



CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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Acharei Mot 29 Nissan - 5 Iyyar, 5779 May 4 - 10, 2019

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Schedule 05/04 – 05/10

Friday (05/03)

Mincha/Maariv	7:00pm
Early Candle-Lighting	7:10pm
Light Shabbat Candles	7:37pm
Shkia	7:55pm

Shabbat Mevarchim (05/04)

Shacharit	9:00am
Shacharit Teen Minyan	9:45am
Latest Shema	9:23am
SAY SHEMA BEFORE COMING TO SHUL	
Mincha	7:30pm
Maariv	8:35pm
Shabbat ends	8:42pm

Sunday - Thursday (05/05 - 05/09)

ROSH CHODESH IYYAR SUN/MON

Shacharit Sun	8:15am
Shacharit Mon	5:50am
Shacharit Tue/Wed	6:10am
Shacharit Thu	6:00am
Mincha/Maariv Sun-Thu	7:50pm

Friday (05/10)

Shacharit	6:10am
Mincha	7:00pm
Early Candle-Lighting	7:10pm
Candle-Lighting	7:44pm
Shkia	8:02pm

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6

UPCOMING:

Yom HaZikaron Wed	May 8
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Thu	May 9
Lag B'Omer Thur	May 23
Rosh Chodesh Sivan Tue	June 4
Shavuot—Sun/Mon	Jun 9, 10

COUNTING THE OMER



Friday Evening May 3 rd	14
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SHABBAT MEVARCHIM KIDDUSH has the following sponsors:



- ◆ Dr. Mortimer J. Cohen, in honor of his 103rd birthday.
- ◆ Debra and Jay Goldberg in honor of their daughter Sami's birthday.
- ◆ Chaim and Daniella Nath, in honor of Sammy and Maya's 4th birthday.
- ◆ Bruce Bukiet, in honor of Gail's birthday on May 13 and their daughter Aviva (Balter)'s birthday on May 17.
- ◆ Sam and Nicole Reinman, in honor of the following birthdays: Sam - May 1, Nicole - May 2, Chloe - April 6, and Sam and Nicole's anniversary on April 5.

SEUDAH SH'LISHIT 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.

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

RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS will not meet this Wednesday after Maariv due to the events in Livingston.

מזל טוב Mazal Tov to Gail and Bruce Bukiet on the birth of a granddaughter, to parents Aviva and Steven Balter, to grandparents Wendy and Gary Balter, to great grandparents Ted and Joyce Besdine, aunts and uncles Etan, Penina, Meira, Elisheva, Nathan, all the cousins and the entire family.



COMMUNITY YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HA'ATZMAUT EVENT: Join the Orthodox synagogues of Livingston, Springfield and West Orange and JKHA for a community wide Yom Hazikaron Observance & Yom Haatzmaut Celebration, Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 PM, at Congregation Etz Chaim, with guest speaker, Erica Brown, "*Seeing the Beauty of Jerusalem*." Mincha will be at 6:30 PM, followed by a Yom Hazikaron Program, inspirational words from Erica Brown, Maariv & Hallel, and a Yom Ha'atzmaut Chagiga with live music and refreshments. The JKHA elementary school choir will sing, and there will also be Youth programming for ages 5-11, crafts, projects and more. See Ad on page 4.

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Sisterhood Events and Donations

CINDY TURKELTAUB GROSBERG WOMEN'S PIRKEI AVOT STUDY: Women and girls welcome. This Shabbat May 4 at 5:15-6:00PM. Deborah Druce, "A Mesorah lost in Translation: Book of Techinot, Jewish Women's Prayers in Yiddish."

Sisterhood Tribute Fund:

Ohr Torah Sisterhood wishes to acknowledge a generous donation of \$180.00 by an anonymous donor.

A Chumash has been donated in memory of Meyer Balser by Deborah and Howard Druce and family.

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



LIVINGSTON CELEBRATES ISRAEL AT

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and flag raising in honor of Israel. The festival will include many activities for kids, including Jack's Petting Farm and Turtle Back Zoo with live baby animals, arts and crafts, Israeli dancing and a free indoor jazz concert. Kosher food by Chickies, Jerusalem Pizza, Super Duper Bagels, Espresso Guys and Mike's Ice Cream truck will be available for purchase. At the 6:00pm flag raising, JKHA girls will perform Daglanut and JKHA elementary school students will sing Hatikva. At Livingston Town Hall. In the event of bad weather, the event will be held at the Senior/Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue in Livingston. See Ad on page 5.

