



CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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Re'eh

30 Av - 6 Elul, 5779 August 31 - September 6, 2019

Rabbi Marc Spivak, President David Goldstein

Schedule 08/30 – 09/06

Friday (08/30)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha/Maariv	7:00pm
Light Candles	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting B'zman	7:15pm
Shkia	7:33pm

Shabbat (08/31) ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:39am
Mincha	7:00pm
Maariv	8:07pm
Shabbat ends	8:14pm

Sunday (09/01) ROSH CHODESH ELUL

Shacharit	8:15am
Mincha / Maariv	7:10pm

Monday (09/02) LABOR DAY

Shacharit	8:15am
Mincha / Maariv	7:10pm

Tuesday - Thursday (09/03 - 09/05)

Shacharit Tue/Wed	6:10am
Shacharit Thu	6:00am
Mincha/Maariv Tue -Thu	7:10pm

Friday (09/06)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha	7:00pm
Candle-Lighting	7:03pm
Shkia	7:21pm

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6

UPCOMING:

Rosh HaShanah Mon/Tue	Sep 30/Oct 1
Fast of Gedaliah Wed	Oct 2
Yom Kippur Wed	Oct 9

CHODESH TOV !
ELUL
A TIME FOR INTROSPECTION

SHABBAT KIDDUSH is sponsored by the Shul in honor of Sami Goldberg's longstanding service and commitment. We thank Sami for the countless hours she has volunteered throughout her life in Ohr Torah. Sami has assisted both with her parents and alone since her childhood. She volunteers her time weekly with the Kiddush preparation and set up, and Shalosh Seudot preparation. Tizku L'Mitzvot! We wish her the best as she continues her studies in Israel this year. **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by the Shul.

To sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or Seudah Sh'lshit at the Shul, please contact Anna Chosak at office@congregationohrtorah.org.

MISHNA B'RURA CLASS with Rabbi Grosberg after Shabbat Mincha will be held in the Beit Midrash.

RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS will meet this Wednesday evening at 8:00pm in the Beit Midrash.

ED CROMAN'S KABBALAH CLASS: The fall session starts Thursday, September 12th in the Beit Midrash and continues on the following Thursdays: October 3rd and 17th, November 7th and 21st, and December 5th.

מזל טוב: Mazal Tov to Jack and Linda Rosen on the wedding of Michael Rosen and Ruthie Trachtenberg.

מזל טוב: Mazal Tov to Eden Fusman on her Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to parents Arden and Benjamin and to the entire family.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019/2020: Membership renewal for 2019- 2020 is currently open. The prices are \$765 for family memberships, and \$395 for a single membership. As in the past, we encourage you to participate in our voluntary Membership Plus program at any of the following levels:

Builder: \$2500+ **Sustainer:** \$1,800+ **Benefactor:** \$1,000+

Patron: \$750+ **Sponsor:** \$360+ **Donor:** \$180+

Also, please note that the forms (both on paper and online) include an optional \$54 donation to the West Orange Eruv. Since we all use it, let's shoot for 100% participation. To renew your membership online go to

<https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/dues>.

SISTERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB RENEWALS: We have attached forms to the Newsletter to make it convenient for you to renew. The Sisterhood also maintains the Shul Directory. To make sure you are on the list, and/or to buy advertising in the booklet, see the form on page 5. **THE ANNUAL OHR TORAH DIRECTORY**, produced every year by the Sisterhood, is in the works for 2019-20/5780. Increase the reach of your business and defray the cost of publishing the directory by placing an ad for \$54 with a business card, or with a full page ad for \$100. See the flyer on page 6 for more information.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING: Information has gone out via email concerning seat reservations, kibudim and listings in the new Yizkor booklet. Hard copies of the information packet are available in the shul vestibule. To reserve seats, your shul-related financial responsibilities must be up to date, including dues for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

We will once again have two minyanim on the mornings of Rosh Hashanah, in the Main

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Sisterhood Events and Donations

Sisterhood Tribute Fund:

Please consider making a donation to honor or in memory of someone in any of the following categories. Tributes—\$5; Sefer Fund—\$10; Youth Fund—\$18; Siddur or Machzor—\$40; Chumash—\$60. For more information, please contact Debbie Druce deborahdruce@gmail.com

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Sanctuary and at JSDD. For the first time, we will have two minyanim for Yom Kippur (from Kol Nidre through Ne'elah), in the Main Sanctuary and in the Beit Midrash. Seating in the Beit Midrash is extremely limited and will be reserved on a strict first-come first-served basis.

