

1.2.2026 - 14 TEVET 5786

# V A Y E C H I C H A Z A K

## Friday

4:26 PM Candle Lighting

4:35 PM Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Dr. Katriel Brander

## Shabbat Day

8:30 AM Shacharit

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Dr. Katriel Brander

9:45-10:30 AM Kid's Program

10:30 AM Kiddush

11:00 AM Kolot Yamim By Rabbi Dr. Katriel Brander

4:25 PM Mincha Followed By Seudat Shlishit "Raava

D'Raavin" With Rabbi Dr. Katriel Brander

5:23 PM Arvit

5:28 PM Shabbat Ends

Chaim Guri School

Corner of Beni Berman & Uzi Hitman Streets

Entrance On Uzi Hitman Street

#### KIDDUSH SPONSORS

Susan & Izzy Kaufman upon the upcoming Yahrzeit of Susan's Dad, רב אהרון בן שמעון הכהן.

Diane Fenner Zwillenberg and Family in honor of Rabbi Brander and Ohr Torah Stone.

Happy Birthday to both Alisa and Jonathan Gellis. We are so proud of you. Love Gloria Gellis and Phyllis & Sid Ulreich.

Sigi & Udi Zafrir in memory of Udi's father, דוד בן. צבי ז"ל

Anne and Jonathan Homa in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their Grandson, Uri Homa, and in celebration of their anniversary.

Chantal and Nicky Young in celebration of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary. Mazel Tov!

# WEEKDAY MINYAN

Shachrit 7:30 AM @ Beit Chabad Ir Yamim Mincha/Maariv 4:40 PM @ Be Pharmacy On Piano

# DEAR COMMUNITY FAMILY

One of the most striking details in the story of Yosef is how often he weeps. Again and again, at moments of confrontation, reunion, loss, and fear, Yosef cries. No other figure in the Torah sheds tears across such a wide emotional range. These are not the tears of weakness. They are the tears of a soul that understands something profound about life.

Yosef is the most powerful Jew in the world. He is second only to Pharaoh, unimaginably wealthy, and in total control of his family's fate. Yet his tears reveal a painful truth. Power cannot heal everything. Authority cannot replace trust. Wealth cannot create genuine closeness.

The most revealing moment comes after Yaakov's death, when the brothers fear that Yosef will finally take revenge. Despite everything Yosef has done to protect, feed, and honor them, they still do not trust him. And Yosef weeps. Not because he lacks power, but because power has limits. It cannot repair a fractured relationship on its own.

Rav Aharon Lichtenstein explains that Yosef is crying over the price of power itself. His dreams were fulfilled, but something precious was lost along the way. Power elevated him, but it also isolated him. He longs not for obedience, but for acceptance. Not for fear, but for love.

We live in a world that glorifies strength, legacy, dominance, and control. But Torah teaches us that power is only a tool. Love, trust, and human connection are the goal. Because, at the end of the day, what is all that power for?

Yosef teaches us that true greatness is not measured by how high we rise, but by how deeply we remain connected to each other. Families, communities, and nations are not healed through force, but through compassion, humility, and the courage to keep loving, even when the world is fragile.

Power may command the moment. Love sustains the future.

We will see you all soon, enjoy the legendary Rabbi Dr. Katriel Brander, Rav Mendel Wuensch