

## COMPLETE HOLI-DAY SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4

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CHILDRENS SUKKAH HOP ON SHABBAT, OCTOBER 19TH. SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS!



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## **CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter**

270 Pleasant Valley Way PO Box 6169 West Orange, NJ 07052

**SUKKOT** 13 - 26 Tishrei October 12 - 25, 2019

Rabbi Marc Spivak, President David Goldstein, Rabbinic Intern Matt Lubin

**SHABBAT KIDDUSH** and **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** for October 12th and 19th are sponsored by the Shul. Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret are sponsored by the Shul. See page 3 or page 7 for information on Simchat Torah.

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

**PRAYER CHANGES:** This year we will recite the Hoshanot prayer during Shacharit and not during Mussaf. In the Amidah, we begin to recite Mashiv HaRuach... during Mussaf on Shmini Atzeret.

Rabbi Spivak's Wednesday night classes for the next two weeks are cancelled and Rabbi Grosberg's Shabbat Mishna Berura Class following Mincha will not be held on October 12th.

**NEW OFFICE MANAGER:** Congregation Ohr Torah welcomes Tami Puder as our new office manage. Tami will work in a part time capacity under the direction of the President, the Rabbi, the Treasurer and Jay to continue the work of our previous office manager, Anna Chosak, and help the shul become even more organized and efficient. Please welcome Tami to the Congregation Ohr Torah family. We thank Anna Chosak for her nearly 2 years of service. Anna provided us with some much-needed process and infrastructure at a time when Ohr Torah, as an organization, was in great need of it and has been gracious enough to help train Tami. Although Anna is leaving us for other opportunities, she will always be considered a friend of Ohr Torah.

ED CROMAN'S KABBALAH CLASS: The next class in the Fall session is Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30pm, October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Beit Midrash and continues on the following Thursdays: November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS: (MTA): Join their Open House on Sunday, November 10th, 9:30 am to learn more about our warm, personalized, and inspiring approach to Torah, academic, and extra-curricular programs. To RSVP, please visit yuhsb.org/openhouse. Questions? Contact Rabbi Yoni Stone at 646-994-0441 or <a href="mailto:ystone@yuhsb.org">ystone@yuhsb.org</a>.

HOST NEEDED: Heart Mind & Soul will be hosting their next Shabbaton here at Ohr Torah the weekend of November 8-10. If anyone can host an attendee for November 8-9, please call Sandy Trencher of HM&S at 860-922-8336. All meals are furnished by the Shabbaton, so they only need beds.

COMEDY AT KUSHNER: The annual Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy/Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School ATID SOCIETY Event will be on Sunday, November 24. This year, the ATID SOCIETY will present the stand-up comedy of MODI, voted one of the "Top 10 comedians in NYC" by Hollywood Reporter & Backstage. The performance will take place at JKHA/RKYHS, 110 South Orange Avenue in Livingston, at 7:30 PM and will be followed by a deluxe dessert reception. A pre-concert dinner reception for all members of the ATID SOCIETY will take place at 6:00 PM. Please visit <a href="www.jkha.org/atid">www.jkha.org/atid</a> to purchase tickets and join the ATID SOCIETY. For more information, please contact: <a href="mailto:slevinson@jkha.org">slevinson@jkha.org</a> or 862-437-8001.

**OT SECURITY:** Thank you to our security volunteers this week who stepped up to keep us all safe. *We still need volunteers for October*. Even if you've never volunteered in the past, please try it out! Sign up and send Dov Chelst a message at <a href="mailto:dnchelst@gmail.com">dnchelst@gmail.com</a> and he can tell you what is required.

**SENDING IN A CHECK FOR A PAYMENT TO OHR TORAH?** Assist us in our record keeping by writing on the memo line or include a note about the reason for the check. Also, remember that mail should always be sent to PO Box 6169, West Orange, NJ 07052, and <u>not</u> to 270 Pleasant Valley Way. Thank you!