☪ You may view seating charts, plus reserve and pay online for your seats at:

<https://www.congregationohratorah.org/seats>.

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☪ Kibudim can be bid on online by filling out this form:

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Alternatively, printed forms may be submitted to Rabbi Robert Grosberg.

☪ Names may be renewed in or added to the **Yizkor book** by filling out the form at

<http://congregationohratorah.org/yizkor>.

Alternatively, the printed forms may be submitted with the requested donation fee to Congregation Ohr Torah, *Attention: Yizkor Forms*, PO Box 6169, West Orange, NJ 07052. Listings must be paid for annually, unless the name is perpetuated in the Bernard Leo Sorkin Memorial Center. Only paid listings will appear in this year's booklet, so be sure to submit the donation fee (and any new listings) prior to Rosh Chodesh Elul.

OT SECURITY: Thank you to our security volunteers this week who stepped up to keep us all safe. **We still need volunteers for September.** Even if you've never volunteered in the past, please try it out! Sign up and send Dov Chelst a message at dnychelst@gmail.com and he can tell you what is required.

SENDING IN A CHECK FOR A PAYMENT TO OHR TORAH? Assist us in our record keeping by writing on the memo line or include a note about the reason for the check. Also, remember that mail should always be sent to PO Box 6169, West Orange, NJ 07052, and not to 270 Pleasant Valley Way. Thank you!

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Yahrzeits August 31 - September 06

30 AV: Edward Croman for his Sister, Aydal Leah bat Ephraim Moshe Ha'Cohan, Adelyn Graydon, on Shabbat, August 31.

30 AV: David & Janice Michaelis for their Son, Benjamin Zev ben David Yehoshua, Benjamin Michaelis, on Shabbat, August 31.

1 ELUL: Irwin Krasna for his Mother-in-law, Eska bat Shmuel Yosef Ha'levi, on Sunday, September 1.

1 ELUL: Elaine Scherman for her Father, Shmuel ben Yosef, Samuel Parker, on Sunday, September 1.

2 ELUL: Annie Goldfischer for her Aunt, Nechama bat Moshe Ha'Levi, Nettie Sklar, on Monday, September 2.

3 ELUL: Rhonda Lillianthal for her Mother, P'nina Devorah bat Chaim Yosef, Pearl Abeit, on Tuesday, September 3.

3 ELUL: Yoav Rosenblat for his Grandfather, Yoseph Chaim ben Yitzchak Dov, Yoseph Nochomovitz, on Tuesday, September 3.

3 ELUL: Yisrael ben Yitzchak, Israel Velednitsky, on Tuesday, September 3.

4 ELUL: Harvey Okin for his Mother, Faiga Leah bat Lieber Yonah, Florence Lenora Okin, on Wednesday, September 4.

4 ELUL: Sidney Sayovitz for his Father, Mayer ben Yitzchak Isaac, Mayer Sayovitz, on Wednesday, September 4.

4 ELUL: Jonathan Weber for his First Wife, Sarah bat Yisrael, Sarah H. Weber, on Wednesday, September 4.

For changes/corrections to this list, please contact Elia Weixelbaum or send an e-mail to : ShabbatNewsletter@congregationohratorah.org



SMILE TIME: Yaakov Glimstein gets his first job as a forest ranger way out in the middle of nowhere. In his kit from the government is a recipe for Matzah Balls. "What's this?" he asks his superiors. To which he is told, "A few months from now when the solitude really gets to you, pull out the recipe and start to mix it together. Within 5 minutes, you have a dozen Jewish women hovering over you telling you what you are doing wrong."

