

CONGREGATION BETH AARON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parshat Tazria/ha-Chodesh

April 5-6, 2019

1 Nisan 5779

SHABBAT TIMES

Friday, April 5

Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:50 p.m.

Earliest Candles: 6:05 p.m.

Latest Candles: 7:06 p.m.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 7:10 p.m.

Shabbat, April 6

Early *Hashkama Minyan*: 7:15 a.m.

Hashkama Minyan: 7:30 a.m.

Nach shiur: 8:20 a.m.

Main *Minyan*: 8:45 a.m.

Youth *Minyan*: 9:15 a.m.

Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:45 a.m.

Early *Mincha*: 1:45 p.m.

Rabbi Rothwachs' special *shiur*: 5:00 p.m., in the Social Hall, "Everything You Need to Know about Cleaning for *Pesach*..."

Daf Yomi: 5:50 p.m.

Women's Learning: 5:50 p.m., in the Social Hall, *Megillat Esther*, Chapters 1-2, led by Rivka Herzfeld and Mollie Fisch

Meir Hirsch's *shiur*: 6:00 p.m.

5th/6th Grade Boys' *Mishna* Group: 6:30 p.m., in the Book Room

Mincha: 7:00 p.m., followed by a *shiur* by Rabbi Sason Gabay, "It's a Miracle! Or Is It? An Examination of Miracles from *Halacha* and *Hashkafa*"

Maariv: 8:06 p.m.

Havdalah: 8:15 p.m.

Friday, April 12:

Earliest Candles: 6:10 p.m.

Latest Candles: 7:14 p.m.

This week's announcements are sponsored by Lamdeinu.

For information on their schedule of classes, see page 4 and go to lamdeinu.org.

Study in depth; be inspired!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Earliest <i>Tallit</i>	5:31	5:29	5:27	5:26	5:24	5:23
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30 MS 7:15 MS 8:00 MS 8:45 MS	5:40 SH 6:20 BM 7:10 BM 8:00 BM	5:55 MS 6:30 BM 7:15 MS 8:00 BM	5:55 MS 6:30 BM 7:15 BM 8:00 BM	5:40 SH 6:20 BM 7:10 BM 8:00 BM	5:55 SH 6:30 BM 7:15 BM 8:00 BM
<i>Mincha</i>	1:45 BM					
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	7:15 MS	7:15 BM	7:15 BM	7:15 BM	7:15 BM	5:55 BM 7:20 MS
<i>Maariv</i>	9:30 BM	9:30 BM	9:30 BM	9:30 BM	9:30 BM	

KEY: MS = Main Shul BM = Beit Midrash SH = Social Hall

MAZAL TOV TO

- **Pearl & Moshe Markovitz**, on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their grandson Joshua Markovitz. *Mazal Tov* also to Joshua's parents, Shari & Dr. Jacob Markovitz of Bergenfield; to his maternal grandparents, Judy & Sheldon David; and to the entire Markovitz family in Teaneck-Bergenfield.
- **Miriam & Perry Tirschwell**, on the engagement of their daughter Hedva to Josh Azar of Teaneck.
- **Michaëlle & Abe Zerykier**, on the birth of their granddaughter ברכה אדרת (Bracha Aderet), born to their children Jordana & Yonah Zerykier of Paramus. *Mazal Tov* also to big brother Caleb.

MEN'S CLUB KIDDUSH

The *Kiddush* following the Early *Haskhama Minyan* is sponsored by Rachel & Yitzchok Furst, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* this *Shabbat*, 1 *Nisan*, of Yitzchok's maternal grandfather, Meir Tzemach Dundon, Meir Tzemach ben Shelayim.

This week's Men's Club *Kiddush* following the Main *Minyan* is sponsored by:

L'Chaim Sponsors:

- **Evie & Alden Leifer**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Alden's mother, Trudy Leifer, Gittel bat Shlomo Yaakov *ha-Levi*, *a"h*.
- **Pearl & Moshe Markovitz**, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of their grandson Joshua Markovitz.
- **Stephanie & Jerry Shapiro**, in memory of Jerry's father, Rabbi Morris Shapiro, *ha-Rav* Mordechai ben Naphtali Menachem Mendel.
- **Miriam & Menachem Shapiro**, *le-illui nishmat* Shulamit Leah bat Chaim Dov (commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Menachem's sister, Stephanie Shapiro).

