



# CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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**Kedoshim** 6 - 12 Iyyar, 5779 May 11 - 17, 2019

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

## Schedule 05/11 – 05/17

### Friday (05/10)

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Mincha/Maariv         | 7:00pm |
| Early Candle-Lighting | 7:10pm |
| Light Shabbat Candles | 7:44pm |
| Shkia                 | 8:02pm |

### Shabbat (05/11)

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| Shabbat Shi'ur                  | 8:30am |
| Shacharit                       | 9:00am |
| Latest Shema                    | 9:18am |
| SAY SHEMA BEFORE COMING TO SHUL |        |
| Shacharit Teen Minyan           | 9:45am |
| Mincha                          | 7:40pm |
| Maariv                          | 8:43pm |
| Shabbat ends                    | 8:50pm |

### Sunday - Thursday (05/12 - 05/16)

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

### Friday (05/17)

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Shacharit             | 6:10am |
| Mincha                | 7:00pm |
| Early Candle-Lighting | 7:10pm |
| Candle-Lighting       | 7:51pm |
| Shkia                 | 8:09pm |

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6

### UPCOMING:

|                    |         |           |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| Lag B'Omer         | Thur    | May 23    |
| Rosh Chodesh Sivan | Tue     | June 4    |
| Shavuot            | Sun/Mon | Jun 9, 10 |



## COUNTING THE OMER



|                   |                      |    |
|-------------------|----------------------|----|
| Friday Evening    | May 10 <sup>th</sup> | 21 |
| Saturday Evening  | May 11 <sup>th</sup> | 22 |
| Sunday Evening    | May 12 <sup>th</sup> | 23 |
| Monday Evening    | May 13 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| Tuesday Evening   | May 14 <sup>th</sup> | 25 |
| Wednesday Evening | May 15 <sup>th</sup> | 26 |
| Thursday Evening  | May 16 <sup>th</sup> | 27 |
| Friday Evening    | May 17 <sup>th</sup> | 28 |

**SHABBAT KIDDUSH:** Barbara and David Bortniker are pleased to sponsor the Shabbat Kiddush this week in honor of the marriage of their daughter Shira Bortniker to Joshua Vorensky, the son of Abraham and Sandy Vorensky of Metuchen, NJ. **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by the Shul.

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 not be held this Shabbat after Minchah.

**RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS** will meet this Wednesday after Maariv in the Beit Midrash.

**KABBALAH CLASS CANCELLED:** Ed Croman's Kabbalah class scheduled for Thursday, May 16 has been cancelled.

**מזל טוב** Mazal Tov to Karen Berger & Elia Weixelbaum on the birth of a grandson to their daughter and son-in-law, Adina & Netanel Kestenbaum of Rechovot. Mazal Tov to Great-Grandmothers Ada Feiwus-Richards and Eve Berger and to all of the aunts, uncles and cousins.



**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. Make your reservations now. See the ad on page 4.



**TOGETHER ON TUESDAY:** The Felice Blank Senior Program at Congregation AABJ&D, Tuesday, May 14, 1pm: "Taking Control of Your Retirement" by Janna Rosenberg, Financial Advisor and Frank Robertazzi, Wealth Management Advisor, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. An informative seminar to highlight challenges and risks commonly associated with retirement and techniques to build a financial portfolio that supports your goals and priorities now and in the future. Congregation AABJ&D Sephardic Wing.

**OHR TORAH MEMBERS HONORED:** Debra and Jay Goldberg have been chosen as Guests of Honor at the Clifton Cheder/Bais Yaakov Dinner. To donate toward our community ad in their honor please go to

<https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/goldbergad>

Sarah and Michael Diamond have been chosen for the Young Leadership Award and Debbie Finkelstein has been recognized with the Distinguished Leadership Award at the Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy/

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## Sisterhood Events and Donations

**CINDY TURKELTAUB GROSBERG WOMEN'S PIRKEI AVOT STUDY:** Women and girls welcome. This Shabbat May 11 at 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)

Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School Annual Dinner. To donate toward our community ad in their honor go to:

<https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/jkhaad.html>

**OHR TORAH ANNUAL BBQ:** Sunday, May 26th at 4:00 at the home of Rabbi Spivak on Cunningham Drive. Rain date: Monday, May 27th. If you can assist, please call (973) 731-1982. See the ad on page 3.

**HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARY:** The Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy will be screening the student-produced Holocaust documentary "Names, Not Numbers" on Wednesday, May 29 at 7pm at the school, 110 South Orange Avenue, Livingston, NJ. The JKHA eighth graders interviewed Holocaust survivors, preserving their stories for posterity. The students researched, filmed, and edited the survivors' stories. Their finished product will be screened along with a documentary following the students throughout the year-long process. Admission is free and open to the community. Questions? Contact [sbhobot@jkha.org](mailto:sbohbot@jkha.org)

**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 <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](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 May 11 - 17

**6 IYAR:** Howard Druce for his Mother, Sheyna Basha bat Tzvi Yitzchok HaCohen, Beatrice Druce, on Shabbat, May 11.

**6 IYAR:** Elia Weixelbaum for his Father, Baruch ben Chaim, Bernard Weixelbaum, on Shabbat, May 11.

**8 IYAR:** Andy Becker for his Mother, Chaya Leah bat Yehoshua, Ray Nachlas Becker, on Monday, May 13.

**8 IYAR:** Daryl Shapiro for her Father, Asher ben Binyamin, Oscar Goldstein, on Monday, May 13.

**12 IYAR:** Michelle Degen for her Grandfather, Klonymus ben Levi Yitzchak, Kalman Kurtz, on Friday, May 17.

**12 IYAR:** Gary Schlanger for his Father, Baruch ben Gavriel, Ben Schlanger, on Friday, May 17.

**12 IYAR:** Yisrael Pinchas ben Yitzchak Nachman, Irving Paul Sorkin, on Friday, May 17.

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



**SMILE TIME:** Moishe is without a doubt the most popular waiter at Rubenoff's Delicatessen in Manhattan. Unfortunately, he passes away and the patrons really miss him. A group of customers from West Orange decides they will go to a spiritualist and try and contact their late waiter and tell him how much everyone appreciated him. The séance begins and the medium tells the assembled to knock on the table as they always did in the Deli and Moishe will answer them. They knock and knock and no Moishe. Finally they start calling his name louder and louder and after a few minutes, Moishe appears as an apparition in the darkened room. "Why didn't you come when we first knocked?" they asked. To which Moishe answers, "Sorry, it wasn't my table."

**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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## TORAH THOUGHT:

### KEDOSHIM: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF



Jonathan and  
Jennifer Sharret

*Jennifer Sharret and her husband Jonathan Sharret moved to West Orange approximately 10 years ago. Jennifer is a bankruptcy attorney and Jonathan is a patent attorney (both working in NYC and happy to answer any commuting questions). They have three boys who love sports (and appreciative of all the great programs the town and West Orange Jewish community have to offer). Jennifer thanks her brother Joshua Schechter for*

Parshas Kedoshim contains the mitzvah of VeAhavta LeRai'echa Kamocha - And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. This is a heavily discussed statement and many commentaries find different interpretations, noting the difficulties in being commanded to feel an emotion – particularly love. In the famous story when a man came to Hillel asking him to teach him the Torah on one foot, Hillel said: “That which is hateful unto you do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole of the Torah, the rest is commentary. Go forth and study.” Hillel was not focused on the emotion of love, but how to practically act towards others.

Rabbi Ozer Alport quotes the following teaching: Rav Yehuda Wagshal points out that the Targum Onkelos on this verse translates the word – *ואהבת* you shall love – into Aramaic as – *וטרחם* you shall be compassionate. What does it mean to be compassionate? The opposite of compassion is *אכזריות* (cruelty). The commentators point out (see Rashi Iyov 19:13) that the word *אכזר* can be read as a combination of two words – *אך זר*, which means “only a stranger.”

