



# CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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**Naso** 12 - 18 Sivan, 5779 June 15 - 21, 2019

Rabbi Marc Spivak, President David Goldstein

## Schedule 06/14 – 06/21

### Friday (06/14)

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

### Shabbat (06/15)

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:11am
SAY SHEMA BEFORE COMING TO SHUL	
Mincha	8:10pm
Maariv	9:14pm
Shabbat ends	9:21pm

### Sunday - Thursday (06/16 - 06/20)

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

### Friday (06/21)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha	7:00pm
Early Candle-Lighting	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting	8:13pm
Shkia	8:31pm

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### UPCOMING:

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz We/Th	Jul 3, 4
Fast 17th of Tammuz Sun	Jul 21
Rosh Chodesh Av Fri	Aug 2
Tisha B'av Sun	Aug 11
Tu B'Av Tue	Aug 16

## MAZAL TOV TO ALL OUR GRADS!

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**SHABBAT KIDDUSH** is the annual Ohr Torah Sisterhood Graduation Kiddush, sponsored by the parents and grandparents of those graduates listed on page 4. **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by Sharon and Howard Charish in memory of his mother Minnie Charish (Mineh bat Moshe haCohen).

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

**MISHNA B'RURA CLASS** with Rabbi Grosberg will be held this Shabbat after Mincha.

**RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS** will meet this Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Beit Midrash.

**מזל טוב:** Mazal Tov to our former Rabbinic Intern Aviyam Levinson and his wife Rina on the birth of a son.

### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

**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. 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>

Last day to donate is Monday, June 17th at noon.

**WALK FOR ISRAEL:** The One Family Walkathon is scheduled for this Sunday, June 16th in Verona Park. Participants will meet at the Boathouse at 9:00am and the event starts at 9:30am. One Family was established in 2000 to help Israel's victims of terror and their families. Pre-registered walkers are \$25 each or \$54 per family. If you register on Sunday at the park, you will be charged \$30 and \$72 respectively. See the Ad of Page 6.

### Sisterhood Events and Donations

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of us know the wonderful work Jay Goldberg does quarterbacking our kiddushes on a weekly basis. From shopping to cooking to staging and all the steps in between, Jay is a scoring threat every time he steps into the kitchen. But Jay has also surrounded himself with a solid team. The capabilities of this team were never more apparent than this past weekend, when Jay was away for a three day Yom Tov (Shabbat followed by two days of Shavuot) and they had to produce 3 kiddushes and a Shalosh Seudot in his absence.

Jay did plenty of prep work to be sure. But the team took his playbook and executed it to perfection. So let's all give a special thank you to Bracha Balser, Andrea Goldberg, Marc Goldberg, Matthew Goldstein, Stephen Loeb, Janice Michaelis, Yank Poleyeff, Stuart Rosenblum, Reb-betzin Debra Spivak, Aaron Spool, Chaya Spool, Michael Spool, Sam Tennenberg, and Kayla Weiner on a job well done.

David Goldstein



**Thank you to those who led Shavuot  
Shi'urim at Ohr Torah: Rabbi Moshe Kurtz,  
Rebbitzen Debra Spivak, Rabbi Avroham  
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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

## Yahrzeits June 15 - 21

**12 SIVAN:** Howard Charish for his Mother, Mineh bat Moshe ha-Cohen, Minnie Charish, on Shabbat, June 15.

**13 SIVAN:** Samuel Kaye for his Father, Yishayahu ben Yosef Chaim, Szaja Kopelowicz, on Sunday, June 16.

**13 SIVAN:** Phil Perlstein for his Father, Yitzchak ben Chaim, Isadore Perlstein, on Sunday, June 16.

**14 SIVAN:** David Lewinter for his Father, Moshe Neta ben Naftali HaLevi, Morris Lewinter, on Monday, June 17.

**15 SIVAN:** Annie Goldfischer for her Brother, Levi Kalman ben Eliyahu, Larry Schwartzstein, on Tuesday, June 18.

**16 SIVAN:** Edward Croman for his Father, Efraim Moshe ben Mordechai HaKohen, Frank Croman, on Wednesday, June 19.

**16 SIVAN:** Arlene Kaye for her Father, Hillel ben Chaim Halevi, Harry Panitch, on Wednesday, June 19.

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**SMILE TIME:** Harry and Mordy are out one afternoon fishing on the lake in South Mountain Reservoir when lightning hits their boat and it starts sinking. Harry says to Mordy, "So listen, Mordy, you know I don't swim so well." Mordy begins tugging Harry toward shore, but after several minutes he begins to tire. When they get about 100 feet from shore, Mordy asks Harry, "We're close to shore, do you suppose you could float alone?" To which Harry replies, "Mordy, this is not the time to be asking for money!"

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## NASO: PEACE THROUGH RESPECT



The Poleyeff Family

Shortly after they were married, the Poleyeffs arrived in West Orange as a compromise between Lauren's hometown of East Brunswick and Yank's previous residence in Teaneck, but they have adopted West Orange and Congregation Ohr Torah as their own. Lauren is a psychologist with a practice in Montclair, Yank is an actuary and will remain so until this coming Tuesday after which he hopes to rehabilitate his golf game and work in the field of Israel advocacy, Jenna is a student at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center in Peapack NJ and Callie attends Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School.

