



CONGREGATION OHR TORAH Weekly Newsletter

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

SHABBAT KIDDUSH and **SEUDAH SH'LISHIT** are sponsored by the Shul.

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

MISHNA B'RURA CLASS with Rabbi Grosberg after Shabbat Mincha will not be held this week.

RABBI SPIVAK'S WEEKLY CLASS will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:45pm following Maariv.

KABBALAH CLASS: Ed Croman Kabbalah classes return for the Spring on the following days: March 5th and 19th, April 2nd and 23rd, and May 7th and 21st. Classes meet on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Beit Midrash.

The new **OHR TORAH DIRECTORIES** have been mailed to members of the Congregation and you should have received yours by now. If any member did not receive the booklet please contact Bertha Sharret, rsarret@hotmail.com.

OHR TORAH CHINESE FOOD SHABBAT DINNER: Friday, January 31, following Kabbalat Shabbat. Come for a Shabbat Dinner with good friends, good fun, and delicious Chinese food from Glatt Fusion! \$18 per adult; \$10 per child; \$72 Family Maximum. Sponsorship levels are also available -- please consider sponsoring to help cover costs. Babysitting will be available. Questions? Contact Leron Thumim: Leron.Thumim@gmail.com. Please register at:

<https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/event/shul-winter-shabbat-dinner.html>.

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a Melaveh Malka on **February 8th** at the shul celebrating the completion of the Sefer HaChinuch Mitzvah project. More details will follow.



TIME TO "BURY THE HATCHET": Want to learn how to throw an axe? You need a good target, a coach, your friends and spouses and maybe a little bit to drink. On **Saturday, Feb. 15**, at 9:15pm, Ohr Torah will be tossing some axes in a grown-up version of darts, sponsored by the Men's club. Please join us at Bury the Hatchet, 672 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. Members: \$20 per person, Non-members: \$30 per person. Open to people 14 and older. Spots are limited, so please reserve ASAP at

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

FOR SENIORS: Together on Tuesdays. **Tuesday, January 28**, 12:30-1:00pm - light lunch (cost \$3.00), 1:00-2:15pm - "Be a Good Friend," by Karen Frank, Project Shin Nurse, Pastoral care. Karen Frank has a wide range of experience working with seniors through her role as visiting congregational nurse as well as counseling individuals one on one. She leads meditation classes. In this program, Karen will present an im-

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Schedule 01/24 - 01/31

Friday (01/24)

Shacharit	6:10am
Light Candles	4:46pm
Mincha	4:50pm
Shkia	5:04pm

Shabbat Mevarchim (01/25)

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:41am
Mincha	4:40pm
Maariv	5:43pm
Shabbat ends	5:50pm

Sunday (01/26)

Shacharit	8:15am
Mincha/Maariv	4:55pm

Monday - Thursday (01/27 - 01/30)

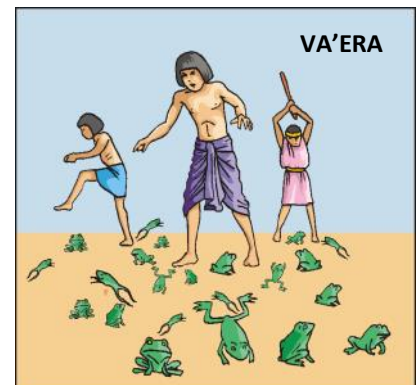
Shacharit Mon*	5:50am
*ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT	
Shacharit Tue/Wed	6:10am
Shacharit Thu	6:00am
Maariv Mon-Thu	7:30pm

No Mincha Service Mon-Thu

Friday (01/31)

Shacharit	6:10am
Light Candles	4:55pm
Mincha	5:00pm
Shkia	5:13pm

Eruv Hotline: (973) 736-1407 x6



Sisterhood Events and Donations

SAVE THE DATE for an upcoming Sisterhood program on Sunday morning, February 16. Join us for a royal icing cookie decorating class! Learn how to make gorgeous professional-looking sugar cookies for your next event! See our Ad on Page 4.

