

Tefilla Notebook

Thank you to **Barry Novack & Annie Baum** for sponsoring this week's Tefilla Notebook in memory of Barry's father, **Max Novack, Menachem Mendel ben Yaakov z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on 11 Kislev.

9 Kislev • Parshat Vayetze

Dec 6-7, 2019

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:25pm CANDLELIGHTING
4:30pm MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am **RABBI'S GEMARA SHIUR**
9:15am **SHACHARIT**
4:20pm MINCHA
4:40pm SEUDAH SHLISHIT
5:25pm MA'ARIV
5:29pm SHABBAT ENDS

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

Sun. December 7 8:00am & 4:30pm
Mon. December 8 6:20am & 4:30pm
Tue. December 9 6:30am & 4:30pm
Wed. December 10 6:30am & 4:30pm
Thu. December 11 6:20am & 4:30pm
Fri. December 12 6:30am & 4:25pm

YOUTH GROUP SHABBOS SCHEDULE

10:00 Free play, games & books.
10:40 Snack time, Parsha story & questions
11:10 Into shul to kiss the Torah
Circle time - davening, singing, Shabbat songs & games. (Ping pong, foosball, basketball)
11:30 Kids service ends

WELCOME

Special Guest Speaker



Omar Quadrat

Muslim Coalition for America

Omar Quadrat served as an officer in the US Army and in Afghanistan as a counter-terrorism prosecutor in support of the case against 9/11 Mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Omar was a Republican candidate for Congress in the last cycle of California's 52nd District. He will speak following Shabbat Services.

THANK YOU

Elliott and Robin Broidy for sponsoring Kiddush Luncheon in memory of Elliott's parents **Dorothy & Sherman Broidy z"l**

Dearest Members and Friends,

By this time next week, Jeremy Corbyn could be the newly elected prime minister of the United Kingdom. The gap in the polls between him and his primary opponent, Boris Johnson, is closing. Even if Johnson's Conservative party gets more votes than Corbyn, the election could still result in a "hung parliament", which means no party has managed to achieve a majority, a situation which could also hand Corbyn the country's leadership – if he is able to cobble together a coalition with smaller parties to form a majority government.

Ordinarily, British elections barely register in news terms for those outside the UK, and unless one has a personal interest in the outcome, it hovers indiscernibly in the background of the 24-hour news-cycle. But this election is different. The Brexit debacle that has frozen British politics for the past three-and-a-half years is finally coming to a head, and the outcome of this election will have real and potentially damaging repercussions for a range of vested interests well-beyond the UK, and stakeholders across the globe, not just in Europe, are anxiously awaiting the result so that they can realistically plan for their future dealings with Britain.

For Jews in the UK and around the world, however, this election has very little to do with Brexit, and everything to do with the possibility that Jeremy Corbyn might become prime minister of a significant western country like the UK. Because Jeremy Corbyn is an antisemite. It's as simple as that. Despite his vehement denials of any prejudice against Jews, or indeed anyone, and despite his protestations that the Labour Party he leads is devoted to fighting racism and prejudice in all its forms, Jeremy Corbyn clearly despises Jews (except, of course, those Jews who say they will vote for him, although, truthfully, he probably despises them too).

In a dossier published this week, the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM), a veteran socialist affiliate of the UK Labour Party, stunningly revealed that Corbyn "has repeatedly associated with, sympathized with, and engaged in antisemitism". Accusing the Labour Party of a "hostile response to antisemitism", and of "defending perpetrators", the dossier provides evidence that there has been a "cover-up" regarding antisemitism in the Labour Party – a cover-up that emanates directly from the leader's office. An anonymous former member of Corbyn's inner team told JLM that when anyone demanded for former London mayor Ken Livingstone to be excluded from Labour for his anti-Semitic comments, they were accused of a being part of a "Jewish conspiracy" and of being engaged in a "political smear campaign". Seamus Milne, Corbyn's head of strategy, when he heard that a Labour member had been suspended from Labour for virulent antisemitism, asked to have the suspension overturned on the grounds that she was "on friendly terms" with Corbyn. A former compliance officer also told JLM that cases of "harrowing antisemitic abuse" were "routinely ignored" by Corbyn's office.

