

May 20th and beyond

Shabbat, May 20th, 5:30pm—Congregation Zichron Mordechai is pleased to invite all women to a special Pre-Shavuot Shiur to be presented by Ms. Shuli Taubes. Topic — *"The Fruits of Our Labor: Bikurim and Gratitude"*. Location—Congregation Zichron Mordechai, 268 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck.

Shabbat, May 20th—BMOB is pleased to present Dr. Marc Shapiro as our Scholar in Residence, Shabbat May 20th. Dr. Shapiro will speak 3 times during Shabbat day: After Mussaf his topic will be "My Correspondence with the Gedolim: A Thirty Year Story", Shabbat Afternoon at 6:50PM, Dr. Shapiro will speak on "Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the Revolutionary Chief Rabbi" and at Seudah Shlisheet the topic will be "Was Rav Soloveitchik a Zionist?" All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, May 21st, 11am—Chavi and Ari Satz have been separated for almost five years and have been civilly divorced since October 2020. In July 2022, the Vaad Hadin V'Horaah of New City issued a psak (ruling), stating that Ari is a sarvan ladin (refusing to submit to beis din) and that he is chayav (obligated) to issue a get to Chavi. Ari has thus far disregarded this psak and refused the beis din's directive to give Chavi a get, leaving her an agunah (chained woman). The Rabbinical Council of Bergen County (RCBC) issued a statement prohibiting Ari from entering all RCBC-affiliated shuls and asking the community to abide by Harchakos DeRabenu Tam (distancing measures). Case advocates at ORA, the Organization for the Resolution of Agunot, have connected with Ari over the phone, attempting to resolve this situation amicably, but he has made it clear that he does not wish to work with them. ORA has also tried speaking with Ari's parents, Avromi and Frances Satz, hoping that they would encourage their son to listen to the psak of beis din, but they have not reciprocated ORA's outreach efforts. Rabbi Neal Turk, Rav of Bais Medrash of Bergenfield, also tried speaking with Mrs. Frances Satz but she refused to help work towards a resolution. Please join us in a peaceful protest in front of Ari's parents' home at 38 Carlton RD Monsey, NY 10952 to persuade Ari to give the get. Get-refusal is a form of domestic abuse and cannot be tolerated within our community. We must make it clear to Ari and his family that his behavior is abusive and unacceptable.

Sunday, May 21st, 7:30pm—Rabbi Ken Spiro is scheduled to speak on the topic *"Why the Jews?"* at the home of Avi and Becky Katz, 553 Winthrop Road, Teaneck. Mincha at 7:15 pm and Maariv following the speaker. Brought by Project Inspire. (for men and women)

Sunday, May 21st, 7:30pm—Congregation Beth Aaron has invited Jai Chakraborti, author of a beautiful book, *A PLAY FOR THE END OF THE WORLD*, to talk to our community. *"A dazzling novel—set in early 1970's New York and rural India—the story of an unlikely romance, a harrowing account of the lasting horrors of World War II, and a searing examination of one man's search for forgiveness and acceptance."* This book is the Winner of the National Jewish Book Award's Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction • Named the Jewish Fiction Award Honor Book by the Association of Jewish Libraries • Longlisted for the 2022 PEN/Faulkner. The book is available on Amazon and copies are also available in the Bergen County Library system. You are invited to read the book in advance to enrich your experience of the May event, where you can meet the author and will have the opportunity to ask him questions. If you are not able to read the book, you will still find the event worthwhile: the book is a brilliant intertwining of Jewish and Indian history. The discussion will be led by Nancy Edelman and Meylekh Viswanath. Nancy teaches English at SAR High School; and Meylekh, who grew up in India, teaches finance at Pace University.

May 21st-27th—National EMS Week. The men and women of the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps respond 24/7 to serve the needs of our community free of charge, as they have been for the past 84 years. In honor of EMS Week, please support your friends and neighbors at TVAC in one or more of the following ways: Donate - TVAC is a non-profit, volunteer organization, and all funding comes from voluntary donations. All donations are fully tax-deductible. Volunteer: Become an EMT - the cost of initial EMT training is covered by the state volunteer training fund. Members of other EMS agencies are welcome as well. Become an Associate Member - bring your skills and knowledge to one of our committees and help TVAC in a non-clinical role. We are proud to recognize our members Yoni Celnik, Rachel Gelb, Yehuda Mazin, Moshe Golubtchik, David Waltuch, Kevie Feit, Eric Orgen, Karen Orgen and Jamie Orgen for their service to TVAC.