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

Yahrzeits January 25 - 31

28 TEVET: Tsiza bat Aharon Ben-Zion, Celia Sorkin, on Shabbat, January 25.

28 TEVET: Lydia Eckstein for her Husband, Aryeh ben Avroham, Louis Eckstein, on Shabbat, January 25.

29 TEVET: Marcia Feldman for her Father, Dov ben Mordechai Tzvi, Bernard Weiss, MD, on Sunday, January 26.

1 SHEVAT: Murray Laulich for his Grandfather, Yaakov ben Yechezkel Hacoheh, on Monday, January 27.

1 SHEVAT: Adley Mandel for his Wife, Chayei Sara bat HaRav Zev, Susan Mandel, on Monday, January 27.

1 SHEVAT: Micha Mandel for his Mother, Chayei Sara bat HaRav Zev, Susan Mandel, on Monday, January 27.

2 SHEVAT: Yitzchak Nachman ben Berel Leib, Isidore Sorkin, on Tuesday, January 28.

2 SHEVAT: Karen Berger for her First Husband, Yom Tov Zev ben Yaakov, Jeffrey Berger, on Tuesday, January 28.

4 SHEVAT: Linda Rosen for her Mother, Tzirel bat Elya Chaim, Lee Weiss, on Thursday, January 30.

4 SHEVAT: Chana Tokayer for her Father, Baruch Mordechai ben Naftali Eliezer, Mark B. Dumler, on Thursday, January 30.

5 SHEVAT: Irwin Krasna for his Grandfather, Shmuel Yosef ben Menachem Ber Ha'levi, on Friday, January 31.

5 SHEVAT: Alan Routhenstein for his Grandfather, Lev ben Moshe Ha'Cohen, Louis Routhenstein, on Friday, January 31.

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portant topic on interpersonal relationships asking, "What does it take to be a good friend at this time of life, and what are the challenges?" At AABJ&D's Sephardic Wing. In case of inclement weather and the possibility of cancelling a program, call (973) 736-1407 x240. and listen for the recorded message.

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



FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS! Student Doctors of the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine are looking for patients for their licensing exam on: Sunday, March 1. Qualifying patients must be available on

that day. Do you want your teeth filled and/or cleaned for free? If you qualify as a patient, the procedures will be done for FREE and you will be compensated for your time! We will be conducting FREE screenings every Monday through Friday in February. Day and night-time appointments available. Screenings include free X-Rays and a free dental exam. They are looking for:

- Patients age 18+
- Patients with most or all of their teeth
- Patients in need of a cleaning OR think they have cavities

If you are interested, please call or text 717-902-9771.

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

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://congregationohrtorah.org/minyanwhatsapp>

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

Va'era: The Rav and the Rebbe

Rabbi Aharon Ziegler is the Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Agudath Achim of Boro Park and the Dean and Rosh Kollel of Kollel Agudath Achim. A student of The Rav for many years, he is the author of six volumes of Halakhic Positions of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. He is a close family member of Rebetzen Debra Spivak. We wish him a refuah shelayma.

Rabbi Aharon Ziegler

In most places of the Torah when Moshe and Aharon are mentioned together it is Moshe's name that the Torah records first and then that of Aharon. In our parasha [see 6:26] Aharon's name appears first, "Hu Aharon U'Moshe" "That is Aharon and Moshe". Rashi suggests that these variations come to indicate that Moshe and Aharon were equal.

Rav Soloveitchik noted that a pattern of dual leadership seems to have prevailed during major periods of Jewish history. It began with Moshe and Aharon and is exemplified today by the Rav and the Chassidic Rebbe. Moshe was the Master Teacher. He was not called a king, although he exercised royal authority [see Devarim 33:5, Vayehi Bishurun Melech], he was called Moshe Rabbeinu. Aharon, who served alongside Moshe, was not only a Kohen Gadol, but a teacher as well. In describing the role of the Kohen, the Navi Malachi [2:7] declared, "For a Kohen's lips shall guard knowledge, and teaching should be sought from his mouth."

