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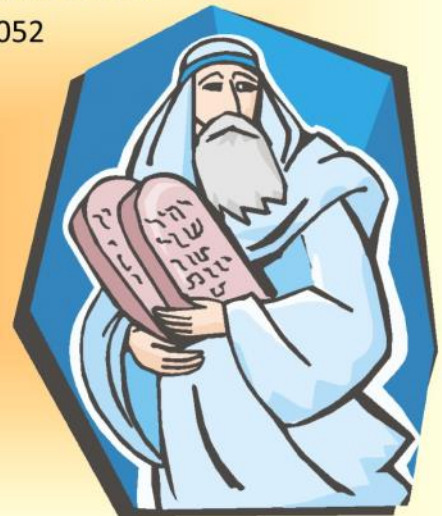
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SHAVUOT



שבועות

Rabbi Marc Spivak, President David Goldstein



Bamidbar / Shavuot 5 - 11 Sivan, 5779 June 8 - 14, 2019

Schedule 06/07 – 06/14

Friday (06/07)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha/Maariv	7:00pm
Light Candles	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting B'zman	8:08pm
Shkia	8:26pm

Shabbat (06/08)

Shacharit #	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:10am
Teen Minyan	9:45am
Mincha	8:05pm
Light Candles after*	9:17pm
Learning Program	11:30pm

Sunday Shavuot 1st Day (6/09)

Shacharit	5:00am
Shacharit #	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:10am
Mincha/Maariv	8:15pm
Light Candles after*	9:18pm

Monday Shavuot 2nd Day (6/10)

Shacharit #	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:10am
Yizkor at approximately	10:30am
Mincha	8:15pm
Maariv	9:12pm
Shavuot ends	9:19pm

Tuesday - Thursday (06/11 - 06/13)

Shacharit Tue/Wed	6:10am
Shacharit Thu	6:00am
Mincha/Maariv Tue -Thu	8:15pm

Friday (06/14)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha	7:00pm
Light Candles	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting B'zman	8:11pm
Shkia	8:29pm

* LIGHT FROM EXISTING FLAME

SAY SHEMA BEFORE COMING TO SHUL

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6

SHABBAT KIDDUSH is sponsored by Jacki and Alan Routhenstein in commemoration of the Yahrtzeit of Jacki's mother, Miriam bat Yisrael (Miriam Wagner) on 5 Sivan, and the Yahrtzeit of Alan's great-grandmother Pessie bat Yitzchak HaKohen (Bessie Goldstein) on 9 Sivan. **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by the Shul. **SHAVUOT DAY 1 KIDDUSH** is dairy and sponsored by Judith Moskovitz, in memory of her husband Irving's family members who perished in the Holocaust. **SHAVUOT DAY 2 KIDDUSH** is sponsored by the Shul.

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

FRIDAY EVENING IS THE LAST DAY OF THE OMER COUNT! 49

MISHNA B'RURA CLASS with Rabbi Robert Grosberg will be held this Shabbat after Minchah.

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 this Thursday, June 13th at 7:30pm in the Beit Midrash. It will be the final class of the season.

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Sisterhood Events and Donations

CINDY TURKELTAUB GROSBERG WOMEN'S PIRKEI AVOT STUDY: This week's Shabbat study, June 8, Perek Vav is led by Rebbitzin Debra Spivak. 5:15-6:00pm in the Beit Midrash.

THE CINDY TURKELTAUB GROSBERG WOMEN'S LIBRARY is available for all Ohr Torah members. It's a wonderful place to find books on many subjects that relate to us as Jewish women. There are books on family dynamics, halachot, the Jewish woman in society, and so much more. All books are free for the taking on an honor basis. Simply borrow what you like and return it at your leisure. All Women's Library books are marked with a green decal on the spine in the Beit Midrash. Please avail yourself of this wonderful resource. Remember to email the names of any books that you borrowed to rsharret@hotmail.com.

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

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

TOGETHER ON TUESDAY: At Congregation AABJ&D, 700 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, Sephardic Wing. 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. See the ad on page 5. Sign up by June 11th at:

<https://congregationohratorah.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 event are on Page 5.