What strikes me most about Corbyn and the accusations of antisemitism is his insistent denials, as if we are all too stupid to interpret the evidence. In a 2009 speech in London, Corbyn described terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah as his "friends", and although he later claimed to regret his statement, he has been openly friendly with Islamic extremists throughout his decades-long political life. His assertions that one has to engage with those one disagrees with in order to facilitate solutions ring very hollow; I am not aware that he has ever met with Binyamin Netanyahu, nor even representatives of Israel's Labor party or mainstream peace camp activists, at any stage of his political life. He has certainly not gone on the record to call them his friends.

In 2012, Corbyn attended a conference in Qatar which included two Palestinian militants recently released by Israel in exchange for a captured soldier: Abdul Aziz Umar, convicted in Israel for his role in a 2003 suicide bombing in Jerusalem in which seven people were killed, and Husam Badran, a former head of Hamas' military operations who planned suicide bombings which killed more than 100 people. Corbyn found their contributions at the conference "fascinating and electrifying."

The most insidious threats always come from people who deny that they pose any threat. If someone tells you how honest and straightforward they are, think twice before you invest any money with them. If someone tells you how easygoing they are, be aware that they are probably very sensitive, and just watch your p's and q's.

The effort to lull people into a false sense of security is as old as history itself, and the archetype villain masquerading as an upstanding person is none other than Laban, uncle and father-in-law of Jacob, whose duplicity is recorded in Parshat Vayetzei. After Jacob completes seven years of working for Laban in return for his daughter Rachel's hand in marriage, in an act of extraordinary deceit Laban decides to give Jacob his other daughter Leah instead. But when he is confronted by Jacob, instead of admitting he has done something wrong, he simply dismisses the accusation as unfounded – "this is the way we do things here, the older daughter marries before the younger one," he tells Jacob, implying that Jacob had completely misread the situation. Rather than acknowledging his misdeed and apologizing, Laban pretends that his contemptable behavior had been misunderstood, and protests his innocence.

At Seder night on Passover we recall Laban's attempt to destroy the Jewish nation, which seems rather strange if one considers that the purpose of the night is to record the thwarted genocidal intentions of Pharaoh and Egypt many hundreds of years later. One explanation is that on a night devoted to Jewish survival, we should not just be focusing on obvious enemies, like Pharaoh, but also on deceptive enemies, like Laban, who act against us while insisting they are our friends, with only our best interests at heart. Jeremy Corbyn, should he ever become prime minister, will undoubtedly continue to maintain that he loves Jews, and is doing everything in his power to prevent anything bad from happening to the Jewish community. But like Laban before him, he is not to be trusted. Let us just pray that he never gets into Downing Street.

Wishing you Shabbat Shalom, and a great week ahead,

Rabbi Pini Dunner



Sisterhood Corner

December

It's time to Lego Up!
Please join us in our
Chanukah Toy Drive.
Drop off a Lego toy by
December 16th.
Brighten up the life of a
Chai Lifeline kid this
Chanukah!

January

Our next Shiur & Schmooze
On Wednesday January 29, at
9am

Rosh Chodesh Shevat
Parshat Bo
Shiur with Rabbi Dunner
Followed by breakfast

Shabbat Shalom,

Cecile & Ruthie
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Happy Anniversary

Rabbi Pini & Sabine
Dinner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Moshe Sassover
Norm Solomon
Joseph Czucker
Sam Mostadim
Hillel Kellerman
Arleen Tanenbaum
Bill Lopatin

YAHRTZEITS

Diane Finkel
Dinya bat Avraham a"h
Wife of
Harry Finkel
Yahrtzeit— 13 Kislev

Jack Finkelstein
Abraham Yaakov z"l
Father of
Sharon Weiner
Yahrtzeit— 11 Kislev

Jack Julius Glatter
Yaakov Yehuda ben Yitzchak z"l
Brother of
Lillian Fuchs
Yahrtzeit— 14 Kislev

Max Novack
Menachem Mendel ben Yaakov z"l
Father of
Barry Novack
Yahrtzeit— 11 Kislev



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PAUL FEDER Z"l GEMARA

לע"נ פנחס אליהו בן שמשון הלוי
Join Rabbi Dunner for his Gemara
shiur on Shabbat mornings 45
minutes before Shacharit.

