

WEEKLY BRIEF

Elul 13 5781/August 20th & 21st, 2021

Parshat Ki Teitzei

Shabbat Schedule

Plag Mincha/Maariv	6:05pm
Candle Lighting	7:15/7:29pm
Mincha/Maariv	
Main Sanctuary	7pm
Beit Midrash	7:30pm

Shabbat Morning

Sof Zman Kriyat Shma	9:35am
Shacharit-	
Main Shul	7am
Beit Midrash	8:30am
Outdoor Tent	8:30am
Main Shul	9am
Youth Groups	9am
Tot Shabbat	10:30am
Outdoors, behind the Beit Midrash	
Shailot Utshuvot Shiur	10:30am
"Timing of Selichot"	Beit Midrash
Daf Yomi	10:30am

Shabbat Afternoon

Mincha-	
Main Shul	2pm
Mincha-	
Main Shul	7:10pm
Followed by Rabbi Strauchler's Gemara shiur in the Main Shul	
Maariv	
Main Sanctuary	8:20pm
Shabbat Ends	8:29pm

Weekday Schedule

August 22nd– 27th

Main Shul, unless otherwise stated

Shacharit

Sun	7, 8am, 9am
Mon, Thurs	6:20, 7:20,
	7:00, 8am, 9am
	(Beit Midrash)
Tues, Wed, Fri	6:30, 7:30,
	7:05, 8am, 9am
	(Beit Midrash)

Main Shul

Mincha

Sun	1:45pm
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Mincha/Maariv

Sun- Thurs	6:00, 7:25pm
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August 27th

Candle Lighting	7:15/7:18pm
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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI STRAUCHLER

Ki Teitze 5781

Chaim Strauchler

DISAPPOINTED WISHES

*When you wish upon a star
Makes no difference who you are
Anything your heart desires
Will come to you*

Composed by Ned Washington for Walt Disney's 1940 adaptation of Pinocchio, these lyrics contain cultural significance even greater than their value to the Disney brand.

The words reflect a hopeful confidence that typifies so much of modern life. While the American dream requires not just dreams but also hard work, the theme is consistent: nothing is ever beyond an imaginative person's reach. What has the COVID-19 pandemic taught us? Among many things, it is that humanity has not figured everything out. While dreamers might have argued that modern life was nearing utopian perfection, the pandemic has proven otherwise. God and God's world remain bigger than Western hubris. Events in Afghanistan and Haiti only confirm this truth. As people, we watch the news with sadness for the lives of those who have suffered and will suffer. As Americans, we watch with terrible humility and honest shame. The Torah relates to this gap between dream and reality. In describing the command to return lost objects, the Torah includes a unique requirement that we not ignore it - *לֹא תַּؤְכֵל לְהִתְعַלֶּם*. Rabbi Baruch Epstein – in his Torah Temimah - explains:

לפעמים גורם הזמן והמקום והאדם באמת להתעלם וכדמפרש, ומכיון שיש סבה ומבוא להתעלם, הזריר הכתוב שאל תקל לעצmr להתעלם בעבור שתדיין כי מצדך או

זמןך או כבודך גורם להתעלם, אלא אין לך אלא מה שהגבילו חכמים

There are times when circumstances cause a person to [legitimately] ignore a lost object [for example a kohein may not enter a cemetery to return an animal nor must a dignified person return something beneath him or her]. Since there are reasons for such inattentiveness, the Torah warns not to be lenient regarding your situation, time, or honor, rather to only observe the exemptions as set forth by the sages.

While we might want to right every wrong, there are limits to our dreaminess. A person cannot return every lost object. The Torah sets limits on this *mitzvah*. Yet, the Torah also puts limits on our cynicism. Some things must still be returned. We cannot be so busy with our lives that we fail to see the loss of our neighbors. We must see and feel the suffering in Afghanistan and Haiti. At this time of acknowledged limitation, we should slow our star-wishing but not our optimism. There remain lost objects that we can and must return.

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RINAT ROUNDUP

Dear Friends,

There have been many successful Project Connect meet-and-greets with the Strauchlers and fellow members. If you'd like to be contacted if an opening becomes available, please email Elissa at office@rinat.org. After the Chaggim we will have more opportunities to meet the Strauchlers in small settings and connect with old and new friends.

The House Committee is constantly working to make upgrades to the air filtration in the shul. We have followed the evidence-based guidelines of the CDC, EPA, and ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers). Per their recommendations, we have instituted a 3-step, layered approach throughout the building.