### Yahrzeits October 12 - 25

**13 TISHREI:** Jack Rosen for his Uncle, Shlomo Meir ben Avroham Ha'Cohan, Solomon Perel, on Shabbat, October **12**.

**14 TISHREI:** Howard Berg for his Father, Dovid ben Avraham Abish, David Berg, on Sunday, October 13.

**14 TISHREI:** Betsy Goldstein for her Mother, Dubrish bat Tzvi Hersh, Dorothy Kaplowitz, on Sunday, October 13.

**15 TISHREI:** Judith Moskovitz & Martin Moskovitz for her Husband and his Father, Yitzchak ben Shmuel Shimlkah, Irving Moskovitz, on Monday, October 14.

**15 TISHREI:** Susan Lando for David's Mother, Mina bat HaRav Tzvi Pesach, Mina Lando, on Monday, October 14.

**17 TISHREI:** Irwin Krasna for his Grandfather, Yehoshua ben Yehuda Tzvi, on Wednesday, October 16.

**17 TISHREI:** Judith Schanzer for her Father, Tuvia ben Avraham, Theodore Geffner, on Wednesday, October 16.

**19 TISHREI:** Adley Mandel for his Sister, Chaya Rachel bat Ephriam, Harriet Rena Bloch, on Friday, October **18**.

**19 TISHREI:** Aharon Eliezer ben Mordechai Ha'Lavi, Harry Levine, on Friday, October 18.

**20 TISHREI:** Linda Laulicht for her Father, Yosef ben Moshe Halevi, Joseph Kushner, on Shabbat, October 19.

**20 TISHREI:** Lee Rosenblum for her Brother, Chaim Leib Gidon ben Cha'na Reuvien, Lon Borck, on Shabbat, October 19.

**21 TISHREI:** Sam Goldfischer for his Aunt, Soshe bat Yosef Ha'Levi, Soshe Mayerovitz, on Sunday, October 20.

**21 TISHREI:** Jeff Stiel for his Grandmother, Leah bat Moshe Shmiel, on Sunday, October 20.

23 TISHREI: Tova bat Zerach Tzvi Ha'Lavi, Geff Levine, on Tuesday, October 22.

**23 TISHREI:** Jeff Carmeli for his Father, Issachar ben Eliahu, on Tuesday, October 22.

**23 TISHREI:** David Gleaner for his Mother, Leba Haya bat Chaim, Lorraine Gleaner, on Tuesday, October 22.

**23 TISHREI:** Tamara Sofair-Fisch for her Father, Avraham Shalom ben Ezra, Abraham Shalom Sofair, on Tuesday, October 22.

**24 TISHREI:** Bennett Degen for his Grandfather, Yosef Noach ben Avraham Hillel, Jess E. Gross, on Wednesday, October 23.

**24 TISHREI:** Annie Goldfischer for her Uncle, Tzvi Hirsch Meir ben Dov Bear, Hesh Sklar, on Wednesday, October 23.

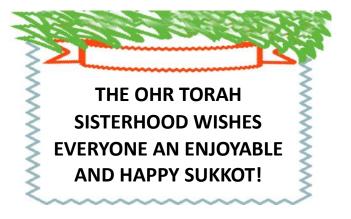
**25 TISHREI:** Berel Leib ben Yitzchak Nachman, Bernard Leo Sorkin, on Thursday, October 24.

**25 TISHREI:** Jeff Stiel for his Grandmother, Leah Frumma bat Yisrael Dovid, Lenke Wider - Bubby, on Thursday, October 24.

**26 TISHREI:** Bennett Degen for his Grandmother, Mirel bat Chaim Berel haLevi, Muriel Degen, on Friday, October 25.

**26 TISHREI:** Robert Grosberg for Cindy's Father, Yehoshua Moshe ben Binyamin, Shea Turkeltaub, on Friday, October 25.

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Ohr Torah thanks David Goldstein who, with assistance from Rabbi Robert Grosberg did a terrific job in providing everyone with seats during the Yomim Noraim. It is an arduous task that requires constant refinement and David expertly performed it with consideration for everyone's preferences.

Thank you to those who helped prepare the shul, JSDD and Bais Midrash: for Rosh HaShanna and Yom Kippur: Rabbi Marc Spivak, Rabbi Robert Grosberg, Jack Rosen, Arnie Barton, Stuart Rosenblum, Jay Goldberg, Larry Freedman, Raphie Sharret, Mark Grebenau, Howard Charish, Bruce Bukiet, Richard Perl, Bruce Schlanger, Avi Klein, Rich Maron, Eli Spivak, Effie Spivak, Gabriel Maron and Matthew Goldstein. (Apologies to anyone who was left off of this list.)