7:45am SHACHARIT? There is interest in starting a Monday through Friday 7:45am Shacharit 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 Shacharit minyan at OT, please send an email to 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.congregationohratorah.org/rosenblumad>

WhatsApp Ohr Torah General Announcements: To join this important announcement group, sign up at <http://congregationohratorah.org/whatsapp>

on your mobile phone (install WhatsApp first), tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, you can email Anna at (office@congregationohratorah.org) or David Goldstein (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://congregationohratorah.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, or David Goldstein davesmail@golddave.com with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

Yahrzeits June 08 - 14

5 SIVAN: Richard Perl for his Mother, Breindel bat Reuven, Betty Perl, on Shabbat, June 8.

5 SIVAN: Jacki Routhenstein for her Mother, Miriam bat Yisroel, Miriam Wagner, on Shabbat, June 8.

6 SIVAN: Elaine Scherman for Herman's Father, Avroham Dov ben Shmuel Nata, Abraham Scherman, on Sunday, June 9.

7 SIVAN: Robert Grosberg for his Grandmother, Henye Basha bat Kadesh, Annie Grosberg, on Monday, June 10.

9 SIVAN: Alan Routhenstein for his Great-Grandmother, Pessie bat Yitzchak, Bessie Goldstein, on Wednesday, June 12.

9 SIVAN: Raphael Sharret for his Uncle, Eliahu Abba ben Tzvi, Abel Weinstein, on Wednesday, June 12.

10 SIVAN: Edward Shapiro for his Father, Tuvia ben Noach, Thomas Shapiro, on Thursday, June 13.

11 SIVAN: Robert Grosberg for his Mother, Ruchama Rivka bat Moshe, Gabriella Grosberg, on Friday, June 14.

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



SMILE TIME: Since this is Shavuot, we present to you a bunch of Cheesy jokes (groan, ouch):

If Boaz went on a vacation by himself and left his wife home, would he be Ruthless?

If you're still counting from last year, this Shabbat is day 383 of the Omer.

Why does Cheese look sane? Because everything else on the plate is crackers.

Israelis don't like uniforms, so that it looks like the mailman is stealing your mail.

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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RABBI'S MESSAGE FOR SHAVUOT

Featured in the Golda Och Rabbi's Corner

Judaism has survived so many years and through so much upheaval due to one factor — the ability of different generations to learn Torah together. Passing down the Torah from generation to generation is the foundational glue that has kept the religion going. Torah study allows Jews to rise above time and space and enter into a conversation that took place generations ago and will continue to take place for generations in the future.

Only one holiday is really focused on the Torah — Shavuot. But if you look at the text, you won't find this connection. Our primary modern observance of the holiday of Shavuot, focused on learning all night, is not mentioned anywhere in the Torah. The Torah does talk about Shavuot as a holiday. It mentions it five times, but the references are strictly focused on agriculture. There is no mention that the Jews got the Torah on Shavuot. In fact, no date is ever mentioned for when the Jews received the Torah at all. The Torah only tells us, "In the third month of Bnei Yisrael's departure from the Egypt, on this day, they came to Midbar Sinai" (Exodus 19:1). The great commentator Rashi (1040-1105) explains that the lack of a date is intentional. Rather than tie Torah study to a particular date and time, we should view the Torah as timeless and always being new to you. We should see and study the Torah as if it were given today.

That is why we observe Shavuot in our particular fashion. On Shavuot, we mimic and elaborate on the awesome events at Har Sinai. We stay up and learn at night and read the Torah in a special grand tune to act as if we are getting it now. We show every generation that they should look at the same text but see it fresh through their own eyes. Our goal with Shavuot is that every time we sit to learn a subject of Torah, we should look at it as if we never saw it before, questioning and analyzing the text so that it comes alive once again. And we pass this behavior along to future generations so when we all sit together, regardless of our age or background, we find ourselves transcending time. **Chag Sameach, Rabbi Marc Spivak.**

SHAVUOT LEARNING SCHEDULE

SHABBAT SEUDAH SH'LISHIT

Shi'ur: "Showering on Yom Tov" by Rabbi Moshe Kurtz, Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbinic Intern at Young Israel of Plainview.

SHAVUOT OVERNIGHT LEARNING & DAY 1

11:30pm-12:15am: Shi'ur by Rebbitzin Debra Spivak for women and teenage girls and Beit midrash learning for men.

12:15am: Kickoff Shi'ur by Rabbi Avroham Stone

1:10am: Rabbi Marc Spivak- Topic: "Who is Ahav?"

2:10am: "Minchas Asher on O.C.D" by Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Moshe Kurtz, Rabbinic Intern at Young Israel of Plainview.

3:00am-5:00am: Rabbi Robert Grosberg- Mishna Brurah shi'ur: "Hadlakat Nairot", This is a special shiur, not a continuation of the Shabbat afternoon shiur. Men and women are invited.

After 9:00am Shacharit: Rabbi Marc Spivak- Shi'ur: "Why study Nach?"

7:00pm Sunday afternoon: Rabbi Robert Grosberg- Topic: "Experiencing G-d Face to Face". For Men and Women.

Sunday after Mincha: Shiur- by Rabbi Moshe Kurtz, Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbinic Intern at Young Israel of Plainview.

SHAVUOT DAY 2 LEARNING

Monday after Mincha: Dr. Kenneth Chelst on "Sabbath Observance throughout Tanach: from the Manna in the wilderness to the traders at Nechemiah's Gates of Jerusalem".





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SHAVUOT KIDS' PAGE

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