One is more likely to be cruel to another person if viewed as a complete stranger, somebody with whom there is no connection. If you start to identify with the person – either as a member of your community, your social group or envisioning yourself in that person’s shoes – you are less likely to be cruel. Conversely, one is more likely to be compassionate and have feelings of love towards another person to whom they feel a connection. How do we establish these connections? The first step is to follow Hillel’s teaching and think and act how towards others as you would want to be treated. There are the basics described in the preceding verses: do not steal, do not lie, do not cheat, do not place stumbling blocks before the blind, do not gossip. We wouldn’t want anyone to do this to us, so we should think twice before doing it to others.

The next level to compassion is to have sympathy and concern for others’ misfortunes, The Torah portion gives another example how to demonstrate this compassion – when you reap the harvest, leave the corners of the field for the poor.

We start thinking beyond the “negatives” of what not to do and provide opportunities to help those less fortunate. By inviting the poor onto the property, the owner is establishing a connection, even if they do not physically meet. We can expand on our compassion with affirmative outreach to those in need.

Establishing connections is not always easy. We must put in effort to see through differences and find commonalities. Ultimately, actions and behavior are critical. Whether you naturally feel a connection towards someone or not, by acting and thinking of someone as a friend (and treating them like one) you will be able to fulfill the mitzvah of VeAhavta LeRai'echa Kamocha. **Jennifer Sharret**

## Ohr Torah Annual BBQ

*Join us for an afternoon of  
food and fun*

**Sunday, May 26, at  
4:00pm**

(Rain date: Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm)

**Spivak backyard  
23 Cunningham Drive**

*If you are available to assist,  
please contact: (973) 731-1982*







## LADIES CAR MAINTENANCE CLASS

Congregation Ohr Torah Sisterhood of West Orange, NJ held a class, this past Sunday, May 5th, which enabled women drivers of all ages to understand the working of their cars from tire pressure to checking and adding fluids and general maintenance. The class was Instructed by Meira Bukiet, an experienced auto mechanic of 10 years, included a power point presentation explaining maintenance and location of parts. Although it was raining, and the demonstrations were in the Shul parking lot, everyone kept dry under a canopy supplied by the Shul. Great job Meira, and a big Yasher Koach from the Sisterhood.



Photos courtesy of  
Bertha Sharret



## ~~NEXT YEAR~~—THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

It's this year for these Ohr Torah members (left to right) Richard and Nancy Perl, Margot and Larry Freedman, Sharon and Howard Charish enjoying the Jerusalem Gardens during their time in Israel.

Got a photo of a simcha to share? Email it to us at [shabbatnews-letter@congregationohr-torah.org](mailto:shabbatnews-letter@congregationohr-torah.org)

(RIGHT) Proud grandparents, Elia Weixelbaum and Karen Berger with their new arrival in Israel!







## WE CAN'T SIT BY SILENTLY.

**ANTI-SEMITISM** in america is increasing at an alarming rate.  
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**BDS** is sweeping across our country to **ISOLATE AND ECONOMICALLY STRANGLE ISRAEL**.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**

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Students from JKHA perform 'HaTikvah' at Wednesday night's Yom HaZikaron /Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration in Livingston.



יום הזיכרון תשע"ט

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23,741 fallen soldiers  
3,146 victims of terror



## CONGREGATION OHR TORAH ICE SKATING SUNDAY MAY 19TH 2019

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\$10 PER ADULT, \$5 PER CHILD  
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- \* This is not a drop off event. All children must be supervised



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Rsvp at [Youth@congregationohrtorah.org](mailto:Youth@congregationohrtorah.org)

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...where chinuch & cheshek go hand in hand

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*Annual Dinner*

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019  
The Brightstone

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DONOR

**EVERY  
DOLLAR  
WILL BE  
MATCHED!**



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Debra and Jay Goldberg  
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Mrs. Jennifer Lowy  
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