

## Zmanim & Services

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM  
PARASHAT VAYESHEV

### Friday Night

Shir Hashirim	4:05 pm
Candle Lighting	4:11 pm
Minha	4:15 pm

*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /  
Arvit*

### Shabbat Morning

Shaharit	8:30 am
Latest Shema	9:23 am
Minha	3:55 pm
Arvit	4:56 pm
Havdala	5:06 pm
Parent Child Learning	7:00 pm

### Weekly Schedule

#### Shaharit

Sunday	8:00 am
All Week	6:20 am
Due to Chanukah	

#### Minha/Arvit

Sunday	4:05 pm
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should be part of every couple's wedding, especially Sephardic couples. After all, the genesis of the prenuptial agreement was in the Sephardic community.



## Rabbi Haim Jachter

### The BDA and RCA Prenuptial Agreement—Very Appropriate for Sephardim

The Beth Din of America (BDA) and Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) prenuptial agreement is undoubtedly gaining in popularity and usage. It has become accepted as a standard part of the wedding preparation for brides and grooms in many segments of the Orthodox community. In 2015, the Beth Din of America reported over 2,000 downloads of the prenuptial agreement from its website in one year alone. Full disclosure: My wife Malca and I proudly signed the BDA/RCA prenuptial before our wedding in 1995 and our daughter Bracha and son-in-law Yisroel Perton happily signed the BDA/RCA prenuptial a few weeks before their wedding in 2018.

The Endorsement of Rav Ovadia Yosef: Is the BDA/RCA agreement appropriate for usage by Sephardic Jews? The answer is a resounding yes. First of all, Hacham Ovadia Yosef endorsed the RCA prenuptial agreement in writing. Rav Ovadia is among the great rabbanim who endorsed the agreement (Rav Zalman Nehemia Goldberg, Rav Hershel Schachter, Rav Gedalia Schwartz, Rav Elazar Meyer Teitz, Rav Osher Weiss and Rav Mordechai Willig are among the other great authorities who grant their imprimatur to the prenuptial).

The Rabbinical Council of America in 2006 even issued a resolution declaring that rabbis should not officiate a wedding if a proper prenuptial agreement has not been executed. As a very active practicing Mesader Gittin (Get administrator) for more than twenty-five years, I most wholeheartedly support this resolution. I have seen much suffering resulting from the failure to sign the BDA/RCA prenuptial and overwhelming success on the part of those who sign it.

**Ribi Shalom Messas' Support of the Moroccan Rabbinate's Prenuptial Agreement:** Moreover, the first seeds of the BDA/RCA agreement were planted in Morocco many decades ago. This fascinating history is recorded by the great Rav Shalom Messas, widely regarded as the leading posek among Moroccan Jews. Rav Messas served as the chief rabbi of Morocco until 1972 when Rav Ovadia Yosef invited Rav Messas to Jerusalem to serve as its Sephardic Chief Rabbi, a position he served with distinction until his death in 2003. Rav Messas wrote the acclaimed teshuvot (halachic responsa) entitled Teshuvot Tevu'ot Shemesh and Shemesh U'Magen.

In Teshuvot Tevuot Shemesh (EH 66) and Teshuvot Shemesh U'Magen (1 EH 11-12 and 2 EH 36), Rav Messas records that the Moroccan rabbinate in 1952 instituted a prenuptial agreement to avoid problems of Agunot. Fascinatingly, in 1984, this came to the attention of Rav Gilbert Klaperman then RCA president, and he invited Rav Messas to address a convention of the members of the RCA about the prenuptial.

