationwide Arena, it has been an exhilarating week!

Ordinarily, the routine of our day-to-day existence suggests that life is predictable, that **events take place according to a natural order**, a chain of cause and effect. We may not readily recognize that even "natural" phenomena are, in essence, evidence of the miraculous hand of G-d, until our hearts are stirred by a beautiful sunset, or a glimpse of wildflowers in bloom...

But there is another sort of miracle: an event so striking, so far beyond rational explanation, that we cannot help but recognize it as miraculous. This is the kind of miracle that Chanukah calls to mind.

When one day's supply of oil lasts eight full days, we sit up and take notice. When an ill-equipped handful of Maccabees succeed in vanquishing all the assembled forces of a mighty imperial oppressor, we realize that **nothing is impossible for G-d**.

The lights of the Chanukah menorah are more than simply a reminder of ancient miracles, they are meant to provide inspiration and illumination in our contemporary daily lives. In fact, in a very real sense, the Chanukah miracles of old are **re-enacted in our observance today**. That is one reason why we say, in the second blessing recited over the Chanukah lights, "...Blessed are You... who wrought miracles for our ancestors, in those days, *at this time*." By reflecting on the significance of the Chanukah miracles, we can see, with ever-increasing clarity, the miraculous dimension of events in our own time.

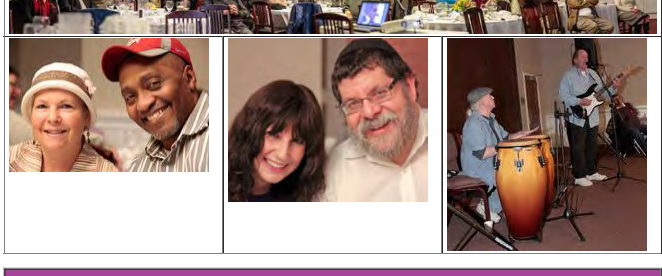
Only good news,

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Chabad lights up Columbus – Bexley, Blue Mall, Columbus Zoo, Polaris Mall, Easton Town Center, Columbus Tuttle Jackets, Chabad Center

December 24 was our 4th annual Kosher Chinese dinner, with a delicious Chinese buffet and musical entertainment.



**Baby, it's cold outside! But we're cooking up something warm in the kitchen!**



**December 29, 30, 31 & Jan. 2 - 9:30 am-12:00 pm**

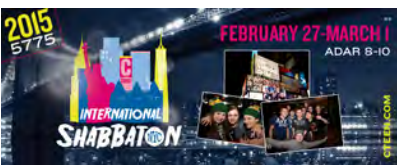
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Held at the Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center, 6220 East Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany, OH 43054



**About The Shabbaton**

CTeen is a social club where teens learn about themselves and their heritage through giving to others and participating in interactive, hands-on activities. With over 125 chapters, in 14 countries, CTeen is the fastest growing network for Jewish teens.

The International of Teen Shabbaton is an annual reunion of Jewish teens from across the continent. For the past six years, hundreds of teens have forged new friendships while experiencing a meaningful Shabbaton and enjoying the thrills of the Big Apple.

This year's Shabbaton will G-d willing take place in New York on February 27th- March 1st.

Manhattan shopping, visiting tourists' hot spots and Brooklyn's Jewish attractions are some of this year's Shabbaton features.

Building on the incredible success of the past Shabbatons, this year's fresh program and revised itinerary promise to be unmatched.

Dare to be surprised. Prepare for the unimaginable.

The CTTeen International Shabbaton is open to JEWISH teens in the community regardless of affiliation.



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**זמני הדלקת הנרות**

Candle Lighting Times for New Albany, OH (Based on Zip Code 43054):

Shabbat Candle Lighting:	4:54 pm
Friday, Dec 26	4:58 pm
Shabbat Ends:	8:44 pm
Shabbat, Dec 27	8:48 pm

Torah Portion: **Vayigash**



**Schedule of Services**

The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center offers a full schedule of Shabbat services.

Come and be inspired for the rest of the week! For more information, please call us at 614-939-0765.