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Items for the Newsletter must be submitted *before* 4:00pm on the Wednesday before publication. Anything submitted after that time will be considered for the following issue.

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James Geller

TORAH THOUGHT:

RE'EH: On Time

James Geller moved to West Orange in 1989 and to Ohr Torah in 2001. He has been professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark since 1988, where he teaches Computer Science (specifically: databases) and does research in Medical Informatics. He is married and is blessed with a son in Israel and a daughter in Brooklyn.

Judaism is often characterized by certain people as contradicting the modern world of science and business. But in fact without laws like those of Judaism there would be neither science nor business. I will bypass the obvious issues like having a precise system of weights and measures ("You shall not commit a perversion in justice, in measures of length, weight and volume": Vayikra 19:35; "A perfect and honest weight shall you have, a perfect and honest measure shall you have...": Devarim 25:15; see <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/weights-measures>), which is the basis of business and physics. Nor will I talk about the obvious need for business law, as it is anchored in halachah. Rather I want to talk about keeping time.

While working at a company for a year I repeatedly heard from a staff member that she was not sure which day of the week it was. In her words: "Every day is the same." I was shocked by that. For the observant Jew the whole week is defined by being before or after Shabbat, and the year by holidays. In this week's Parsha Re'eh we are reminded that this system of time keeping includes and goes beyond the holidays to include a seven year period with legal implications (Devarim 15:12).

In fact the distinctions are even more precise. The shir shel yom at the end of Shachrit reminds us of what weekday it is. Tachnun reminds of two specific days, Monday and Thursday. Those people who follow the monthly cycle of Tehillim know every day what the day of the month it is on the Jewish calendar. Extending time keeping towards the long range, the Torah says "Six years shall you sow your land and gather in its produce. And in the seventh year, you shall leave it untended..." (Shemot 23:10-11). Another longer cycle of 50 years is extensively discussed in Vayikra, 25:8-16: The Jubilee Year (Yovel) cycle. This cycle defines the correct business dealings when buying and selling ancestral fields.

On April 8, 2009 many people in the community uttered the Birkat Hachama, which is said only once in a 28 year solar cycle (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birkat_Hachama). You will have to wait another 19 years to fulfill this mitzvah.

One could argue that "time keeping" is the remit of the Jewish court and that "ordinary citizens" are not required to get involved in it. The Parsha Re'eh tells us otherwise for the Omer counting. "You shall count seven weeks for yourself" (Devarim 16:9) is a mitzvah for the members of the community, not for the Jewish court.

What's the big deal? For some 3000 years after the giving of the Torah, ordinary people didn't have wall calendars.... because they didn't exist; let alone calendar apps. Keeping track of dates was difficult. Yet Judaism enforced it. And without an awareness of dates there is no precise concept of a plan. Running a business requires order dates, delivery dates and payment dates. Manufacturing of goods relies on supply chains, and tools and components need to be available at the right dates ("just in time"). Otherwise the factory grinds to a halt. Building a factory requires a multi-year plan. Amortizing it might be measured in decades. In short, halachically mandated time keeping provides the conceptual and mental infrastructure for running businesses and for manufacturing products to sell.

Judaism imposes well known prohibitions on lending money with interest. Yet modern banking and capitalism were founded on the time value of money... something that would be impossible without time measurement that is not just precise but agreed on by everybody by the force of a government or authority. Otherwise everybody would choose his/her own calendar as convenient for him/her.

What happens if a buyer and a seller disagree? They might go to court. Time keeping is also important in the legal process. When a Beit Din (Jewish court) is questioning eidim (witnesses) the precise date when a purported crime happened is a major element of the truth finding process. Eidim zomemim (false witnesses; Devarim 19:15-21) are discovered by being at a certain date and time (when they claim to have observed a crime) with another set of witnesses at a distance from the crime scene.

