



# ANNUAL DINNER

CELEBRATING THE MINYAN

AND OUR

NACH LEARNING PROGRAM



Motzei Shabbat, February 25, 2023

T-Fusion Catering Hall

3217 Quentin Road, Brooklyn, NY





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*You are cordially invited to the Yavneh Minyan of Flatbush*

## Annual Dinner

Motzei Shabbat, February 25, 8:30 p.m.

### Celebrating the Minyan and our Nach Learning Program

Join us for a celebratory dinner honoring  
the Minyan and our learners,

Featuring a Siyum for the completion of this year's Nach learning.

At: T-Fusion Catering Hall – 3217 Quentin Road  
Couvert: \$120 per person; Journal ad options available

**RSVP and Deadline for Journal ads: Friday, February 17, 2023**

The meal is fleishig with a fish option.

If you require a vegan or vegetarian meal please note it in your reservation.

Join us in recognizing

The Yavneh Minyan's 10+ years of  
learning Nevi'im & Ketuvim

This Year's Nach Learning  
Participants

The Support of our Morah D'Asrah Rabbi Moshe Sokol,  
and Nach Learning Program Organizer Michael Klein

An ad in the Dinner Journal is a beautiful way to honor the Minyan, our  
Nach Learning program, and/or a learner-- as well as support our shul!

This year's Journal will be published online.

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# Words of Welcome





## Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Sokol

Every year we assemble to mark the completion of Nach, but this year is different. Now this year is a true celebration! A sumptuous feast to mark the occasion, accompanied by good spirits and good cheer.

What better way is there to bring our community together than over Torah? We read in parashas Yisro that Bnei Yisrael travelled from Refidim “and they came to the Sinai desert, and camped in the desert, and Yisrael camped there opposite the mountain.” (Shemos 19:2) Not only does the Torah repeat their having encamped, but if you look at the original Hebrew you'll note that while the first iteration uses the plural for encamping, the second iteration uses the singular. Why the repetition, and why the switch from plural to singular?

Apparently in answer to these questions, Rashi famously comments that once they encamped, they did so “as one person, with one heart.” The prospect of receiving the Torah united the Jewish people then, and it does so today as well.

When we as a community all join together to undertake the massive task of completing Nach we are united in purpose and





goal, united in prioritizing the study of Torah that guides our life and shapes our values.

The Yavneh Minyan is about many things, but it surely is also about limmud Torah, and this grand effort epitomizes that aspiration.

I'd like to thank Michael Klein, who year in and year out organizes the program, and goads us all into undertaking our portion of Nach. He is our inspiration, leader and guiding light, and without his determination we would never accomplish this great task.

I'd also like to thank Gordon Kraus-Friedberg for his distinguished, thoughtful and committed leadership of the shul and for the work he put into organizing this event, and to Rebecca Bennett, for the seemingly infinite responsibilities she undertakes with such competence, selflessness and modesty, including all she did for this dinner. Deep thanks are also due to Leah Bennett, Mashi Choina and Miriam Benzaquen for their special labors in putting tonight's beautiful event together.

May we continue this tradition for many, many years ahead!

*Sincerely,*

*Rabbi Moshe Sokol, Ph.D*





## President's Message

Gordon Kraus-Friedberg

Welcome to the Yavneh Minyan Annual Dinner! I'm so happy that we have another chance to come together, enjoy each other's company and celebrate another Nach Siyyum. This is a first for our minyan - a dinner without an individual

honoree, but with many. It represents a change for us, but perhaps a good one - an opportunity to honor our commitment to learning and to grow individually and together. I'd like to wish a hearty mazal tov to all the Nach participants and to thank Michael Klein in particular for coordinating everyone's learning. Yashar koach!

Change has perhaps been a theme for our minyan this past year. We've had to say good-bye to several members who have either gone on Aliyah or have moved to other locations. This leaves us with gaps in our minyan but also with choices - what do we, as a community, want for ourselves? Is there a way for us to become more involved with the shul and with each other? Is there more of a place for those who have not been as active until now? Are there new activities we can try or concerns we can address that would benefit us all?

While we ponder these questions, I'd like to draw everyone's attention to what has not changed: the dedication of many of our members who are on committees, those who assist others at





the drop of a hat, and those who join us for davening on Shabbos and Sunday. Each one of you is truly appreciated.

At this time I'd like to thank the following members of the Dinner Committee: Leah Bennett, Miriam Benzaquen, Rebecca Bennett and Mashi Choina. This could not have been accomplished without you. May we all enjoy many more dinners and celebrations in the future.