Mezonot Sponsors:

- **Joy & Rob Sperber**, commemorating the second *yahrtzeit*, on 11 *Nisan*, of Rob's father, Henry Sperber, Zvi ben Yosef.

Thank you to the **Leifer** and **Shapiro** (Miriam & Menachem) families for enhancing this week's *Kiddush*.

If you are celebrating a *simcha*, commemorating a *yahrtzeit*, or simply want to say "thank you," consider sponsoring an upcoming *Kiddush* following either the *Haskhama Minyan* or the Main *Minyan*. To become a sponsor, please go to www.bethaaron.org/kiddush. For questions, please contact Ari Gononsky at kiddush@bethaaron.org.

SHABBAT HAGADOL MEALS

On *Shabbat ha-Gadol*, next Friday, April 12, and *Shabbat*, April 13, the Men's Club is offering **pre-Pesach meals**. At the Friday night meal, Chinese food will be served. The price is \$15 per adult or teen (ages 14-17), and \$7 per child (2-13). For the regular *Shabbat* lunch, prices are \$25 per adult or teen (ages 14-17), and \$8 per child (2-13). **The registration deadline is this Sunday, April 7, at 8:00 p.m.** Thank you to our sponsors, **Heather & Mark Benjamin**, **Carmela & Jack Rosenbaum**, and **Yacha & Moishe Singer**. Please note the sponsorship level determines whether one or two meals are included. To sign up for either or both meals, or to become a sponsor, please go to www.bethaaron.org/shabboshagadol.

On *Shabbat*, the *shul* elevator will operate in *Shabbat* mode as follows:

Friday:

5:45-8:30 p.m.

Shabbat:

7:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

1:30-2:30 p.m., 5:40-8:00 p.m.

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PARNAS HAYOM

Dedicate a day of learning at Beth Aaron on the occasion of a *yahrtzeit*, in the *zechut* of a *refuah shelaima*, or in honor of a *simcha*, a birthday or any other occasion. Each week's dedications are prominently displayed in the *shul* lobby and sent out to the membership via email. For more information, or to sign up, please go to www.bethaaron.org/parnashayom.

This week's *Parnas Hayom* sponsors are:

- **Shabbat, 1 Nisan: Evie & Alden Leifer**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Alden's mother, Trudy Leifer, Gittel bat Shlomo Yakov *ha-Levi*.
- **Monday, 3 Nisan: Shoshana & Dov Glickman**, commemorating the first *yahrtzeit* of Dov's father, *ha-Rav* Ozer Yeshaya ben Dov *ha-Kohen z"l*.
- **Wednesday, 5 Nisan: Marsha & Herbert Edelman**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Marsha's mother, Judith Bryan, Yehudit Chana bat Yaakov.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation Beth Aaron is taking part this *Shabbat*, April 6, in Yesh Tikva's Fourth Annual Infertility Awareness *Shabbat*.

The **early Hashkama Minyan** will meet this *Shabbat*, April 6, at 7:15 a.m. A sponsored *Kiddush* will follow *davening*. We are planning the scheduling of this *Minyan* after *Pesach* and need additional people to join the *laining* rotation. To join the rotation, contact Josh Dubin, jedubin@gmail.com, or Moishe B. Singer, moishe@gmail.com. We also are looking for sponsors for *kiddushim* following this *Minyan*. Contact Moishe B. Singer, moishe@gmail.com, to sponsor or to donate towards a *kiddush*.

This *Shabbat*, April 6, at 5:00 p.m., **Rabbi Rothwachs will offer a special shiur on Pesach preparation**, "Everything You Need to Know about Cleaning for *Pesach*..."