Thank you to the following individuals who davened, layned and blew shofar during the Yamim Noraim: Bob Eagle, Mark Grebenau, Robert Grosberg, Shua Kessin, Avi Klein, Adley Mandel, Avi Okin, Yank Poleyeff, Jack Rosen, Steve Schwartz, Elia Weixelbaum.

Thank you for Housing and Meal Hospitality for the Kessin family: Rabbi Marc & Debra Spivak, Tuvia & Danielle Kimmel, Steven & Anna Kirshblum, Jeff & Chagit Raskin, Barry & Roberta Schwartz, Aaron & Michal Strauss, Elia Weixelbaum & Karen Berger.

Thank you to Elaine Scherman for once again sponsoring our post Yom Kippur break-fast.





## SUKKOT SERVICES SCHEDULE

Friday (10/11) Erev Shabbat		
Shacharit	6:10am	
Light Candles	6:05pm	
Mincha	6:10pm	
Shkia	6:23pm	
Shabbat (10/12) HA'AZINU		
Shacharit	9:00am	
Latest Shema	9:53am	
Mincha	5:50pm	
Maariv	6:56pm	
Shabbat ends	7:03pm	
Sunday (10/13) Erev Sukkot		
Shacharit	8:15am	
Light Candles	6:02pm	
Mincha	6:05pm	
Shkia	6:20pm	
Monday (10/14) Sukkot Day 1		
Shacharit	9:00am	
Latest Shema	9:54am	
Mincha	6:05pm	
Maariv	6:53pm	
Light Candles after*	6:59pm	
*FROM EXISTING FLAME		
Tuesday (10/15) Sul		
Shacharit	9:00am	
Latest Shema	9:55am	
Mincha	6:05pm	

Wednesday (10/16) Chol HaMoed 1			
and Thursday (10/17) Chol Ha $oldsymbol{Moed}$ 2			
Shacharit	5:45am		
Mincha/Maariv	6:00pm		
Friday (10/18) Erev Sha	bbat Chol Ha-		
Moed 3			
Shacharit	5:45am		
Light Candles	5:54pm		
Mincha	6:00pm		
Shkia	6:12pm		
Shabbat (10/19) Chol H	aMoed 4		
Shacharit	9:00am		
Latest Shema	9:57am		
Mincha	5:40pm		
Maariv	6:46pm		
Shabbat ends	6:53pm		
Sunday (10/20) HoSha	nah Rabbah		
Shacharit	7:30am		
Candle Lighting	5:51pm		
Mincha	5:55pm		
Shkia	6:09pm		
Monday (10/21) Shem	ini Atzeret		
Shacharit	9:00am		
Latest Shema	9:58am	,	

Tuesday (10/22) Simch	at Torah	
Shacharit 1st Minyan	7:00am	
Shacharit 2nd Minyan	9:00am	
Hakafot APPROX.	10:00am	
Kol HaNa'arim APPROX.	11:45am	
Mincha	5:55pm	
Maariv	6:41pm	
Holiday Ends	6:48pm	
Wednesday (10/23)		
Shacharit	6:10am	
Maariv	7:30pm	
Thursday (10/24)		
Shacharit	6:00am	
Maariv	7:30pm	
Friday (10/25) Erev Shabbat		
Shacharit	6:10am	
Light Candles	5:44pm	
Mincha	5:50pm	
Shkia	6:02pm	
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10:30am

5:55pm

6:08pm

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SMILE TIME: Someone stole all my credit cards, but I won't be reporting it. The thief spends less than my wife did. ☐ The doctor gave a man six

months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so he gave him another six months.  $\square$  The Doctor says, "You'll live to be 60!" "I am 60!" "See, what did I tell you?"  $\square$  A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says "Okay, let's get started." Henny Youngman.

