



CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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Shemini/Parah 23 - 29 Adar II, 5779 March 30 - April 5, 2019

Rabbi Marc Spivak, President David Goldstein, Rabbinic Intern Shlomo David

Schedule 03/30 – 04/05

Friday (03/29)

Light Shabbat Candles	7:00pm
Mincha/Maariv	7:00pm
Shkia	7:18pm

Shabbat (03/30) Mevarchim

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:53am
Mincha	6:35pm
Maariv	7:54pm
Shabbat ends	8:01pm

Sunday - Friday (03/31 - 04/05)

Shacharit Sun	8:15am
Shacharit Mon/Thu	6:00am
Shacharit Tue/Wed/Fri	6:10am
Mincha/Maariv Sun-Thu	7:05pm

Erev Shabbat - Friday (04/05)

Mincha	7:00pm
Light Candles	7:07pm
Shkia	7:25pm

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6

UPCOMING:

Rosh Chodesh Nissan Sat	Apr 6
Erev Pesach Fri FIRST SEDER	Apr 19
Pesach—last 2 days Fri/Sat	Apr 26, 27
Rosh Chodesh Iyar Sun/Mon	May 5, 6



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PASSOVER NEWSLETTER

NOTICE: IYH There will be a single edition on Friday, April 19th of the Newsletter for the two weeks in which Pesach falls. All items for publication MUST be submitted prior to 8am, Wednesday, April 17th. There will be an update to the Newsletter for new items published on April 26th with a final submission time of 12 noon, Wednesday, April 24th.

KIDDUSH this week is sponsored by the Kalter family in honor of their son Joseph's bar mitzvah. **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by Susan and Robert Grosberg in memory of Cindy Turkeltaub Grosberg, Friedel Tzivia bat Yehoshua Moshe, A"H. In addition to remembering Cindy, the Grosbergs are pleased to present Mark Levenson as a guest lecturer. Mark will discuss the following topics:

- ◆ Participating in the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations' delegation trip to Kenya and Uganda.
- ◆ Attending the Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Conference's annual mission to Israel
- ◆ Serving as the co-chair of the recent Zionist Organization of America's Israel Mission
- ◆ Reporting on the state of Israel today report
- ◆ Commenting on the upcoming Israel elections on April 9th.

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

MISHNA B'RURA CLASS with Rabbi Grosberg will not be held this Shabbat due to the guest lecturer during Seudah Sh'lishit.

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

מזל טוב Mazal Tov to to Joseph Kalter on his Bar Mitzvah, his parents Shari and Noah, siblings Dina and Ozzy, grandparents Gail Kalter, Ellen and Alan Berman, and great-grandmother Renee Goldenkranz, and the entire family.

KABBALAH CLASSES with Ed Croman. The new spring session has started. The next class is Thursday, April 11th at 7:30pm in the Beit Midrash.

PASSOVER FOOD EXPO: Seasons Clifton, this Sunday, March 31st from Noon to 3PM. Along with Passover tastings, there will be family-friendly activities including crafts and a bouncy house during the Expo. 467 Allwood Avenue, Clifton.

CHOCOLATE MATZAH SEDER: Congregations Ohr Torah and AABJ&D are combining forces to bring the community a fantastic event for Pesach. Create and decorate candy seder plates and listen to a retelling of the Story of Pesach. Delicious fun for children in kindergarten through third grade. Next Sunday, 2pm to 3pm, at AABJ&D, 700 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange. Admission is \$5 per child in advance, or \$8 at the door. Cash only. RSVP to youth@aabjd.org.

ICE SKATING: Save the date - Sunday, noon, May 19th, for the Second Annual Ohr Torah Ice Skating Event. Last year's event was extremely popular. This event is likely to sell out early, so make your reservations now. See the ad on page 6.

TOGETHER ON TUESDAY: Double Header: Tuesday, April 2nd. 11:15AM- 12 Noon: "How Matzah is Made" with Rabbi Yisroel Rosenblum, Di-

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Sisterhood Events and Donations

Sisterhood Tribute Fund: General donation thanks to Cecile Loewy.

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

rector of Living Legacy, Chabad, Livingston, N.J. Inter-generational program with children and staff of Elise Bier Nursery School. 12:15-12:45 -Lunch with soup made by West Orange Bake Shop. 1:00-2:00PM- "The process of finding our relatives coming to Ellis Island" by Arnie Klausner. Come ready to share your stories.



TORAH THOUGHT: Kind to All Kinds

These shall you abominate from among the birds, they may not be eaten - they are an abomination: the Chassidah. (Vayikra 11:13)

Among the non-kosher birds is the *chassidah* - the stork. It is called *chassidah* because it displays kindness (*chessed*) toward others of its species by sharing food with them. According to the Ramban, the reason why the non-kosher birds are not kosher is because of their cruel nature. If so, the *chassidah* should have been a kosher bird - after all, it bestows kindness upon its companions!