**Conclusion:** So, began the road to the eventual adoption of the prenuptial by the RCA, crowned with the approbations of the many aforementioned Gedolim. Therefore, an unqualified and enthusiastic yes is the answer to whether the RCA prenuptial agreement is suitable for Sephardic couples. The prenuptial agreement

## Shorashei Orah

Shaarei Orah hosted a fathers (Jets) vs. sons (Giants) flag football game, accompanied by a tailgating party, on Thanksgiving weekend, with its rabbi, Rabbi Jachter, as the Jets quarterback! The camaraderie and spirit were palpable and, although the competition was intense, it was far from the point of the game! In fact, after the game, not one person asked for the score (spoiler alert - Giants beat Jets 14-13) as that seemed to have been irrelevant. The point was to celebrate precious, healthy and good old-fashioned fun together as a community and to be thankful for one another.

**Shout** out to our amazing ref, Elad Shushan, one of the youngest players with the most authority, and to our incredible athletes: Hillel Jachter, Rabbi Jachter, Shaya Murad, Josh Murad, Eitan Shushan, Shalom Shushan, Zachary and Joshua Cohen, Ben Cohen, Elad Shushan, Eitan Benhamu, Ezra Douek, Barry Albert, Avishai Benhamu, Netanel Benhamu and Elijah Albert.

**And to our cheerleaders:** The Jachter women, the Douek women, the Shushan women, Paula Cohen and Linda Esses! And, finally, to our set-up and cleanup crew: the Cohens, Shushans, Doueks, Esseses and Alberts!

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## Announcements

- ❖ **Kiddush** this Shabbat is sponsored by the Kiddush Fund. Thanks to all who contribute to the kiddush fund. To donate please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>.
- ❖ **Seudah Shelishit** this shabbat is sponsored by Elisa and Naftali Mellul in memory of Naftali's father, Shalom ben Shalom Mellul.
- ❖ **Parent Child Learning** this week is sponsored by Abby and Hanan Zarfati in memory of his uncle and two cousins killed in a terrorist attack on the third day of Chanukah: Yaakov ben Hananya z'l, Hananya ben Yaakov z'l David ben Yaakov z'l. Hashem yikom damam.
- ❖ **Thank** you to the Kiddush Fund for sponsoring Kiddush last week, **thank** you to Ezra and Vivian Ghazal for sponsoring Seudah Shlisheet last week, and **thank** you to anonymous for sponsoring parent child learning last week.
- ❖ **Triple Match** for Shaarei Orah for #GivingTuesday: Shaarei Orah invites you to participate in #GivingTuesday 2018. Matching Funds available one week only. In honor of #GivingTuesday when people around the world unite to celebrate a day of giving we have received a pledge from a group of generous donors who will be providing a TRIPLE MATCH of #GivingTuesday donations made to Shaarei Orah from Tuesday, November 27th through Tuesday, December 4th. Use this opportunity to support our kehila, expand our wonderful programming, help provide security and help us grow. Use this opportunity to make a new donation and arrange payment plans for your outstanding balance. Matching funds will be donated to Shaarei Orah for all NEW donations and the first payment on all NEW balance payment plans (excludes existing monthly payment plans). To participate in #GivingTuesday visit <http://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/donation.html>. You can also mail in checks to Shaarei Orah, 1425 Essex Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Please reference #GivingTuesday on your payment. For more information and to set up your new payment plan please contact [finance@sephardicteaneck.org](mailto:finance@sephardicteaneck.org) (201) 833-0800.
- ❖ **Our** annual Family Chanukah party will take place on **Tuesday, December 4th** at Shaarei Orah from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM. \$5 per person; maximum of \$25 per family. PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE AT <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/hanuka-party-2018.html>.
- ❖ **Happy Birthday** to Leah Moriah Albert (Dec 5), Alain David Amar (Dec 6), Assaf Amos (Dec 6), Daniel Brauner (Dec 1), Elimelech Pinchas Fink (Dec 1), Benjy Leibowitz (23 Kislev), Sarah Stein (26 Kislev). Happy Birthday to all our December birthdays being celebrated in youth groups this Shabbat. For more information please contact [ericajgoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:ericajgoldberg@gmail.com).

