



24 - 30 Shevat, 5784 March 9 - March 15 2024

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SHABBAT KIDDUSH: Kiddush is sponsored by the Ohr Torah Youth Department in honor of the completion of Mishnah Shabbos. [Click here to contribute for this week](#) or see page 4 for details. To sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or Seudah Sh'lishit at the Shul, please contact Tami Lefkovits

at office@congregationohrtorah.org.

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RABBI'S SHI'URIM: Follow Rabbi Marc Spivak's Weekly Zoom Shi'urim on Wednesday evenings. The time will be announced through an Ohr Torah emailing. Many of Rabbi Spivak's weekly Shi'urim can be found on his YouTube channel. The shi'ur will be available on the following Zoom link:

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

ENTER KOLLEL: The Essex Network for Torah EnRichment (ENTER) at Ohr Torah every Monday through Thursday at 8:30pm each week. You can pick your own time slot for learning. Free cholent as you learn about the Parsha on Thursday nights! See the ads on pages 8 and 9.

NEW WOMENS' TORAH LEARNING SERIES: "Think you know all about the Jewish holidays? or would you like to discover more?"

Join us on zoom, Monday evenings at 8:30-9:15PM with Nava Eisenberg, Rebbetzin, and teacher for ENTER and faculty Tanach teacher, RKYHS. Nava will introduce writings by Rav Shimshon Pincus that will deepen your understanding of Rosh Chodesh, Purim and Pesach to make this year more meaningful for all.

Rav Shimshon Pincus, (1944-2001), was the beloved Chief Rabbi of Ofakim from 1981-2001. After his passing in 2001 at age 56, his venerated teachings were compiled into the series, "Nefesh Shimshon."

March 11-Rosh Chodesh Adar Bet, March 18-Purim and Megillat Esther, March 25 & April 1-tba, April 8-Rosh Chodesh Nissan

Zoom link: <https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/zoom>

SHABBAT LEARNING PROGRAM: Between Mincha and Maariv, we will join the Tzurba Hilchot Shabbat Program. The program will learn all of Hilchot Shabbat in 2 years. Participants can take tests and get certificates on their expertise of Hilchot Shabbat. A review session will be setup before the exam. Books will be provided to all participants (bought by the shul). We are looking for sponsors for the books and for future books. Contact Rabbi Spivak at spivakm@gmail.com to sign up or sponsor.

OHR TORAH SHABBAT CHILDREN'S GROUPS: Children ages 6 and younger meet in our Torah Tots room while those ages 7 and older meet in our youth lounge. See page 7 for info on our Tot Shabbat program. Groups include age appropriate davening, Parshah trivia, and prizes. Parents are expected to pick their children up as soon as davening ends. For more info, any questions, email our youth director:

OhrTorahYouthDirector@gmail.com.

Schedule 03/09 – 03/15

03/08 Erev Shabbat, Friday

Shacharit	7:30am
Candle Lighting	5:39pm
Mincha/Maariv	5:45pm
Shkia	5:57pm

03/09 Shabbat

Shabbat Mevarchim

Shacharit	9:00am
Latest Shema	9:11am
Mincha	5:35pm
Maariv	6:29pm
Shabbat ends	6:39pm

03/10 Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Adar II

Shacharit	8:15am
Mincha/Maariv	6:50pm

03/11 Monday

Rosh Chodesh Adar II

Shacharit	7:10am
Mincha/Maariv	6:50pm
Late Maariv	10:00pm

03/12 Tuesday, 03/13 Wednesday

Shacharit	7:30am
Mincha/Maariv	6:50pm
Maariv	10:00pm

03/14 Thursday

Shacharit	7:20am
Mincha/Maariv	6:50pm
Late Maariv	10:00pm

03/15 Friday Erev Shabbat

Shacharit	7:30am
Candle Lighting	6:46pm
Mincha/Maariv	6:50pm
Shkia	7:04pm

Unveiling for Dr. Mark Grebenau

Sunday March 10 at 12noon

Rabbi Teitz Cemetery,

Floral Ave, Newark

For more info, contact Ruth Grebenau by email or text.