# SUHHAH ELECTRICAL SAFETY

\*FROM EXISTING FLAME

Yizkor after

Maariv / Hakafot

Light Candles after\*

Mincha

## Electricity can kill! Keep your Sukkah safe!

1. MAKE SURE ALL ELECTRICAL DEVICES ARE RATED FOR OUTDOOR USE.
THAT INCLUDES LIGHTING!



Maariv

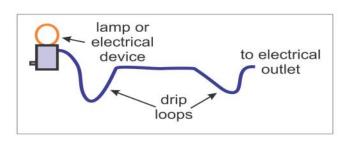
Holiday ends

- 2. THE DEVICES YOU USE SHOULD CARRY THE UNDERWRITERS LABORATORY SAFETY SYMBOL.
- 3. EXTENSION CORDS SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER OUTLETS (gfi)
- 4. KEEP ELECTRIC CONNECTORS DRY AND OUT OF WATER.

6:51pm

6:58pm

- USE A 'DRIP LOOP' ON LIGHTING WIRES.
  - 6. NEVER LEAVE EXPOSED BARE WIRES!



### **TORAH THOUGHT:**

## Ha'Azinu: Looking Back at the Tower of Babel

Hi, my name is Joe Berger. I am currently living in Givat Shmuel, Israel and finishing up my service in the IDF. I will be starting a program at Bar Ilan University in just a few weeks in pursuit of a law degree. I was recently back in West Orange for Rosh Hashana when I found out that Ohr Torah has been putting a Dvar Torah written by a different member of the community in the newsletter every week. I think this is an incredible initiative and a great opportunity for members of the Shul to commit to learning a Parsha well and sharing Torah with the rest of the community.

Joe Berger

As we approach the end of Sefer Devarim and B'nei Yisrael is inching towards entering Eretz Yisrael, Moshe begins to chant a set of cryptic, poetic verses in which he describes at length Hashem's extreme kindness and mercy despite B'nei Yisrael being unworthy of such treatment.

In the second Aliyah, Moshe briefly alludes to the generation that was responsible for building the tower of Babel, the הפלגה (the generation that got separated by different languages) These p'sukim are particularly cryptic, but with Rashi's help, we understand that Moshe is telling B'nei Yisrael that although Hashem had the inclination to destroy the entire generation, He chose not to do so because the 70 members of Ya'akov's family (i.e. B'nei Yisrael) were destined to come from members of this generation. We see from this a theme that is very prevalent this time of year - the fact that Hashem is able to put aside the sins of even an entire generation because He can see the good that even a small group will do in the future.

In the very next passuk, as a follow up reason as to why Hashem did not destroy the דור הפלגה, Moshe states the following: כי חלק ה' עמו יעקב חבל נחלתו, Moshe "For Hashem's share is his people; Jacob, the portion of his possession". The specific language that this passuk uses is interesting as well. The Netziv\* and Rashi both point out that B'nei Yisrael is compared to a rope, but for slightly different reasons. The Netziv asserts that B'nei Yisrael is like a thicker rope. A thicker rope can be made up of thousands of little strands. However, when one looks from the outside, he can only see the finely

woven rope that is made up as a result. When Hashem looked at the 70 members of Ya'akov's family, he saw only the finished product - the complete rope, rather than all the small, frayed strands. Hashem was not looking at the individual sins that those 70 individual people would commit. Rather, He saw the tremendous potential of the Jewish people as a whole. Rashi views the "rope" metaphor slightly differently. He says that Ya'akov's merit encompassed those of both his father, Yitzchak, and his Grandfather, Avraham, just as a rope is compacted by three smaller strands. In this merit, not only did Ya'akov and his children deserve to be saved, but also the entire חור הפלגה that acted with such hostility towards Hashem.

Looking at these interpretations, we can understand that the merits of our forefathers coupled with our potential to do good in the future bring Hashem to a state of mercy and compassion that hold back His desire to destroy us in our times of disobedience. This duality is extremely apparent during the עשרת ימי תשובה (ten days of repentance) which we have just completed. On Rosh Hashana, we plead to Hashem to remember the good deeds of our forefathers and save us in their merit. In the following days leading up to Yom Kippur, we show Hashem that we as a nation have the potential to achieve great things in the future and that we should therefore be inscribed in the book of life. !