And acharon, acharon chaviv - our gratitude to our morah d'asra, Rabbi Sokol, is enormous. His shiurim feed our minds and hearts, and we are ever grateful for the personal concern and support he shows for each of us. He holds us all together. We look forward to a future filled with more change and more dedication under his leadership.

*Gordon Kraus-Friedberg*  
*President, Yavneh Minyan of Flatbush*





# Honor Roll







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**Yasher Koach to this year's  
Honor Roll of Chevra Nach participants:**

Chaim Adelson	Ovadia
Jonathan Baker	Kohelet
Leah Bennett	Yirmiya
Lynne Cassouto	Nachum, Nechemia
Aimee Cohen	Shmuel 2
Scott Feinberg	Hoshea
Leah Ganz	Malachi
Gil Golan	Ezra
Saul Guberman	Shir Hashirim
Bina Gur-Aryeh	Yechezkel, Yoel, Micha
Robin Kaplan	Chagai
Michael Klein	Zecharia
Chaye Kohl	Amos
Nechemia Kraus	Shmuel 1, Tehilim, Divrei Hayamim 1
Gordon Kraus-Friedberg	Melachim 2, Chavakuk, Tzefania, Ruth, Divrei Hayamim 2
Yossie Rothenberg	Yona
David Rothschild	Yehoshua
Barbara Sherman	Shoftim
Alan Shuchatowitz	Mishlei





# Dedications





Michael Klein salutes the Yavneh Minyan for its steadfast commitment to the Nach and Chevra Mishnayot programs. Special thanks to Rabbi Moshe Sokol, Rebecca Bennett, and Miriam Benzaquen for their ongoing support. May Hashem continue to assist the Minyan in going *mechayil el chayil*, achieving ever greater knowledge in Nach and Mishna.

Also, special thanks to Rabbi Sokol, Saul Guberman, and the Shabbat Mincha regulars for allowing me to give a Hilchot Shabbat shiur during *shlosh seudot*. It has been a real privilege and joy!

May Hashem strengthen and encourage the Minyan in its mission of service to the Flatbush Jewish community until we all find ourselves in Eretz Yisrael, *bimheira b'yameinu*.

-Michael Klein



DIAMOND



Thank you Rabbi Sokol for your continued leadership and inspiration. May you continue to lead us in good health for many years in the future.

Mazal Tov to the siyyum participants.

Thank you Michael Klein for coordinating this siyyum and the many siyyumim that you have organized over the years that enable us to learn and celebrate as a kehillah twice yearly.

Thank you Rebecca Bennett, Leah Bennett, Miriam Benzaquen, and Mashi Choina for making this beautiful dinner happen.

*Gordon and Nurit Kraus-Friedberg*



PLATINUM



Mazal Tov to the Minyan  
and to all the learners!  
*Amichai & Galina Ziegler*





## Congratulations to all the learners!

Special thanks to all who have shaped and guided the Minyan's study of Nach over the years, including (but not limited to):

- ◆ Rabbi Moshe Sokol, our Morah D'asra
- ◆ Michael Klein, who has shepherded our learning and siyum programs over the years
- ◆ Stuart Feldhamer, for leading Nach Yomi review shiurim
- ◆ Aaron Kinsberg, Lynne Cassouto, Alan Shuchatowitz, who organized early versions of our Nach individual learning program
- ◆ All those who have participated in our Nach Learning Programs.

*Rebecca Bennett*



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We salute all the  
learners at the Minyan.  
Keep going.

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Congratulations to the Minyan  
& the participants of the  
Nach learning program, past and  
present

Special yashar koach to Michael  
Klein for initiating and  
administering the learning  
program

*The Kogan Family*



GOLD





Mazel Tov to all the participants.

*Saul & Hindi Guberman*





Yasher Koach  
to  
The Yavneh Minyan  
to  
Rabbi Sokol  
to  
Michael Klein  
and  
All the participants in the Nach  
Learning Project

*Lenore and Jack Lowenthal*



SILVER



Mazel Tov  
From  
*David Rosenfeld*





In honor of Rabbi Sokol,  
Michael Klein and all of this year's  
Nach Learning Participants.

Yasher Koach,  
*Gil Golan*



SILVER



Congratulations to the Yavneh Minyan  
and all our Nach learners, and, of  
course, thank you to our fabulous  
Rabbi for making this Minyan like a  
second home for many of us!

*From Bernie and Betty Glas*





L'iluy Nishmas Shirley Sokol  
A true Aishes Chayil and matriarch of  
a beautiful mishpacha.

She was gracious, kind and regal.