YAHREZITS March 9 - March 15



29 Adar I: Raphael Sharret for his Mother, Leah bat Raphael, Leah Sharret, on Shabbat, March 9

2 Adar II: Larry Goldberg for his Mother, Aliza Geula bat H'Rav Yisroel Avraham Abba, Aliza Geula Goldberg, on Tuesday, March 12

3 Adar II: Elia Weixelbaum for his Late Wife Stephanie's Mother, Chaya Leah bat Yudel, Lillian Shatkin, on Wednesday, March 13

4 Adar II: Jack Rosen for his Grandfather, Avraham ben Benjamin Ha'Cohen, Abraham Perel, on Thursday, March 14

4 Adar II: Jacki Routhenstein for her Grandmother, Sarah Miriam bat Yaakov, Sally Wagner, on Thursday, March 14

5 Adar II: Sam Goldfischer for his Uncle, Dovid ben Yosef Ha'Levi, David Goldfischer, on Friday, March 15

MAY THEIR NESHAMOT HAVE AN ALIYAH

For changes/corrections to this list, please contact Tami Lefkovits or send an e-mail to :

office@congregationohrtrah.org

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.

Sisterhood Tehillim Group Thank you to individuals saying Tehillim for the health, safety, and unity of Am Yisrael. Contact Debbie Druce for more info.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Items for the Newsletter must be submitted before 4:00pm on the Wednesday before publication date.

Anything submitted after that time will be considered for the following issue. We also encourage our members to include a picture with their Mazal Tov announcements. Due to space considerations, Mazal Tov announcements are limited to fifty words. Please email items to:

shabbatnewsletter@congregationohrtrah.org

Ohr Torah maintains **WhatsApp groups** to facilitate communication in certain areas. These groups may be joined by visiting their associated links (below) on your mobile phone or MAC/PC (be sure WhatsApp is already installed) and tapping the "Join Chat" button or emailing their admins with the phone number you use with WhatsApp so they can add you to the group(s) manually.

For General Announcements:

<https://congregationohrtrah.org/whatsapp>

Adminstrators:

Tami Lefkovits (office@congregationohrtrah.org)

David Goldstein (davesmail@golddave.com)

Weekday Minyan: Help us ensure we always have a minyan by joining the WhatsApp group for alerts when we need more people.

<https://congregationohrtrah.org/minyanwhatsapp>

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Shiva Minyan: This group is used to help facilitate sign-ups for Shiva minyanim in the unfortunate event that an Ohr Torah member is in need of one.

<https://congregationohrtrah.org/shivaminyan>

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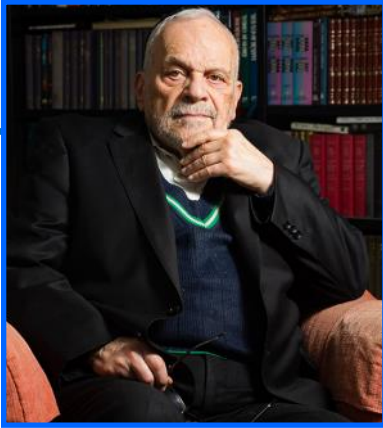
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TORAH THOUGHT: Vayakhel



By Rabbi Berel Wein

Rashi points out that the opening portion of this week's Torah reading was transmitted by Moshe to the

entire Jewish people in public, when they were all gathered. These laws of the Sabbath that represent one of the core pillars of Judaism – the observance of the Sabbath day as a day of rest and spirituality – were communicated to everyone in a public venue. No one was obligated to hear it second hand, and take the word of anyone else, regarding the proper method of observance of the Sabbath day.

Everyone heard the instructions simultaneously and clearly, publicly, and definitively. The observance of the Sabbath day has, to a great extent, been counted by other cultures as faith at its essence and remains a uniquely Jewish idea and code of behavior. The idea of a day of rest from the toil of the week has certainly been adapted by most of human civilization. However, the methodology of defining and implementing such an abstract idea as a day of rest into reality remains wholly within the purview of Jewish tradition and Torah observance.

There is, perhaps, no more striking mark of absolute Jewish identity that exists in our society than that of observing, sanctifying, and enjoying the Sabbath day. It is a truism said by a Jewish 19th century popular thinker, that more than the Jews guarded and preserved the Sabbath, the Sabbath guarded and pre-

served the Jewish people. To emphasize this point, the Torah teaches us that the Shabbat not only preserves the sanctity and spirit of the individual Jew, but, since it was given publicly with everyone gathered to hear its message, it is also the guarantor for the preservation of all Jewish society and the people of Israel throughout the ages.

The fact that the Sabbath was so publicly explained and detailed, teaches us another important lesson regarding Jewish life in Jewish society. There are commandments in the Torah that can rightfully be described as private and personal. The Sabbath, however, has not only a private face to it, but a public one as well. The Jews are commanded to keep the Sabbath in their private homes, but there must also be a public Sabbath, so to speak. It must be apparent on the Jewish Street that the Sabbath has arrived and is present.