An article recently appeared in the Jerusalem Post describing how the young and determined American soon-to-be Bar Mitzvah boy had studied his *k'riyat haTorah* and prepared his heart out in anticipation of the big day to be celebrated in Jerusalem. Only after the boy, family and friends arrived in the Holy Land did they find out the poor kid had learned the wrong *parsha*.

This happened of course because Israel and the Diaspora periodically are one week out of sync when it comes to the Torah portion, as they are now. We on this side of the Atlantic won't catch up with our Israeli brethren until we read *Mattos-Masei* in August. Our family experienced a milder version of this conundrum several years ago when my daughter (*proud father alert*) recited a beautiful *d'var Torah* for her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat *Parshat Naso* at Congregation Ohr Torah. A few days later we were in Israel and Callie was again the focus of attention as we celebrated with Israeli relatives and friends. Another *d'var Torah* was anticipated, but for which *parsha*? *Naso* was old news in Israel; *B'haalotcha* was the official *parsha* here, *Shelach* there. But a solution was found. At the time, the Cleveland Indians were in the midst of an historic 14-game winning streak, and as you probably know, superstitious sports fans have a lot of strange customs when it comes to trying to keep a winning streak alive. We weren't about to emulate the ones that involve not changing a specific piece of clothing, so we went with not changing our *Parshat HaShavuah* until the streak ended. Thus Callie was able to present a *d'var Torah* similar to the one at Ohr Torah, and happily it was equally well received.

The following is not that *d'var Torah* but one I heard from the incomparable Rabbi Jonathan Sacks a few years ago. He first laid out the sequence of events that occur in the *parsha*, beginning to end, namely, the responsibilities of the families of Gershon and Marari; restitution for stolen property; the *sotah*; the *nazir*; the *birchat kohanim*; and the identical gifts of the *nesi'im*. Then he asked the obvious question -- what is the relationship of these laws and occurrences to any or all of the others within *Parshat Naso*?

The answer can be found in the last word of the *Birchat Kohanim* -- *shalom*, peace. As demonstrated in *Naso* it means more than simply the absence of war. Rabbi Sacks quoted the Abarbanel who said, "Through peace, Hashem binds the world together and orders all things according to their particular

character." Noted commentator Rush Limbaugh wrote, "Peace is the absence of strife and the presence of justice." And when we look closely, we can see that each of the subjects of the *parsha* bring these concepts of peace to our attention, and each in a different way.

In the case of the *sotah*, the peace of *shalom bayis* is being promoted, to the extent that even the name of Hashem is permitted to be defaced (when dissolved into the bitter waters) in an effort to improve the relationship between husband and wife.

The possibility of becoming a *nazir* provides one outlet for *anyone*, not just the *kohanim* and *levi'im*, to strive to attain the privilege of a higher level of *kedushah*, thus promoting peace by permitting individual self-expression.

The concept of peace through *hakarat hatov* is highlighted in the description of the roles of honor given to the families of Gershon and Marari, who were able to appreciate their status and accept it enthusiastically.

The importance of the concept of just recourse in building a peaceful society is emphasized by the laws of restitution. The Torah goes so far as to state that it is a "treachery toward Hashem" to steal from other human beings, regardless of status. History has shown that a prime cause of societal unrest has been the general perception that the non-elites of society cannot receive honest justice. The frustration of citizens of socialist nations, for example, who find themselves without a legitimate voice can come out in ways which are decidedly not peaceful.

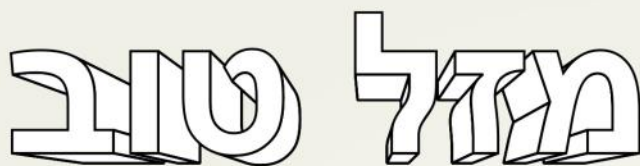
On the other hand, by announcing the names of the *nesi'im* and providing the details of each of their gifts to the *mishkan*, even if none of the offerings stood out from the others, the Torah is demonstrating the importance of respecting all for their contributions to society, thus preserving the harmony of the nation.

Rabbi Sacks concluded that peace does not just happen; we have to work for it. The *parsha* is a series of practical examples of ensuring that people feel respected and recognized, possibly the most essential element of peaceful coexistence. Let's adopt these values in our daily lives and may we be *zocheh* to see all of *Klal Yisrael* reading *Parshat Naso* on the exact same day, *b'meheirah b'yameynu!* Shabbat Shalom.  
Yank Poleyeff

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





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**Congratulations to the  
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at Ohr Torah!**



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# WALKATHON

Sunday, June 16 at 9:00AM

Verona Park (meet at boathouse) • 411 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ

Spearheaded by Congregation AABJ&D of West Orange's Israel Action & Advocacy Committee. Proceeds will benefit OneFamily Fund, an Israel-based philanthropic organization. OneFamily is the family of Israel's victims of militant attacks — those who have been bereaved, those who have been maimed, and those suffering from post-trauma as a result of terror attacks since 2000.



**Registration begins at 9am. The Walkathon starts at 9:30am.**

For **pre-registered** walkers: \$25/person or \$54/family

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