Man finds it easy to love his fellow man if they are similar. If he learns in my school, if he dresses like I do, then I love him and I'll try to assist him whenever the need arises. If he's not like me, then I have no business with him and have no interest in helping him. However, the kosher form of *chessed* is to bestow kindness equally on all people, regardless of how similar they are to us. The *chassidah* acts kindly toward its companions, but *only* towards its companions. It does not act kindly towards anyone else. To Jews, that is not an admirable characteristic.

Many great people were known for their love and care for every single Jew, whether they wore a black hat, white *kippah* or no *kippah*. Being kind to just your own kind is not kosher! **Rabbi Isaac Farhi**

Rabbi Farhi is the spiritual leader of The Edmond J. Safra Synagogue in Deal, NJ and Kashrut Coordinator of the Jersey Shore Orthodox Rabbinate (JSOR).

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 March 30 - April 5

- 23 ADAR:** Morris Bocian for his Father, Yerachmiel Yisroel Yitzchak ben Moshe Chaim, Raymond Bocian, on Shabbat, March 30.
- 24 ADAR:** Arlene Kaye for her Sister, Sarah bat Hillel Halevi, Charlotte Shevick, on Sunday, March 31.
- 24 ADAR:** Raphael Sharret for his Aunt, Hana bat Raphael, Hannah Weinstein, on Sunday, March 31.
- 25 ADAR-II:** Rich Finkelstein for his Father, Zev Yehuda ben Chanina HaKohen, Walter Finkelstein, on Monday, April 1.
- 25 ADAR-II:** Larry Freedman for his Father, Ze'ev ben Avraham, William Freedman, on Monday, April 1.
- 25 ADAR:** Raphael Sharret for his Grandfather, Raphael ben Tzvi, Raphael Chaitin, on Monday, April 1.
- 26 ADAR:** Bruce Bukiet for his Mother, Bayla bat Avraham, Belle Bukiet, on Tuesday, April 2.
- 26 ADAR:** Deborah Druce for her Cousin, Yaakov Leib ben Tzvi Hirsch, Jack Kesten, on Tuesday, April 2.
- 26 ADAR-II:** Jacki Routhenstein for her Father, Menachem Mendel Meier ben Yehoshua, Max Wagner, on Tuesday, April 2.
- 27 ADAR-II:** Eeta bat Avraham, Ita Velednitskaya, on Wednesday, April 3.
- 28 ADAR:** Phil Perlstein for his Mother, Tillah bat Pesach Michel, Tillie Perlstein, on Thursday, April 4.
- 28 ADAR:** Barry Schwartz for his Father, Gershon Henech ben Baruch Mordechai, Gerald E. Schwartz, on Thursday, April 4.
- 28 ADAR-II:** Tamara Sofair-Fisch for her Mother, Berta Roza bat Ezra, Berta Roza Hay Sofair, on Thursday, April 4.
- 29 ADAR-II:** Robert Grosberg for his Wife, Freidel Tzivyah bat Yehoshua Moshe, Cindy Turkeltaub Grosberg, on Friday, April 5.

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

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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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 Mevarchim Kiddush is May 4th for the month of IYAR - you must sign up by April 30th.

AMAZON SMILE: Your Amazon purchases can help Ohr Torah with the AmazonSmile program. To set up your account go to

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CONGREGATION OHR TORAH ICE SKATING SUNDAY MAY 19TH 2019

SHUL MEMBERS
\$10 PER ADULT, \$5 PER CHILD
NON-MEMBERS
\$12 PER ADULT, \$10 PER CHILD

- * Skate rentals included
- * Bring your own Lunch
- * This is not a drop off event. All children must be supervised



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A Private Rink Just for Us!

12:00PM- 1:45PM

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Join us as we decorate and create chocolate candy seder plates and retell the story of pesach into a chocolate timeline of delicious fun!



Sunday, April 7th 2:00-3:00pm
Kids grades k-3rd

Congregation Ahavas Achim (AABJ&D)
700 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange NJ

RSVP at : Youth@aabjd.org



SMILE TIME: Moishe is sitting in Math Class when the instructor asks him, "Suppose your father borrows \$500 from me for five months. In the first month, he returns \$100 to me, how much more will he need to repay me afterwards during those last four months?" Moishe then replies, "Nothing, zero, zippo." The teacher is taken back, "Moishe, you don't know math." Without missing a beat, Moishe answers, "You don't know my father!"

Want to share one of your favorite Pesach recipes with Ohr Torah?

We will select one or two recipes and publish them in the Passover Edition of our Newsletter on April 19th. Please email them to us on or before Monday, April 15th. Thank you.

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