Public desecration of the Sabbath by individual Jews was a far more damaging sort of behavior than the violation of other precepts in the privacy of one's home. Part of the struggle here in the State of Israel is for the growth and influence of the public Sabbath to be maintained, as part of the Jewish identity for all Jews who live here in our ancient home. Denying the concept of Shabbat to maintain total freedom of each individual is like a person who drills a hole under his or her seat on a ship and claims it will not affect anyone else. It is the public Sabbath as much as the private one that guarantees the survival of Jewish society and the Jewish state as well.

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Please join us on March 23, 2024, Parshat Zachor, at
shuls throughout West Orange to hear from West Or-
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**Over the past three months, our youth have been learn-
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In honor of completing the 24th and final chapter this past
Friday, the Ohr Torah youth department is sponsoring a
special kiddush in honor of all the kids who completed it.

Show your support for our children who are learning and
the rest of our youth programming by sponsoring kiddush
at one of the following recommended levels: \$36 \$50
\$75 \$100

Sponsor at <https://www.congregationohrtorah.org/youth-donations.html>

PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF ISRAEL

מי שברך לחיילי צה"ל

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב, הוא יברך את חילי צבא הגנה לישראל ואנשי כוחות הבטחון, העומדים על משמר ארצנו וערי א-להינו, מגבול הלבנון ועד מדבר מצרים, ומן הים הגדול עד לבוא הערבה, ביבשה באויר ובים. יתן ה' את אויבינו הקמים עלינו נגפים לפנייהם. הקדוש ברוך הוא ישמר ויציל את חילינו מכל צרה וצוקה, ומכל נגע ומחלה, וישלח ברכה והצלחה בכל מעשה ידיהם. ידבר שונאינו תחתיהם, ויעטרם בכתר ישועה ובעטרת נצחון. ויקים בָּהֶם הַפֶּתוּב: "כִּי ה' אֱ-לֹהֵיכֶם הֵהָלֹךְ עִמָּכֶם, לְהַלְחֵם לָכֶם עִם אוֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם". וְנֹאמַר "אָמֵן".

He Who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob -- may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our G-d, from the border of the Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea

May the Almighty cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighters from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor

May He lead our enemies under our soldiers' sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: For it is the L-rd your G-d, Who goes with you to battle your enemies for you to save you. Now let us respond: Amen

PRAYER FOR THE CAPTIVES (HOSTAGES)

מי שברך לשבויים

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב יוסף משה ואהרן דוד ושלמה, הוא יברך וישמר וינצור את נעדרי צבא הגנה לישראל ושבויי, ואת כל אחינו הנתונים בצרה ובשביה. בעבור שהקהל מתפלל בעבורם, הקדוש ברוך הוא ימלא רחמים עליהם, יוציאם מחשך וצלמות, ומוסרותיהם ינתק, וממצוקותיהם יושיעם, וישיבם מהרה לחיק משפחותיהם. "יודו לה' חסדו ונפלאותיו לבני אדם". ויקים בָּהֶם מִקְרָא שְׁפֹתוֹב: "וּפְדוּיֵי ה' יִשׁוּבוּן וּבָאוּ צִיּוֹן בִּרְנָה וְשִׁמְחַת עוֹלָם עַל רִאשָׁם. שָׁשׂוֹן וְשִׁמְחָה יִשְׁיִגּוּ וְנָסוּ יָגוֹן וְאַנְחָה" וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן.

May he who blessed Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Joseph, Moses and Aaron, David, and Solomon, bless, protect, guard the members of the Israel's Defense Forces missing in action or held in captivity, and other captives among our brethren, the entire house of Israel, who are in distress or in captivity, as we, the members of this holy congregation, pray in their behalf. May the Holy One, blessed is He, have compassion on them and bring them out from the darkness and the shadow of death; may He break their bonds, deliver them from their distress, and bring them quickly back to the embrace of their families. Give thanks to the L-rd for his loving kindness and for the wonders He performs for the children of man; and may they there be fulfilled in them the verse, "Those redeemed by the L-rd will return. They will enter Zion with singing, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness, happiness will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

Now let us respond, "Amen."

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Purim info– more to come!

Thurs. Mar. 21 Ta'anit Ester, 11 Adar

Saturday, March 23

Motzei Shabbat- Purim Melava Malka

Refreshments, Lawn outdoor games for everyone! Come in costume.

Sunday March 24, 2024

Purim Day-14 Adar Bet-

Megillah Readings:

8:15AM-Shacharit and first megillah reading

Second Megillah reading TBD

Youth program @ 10:30AM (during the megillah reading)

"The Messy Chef, A Culinary Magic Show"

Rabbi Marc Spivak is collecting for Matanot L'Evyonim to be distributed on Purim. This year Purim falls out on Sunday, March 24th. Please contribute with an open heart.

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