WEEKLY PARSHA SHIUR

Join Rabbi Dunner each Wednesday
morning at 9am for the weekly
ladies Parsha Shiur as he explores
the weekly Torah portion through
the eyes of the classic commentators.
The class will meet next on
Wednesday, December 11th 2019 at
9:00am

Next Week's parsha Shiur is sponsored
by Aaron & Lillian Fuchs and
Jason Fuchs in memory of Lillian's
brother, Jack Julius Glatter,
Yaakov Yehudah ben Yitzchak z"l,
whose yahrtzeit is on 14 Kislev



TEEN MINYAN WITH CHAZZAN NATI BARAM

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21ST



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Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy 72nd Annual Scholarship Gala celebrating our community giant,
Ernie Goldberger and community educator **Rabbi Eli Broner**. Thursday December, 19th at the
Beverly Hilton. To RSVP and Submit Digital Journal Ads please visit: www.HillelHebrew.org/banquet

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, Dec 8th - Speaker **Herzl Makov**, CEO of Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, discussing the upcoming film about life and times of **Menachem Begin**, the creation of the State of Israel, and the dedication of a true leader. 5:00pm

Sunday, Dec 8th - Father & Son Praying Together, 8:00am. Followed by breakfast. For boys below and above Bar Mitzvah and fathers.

Shabbat, Dec 14th - OU Torah Weekend special guest speaker **Moshe Bane**, President of the Orthodox Union. Extended kiddush sponsored by Aaron & Lillian Fuchs and Hillel Laks. **More Sponsors needed to make a kiddush luncheon.**

Shabbat, Dec 21st - Teen Minyan led by Teen participants. Followed by a special Teen only kiddush catered by Jeff's Gourmet.

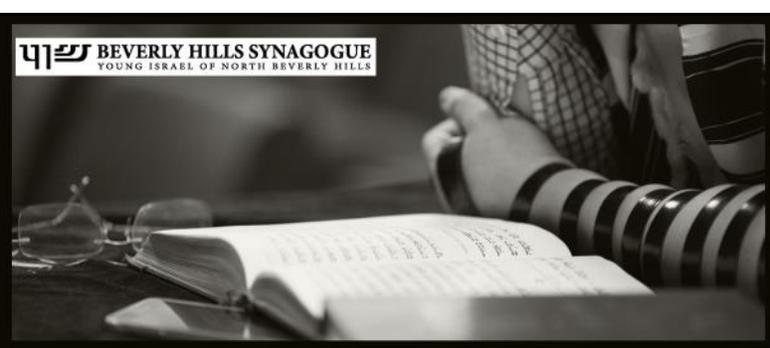
December 22nd- December 29th - Chanukah 

Friday, Dec 27th - Friday Night Family Chanukah Dinner. Latkes, Sufganiot, Dreidel, Menorah Lighting, Chanukah Songs, Kid-Friendly Dinner and Puppet Show for Children. \$45 for adults, \$25 for children

Tuesday, January 7th - Asarah B'Tevet. Fast Begins 5:30am, Fast Ends 5:40pm.

Wednesday, January 15th - Gala Concert Featuring **Colin Schachat** and sons, Chazzan Nati Baram. "A Kaleidoscope of popular American and Israeli music" 7:30pm. Tickets \$36, \$72, \$175, or \$200 (Includes a VIP reception)

 BEVERLY HILLS SYNAGOGUE
YOUNG ISRAEL OF NORTH BEVERLY HILLS



Father & Son *Praying Together*

Sunday, December 8th at 8:00am
Sunday Morning Services Followed by Breakfast
Short learning with Rabbi Danner
Boys below and above Bar Mitzvah



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MENACHEM BEGIN DOCUMENTARY INFORMATION EVENING

Join us for this special event as **Herzl Makov**, CEO of the Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, presents his thrilling account of the **Attack of the Osirak Nuclear Reactor**, and the **Leadership Values of Menachem Begin**. Joining Mr. Makov will be **Rob Schwartz**, Executive Producer, who will share insights into his vision for the upcoming **Menachem Begin Documentary**.