\*The Netziv was Rosh Yeshiva of the famed Volozhin Yeshiva for almost 40 Years until it was closed by the Russian government in 1892.

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 <a href="mailto:Rabbi@congregationohrtorah.org">Rabbi@congregationohrtorah.org</a> 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

## Order of the בענועים (Naanuim) - Shaking of the Lulav

## The congregation will make the נענועים eight (8) times:

- 4 each time it responds הודו to the Chazzan's recitations of the four הודו, יאמר, נא etc.
- 2 אנא ה' הושיעה נא
- 2 הלל at the end of

## The Chazzan will make the נענועים six (6) times:

- 2 ודו and יאמר נא ישראל
- אנא ה' הושיעה נא 2
- 2 הלל at the end of

The generally followed manner of waving\* is to stretch out one's arms, and shake strongly enough to rustle the lulav's leaves, and then to draw the species close to the chest, and shake again. This is repeated 3 times in each direction. (Rama, Orach Chaim 651:9)

\*As documented by Rabbi Feivel Wagner, זצ"ל.

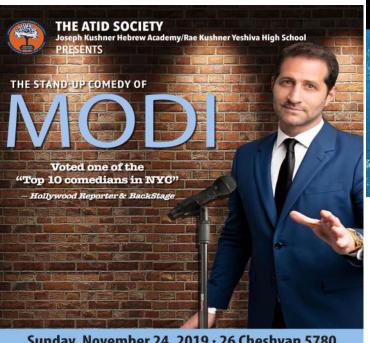
## Chazzan Only Everyone

יאמר	straight ahead	הודו
	(none)	לה׳
נא	right	כי
ישראל	back	טוב
כי	left	כי
לעולם	up	לעולם
ПОТІ	down	ПОТІ
	straight, right	אנא
	(none)	<b>ה</b> ׳
	back, left	הושיעה
	up, down	נא









## Sunday, November 24, 2019 · 26 Cheshvan 5780 7:30pm

Dr. Morris Epstein—Bernard Stein Auditorium Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy • Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School 110 South Orange Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey

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ATID SOCIETY chairs: Bat Sheva and Murray Halpern



## AROUND OUR TOWN

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION: The Men's Club's Annual Simchat Torah Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 22 after davening in the social hall. This will be our biggest and best ever BBQ with loads of new items to feast on. Please register ASAP! Prices are: \$18 per adult, \$9 per child (age 5 or older), \$54 max per Family (Note: Family consists of 2 Adults and up to 5 children under 18). (See attachment for more details) To make your reservation and pay online go to http://congregationohrtorah.org/STlunch

**KIDS SUKKAH HOP:** The Ohr Torah Youth Committee invites all kids to our annual sukkah hop on Shabbat Chol Hamoed, Oct 19. Here are the locations: For kids grade 2 and under:

3:30 Katz Family - 59 Woodland Ave

3:45 Kimmel Family - 19 Redwood Ave

4:00 Redwood Park

Kids 3rd-6th grade:

4:00 Tarzik Family - 46 Nicholas Ave

4:15 Bell Family - 28 Redwood Ave

4:30 Redwood Park



Kovea itim/frum professionals (Modern Orthodox to Yeshivish) are invited to a Shabbos filled with fun, Hishtadlus, and Tachlis.

The event will be run in a respectful and tznius forum, catered to singles who may not feel comfortable attending other events due to hashkafic concerns.

Registration Fee: \$30 Full Weekend: \$425 Early Bird Rate: \$325

November 15th-17th

Recommended ages: Women 27-42 · Men 30-45

Princeton Doubletree (New Jersey)



Keynote Speaker:
David J. Lieberman, Ph.D.
From Simcha to Sasson:
Harnessing the joy of Sukkos
towards the rost of the year

Or. Lieberman is an award-winning author and internationally recognized leader in the flields of human behavior and interpresonal relationships. His twelve books, which have been translated into 26 languages and include two New York Times bestselers, have sold millions of copies worldwide.



World-renowned Singer



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For more info or to sign up, please visit www.theshadchanit.com/shabbos or email events@theshadchanit.com

> This event is fillu nishmas Rabbi Shmuel Yudel ben Binyomin Yaakov (Fleischman), 27