



# CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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**Terumah** 4 - 10 Adar, 5780 February 29 - March 6, 2020

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

**SHABBAT KIDDUSH** Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by Laura and Jeff Rogers in commemoration of Laura's father's 25-year Yahrzeit – Shepsel ben Avraham, Jesse Wolf. **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** is sponsored by Nancy and Richard Perl in memory of their parents, Adina Liba bat Avraham - Adeline Storch, Boruch ben Schmuel - Bernard Storch, Breindela bat Reuven - Betty Perl, and Hershel Shaul ben Moshe - Harold Perl. In addition, Rabbi Grosberg will be giving a D'var Torah in their memory. See the information below in Mishna B'rura Class.

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

**MISHNA B'RURA CLASS** with Rabbi Robert Grosberg after Shabbat Mincha will be held this week in the Beit Midrash. After an abbreviated Mishnah B'rura class, Rabbi Grosberg will deliver a D'var Torah at Seudah Shlshit, in memory of the parents of Nancy and Richard Perl, entitled, "The Three T'rumbot Past and Present". Men and Women are invited.

**RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS** will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:45pm following Maariv in the Beit Midrash.

**KABBALAH CLASS:** Ed Croman's Kabbalah classes return for the Spring on the following days: March 19th (note the new date), April 2nd and 23rd, and May 7th and 21st and June 4th. Classes meet on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Beit Midrash.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Daughters of Israel Orthodox Shabbat Minyan. Meet at Congregation AABJD lobby at 8:00am to walk with group leaving at 8:10am. Services and Kiddush are in the DOI chapel. For information and to RSVP contact: Alan Rubin at 862-485-7736.

**FOR THE LADIES:** We need you to become part of our Sisterhood programming committee and help us plan for the future. The Sisterhood would love to have your input in the scheduling and programming of Sisterhood events. Please contact Bertha Sharret at [rsharret@hotmail.com](mailto:rsharret@hotmail.com) or give her a call.

**DISCOVER WEST ORANGE** returns on the weekend of **March 6th** as the Orthodox Community in W.O. showcases the many benefits of living in our town.

## COMING UP

**FAST OF ESTHER - MON. MAR. 9**  
**PURIM - TUE. MAR. 10**  
**1ST SEDER - WED. APR 8**  
**PASSOVER DAY 1- THU. APR 9**

See the Ad on Page 6.

**FOR SENIORS:** Tuesday March 3@11:30-2:30. Inter-generational Art Program at Rae Kushner Yeshuva High School with art instructor Mrs. Debbie Buech-

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## Schedule 02/28 – 03/06

### Friday (02/28)

Shacharit	6:10am
Light Candles	5:28pm
Mincha	5:35pm
Shkia	5:46pm

### Shabbat (02/29)

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:20am
<b>SAY SHEMA BEFORE COMING TO SHUL</b>	
Mincha	5:15pm
Maariv	6:22pm
Shabbat ends	6:29pm

### Sunday (03/01)

Shacharit	8:15am
Mincha/Maariv	5:35pm

### Monday - Thursday (03/02 - 03/05)

Shacharit Mon/Thu	6:00am
Shacharit Tue/Wed	6:10am
Maariv Mon -Thu	7:30pm

**No Mincha Service Mon-Thu**

### Friday (03/06)

Shacharit	6:10am
Light Candles	5:36pm
Mincha	5:40pm
Shkia	5:54pm

**Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME BEGINS AT 2AM  
SUNDAY MORNING,  
MARCH 8.**

## TEHILLIM STILL NEEDED:

Ohr Torah Gabbai Mark Grebenau has shown some improvement at St. Barnabas Hospital but still needs our prayers. Please say Tehillim for Mordechai Dovid ben Gittel for a complete recovery and return to his Gabbai duties at Ohr Torah.

## Sisterhood Events and Donations

### Sisterhood Tribute Fund:

**SIDDURIM:** Siddur given in memory of Herbie Raskin, beloved son of Lori Raskin and brother of Jeff Raskin and Bobbi Luxenberg, given by Roberta and Barry Schwartz. Siddur in memory of Herbie Raskin by the Druce 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](mailto:deborahdruce@gmail.com)

