



# CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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**Beehukotai**

27 Iyyar - 4 Sivan, 5779 June 1 - 7, 2019

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## Schedule 05/31 – 06/07 Friday (05/31)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha/Maariv	7:00pm
Light Candles	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting B'zman	8:03pm
Shkia	8:21pm

### Shabbat Mevarchim (06/01)

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:11am
SAY SHEMA BEFORE COMING TO SHUL	
Mincha	7:20pm
Maariv	9:05pm
Shabbat ends	9:12pm

### Sunday - Thursday (06/02 - 06/06)

Shacharit Sun	8:15am
Shacharit Mon/Thu	6:00am
Shacharit Tue ROSH CHODESH	5:50am
Shacharit Wed	6:10am
Mincha/Maariv Sun-Thu	8:10pm

### Friday (06/07)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha	7:00pm
Early Candle-Lighting	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting	8:08pm
Shkia	8:26pm

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### UPCOMING:

Shavuot Sun/Mon Jun 9, 10  
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz We/Th Jul 3, 4

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**SHABBAT KIDDUSH** is sponsored by Shimon and Meital Nissel in honor of their son Shai's bar mitzvah. The super-deluxe Kiddush will be prepared by Shimon himself. Beta'avon! **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by Edward and Daryl Shapiro for the annual Goldstein-Shapiro Memorial Lecture.

To sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or Seudah Sh'lishit at the Shul, please contact Anna Chosak at [office@congregationohrtorah.org](mailto:office@congregationohrtorah.org).

**MISHNA B'RURA CLASS** with Rabbi Grosberg will not be held this Shabbat after Minchah due to the Annual Goldstein/Shapiro lecture.

**ANNUAL GOLDSTEIN/SHAPIRO LECTURE:** Professor and Author Marc Shapiro will be speaking between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbat June 1<sup>st</sup>. The topic: "The Philosophy of Rav Kook: Is It Still Relevant?" Everyone is welcome.

**RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS** will meet this Wednesday at 7:15pm in the Beit Midrash.

**KABBALAH CLASS:** Ed Croman's Kabbalah class scheduled for Thursday, May 16 has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 7:30pm in the Beit Midrash. It will be the final class of the season.

**מזל טוב:** Mazal Tov to Shimon and Meital Nissel on the bar mitzvah of their son Shai, to brother Noam and the entire Nissel family.

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



**TOGETHER ON TUESDAY:** At Congregation AABJ&D, 700 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, Sephardic Wing. Tuesday, June 4, "Reflections on Yom Yerushalyim". Stories, history and song. Celebrate Rosh Chodesh Sivan and "Gearing Up for Shavuot". Lunch at 12:30pm, Presentation from 1:00-2:15pm. Next Tuesday, June 11, "Above and Beyond", a documentary about a group of Jewish American pilots who bravely volunteered to strengthen Israel's airpower in the War of Independence in 1948. For information, contact Debbie Druce @ 973-736-1407x240

**SHABBAT GRADUATION KIDDUSH:** Saturday, June 15th. Celebrate your graduate! Only \$18 per name. Be sure to mention their school or program. This is a project of the Ohr Torah Sisterhood. Questions to [rsharret@hotmail.com](mailto:rsharret@hotmail.com). See the ad on page 4. Sign up by June 11th at:

[congregationohrtorah.org/gradkiddush](http://congregationohrtorah.org/gradkiddush)

**WEST ORANGE NCSY BENEFIT EVENING:** Wednesday, June 19th, 6:30 - 9:00pm at the JCC MetroWest. Funds will be used towards the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent annually for West Orange Teens. Full details on the

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## Sisterhood Events and Donations

**CINDY TURKELTAUB GROSBERG WOMEN'S PIRKEI AVOT STUDY:** This week's Shabbat study, June 1, Perek Hey, is led by Naomi Maron. 5:15-6:00pm in the Beit Midrash.

### 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](mailto:deborahdruce@gmail.com)

event on are Page 4.

**7:45am SHACHARIT?** There is interest in starting a Monday through Friday 7:45am Shacharis minyan at Ohr Torah. Before the shul will schedule this minyan, it requires that enough men commit to attend on a daily or almost daily basis without interfering with attendance of the current early minyan. If you are interested in regularly attending a 7:45 Shacharis minyan at OT, please send an email to [rich.maron@gmail.com](mailto:rich.maron@gmail.com).

**NCSY HONOREE:** Ohr Torah is collecting funds for a community ad for JJ Rosenblum, son of Lee and Stuart Rosenblum, who is being honored by West Orange NCSY. To donate toward this ad please go to:  
<https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/rosenblumad>



## SHAVUOT BEGINS SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 8TH

**CELEBRATE** a Birthday or an Anniversary at one of our monthly Shabbatot of Mevarchim HaChodesh. If you, or a family member, or a friend are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during a particular month, you can co-sponsor a kiddush in their honor for just \$36 per occasion. Contact Anna, at [office@congregationohrtorah.org](mailto:office@congregationohrtorah.org), or call the office, 973-669-7320 ext. 1. Sign up for sponsorship by the Tuesday night preceding the Shabbat Mevarchim Kiddush so we can list the sponsors in the Weekly Newsletter. **The next Birthday/Anniversary Kiddush is June 8th for the month of Sivan. It is being delayed one week due to a scheduled Bar Mitzvah. You must sign up by June 1st.**