Tuesday, May 23rd, 10:30pm—BMT Tuesday Parsha & Jewish History Shiurim Open to All. The Beit Midrash of Teaneck, located at JCT/Heichal HaTorah, 70 Sterling Place, Teaneck is open for its Spring Trimester, and welcomes the community, both men and women, to our weekly Tuesday shiurim on Parsha & Jewish History. This week's Parsha shiur (10:30-11:30am) will be delivered by Rabbi Zev Goldberg of Young Israel of Fort Lee. The Jewish History shiur (11:30-1:00) will feature Rabbi Daniel Fridman of JCOT & BMT, giving a shiur entitled, *"A Singularly Righteous Gentile: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the Triumph of Faith"*. Rabbi Angel's Nach shiur - M/W @ 12:00 - is open to men & women. Please write to BMTeaneck@gmail.com for further details.

Sunday, May 28th, 7:30pm— Friendship Circle of Bergen County presents Heart and Soul: A Musical Event with Avraham Fried. Located at BergenPAC, Englewood, NJ. Tickets on sale now at FCCConcert.com. For VIP and sponsorship packages, please email concert@bcfriendship.com.

Sunday, June 11th, 9:30am-1pm—The Cemetery Association of North Jersey will be burying books for the community for the second year. They will be opening up 2 graves in the Americus Cemetery on Midland Ave in Saddle Brook, NJ. All books need to be brought to the cemetery on the day as there are no storage capabilities. Young individuals are welcome to attend to get a learning experience as to how books are deposited. Please contact Mickey Levine, Executive Vice President of The Cemetery Association at 917-699-6057 or meyer@cajfnj.org on Thursday, June 8th and give an idea as to how many cartons of books you would like to bring or for any questions.

Thursday, June 15th, 1-7pm—Young Israel of Teaneck (868 Perry Lane) will be hosting an emergency blood drive in memory of *Mary Schatz (a"h)*. Walk-ins are welcome! Make an appointment at www.nybc.org/newjerseydrive, code 68994. For further questions, email or call saraschatz01@gmail.com or 201-708-5249.

Sunday, June 18th—30th, July & August, Friday and/or Sundays— Bergen County Mini Soccer Camp with Eitan and Elad Shushan. One hour sessions, group or individuals, ages 4-16. Contact +1 (551) 219-3359.

Camp Segal is a coed summer day camp for children ages 4 - 13 located at Solomon Schechter in New Milford, NJ. Campers can look forward to basketball, kickball, arts and crafts, ice cream truck visits, improv, and more! Camp runs June 26 - August 18, Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm with optional care until 5pm. All snacks, drinks, and lunch twice a week are included in the price. For more information, go to www.campsegal.com.

Areyvut invites high school freshman, sophomores and juniors to a new intergenerational program with senior citizens in CareOne at Teaneck. The goal is to really get to know the senior citizens while participants actively grow, reflect and learn new skills that they can use throughout their lives. For more information, please contact Daniel Rothner at daniel@areyvut.org or 201-244-6702. The Project Ezra Young Leadership Council is made up of men and women who are under 35, from different communities and Shuls in Bergen County. We hope that engaging community members from a young age will help with continued engagement and help build our donor base in the future. Our Council focuses on outreach, education, fundraising and programming. For more information about the YLC, please email YLC@Ezrah.org.

The Chesed organization that two young Yeshiva high school students from Teaneck, Eitan and Elad Shushan, started a few months ago, is in need of more volunteers who can drive people who receive dialysis. This is not a commitment but simply something you can do when you have the time. Please consider signing up and/or spreading the word for those that can assist. Unfortunately, we have another patient who is in need of this Chesed. Click here to sign up/for more information: <http://freedialysisrides.com>.

"My Extended Family" provides programs and support to children (1st-8th grade) from single-parent homes including: Weekly Club Meetings with Big Brother/Big Sisters, Delicious Dinners, Homework Help, Hands-On Activities/ Special Programs, Seasonal Trips, Family Events, Yom Tov Assistance, Parenting Workshops. This New Teaneck Branch is led by Rabbi Ephraim and Nechamy Simon. Enroll at: <https://myef.civicore.com/index.php?section=familyApplications&action=newApplication>.

JEMA, the Jewish Educational Mentoring Alliance, is looking for tutoring volunteers, especially in the areas of reading and Judaic Studies. Tutoring is primarily done after school. In-person and Zoom options are available. For more information, please contact Robyn Adams, JEMA liaison at robyn.adams@yavnehacademy.org or 201-262-8494.

There will be an 8-week support group for women of the community who have experienced the recent loss of a spouse, sibling, or parent. The group will be held in Teaneck for eight consecutive Wednesdays. This group aims to provide compassionate support and education, which facilitates the healing process. The group will be facilitated by two trained professional bereavement counselors from within the community. For dates and location or more information please reach out to Tsipi Gurell (917) 862-2405 or Tamar Stein (917) 572-1232.