Let me close with a story from one of the Rabbis of my teenage years, Rav Chaim Eisenberg. A Jew was drafted to the army of his country. He wasn't very religious and he certainly couldn't take a library with him. But he came to the town rabbi and asked him what he should take with him to stay a Jew in the army. The rabbi ordered him to take a luach (Jewish calendar) and to look at it every day.

One more thing: Put Wednesday, 8 April 2037 (23 Nisan 5797; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birkat_Hachama) into your calendar. This will be the next chance to say the Birkat Hachama. May we all live and be healthy to fulfill this mitzvah.

Shabbat Shalom. James Geller

Over the course of the next few months, we will have different people write a D'var Torah for the newsletter. The goal is to hear words of Torah from other Ohr Torah members and learn a little about who they are. I encourage everyone to participate. Please email me at Rabbi@congregationohrtorah.org if you would like to volunteer to share your ideas with us. Torah unites our nation. We are really excited about this project and I hope it will strengthen our bonds as a community.

Rabbi Marc Spivak

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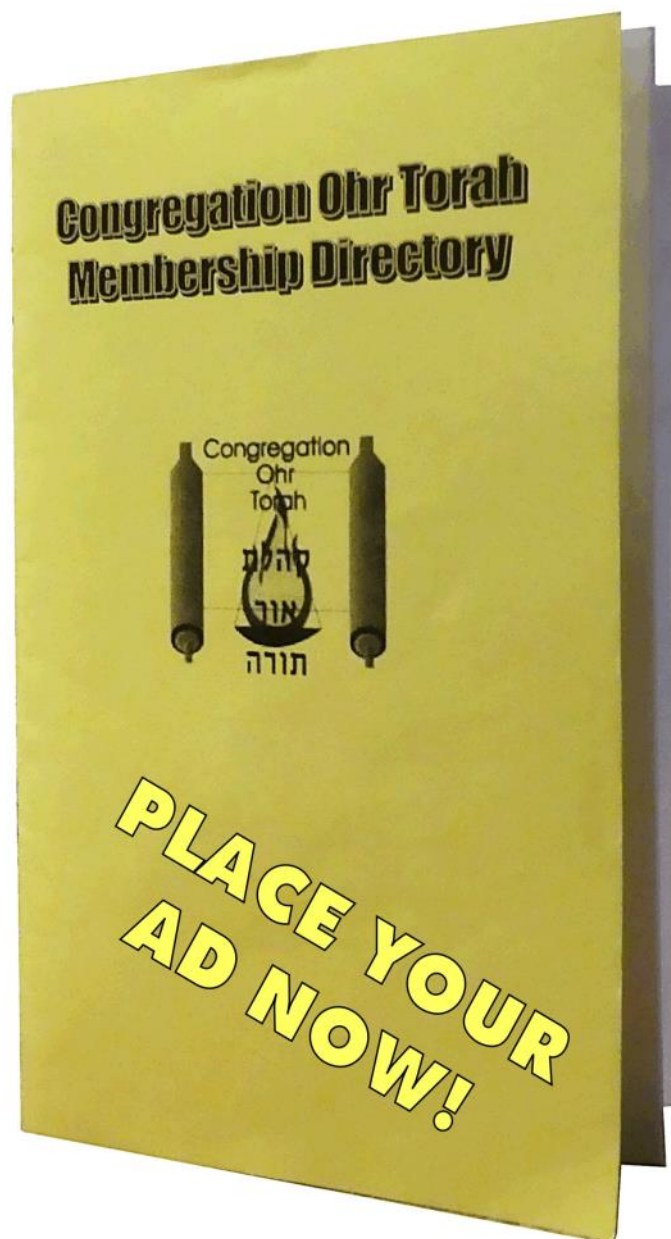
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5780 SHUL DIRECTORY

The Sisterhood is printing an updated membership directory for 2019/2020 - 5780. The directory will include "business ads" for \$54, full page is \$100. Get your friends and relatives to support the directory by advertising in it.



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