The topic for this week's *Shivti seder limud* is "The Obligation of *Simcha* on *Yom Tov* Nights" Rabbi Sason Gabay will lead the *shiur* and the *chabura* before the *shiur*. The program is held on Sunday mornings in the *Beit Midrash*, beginning at 9:00 a.m. A light breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m. Each Sunday morning program typically will be independent from the previous and subsequent programs. Thank you to our sponsors **Evie & Alden Leifer**, in memory of Gittel bat Shlomo Yaakov *ha-Levi*, Chaim ben Nachman Moshe, and Avraham Yosef ben Shmuel *ha-Levi*; **an anonymous sponsor**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Shulamit Leah bat Chaim Dov; and **another anonymous donor** for their sponsorship of the April learning and breakfasts. A WhatsApp group has been created for *Shivti* program attendees. To be added to the list, or for more information about the program, please contact Mordy Ungar, 201-741-3920, m_ungar2@yahoo.com.

Sisterhood and Lamdeinu are co-sponsoring a free pre-*Pesach shiur* with **Miriam Krupka Berger** this Tuesday, April 9, at 8:00 p.m., in the *shul*. Her topic will be "The Four Loves of *Shir ha-Shirim*: Can We Be Friends with God?" The program is open to both men and women. Light refreshments will be served.

Rabbi Baruch Simon, *Rosh Yeshiva* at RIETS, will offer a Pre-*Pesach shiur* this Thursday, April 11, at 8:15 p.m. His topic will be "*Haggadah* Insights: *Torah* for the *Seder*." Thank you to our sponsors, **Dalya & Dovid Levy**, in memory of Dovid's mother, Lillian Levy *a"h*, Gittel bat Moshe, whose *yahrtzeit* is Friday, 7 *Nisan*; **Rani & Paul Lustiger**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Rani's father, Zev ben Aryeh Leib *z"l*; and **Barbara & Neal Yaros**, commemorating the upcoming *yahrtzeits* of Barbara's mother, Shifra Feiga bat Gidalya, and Neal's

father, Tzvi Meir ben Avraham Pinchas *ha-Kohen*. To add your name to the list of sponsors, please go to www.bethaaron.org/event/SimonPesach2019 or contact Paul Lustiger, plustiger@gmail.com.

If you are interested in making a *siyum on Erev Pesach*, Friday, April 19 (or if you already are planning on doing so), please let Rabbi Rothwachs know, rabbi@bethaaron.org.

Become a sponsor for Sisterhood's May 5 Pre-Shavuot cooking demonstration with kosher food personality Victoria Dwek, the co-author of many cookbooks, including the "Made Easy" cookbook series, "Everyday Secret Restaurant Recipes," and "Secret Restaurant Recipes." To become a sponsor, contact Sisterhood Co-Presidents Debby Sheffey and Gabrielle Silverberg, sisterhood@bethaaron.org.

Please note updated time: The Sisterhood Book Club will next meet on *Shabbat*, May 11, at 4:45 p.m., at the Frazer home, 286 Edgemont Terrace, to discuss *Two She-Bears*, by Meir Shalev.

SPECIAL PESACH SHIURIM, OPEN TO ALL

For the next two weeks, Rabbi Rothwachs' weekly Wednesday *Sanhedrin shiur* will feature topics related to *Pesach*. All are invited and encouraged to attend these *shiurim*.

- Wednesday, April 10, at 8:30 p.m.: "March to a Different Tune: A Closer Look at *Hallel* on the Night of the *Seder*"
- Wednesday, April 17, at 8:30 p.m.: "Eating to Live or Living to Eat: The Paradoxical Message of *Matza*"

PLEASE SAY TEHILLIM FOR HANANIA WEISSLER

Hanania Weissler was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. This illness is treatable with chemotherapy (plus immunotherapy) over a period of about 6 months. His doctors at Shaarei Tzedek Hospital are optimistic about his recovery. Following is a link to say chapters of *Tehillim* for חנה דבורה בן חנה דבורה, Hanania Avraham *ha-Kohen* ben Chana Devorah. It would mean a great deal to us if you would go to the link and pray for Hanania by reciting the chapters of *Tehillim* presented to you. The link can be read in English or Hebrew. To change the language, press the triangle in the box on the top. You can also read the *Tehillim* transliterated into English by pressing that button immediately below the chapter number. Also please have Hanania in mind in your *tefilot*.