CAR MAINTENANCE for the Ladies: The Ohr Torah Sisterhood is giving a class in the Shul parking lot, on Sunday, May 5th, at 10am enabling women to take charge of their cars from tire pressure to changing wiper blades, to checking and adding fluids. The cost of the class is only \$10 and women of all ages, even teenagers, can sign up online at congregationohrtorah.org/autoclass by Thursday, May 2nd. See the ad on page 4.

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 4.



TOGETHER ON TUESDAY: The Felice Blank Senior Program. At Congregation AABJ&D, Tuesday May 7, 2019. Documentary, "A Hero in Heaven", the story of the life of Michael Levin, IDF lone soldier from Philadelphia, PA who gave his life fighting against Hezbollah in Lebanon, August 2006. Lunch - 12:30pm, Documentary - 1:00PM.

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, or David Goldstein davesmail@golddave.com with the phone number you use with WhatsApp and they will add you to the group.

Yahrzeits May 4 - 10

29 NISSAN: Bracha Balser for her Husband, Mayer Eliezer ben Menachem Yehudah, Mayer Balser, on Shabbat, May 4.
1 IYYAR: Bob Eagle for Metsi bat Pinchas, Mamie Resch Buchman, on Monday, May 6.

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

CELEBRATE a Birthday or an Anniversary at one of our monthly Shabbot Mevarchim. If you, or a family member, or a friend are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during a particular month, for contributing just \$36 per birthday or anniversary, you can co-sponsor a kiddush in their honor. Contact Anna, at 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 Mevarchim Kiddush is June 1st for the month of Sivan - you must sign up by May 28th.

WhatsApp Ohr Torah General Announcements: To join this important announcement group, sign up at

<http://congregationohrtorah.org/whatsapp>

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

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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ARCHAREI MOT: A TIME FOR SILENCE AND A TIME FOR SPEECH

To a great extent, reaction to defeat and tragedy is the true defining moment of one's inner strength and faith. Aharon's silence in the face of the loss of his two older sons is reckoned in Jewish tradition as an act of nobility and sublime acceptance of the unfathomable judgment of Heaven.

Contrast Aharon's silence and humble acceptance of fate with the response of Iyov to his troubles and tragedies. Iyov has a great deal to say, to complain against, to bitterly question and to debate almost endlessly with his companions and visitors as to the unfairness of what has befallen him.

To the human eye, we are all aware that life and its events are often unfair. There is no one that I am aware of that has successfully "explained" the Holocaust. So it seems that we are faced with two diametrically opposed choices as to the proper response to mindless fate and tragedy. Are we to remain mute and silent or are we to rail against the arrogant fate that has brought misfortune to us?

The Torah does not seem to inform us about this and in fact, as shown above, apparently even contradicts itself regarding this continually recurring facet of human existence. Yet the Torah and all of the books that it contains is one seamless whole, and the seeming contradictions lie within us and not within its holy words and exalted ideas. Thus we are brought

to study this matter with greater introspection and with less judgment and personal bias.

I think that the Torah means to teach us that there is no one correct, one-size-fits-all response to the failures and tragedies of life. Aharon is correct in his response to inexplicable tragedy and so is Iyov. King Solomon correctly noted that there is a time for silence and a time for speech. So too there are people for whom mute silence is the proper response to tragedy and there are people who must give expression to their feelings of grief and frustration by words, debate and even complaint.

In most instances the rabbis of the Talmud voted for silence over speech and acceptance of one's fate over complaint and public debate. Yet the rabbis did not exclude the book of Iyov from the biblical canon of holy books. In that act of inclusion they allowed for varying degrees of response to troubles and travail.

Iyov also has a place in the pantheon of heroic human views regarding tragic events. Within limits and with a faith-based attitude one can question and complain, express wonderment and even somehow demand answers. But, deep down, all humans understand that they cannot fathom Heaven's wisdom, decisions and the individual fate that is visited upon us all. So the death of Aharon's sons serves as a template for life, a lesson for all of us. **Rabbi Berel Wein**



SMILE TIME: Israelis always do everything better. First, they sent people over to Manhattan to see how drivers handle big city traffic. Then they returned to their country and adapted car horns as the primary means of moving vehicles, even before the light changes.