## Yahrzeits February 29 - March 06

- 4 ADAR:** Elliot Grossman for his Mother, Etta bat Eliyahu, Ethyl Grossman, on Shabbat, February 29.
- 4 ADAR-II:** Jack Rosen for his Grandfather, Avraham ben Benjamin Ha'Cohen, Abraham Perel, on Shabbat, February 29.
- 4 ADAR:** Jacki Routhenstein for her Grandmother, Sarah bat Yaacov, Sally Wagner, on Shabbat, February 29.
- 5 ADAR-II:** Sam Goldfischer for his Uncle, Dovid ben Yosef Ha'Levi, David Goldfischer, on Sunday, March 1.
- 6 ADAR-II:** Elihu Feldman for his Father, Reb Chaim ben Kolumonus Kalmen, Eugene Feldman, on Monday, March 2.
- 6 ADAR-I:** Margot Freedman for her Grandmother, Chana bas Mordechai haCohen, Anna Cohen, on Monday, March 2.
- 6 ADAR:** Jacki Routhenstein for her Grandfather, Yehoshua ben Menashe, Osias Wagner, on Monday, March 2.
- 7 ADAR-II:** Jack Rosen for his Uncle, Moshe ben Yehuda, Morris Sheps, on Tuesday, March 3.
- 8 ADAR-II:** Irwin Krasna for his Grandfather, Binyamin ben Avraham, on Wednesday, March 4.
- 9 ADAR-II:** Naomi Berg for her Father, Tuvia ben Menachem, Hyman Bell, on Thursday, March 5.
- 9 ADAR:** Adley Mandel for his Brother, Zelig Yitzchak ben Ephraim, Stewart Mandel, on Thursday, March 5.
- 10 ADAR-I:** Bernard Schanzer for his First Wife, Elana bat Yisroel, Ellen Schanzer, on Friday, March 6.
- 10 ADAR-II:** Fernand Schoppik for his Grandfather, Shabtai ben Tzvi, Shabtai Piotrkowky, on Friday, March 6.

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

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ler and 9th grade students. RSVP by Thursday Feb. 27. In case of inclement weather and the possibility of cancelling a program, call (973) 736-1407 x240. and listen for the recorded message.

**JKHA INVITATION:** Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy invites all prospective parents to a Community Informational Meeting on **March 2nd**, 8pm, at the home of Max and Haley Vogel at 11 Hoover Avenue, West Orange. Hear about "Choosing the Kind Path: Promoting Middot in Modern Times" from the JKHA administration and learn about our exceptional academic and Judaic programs, enriching educational initiatives and varied co-curricular opportunities. We look forward to sharing with you the JKHA difference! For more information, please contact the JKHA Admissions Office at 862-437-8064 or [starzik@jkha.org](mailto:starzik@jkha.org).

**OT SECURITY:** Thank you to our security volunteers this week who stepped up to keep us all safe. **We need volunteers for March.** Even if you've never volunteered in the past, please try it out! Please sign up by sending Dov Chelst an email message at [dnychelst@gmail.com](mailto:dnychelst@gmail.com) and he can tell you what is required.

**COMING UP:** Discover West Orange Shabbaton, Friday, **March 6th and 7th**. See the Ad on Page 6. The Ohr Torah Purim Puppet Show on Tuesday, **March 10th**. The NORPAC event in West Orange, Thursday, **March 12th**. See the Ads on page 4.

**WHATS APP GROUPS:** General Announcements: To join the Ohr Torah General Announcements group, go to <http://congregationohratorah.org/whatsapp>. on your mobile phone (be sure WhatsApp is installed first) and tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, email Tami ([office@congregationohratorah.org](mailto:office@congregationohratorah.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.

**MINYAN HELP:** Help us make a minyan by joining the WhatsApp group for alerts when the shul needs help. To join this group, please go to:

<http://congregationohratorah.org/minyanwhatsapp>

(be sure WhatsApp is installed first) and tap the "Join Chat" button. Alternatively, you can email Bruce Schlanger ([Bruce.Schlanger@gmail.com](mailto:Bruce.Schlanger@gmail.com)) or email 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.

### 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 not to 270 Pleasant Valley Way. Thank you!

**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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Rabbi Frand

## TORAH THOUGHT:

### Terumah: The Cherubim and Children

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The parsha contains one of the more unique artifacts used in the Mishkan — the Cherubim [Cherubs], which were placed on top of the Aron which housed the Luchos. The Torah states: “It is there that I shall arrange audience with you, and I shall speak with you from atop the lid, from between the two Cherubim that are on the Ark of the Testimony, and it is all that I shall command you pertaining to the Children of Israel [Shmos 25:22].

We do not have an exact picture of what the Cherubim looked like, but we are taught that their faces were child-like. Imagine the scene: The holiest city in the world (Jerusalem), the holiest place in the city (the Temple Mount), the Holy of Holies within the Temple complex — this was the holiest spot on the face of the planet. The Master of the Universe speaks to Moshe from above the Aron and His Voice comes out from between the two Cherubim! The Heavenly Voice comes out from between the faces of babes.

What is the symbolism? What is the message?

Rav Shmuel Rozovsky, zt”l, one of the Roshei Yeshivas from Ponnevitz writes that Torah can be taught from the best Rebbe in existence (the Almighty), to the best disciple in the world (Moshe Rabbeinu), under the best of conditions (in the Holy of Holies), but the receiver has to be child-like. In order to learn Torah, we need to maintain the child-like enthusiasm and child-like innocence that will allow us

to accept Torah and integrate it into our personalities.