Please feel free to share. Thank you very much.

<https://new.tehilimyahad.com/mr.jsp?r=kCfaOT012>

BETH AARON YOUTH and JUNIOR HIGH

The Youth Department will hold its annual **Pre-Pesach Chocolate Seder** this *Shabbat*, April 6, during *Shabbat* Morning Groups. Chocoholics in Nursery-5th grade will participate in a mock *Pesach Seder* using only chocolate food items. All chocolate will be nut-free. Contact youth@bethaaron.org to sponsor this program.

The 5th and 6th grade Boys' Mishna Group will meet this *Shabbat*, April 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the Book Room. The group is learning *Masechet Pesachim* with Rabbi Rothwachs and meets weekly on *Shabbat* afternoons, 30 minutes before *Mincha*.

Join us for a **Pre-Pesach Youth event** for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade on Sunday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at Urban Air, 69 Wesley Street, South Hackensack. The cost is \$25 until this Sunday, April 7 and \$30 afterwards. The price includes Urban Air socks and a pizza lunch. Space is limited! Reserve your spot at www.rinat.org/form/youth-pre-pesach-event-2019.html.

For more information about youth programs, contact Youth Directors Erica and Jason David, 732-618-9473, youth@bethaaron.org.

PESACH AT CONGREGATION BETH AARON

PESACH GUIDE

The Guide is available online at www.bethaaron.org/passover, and there are copies in the lobby.

SHMURA MATZA

Sisterhood is selling *Shmura Matza* from the Shatzer *Matza* Factory in Brooklyn, offering regular, whole wheat, gluten-free oat, and spelt *matza*. The deadline for orders is this Thursday, April 11. Pickup for all orders will be Tuesday, April 16, at the Yaros home, 910 Prince Street, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Order online at www.bethaaron.org/event/matza19 or pick up an order form in the *shul* lobby.

MECHIRAT CHAMETZ

The Rabbi will be in the *shul* office to arrange to serve as your agent for the selling of your *chametz* at the following times:

- Sunday, April 7: 7:15 to 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 8: 7:45 to 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 14: 7:15 to 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, April 14: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 15: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

MAOT CHITTIM

"*Maot Chittim*" refers to the centuries-old custom of gathering wheat to provide the poor with *matza* and other items for the observance of *Pesach*. Donate at www.bethaaron.org/rdf.

PESACH HOSPITALITY

The *Pesach* hospitality campaign has begun. If you or someone you know would like to be a host or guest, please fill out the form in the lobby or contact Joshua Zakheim, jhz.is.us@gmail.com, 646-881-3452. "Don't be shy, apply!"

KASHERING OF UTENSILS FOR PESACH

Kashering of utensils for *Pesach* will take place at the *shul* on Sunday, April 14, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

CLEANING THE SHUL FOR PESACH

In preparation for cleaning the *shul* for *Pesach*, please remove all belongings from the coatrooms by Sunday, April 14. Anything remaining will be donated to charity or thrown away. No *chametz* may be brought into the building after that date. Please help us clean by returning all *siddurim* and *chumashim* to the bookshelves and removing all items, including handouts, from the *shtenders* in the Main *Shul*.

WEEKLY SHIURIM AT CONGREGATION BETH AARON

- *Daf Yomi*: For *Daf Yomi shiurim* and resources in Teaneck, go to www.teaneckshuls.org/daf/.
- *Daf Yomi shiur*: Monday-Thursday evenings, at 9:45 p.m.
- *Daf ha-Shavua*: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:55 p.m. Sunday morning *chazara shiur* at 7:55 a.m. on the previous week's *daf*. *Shiurim* will be given by Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, Rabbi Yair Hindin, and David Schnaidman.
- *Tanya shiur* by Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg: Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m.
- Rabbi Rothwachs' *Sanhedrin shiur*: Wednesdays, at 8:30 p.m.
- Morning *Mishna Chabura*: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 a.m.; Monday, Thursday: 6:55 a.m.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This *Shabbat*, April 6, at 4:30 p.m., at the Knoll home, 721 Carroll Place, there will be an **Infertility Awareness Lecture for Women**. The speakers include Reva Judas of Nechama Comfort, psychologist Dr. Talia Hindin, and a personal account from a community member.