*Marc and Naomi Kunin*





b'S"D

Motsei Shabbat, 4 Adar

From Moshe . . . . to Moshe;

From Yavneh . . . . to Yavneh

*"Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved."*

*--Terumah, Pasuk 1*

We are so humbled and proud to honor all of the honorees and all of the participants, friends and members of the Yavneh Minyan - for keeping our prayers and hopes alive during the pandemic years.

b'Vrachah

*Avrom & Shoshannah Miller*





In honor of Rabbi Sokol, Michael Klein and  
the Nach participants.

It has been a privilege to learn Nach thanks  
to your encouragement.

May we go from strength to strength.

*Aimee Cohen*







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Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
Yavneh Minyan of Flatbush  
for Your Annual Dinner and Continued Success  
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Mazal Tov  
to  
All of the Nach Leaning Participants  
on your great achievement!  
*Paul and Phyllis Gevertzman*





Mazal Tov to the Minyan on its Beautiful Investment in  
Keeping Torah Learning Front and Center Always!  
Special Thank You to Michael Klein for Spearheading the  
Effort and Always Enriching us with his Wisdom and  
Goodness.

And With Gratitude, As Always, to Rabbi Moshe Sokol for  
his Steadfast, Kind and Brilliant Leadership and Support  
These Many Years.

Wish We Could Be There to Share in the Event With You!!  
*Sharon Kantrowitz, Alan Petrash and Family*

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Congratulations Rabbi Sokol and Michael Klein  
on this well deserved recognition.

Your elucidations are not limited to just נ"ך.

We've benefited for many years from your learning programs  
covering כל התורה כולה.

And additional Kudos to this year's active Nach Learning  
participants.

*Neil, Sheila, Jake and Emma Akerman*





Sharon Shapiro and Wayne Lacks celebrate The Yavneh Minyan, the Nach Siyum coordinators (Michael Klein), and all the Nach Siyum participants. We miss Rabbi Sokol and our Yavneh family very very much. May we celebrate together next year.

*Sharon Shapiro and Wayne Lacks*

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Mazal Tov to all the participants in  
the Nach Learning Program.

A Special Yashar Koach to Michael Klein for overseeing  
the Program all these years.

May we be zoche to continue learning for many years.  
Special thanks to Rabbi Sokol for being such a great  
leader.

*Gidon and Bina Gur-Aryeh*





Congratulations and Best Wishes to All on  
the Occasion of Our Annual Dinner.

*Alan M. Rocoff*

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Yasher Koach to Michael Klein, who makes all of  
this possible -- and to the many learners, who  
enrich our shul with their knowledge.

*Leah & Artie Bennett*





Congratulations to all the learners.

*AM Halevi*

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Mazel Tov to

All the Learners

May you go from Aliya to Aliya

יהי רצון אבינו שבשמים

שנזכה לראות בעינינו את שלמות עמנו בשלמות ארצנו

בניית בית מקדשנו ותקופת המשיח

שנת ע"ד להקמת המדינה      שנת נ"ה לשחרור י-ם

*Linda and Aaron Kinsberg and Family*





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In honor of all the Nach that our father,  
Saul Guberman, has learned, both by  
himself and with us.

With much love and appreciation,  
*M'eera, Renanit and Ahava*

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Mazel Tov to the Yavneh  
Minyan of Flatbush and  
to all the participants in  
the Nach Learning  
Program.

*-Allan Gurewitz*

Mazel Tov to the Learners  
and to all the Minyan  
Members

From,  
*Luna and Jonathan Zemmol*  
*of The Yellow Door*

**The Yellow Door**

Yasher Koach to all  
Siyum participants and  
may the Yavneh Minyan  
go from strength to  
strength!

*David & Sarah Yehudis*  
*Rothschild and family*

Mazal Tov to Michael  
Klein and my fellow  
Nach students!

*Chaye Kohl, NJ*





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Mazel tov to all the Nach  
siyum participants, and  
abundant thanks to  
Rabbi Sokol and Michael  
Klein for inspiring us  
make learning Torah a  
priority and a joy!

*Lynne Cassouto  
and Scott Feinberg*

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Mazel Tov  
to the whole Minyan  
and to the learners  
*-Sue Benyowitz*





Greetings



*Mazal Tov Greetings From...*

♦ *Rikki Braun Danziger*  
*Brooklyn, NY*

♦ *Steve Zeft*  
*Brooklyn, NY*





The Dinner Committee  
would like to thank:

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יבנה

We would like to thank all those whose hard  
work made this Dinner possible including:

*Leah Bennett*

*Mashi Choina*

*Miriam Benzaquen*

*Rebecca Bennett*

*Gordon Kraus-Friedberg*

*Rabbi Moshe Sokol*

And the many others who helped.





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