This is a challenge because the older we become, the less child-like we are. This is a Jewish quality that the prophet refers to: “For Israel is a young lad and I love him” [Hoshea 11:1]. The Almighty testifies that He constantly loves Klal Yisrael because Klal Yisrael is still like a child. We have not become jaded and we have not become turned-off. We are still willing to accept, like a child.

This is mussar [chastisement] to all of us. The older we become, the more cynical we become. Cynicism is at the opposite end of the spectrum from the idea of “Israel is a young lad and I love him.” The pasuk [verse] in Hoshea advises us to maintain our innocence and maintain our purity. It is a challenge for us all.

But what should NOT be a challenge for us is that at least our CHILDREN should still be “child-like”. It may be difficult at age 40, at age 50, at age 60 to maintain child-like innocence. But it should not be a challenge that when a kid is 10 years old, he is no longer a child. It is unfortunately more and more the case that our children have picked up from us and from our society, even when they are 10 and 12 and 15, a cynicism that does not allow them to be considered “child-like” anymore. They are no longer the innocent Cherubim and as such, the Torah they are supposed to learn becomes exceedingly difficult for them to accept.

We have to try to ensure that our children should at least not become cynics, at least while they are still children. The only way we can try to ensure that is if there are incidents in life that tend to make us jaded and more cynical, we not bequeath that attitude to our children. There is plenty of time, unfortunately, for them to become cynical on their own. We do not need to help to make them cynics. © Rabbi Y. Frand and torah.org





## Have you lost a child to illness, accident or suicide?

Are people, even loved ones, friends and family, telling you to "move on already"? Feeling like nobody understands what you're going through? Embarrassed to talk about your feelings with your friends and family?

There are a number of other parents out there feeling the same way as you. Losing a child is never something we get over, whether your child passed away when they were very young, or in adulthood. WOJC is looking to start a monthly peer support group geared to helping talk, share, network and support each other - talk it out, ask questions, maybe get some helpful advice, cry a little, maybe even laugh a little.

All inquiries will be kept strictly confidential. Meetings are held in a private, safe and confidential environment.

This initiative is supported by local community rabbis, and sponsored by the  
**WestOrangeJewishConnectionZ**

Call 973-207-7700 or email: [WestOrangeJewishConnectionZ@gmail.com](mailto:WestOrangeJewishConnectionZ@gmail.com)



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**RSVP Required**

**Location:**      Thursday, March 12  
West Orange, NJ      7:00 PM

For additional information or to RSVP,  
contact [Avi@NORPAC.net](mailto:Avi@NORPAC.net) or call (201) 788-5133





# Ohr Torah Parent and Child Paint Night

Motzei Shabbat, February 22nd, provided parents and children an opportunity to make and paint their ceramics at *Doin Dishes* in Montclair. Pictures thanks to Rivky Balser.





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**SMILE TIME:** Yankel and Rivka, a young Jewish married couple, are expecting their first child, but unfortunately, Rivka goes into labor on Shabbat. They have no choice but to call for a taxi to take them to the Maternity Ward at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston. Because Yankel wants to try and minimize any Shabbat violation, he tells the dispatcher that he must send them only a non-Jewish driver. The taxi quickly arrives, but as Yankel and Rivka are getting in the cab, they overhear the dispatcher on the two-way radio ask the driver, "Have you picked up the anti-Semites yet?"



There are always new members or visiting guests in attendance that you may not have met. Let's take every opportunity to welcome these people to Ohr Torah! (After davening, of course).

The World Zionist Congress elections have begun. The major US Orthodox organizations are running together as the **Orthodox Israel Coalition** (Slate 4). The Coalition includes the OU, YU, NCYI, AMIT, RZA-Mizrachi, Bnei Akiva, Torah MiTzion, the RCA, and Touro College. Its representatives include Rabbi Spivak and Rabbi Zwickler with many leading US Roshei Yeshiva, Rabbis, educators, and community leaders of all ages. Rav Hershel Schachter shlita headlines the slate. To watch a short video from him – <https://www.facebook.com/voteoic/videos/151728259604201/>. The election will determine the size of Orthodox representation at the WZC which determines funding for educational activities in Israel and around the globe. Elections occur every 5 years and the ballots are open for 7 weeks of voting. The impact of these elections is huge in many ways, including directly impacting the JNF and their policies and investments. The WZC sets policies in Israel and abroad and the Torah voice needs to be part of that conversation. Please take a moment to register and vote. We have a special link for voting so we can show 100% participation. Our unique link is <https://www.ou.org/vote/Spivak>. Thank you, Rabbi Marc Spivak.