This *Shabbat*, April 6, at the *Seudah Shlishit* following the 6:55 p.m. *Mincha* at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, **Rabbi Dr. Reuven Mohl** will speak on the new *Faith and Freedom Passover Haggadah*, which he compiled and edited, taken from the writings of Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, z"l.

This *Motzaei Shabbat*, April 6, at 9:30 p.m., at the Hilbert home, 391 Hillcrest Road, Englewood, there will be a pre-*Pesach* evening to benefit **Pantry Packers**, the food distribution arm of Tzedakah Central/Colel Chabad, the oldest continuously operating network of social services in Israel.

This Sunday, April 7, at 8:00 a.m., at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, 641 West Englewood Avenue, the **new monthly community-wide kavana minyan** will meet. The *minyan's* main purpose is a slowed-down *Shacharit* to promote, at least once a month, an opportunity to *daven* with *kavana*, have a closer connection to *Hashem* during this monthly endeavor, and focus on what we are saying instead of being on autopilot. The *davening* is expected to be finished no later than 9:00 a.m.

This Sunday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Jewish Center of Teaneck, 70 Sterling Place, **Yad Leah will hold a Clothing Drive for Israel**. In addition to clothing in excellent condition, they also need gently-used linens, towels, tablecloths, handbags, backpacks, shoes, and all outerwear. For more information, contact info@yadleah.org or 973-955-0861.

This Sunday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m., at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, **Project S.A.R.A.H (Stop Abusive Relationships At Home) will hold its Annual Breakfast**. Author Saranne Rothberg will speak on "How to Use Humor, Laughter, and Play as Your Personal Stressbusters." The event is free; babysitting and valet parking will be provided. Project S.A.R.A.H. provides services and resources for Jewish victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse throughout the state of New Jersey. For reservations, go to www.ProjectSARAH.org.

This Sunday, April 7, beginning at 1:45 p.m., at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 109 East 42nd Street, New York City, there will be a leadership and education conference in honor of **Yeshivat Har Etzion's** 50th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of **Stella K. Abraham Beit Midrash for Women at Migdal Oz**. A celebratory dinner will follow the conference. Please go to www.thegushdinner.org for complete details and registration. For more information, please contact the Etzion office, 212-732-4874 or usoffice@haretzion.org.

This Tuesday, April 9, at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, 641 West Englewood Avenue, the **Teaneck Orthodox Retiree Association (TORA) will hold a pre-Pesach lunch and lecture** with Rabbi Zev Goldberg of the Young Israel of Fort Lee. His topic will be "Ten Inspirational Ideas to Share at Your *Seder*." Lunch will begin at Noon and the lecture at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$12 for those who register by 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 7, and \$15 afterwards. To register, please email mkarlin@aol.com with the names of those who will be attending or go to www.bnaiyeshurun.org/tora.

This Tuesday, April 9, at Noon, at Congregation Ahavath Torah, 240 Broad Avenue, Englewood, the *Dor L'Dor* group is sponsoring a **Pre-Passover Lunch and Learn**, with Rabbi Chaim Poupkoff discussing "*Haggadah* Highlights." There also will be a Mini Pre-Passover

Boutique. The cost is \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door. To register, contact dorldor@ahavathtorah.org or call Eileen at 201-569-4560.

This Thursday, April 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Torah Academy of Bergen County, 1600 Queen Anne Road, there will be a **Spring Blood Drive**. To sign up, contact Linda Cohen, 201-837-7696, ext. 106. Parental consent is required for 16- and 17-year-olds. Walk-ins are welcome. Please eat before donating and bring ID.

This Thursday, April 11, at 8:30 p.m., at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Avenue, **Rabbi Sason Gabay** will speak on "*Birchat ha-Nisim: Where and When Is It Applicable?*"

Free large print Haggadot are available from the JBI Library by calling 1-800-999-6476 by next Friday, April 12.