**5 Tevet, 5775**  
**Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014**

**Morning Services: 10:30 a.m.**

**Kids - Ages 5-12: 9:45 a.m.**

**Torah and Tea\*: 12:00 a.m.**  
*\*This class is now Dedicated in Memory of Rashi Minkowitz, ob"m, a community leader, mother and Shlucha*

**Tot Shabbot for 4 and under: 11:00 a.m.**

**KIDDUSH - 12:00 pm**

**6 Tevet, 5775**  
**Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014**

**Shachrit: 9:45 a.m.**

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**Upcoming Events**

**Hebrew School - regular class**

Jan. 11, 2015 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
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**Rosh Chodesh - Soulmates**

Jan. 21, 2015 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
SOULMATES - JEWISH SECRETS TO MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday, October 23 - "Two Halves, One Whole"  
Monday, November 24 - "Behind Closed Doors"  
Wednesday, January 21 - "Beloved Friends"  
Thursday, February 19 - "Respecting Your Other Half"  
Thursday, March 19 - "Happy Ever After?"  
Monday, April 20 - "Sacred Space"  
Tuesday, May 19 - "Becoming a Better Half"

Light for no. cost: \$15 per class.

For info or to register:  
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[View all upcoming events](#)

**פרשת השבוע**

**Parshat Vayigash**

Judah approaches Joseph to plead for the release of Benjamin, offering himself as a slave to the Egyptian ruler in Benjamin's stead. Upon witnessing his brothers' loyalty to one another, Joseph reveals his identity to them. "I am Joseph," he declares. "Is my father still alive?"

The brothers are overcome by shame and remorse, but Joseph comforts them. "It was not you who sent me here," he says to them, "but G-d. It has all been ordained from Above to save us, and the entire region, from famine."

The brothers rush back to Canaan with the news. Jacob comes to Egypt with his sons and their families—seventy souls in all—and is reunited with his beloved son after 22 years. On his way to Egypt he receives the divine promise: "Fear not to go down to Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation. I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again."

Joseph gathers the wealth of Egypt by selling food and seed during the famine. Pharaoh gives Jacob's family the fertile county of Goshen to settle, and the children of Israel prosper in their Egyptian exile.

**Chabad Hebrew School**  
For more information:  
[www.chabadhs.org](http://www.chabadhs.org)  
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**מגזין שבועי**

This Week @ [www.ChabadColumbus.com](http://www.ChabadColumbus.com)

**parshah**  
**When Your Bread Crumbles...**  
But in the midst of the chaos and aggravation, there is a little phrase I hold on to that helps me keep my sanity.

**women**  
**A Mother-Daughter Journey Back To Judaism**  
"Spiritual journey"—it's a cliché, but I don't know a better way to describe it.

**story**  
**"Lost" in the Mail for Sixteen Years**  
Once exceptionally wealthy, Avigdor was now poverty-stricken. Mr. Tzaddok, once a pauper, had come into great wealth.

**5 tevet: celebrating jewish books**  
**Why You Should Buy Jewish Books. Now.**  
Look for a few spiritually uplifting books that interest you.

**SOULMATES**

**ROSH CHODESH**  
**Soulmates – Jewish Secrets to Meaningful Relationships**  
**Monday, November 24**

**Behind Closed Doors – Judaism's View of Intimacy**

Is G-d comfortable in the bedroom? Is sexual intimacy holy? Profane? Mundane? Holy, but only as a means to procreation? What does Judaism have to say about sexuality and how to enhance the intimacy between husband and wife? This lesson taps into Judaism's vast reservoir of wisdom, both practical and kabbalistic, on a topic your Hebrew school teacher likely never broached.

Course synopsis by chapters [here](#).

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Cost: \$105 registration for entire year includes textbook; or \$20 per individual class.

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**THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

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**LIFE TOWN** Lifetown provides life skills training for children with disabilities. We rely on volunteers to make our unique program work. To volunteer, sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or email volunteer coordinator **Nancy Eisenman** for more information.

**Weekly Torah study**  
Please join us for "A Journey into the Soul of Torah", a weekly Torah study. The class will continue on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center. Open to all and free of charge.

**Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities Available**  
Looking for a meaningful way to recognize a special day? Consider sponsoring a Kiddush. For more information, please contact the Chabad office at 614-939-0765.