Be among the first to see the new film trailer and get a taste of what is in store for this timely and important film on the life and times of **Menachem Begin**, the creation of the State of Israel and the dedication of a true leader.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH | 5:00PM
YOUNG ISRAEL OF BEVERLY HILLS
9261 ALDEN DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210



Herzl Makov has been the CEO of the Menachem Begin Heritage Center for the last 15 years. Mr. Makov served as the Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and was a Major in the Israeli Defense Forces where his squadron participated in Operation Opera, which targeted the Iraqi nuclear reactor in Osirak during Menachem Begin's time as Prime Minister.

OU TORAH WEEKEND SCHOLAR
DECEMBER 14

MOISHE BANE

PRESIDENT OU



Moishe Bane became president of the Orthodox Union in January 2017. He is a senior partner and chairman of the Business Restructuring department at the International law firm, Ropes & Gray. Much of his time, however, is dedicated to public service for the American Orthodox community. Past positions he has held in the OU include Chairman of the Board of Governors, Chairman of the Advocacy Team, and National Chairman of NCSY.

In addition to his OU service, Mr. Bane is involved in an array of non-OU kiruv and educational endeavors, and he has written and lectured extensively across the Jewish world. Mr. Bane is also a founding editor of *Klal Perspectives*, a journal addressing contemporary public policy issues within the American Orthodox community.

A Kiddush will follow services
Sponsorships available



CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, December 27th, 2019
Sixth Night of Chanukah
\$45 for adults; \$25 for children



Warm Casual Kid-friendly Atmosphere



4:15 pm Menorah & Candle Lighting
4:30pm Mincha & Children's Activities
5:15pm Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

For your Child to participate in the Shabbat Service, email Chazzan Nati Baram at Baramnati@gmail.com

Special Puppet Show Performance:
"Danny & The Dragon"
For kids of all ages

- For All Ages
- Menorah Lighting
- Games and Prizes
- Latkes & Donuts
- Kid-Friendly Menu
- Chanukah Songs
- Dreidel Games
- and more!

RSVP
\$45 for Adults ; \$25 for Children
RSVP at Beverlyhillssynagogue.org or call the office at 310-276-7650

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST CANTOR NETANEL BARAM



MICHA SCHACHAT

GABI SCHACHAT

A KALEIDOSCOPE OF POPULAR MUSIC

Accompanied by the LA University Festival Orchestra
Conductor and Musical Director: **Tomer Adaddi**



Wednesday January 15th 2020, Time: 7:30pm
Beverly Hills Synagogue, 9261 Alden Drive Beverly Hills CA 90210

For Tickets: e-mail: concert@yinbh.org • Phone: 310-2767650 or at Beverlyhillssynagogue.org
Ticket Prices: \$36 (balcony), \$72 (Risers), \$125 (Preferred seating), \$200 (includes pre-reception)

2019 Chanukah Toy Drive



THIS YEAR'S THEME IS LEGO

You are invited to donate Legos to children in need of Chanukah gifts. We welcome Lego sets for all ages and levels!

Please drop off unwrapped Legos Sets by **December 16th** at YINBH.

Kids- Don't forget to write your name, grade, and school to ensure you get a special acknowledgement of your mitzvah.

All toys will be given to Chai Lifeline children before Chanukah.

The YINBH Sisterhood Thanks You!!



Beverly Hills Synagogue
Young Israel of North Beverly Hills
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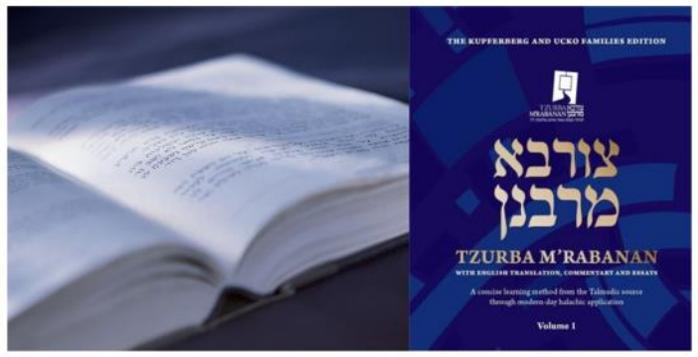
Monday Evening Study Group

WITH CHAZZAN NATI BARAM



The focus of the group is to explore halacha using a unique curriculum tool that was developed in Israel called Tzurba M'Rababan. It is a systematic and concise learning method, from the Talmudic source through modern day Halachic application.

Following Mincha, approximately 5:15pm on Monday evenings



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