Tomchei Shabbos of Bergen County is collecting the 5-pound boxes of matza given for free by various supermarkets. Please drop the boxes off at 421 Churchill Road (side room by the driveway).

On Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., at Teaneck High School, 100 Elizabeth Avenue, the Jewish Community Council of Teaneck will hold its **annual Yom Hashoa observance**. The speaker is Toby Levy, whose family was hidden in the barn of a former Polish employee until they were liberated in 1944. The Holocaust Commemoration Committee is seeking **Holocaust survivors as well as Second and Third Generations to participate in the candle lighting portion of the program**. For more information, contact Jeanette Malca, 201-248-4648, jmalca44@gmail.com. For more information, please visit www.teaneckyomhashoa.org.

On Sunday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m., at Yeshivat He'Atid, 1500 Queen Anne Rd, Teaneck, there will be a symposium on "**Mental Health and Addiction: Eliminating Stigma**." The keynote address will be given by Dr. Norman Blumenthal and Lisa Twerski, LCSW. For more information, e-mail time2talkaddiction@gmail.com or go to www.time2talkaddiction.org.

On Sunday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m., at the Horn home, 465 Winthrop Road, **NCSY will hold its Annual Bergen County Scholarship Breakfast**. Among the honorees are **Nechama & Steven Pudell**. For more information, contact 201-862-0250.

On Tuesday, May 21, **NORPAC will hold its annual Mission to Washington, DC**. Visit Congress and advocate for Israel! Register now at www.norpac.net. Students under 18 must be accompanied by an adult relative. If you have any questions, wish to sponsor someone confidentially, or need a sponsorship, please contact Mollie Fisch, mkfisch@verizon.net.

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<i>New Angles on Sefer Tehillim</i>	<i>Complex Questions of Women's</i>
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COMMUNITY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

This Sunday, April 7, Yeshiva University's *Kollel Yom Rishon*, weekly free learning for men, and its *Midreshet Yom Rishon*, weekly free learning for women, will hold a special joint program, "**Haggadah, History, and Freedom**," in Yeshiva University's Belfer Hall Weissberg Commons, 2495 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City. The program is open to both men and women of all ages, backgrounds, and learning levels. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., keynote speakers are Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman and Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik. There will be concurrent breakout sessions at 10:30 a.m., and, at 11:15 a.m., Rabbi Soloveichik and Dr. Dara Horn will discuss "*Lincoln's Yahrzeit: Pesach, Freedom, and the Jews*." For more information, contact kollyomrison@yu.edu or 646-592-4239.

The Beit Midrash of Teaneck (BMT), located at Heichal HaTorah, 70 Sterling Place, provides an interactive *Talmud Torah* learning experience for men who are retired or have flexible schedules on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. This week, *seder* begins at 9:15 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., Rabbi Ronen Dvash of Heichal HaTorah will give a *shiur* on *Gemara Brachot*; at 11:00 a.m., Rabbi Steven Weil (Senior Managing Director of the Orthodox Union) will discuss "Anatomy of the World's First BDS Movement" (Monday) and "The Fascinating World of the *Pesach Haggadah*" (Wednesday); at Noon, Rabbi Hayyim Angel of Yeshiva University will give a *shiur* on *Sefer Haggai*. Source sheets are provided and can be obtained in advance by contacting BMTeaneck@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS

Our Shul Administrator, Judi Resnick, will be in Israel from this Wednesday, April 10, through Monday, April 29, as she celebrates her granddaughter's *Bat Mitzvah* and *Pesach* with her family there. She will answer email, check phone messages, and work remotely until Friday, April 19, after which the office will be closed throughout *Pesach*. Please remember there is a seven-hour time difference. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 30.

The following *bracha* is said in the spring on fruit trees in blossom. It should be recited on the flower blossoms, but not on fruit that has already ripened. Some prefer to recite it on two or more trees.

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A list with the locations of fruit trees is posted in the lobby, where flyers also are available.

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