In fact, they instituted the brief yellow before green traffic signals to allow motorists to beep with a vengeance even before the light turns green.

What Israel really needs is a foldable car that fits in your pocket while you're shopping. In all the years of massive growth and development, no one ever thought about parking. After searching for three days, I finally found a parking space in Ra'anana.

After shopping, I got back in my car, the one I rented from Eldan that stalls out at every corner, it's supposed to save gas that way. Then, the only weapon I had to fight the other Israeli motorists stopped working – the horn! Unfortunately, it was the last rental they had on the lot at the airport so I had to take it. I think it's called a Fiat-sco or maybe a Cit-ruin. I saw the smirk on the rental clerk's face when she handed me the paperwork to sign, I should have known.

The motorbikes on the road were zipping in and out of traffic and occasionally over or under cars. It's pretty scary, but they are the only vehicles moving in rush hour. I wanted to get to the beach in Herzliya Pituach to watch the sunset over the Mediterranean. Maybe if I left about three hours earlier, I would have made it – it's only ten miles between the towns. While I'm sitting there waiting for the cars to move, a man came up to my car window. I rolled down the window - it was a Lubavitcher asking if I put on tefillin today.

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OHR TORAH PRESIDENT DAVID GOLDSTEIN

"There is a Chinese curse which says 'May he live in interesting times.' Like it or not, we live in interesting times." - John F. Kennedy

"I do not know why G-d spared my life in my Poway synagogue. All I can do is make this borrowed time matter." - Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein

There is much debate over the origin of the Chinese curse President Kennedy mentioned. But for Jews in the United States today his statement is true. We are indeed living in interesting times.

Six months to the day after our world was shaken by the events in Squirrel Hill, Pennsylvania, we were again confronted by an attack at a shul. This time it was at Chabad of Poway, California. An equipment malfunction kept the number of victims to a minimum but it easily could have been much worse.

These events, as well as recent events at houses of worship for other religions around the world from Sri Lanka to New Zealand, underscore the importance of being vigilant while at shul. The armed guard at the front door on Shabbos morning helps keep us secure but there is still a need to be aware of one's surroundings and look out for ourselves, our children, our parents and each other.

The safety of everyone who comes to Ohr Torah is paramount. The Executive Committee is discussing ideas to fill in our security holes as well as augmenting existing security protocols that are already in place. But the success of everything we do depends on the vigilance of all of us.

How can you help? As our security procedures continue to evolve, I will publicize any opportunities that may arise for people to get involved. For now, we can still use more volunteers to help with security on Shabbos and Yom Tov mornings. As mentioned previously, you do not need to be big and strong for this job. The security guard will do all the heavy lifting if a situation occurs that requires action. There is minimal training that will teach you certain things to look for and when to alert the security guard. Please reach out to Mike Diamond to get yourself on the volunteer list.

I will conclude with some inspiration from Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, the Rabbi of Chabad of Poway. Rabbi Goldstein wrote in an Opinion column in the Tuesday edition of The New York Times entitled "I Was Attacked Because I Am a Jew" about pride and defiance. Just one day after being released from the hospital for injuries sustained in the attack, Rabbi Goldstein said "From here on in I am going to be more brazen. I am going to be even more proud about walking down the street wearing my tzitzit and kippah, acknowledging God's presence. And I'm going to use my voice until I am hoarse to urge my fellow Jews to do Jewish." If Rabbi Goldstein was able to write these words just one day after being shot then we should certainly heed his call and make every day matter.

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 8, 2019
6:30PM**

Congregation Etz Chaim
1 Lafayette Drive
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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES | 4:30-6pm

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Israeli Dancing
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Barry Schwartz Entertainment

INDOOR CONCERT | 4:30-6pm

Livingston Town Hall
Israeli Jazz Trio

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

4:30pm Golda Och Israeli Dancing
5:45pm JKHA Daglanut Flag Dance
6:00pm Israeli Flag Raising Ceremony
6:15pm Hatikvah by Children's Choir



Parking available at
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Questions? Email rsarret@hotmail.com