**WhatsApp Ohr Torah General Announcements:** To join this important announcement group, sign up at  
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on your mobile phone (install WhatsApp first), tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, you can email Anna at ([office@congregationohrtorah.org](mailto:office@congregationohrtorah.org)) or David Goldstein ([davesmail@golddave.com](mailto:davesmail@golddave.com)) with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

**HELP US MAKE A MINYAN** by joining a WhatsApp group for alerts when the shul needs help making a minyan. This group has been very successful in its mission, but we can always use more help. If you would like to be added to the group, please go to the following site:

<http://congregationohrtorah.org/minyanwhatsapp>  
on your mobile phone with WhatsApp already installed and tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, you can email either Bruce Schlanger, [Bruce.Schlanger@gmail.com](mailto:Bruce.Schlanger@gmail.com), or David Goldstein [davesmail@golddave.com](mailto:davesmail@golddave.com) with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

## Yahrzeits June 01 - 07

**28 IYAR:** Jeff Carmeli for his Brother, Eliahu ben Issachar, on Sunday, June 2.

**1 SIVAN:** Raphael Sharret for his Father, Avraham Tzvi ben Pesach, Zvi Sharret, on Tuesday, June 4.

**2 SIVAN:** Benjamin Fusman for his Grandmother, Beila bat Shmuel, Bela Marcu, on Wednesday, June 5.

**3 SIVAN:** Steven Goldstein for his Father, Yehuda ben Yaakov, Leon Goldstein, on Thursday, June 6.

**4 SIVAN:** Sam Kaye for his Stepfather, Gedalya ben Eliyahu Ze'aiv HaCohain, George Kace, on Friday, June 7.

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**SMILE TIME:** As Moshe and the children of Israel are crossing the Red Sea, the Children of Israel begin to complain to how thirsty they are after walking so far. Unfortunately, they were not able to drink from the walls of water on either side of them, as they were made up of saltwater. A fish from that wall of water tells Moshe that he and his family heard the complaints of the people, but that they through their own gills could remove the salt from the water and force it out of their mouths like a fresh water fountain for the Israelites to drink. Moshe accepted this kind fish's offer. But before the fish and his family could begin to help, they had one demand. They and their descendants had to be always present at every Shabbat meal that would be established in the future to commemorate their part in the Exodus. When Moshe agrees to this, he gives them their command which became the name which remains how they are known to this very day, for he said to them, "Go Filter Fish!"

**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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## BECHUKOTAI: THE POWER OF COMMUNITY



Sarah & Sophie Diamond

*Sophie Diamond is a fifth grader at Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy. When she's not in class, she can be found in the afterschool Mishna Club or on the basketball court. Sarah Diamond, along with her husband Mike, has been a member of Congregation Ohr Torah for 14 years. When she's not directing the New Jersey Jewish Film Festival or planning adult programs at JCC MetroWest, she can be found taking care of her family, volunteering at JKHA or playing mah jongg. This is the first Dvar Torah for the writing team of Sophie and Sarah Diamond. They look forward to receiving help from Sophie's older sisters, Abigail and Lea, next time.*

Parsha Bechukotai, is the end of Sefer Vayikra. Hashem promises B'nai Yisrael that if they keep His mitzvot, they will receive Hashem's Brachot. In the first half of this parsha, we read the 13 blessings that we will receive if we follow Hashem's commandments. It continues with 30 curses that will occur if we don't and ends with a final blessing of comfort. Hashem basically says that even though there will be destruction, I will still be with you in the darkness.

We were particularly interested in the pasuk (Vayikra 26:8) "and five of you will chase one hundred and one hundred of you will chase ten thousand." Rashi notes that the math doesn't add up. Proportionately, if five chase one hundred then one hundred should chase two thousand (twenty times as much). Rashi explains that you can't compare a few people keeping the Torah to a large group doing the same. Therefore, as the number of people gets larger, the ability of the group increases. This shows us the power of community. When a group unites for a cause its power is much greater than the sums of its parts. What we can accomplish as a group becomes magnified when we work

together.

We were nervous as we read all of the curses that will occur if we do not follow Hashem's commandments. It started to feel out of character as we believe that Hashem loves us unconditionally. We were relieved when we got to "even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L-rd their G-d." (Vayikra 26:44) We knew it! He will not cast us away!

Why would this be the concluding chapter of a Sefer describing how to build and maintain a relationship with Hashem? Perhaps we can learn from this that when people are in relationship...with Hashem, or with our spouse, child, parent, friend, etc. we may make promises and vows with good intentions that we sometimes find difficult to fulfill. When that happens we are required to seriously consider how to fulfill our vow in an acceptable and equitable fashion. For the most sacred offering of all is our word. Shabbat Shalom.  
**Sarah and Sophie Diamond.**

*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](mailto: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**



Jerusalem Day commemorates the unification of the Holy City of Jerusalem after the 1967 Six-Day War. The government proclaimed a new holiday to be celebrated on the 28th of Iyar, the Hebrew date on which the divided city of Jerusalem was united. Although Jerusalem has been considered the capital city of the Jewish people since the time of King David, there has never been a special day in honor of the city until the Israeli army took over the ancient, eastern part of the city on the third day of the Six-Day War in June 1967.



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**Sign up online at [www.congregationohrtorah.org/gradkiddush](http://www.congregationohrtorah.org/gradkiddush)**

Questions? Contact Bertha Sharret at 973-736-1661 or [rsharret@hotmail.com](mailto:rsharret@hotmail.com)

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## Benefit Evening

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