Both Moshe and Aharon were teachers, but their methods and personalities differed. Both led their communities along righteous paths and made sacrifices for their welfare, but their emphases varied. The Master Teacher addresses himself to the mind. He engages the intellect, analyzing, classifying the details of Halacha with precision. Moshe, the Rambam, the Vilna Gaon and Rav Chaim Soloveitchik reflect the Master Teacher type. Aharon was more of a Rebbe Teacher. Even as he deals with the text, he focuses his attention upon the intangible soul of the Torah. The Torah, like a human being, has [according to the Zohar] both a physical "body" which is the text, and a "soul" which can be felt but not understood by the average person. It is mysterious and can only be understood by one who studies with his heart as well as with his mind. One who sings and dances praises to G_D with his body and soul can achieve

the same closeness to G_D as the Talmid Chacham [Torah Scholar].

The Master Teacher speaks to a select few, for not all are capable of being scholars, or qualified to understand the abstract halachot or scientific concepts. The Rebbe Teacher is a leader of the masses, for all Jews possess sensitive souls and seek G_D. Chassidism teaches that every Jew, even the non-scholar is capable of finding HaShem. Hence, the teaching of the Rebbe Teacher is accessible to all, while the Master teacher confines himself to the Bet Midrash, speaking primarily to the scholars, the lamdanim.

Moshe was a model of the Rav, Aharon of the Rebbe. Moshe was a Kvad Peh, a non-verbal person, not given to small talk, and easy socializing. He was Rabbeinu, primarily a teacher to Yehoshua, his successor, to the elders of Israel, and to those who were qualified to understand the intricacies of Torah and Halacha. Aharon was closer to the masses, and easier to talk to. That is why when Moshe dies, it states [Devarim 34:8] "Vayivku Bnei Yisrael Et Moshe Shloshim Yom". But when Aharon died, we find [Bamidbar 20:29] "Vayivku kol Bnei Yisrael Et Aharon Shloshim Yom". By Moshe, Bnei Yisrael wept, but by Aharon, ALL Bnei Yisrael wept; for Aharon belonged to the masses.

Nowadays, the Rav has absorbed many of the qualities of the Rebbe; not only teaching, but coming close to the people. While the Rebbe now also emphasizes scholarship and intellect. The classic differences are still there, but the demarcation lines are at times blurred. Jewish leadership is most effective when it combines the mind and the heart in the service of HaShem. And Jewish greatness is manifest when our unity is accentuated and our differences are blurred.

Shabbat Shalom, from Deerfield Beach, Florida,

Rabbi Aharon Ziegler

A regular feature of the newsletter is to have different people write a D'var Torah for the newsletter. This week we are again featuring a guest Rabbi from another Shul, Rabbi Aharon Ziegler, a noted author and expert on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. 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 Rabbi@congregationohrtorah.org 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**

OHR TORAH CPR CLASS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH
AT OHR TORAH**

The Ohr Torah Sisterhood presented a heart-saving, life-saving class on CPR with a certified instructor from the American Heart Association. They learned how to use a defibrillator, administer CPR, give the Heimlich Maneuver, and administer First Aid. Pictures thanks to Bertha Sharret.



The World Zionist Congress elections have begun. The major US Orthodox organizations are running together as the **Orthodox Israel Coalition**. 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 shlit"z headlines the slate. Click here 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.



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FOLLOWED BY Q&A

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

8:00pm

Congregation AABJ&D, 700 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ

Television newscaster, Sivan Rahav Meir, and radio personality, Yedidya Meir, are an Israeli power couple. Sivan was included by Forbes magazine in their list of the 50 most influential women in Israel, and listed by the Jerusalem Post as one of the 50 most influential Jews in the world. Her weekly lecture is watched online by thousands of people around the world.

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Cookie Decorating Workshop

Sunday, February 16th, 10 a.m.

270 Pleasant Valley Way

Cost: \$12 per person

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(post bat-mitzvah young women welcome)

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