❖ **Come and participate in our wonderful classes. See details below.**

## Shaarei Orah Inaugural Dinner

**SAVE THE DATE:** Dear Members and Friends, It is our pleasure to announce that the Inaugural Shaarei Orah Dinner will take place on **Sunday, March 10, 2019, at 5:00pm** at Congregation Ahavath Torah in Englewood, New Jersey. We are very excited to recognize the exceptional dedication and meaningful contributions of our Honorees and Awardees.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday, March 10, 2019

The Inaugural Shaarei Orah Dinner

Binyanei Orah  
Heidi & Jack Varon 

Guests of Honor  
Susan & Ezra Douek 

Amy Elfman & Richard  
Schulz 

Community Service Award  
Shalom Shushan 

At Congregation Ahavath Torah 240 Broad Ave Englewood NJ  
For more information, email [dinner@sephardicteaneck.org](mailto:dinner@sephardicteaneck.org)  
To RSVP for the dinner please visit: [www.sephardicteaneck.org/dinner2019](http://www.sephardicteaneck.org/dinner2019)

**Our Dinner** is also an opportunity to celebrate the past, present and future of our wonderful Synagogue and Sephardic community. We hope you will join us in expressing our gratitude to our outstanding Honorees and Awardees and to celebrating Shaarei Orah as the center of the Sephardic community in Teaneck. We look forward to personally greeting you on **March 10, 2019!**

RSVP to the dinner here: [sephardicteaneck.org/dinner2019](http://sephardicteaneck.org/dinner2019). For more information please contact [dinner@sephardicteaneck.org](mailto:dinner@sephardicteaneck.org).  
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## A Story – The Best Friend

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand;

*“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”*

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone;

*“Today my best friend saved my life.”*

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him; *“After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?”*

The other friend replied; “When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”

**Moral of the story:** Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.

## Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

After the brothers threw Joseph into a pit and were deciding what to do with him, the Torah states: "And they sat down to eat bread, and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and behold, a company of Yishme'alim came from Gilad with their camels carrying aromatic gum, balm, and ladanum, going to carry it down to Egypt" (Genesis 37:25).

Why did the Torah deem it necessary for us to know what the camels were carrying? Rashi teaches us that the Torah is extolling the reward for the righteous. This was the caravan to which they would sell Joseph, and which would transport him to Egypt. Usually caravans to Egypt carried kerosene and resin used for fuel -- which had unpleasant odors. However, this caravan which carried Joseph to Egypt had pleasant smelling spices; because of his righteousness, he was not subjected to the unpleasant odors on his journey to Egypt (which was part of the divine plan to save the Jewish people from the upcoming famine).

This seems to be little consolation for Joseph. He was being sold as a slave by his brothers. How would something as minor as pleasant smelling merchandise on the caravan taking him to Egypt make a difference? The answer is that this was a subtle hint from the Almighty to Joseph. It was a message to Joseph that all was not lost -- that he should appreciate the hand of the Almighty that is guiding his life and supplies him with minor pleasures to enhance his life. This is a sign that all the Almighty does is for his -- and your -- ultimate benefit.

This is an important lesson for anyone undergoing a difficult life situation. Upon facing painful experiences, one is apt to become lost in self-pity and despair. It is easy to focus solely on what is going wrong with one's life. However, one needs to keep his eyes open! Be aware of any positive aspects. Don't ignore anything that you can possibly appreciate. These minor pleasures are messengers from the Almighty. Appreciate them for themselves; and what is more important, allow them to change your evaluation of your entire situation. Learn to see every situation as a means to help you reach your ultimate potential in this world!

Source – Aish.com

## Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

*Think positive, and positive things will happen.*

## Weekly Riddle

If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?

Answer is located on the back sheet, guess before you look!!!

## Time to Smile

People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.



## ALLERGY NOTICE

Please be aware that we have children with serious, life-threatening, nut allergies in our synagogue. Due to concerns for nut allergies, Congregation Shaarei Orah is a “nut aware” facility. Accordingly, all food for both public and private events, including our Shabbat youth groups, may not contain nuts or nut products of any kind (this includes products that "may contain" nuts or that were "processed in a facility" that also processes nuts). While each parent is primarily responsible for the safety of his or her children, we do ask that you do not send your children to Shabbat groups with snacks and candy from home and to refrain from bringing in and distributing any food in the synagogue that contains (or may contain) nuts. Your cooperation in keeping our children safe is appreciated.

**Also, candy used for any simha, such as bar mitzvah candy bags, must also abide by these guidelines.**

If you have any questions about what products are safe and what are prohibited, kindly contact the office at [office@sephardicteaneck.org](mailto:office@sephardicteaneck.org), prior to bringing into the synagogue. If your child has life threatening allergies of any kind, please let the office know ASAP so we can alert the congregants and youth leaders to help minimize the risk of any harm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE...

**Congregation** Bnai Yeshurun, 641 W Englewood Ave, Teaneck presents a screening of GI JEWS: Jewish Americans in World War II. Saturday night, **December 1, 2018** at 7:00 pm. Free Admission. This is the profound and remarkable story of the 550,000 Jewish Americans who served their country in World War II. These brave men and women fought for their nation and for Jewish people worldwide. Like all Americans, they fought against fascism, but they also waged a more personal fight – to save their brethren in Europe.

**There** will be a blood drive at Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, Teaneck, on **Sunday, December 2**, from 9:00am–2:00pm. To schedule an appointment, visit [https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/48548](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/48548) or call 201-251-3703.

A night of inspiration and Music with Rav Moshe Tzvi Weinberg and Zusha. Join us for an evening of chizuk, music, Torah, and light on Motzei Shabbos Chanukah, **December 8th** at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Ave., Teaneck at 8PM. Open to men and women of all ages. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/motzei-shabbos-chanukah-w-rav-moshe-tzvi-zusha-tickets-51300795059>.

**PROJECT EZRAH ANNUAL DINNER**- Saturday, **December 15th**, Congregation Ahavath Torah, 240 Broad Avenue, Englewood, NJ, 8pm. Support Your Neighbors And Friends By Attending The Project Ezrah Dinner at [www.ezrah.org](http://www.ezrah.org) or 201-569-9047.

**She'arit** ha-Plate of Bergen County, a volunteer, non-profit organization that collects excess kosher food from restaurants and smachot and distributes it discretely to people who can use it, is looking for a new site. We currently occupy a garage attached to a single-family home in Teaneck, an arrangement that has worked very well for many years, but the home will soon be put on the market and we will need to move. We are therefore looking for a new site in the Teaneck area. If you potentially have available space or know of others who might have space available for our operation, please contact Daniel Chazin, [DChazin@aol.com](mailto:DChazin@aol.com), 201-835-5338.

**CCSA** welcomes any family member with a loved one suffering from addiction and substance abuse issues to our local support group, which meets every other Wednesday evening in Teaneck. The group is free of charge and is facilitated by clinicians specializing in addiction. For more information and the location of the meeting, please email [Time2TalkAddiction@gmail.com](mailto:Time2TalkAddiction@gmail.com).

*\*\*\* Answer to the Weekly Riddle – A Secret \*\*\**

## WEEKLY SHIURIM @ SHAAREI ORAH

- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter:** - Shabbat morning Pre-Sha'arhit Humash Shiur at 8:30am - Shabbat afternoon shiur on Hilchot Shabbat: 40 min before Mincha - Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at 315 Churchill Road on Torah & Science.
- ❖ **Rabbi Michael Chernlck:** Hilchot Yom Tov, Tuesday night, 8:15 pm

## Shaarei Orah Contact Information

Thank YOU for joining Tefilot @ Shaarei Orah. Please mail all donations & payments to:  
Shaarei Orah – 1425 Essex Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666 or online at [www.sephardicteaneck.org](http://www.sephardicteaneck.org)

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