1. Dilution: Rinat has doubled the minimum fresh air intake to dilute and refresh the air in the room. Unlike most home systems that just recycle air, the HVAC at Rinat introduces fresh air and removes stale air (including Covid particles), in the process. "Dilution is the solution" is a saying in the industry when it comes to reducing contaminants in the air.

2. Filtration: Rinat has upgraded the filters in the HVAC system to MERV 13 filters which are at least 85% effective at removing the respiratory droplets that carry Covid.

3. Purification: Rinat is in the process of installing free-standing HEPA filters with UV purification in each minyan location to disinfect and purify the air. HEPA filters are designed to capture virus-sized particles in addition to larger droplets and are more than 99.9% efficient at capturing airborne viral particles associated with SARS-CoV-2. The integrated UV light adds an additional layer of purification.

While these steps significantly mitigate the risk of transmission indoors, they do not eliminate all risks. Please consider adding your own layer of protection by wearing a properly fitted mask, especially if you or anyone in your household has any high-risk factors.

There are empty seats in the minyanim for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur to allow for space. (As a result, this year we will have a zero tolerance policy for anyone sitting in an unassigned seat.) If anyone is immunocompromised and has specific seating needs within the building, or wants to move to the tent, please reach out to hhseats@rinat.org. The committee will do whatever it can to accommodate requests. The team of Susan, Martin, Larry, and Moshe are working magic to accommodate everyone's special requests and needs. We sold almost 1,000 seats among all the minyanim. 25 of those seats are for our youth who are able to come indoors but are not yet able to be vaccinated. Like anyone who is unvaccinated, they will be masked while in the building.

Last week we began our 8:30am Shabbat Shacharit minyan in the Ohel Moed (tent). Beginning today, Friday, there will be a weekday 9:00am indoor minyan as well. If you're able to lein, please reach out to gabbai@rinat.org.

There have been many new families who moved into the area recently, and more on the way. It's sometimes difficult to know who's new. If you see a new face, please introduce yourself. Moving during Covid isn't easy. Our welcoming committee is planning a variety of fun and creative ways to meet our new members, and new neighbors we hope will become members.

Shabbat Shalom,
Bina

High Holidays seating update: Almost everyone who reserved seats for the High Holidays has responded to the survey. Of those who have responded, 100% of people who are eligible to receive the vaccine, have been vaccinated. ONLY children under 12 years of age, who are not eligible are unvaccinated. If you haven't filled out the request for vaccination status, please do so. All those who don't respond to the request will be required to be masked.

MAZAL TOV

Rabbi Meier Brueckheimer on the birth of a great granddaughter. Mazal tov to grandparents, **Leah & Itzy Silver** of Yerushalayim and Teaneck. Mazal tov to parents, Avital & Eli Pressburger of Givat Shmuel.

Sari & Ira Cooper on the birth of a grandson, to Shifra and Yossi Goldin in Israel.

Sury Kaminetsky on the birth of a great granddaughter, born to Chayala & Yaakov. Mazal tov to grandparents, Elisheva & Yisrael Kaminetsky.

Stephanie & Michael Kaufman on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachel Kaufman to Dovidchai Abramchayev of Rego Park.

Sue Feuerstein & Louis Rudin on the aufruf on their son, Seth. Mazal tov to Seth's grandmother, Helen Feuerstein and siblings, Ahuva & Andy, Ariela & Charlie, Devorah & Michael, and niece and nephews, Ronit, Jonah, Eli and Rafi. Mazal tov to Erica & Zev Skolnick and family.

Linda & Michael Shmidman on the marriage of their grandson, Shaltiel, son of Shira & Avi Shmidman of Alon Shvut, to Sapir Cohen of Even Shmuel. Mazal tov on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Reuven, son of Deborah & Akiva Shmidman of Baltimore.

Divsha & Martin Tollinsky on the upcoming marriage of their son, Yitzchak to Kayla Manouel of Great Neck. Mazal tov to Kayla's parents, Sepi & Mehran Manouel, to siblings Zali, Ateret and Hannah and to the proud grandparents **Passi & Moshe, z"l, Bayewitz** and Anne & Jerry Tollinsky. Mazal tov to the extended family.

WEEKLY BRIEF SPONSORSHIP

Sue Feuerstein & Louis Rudin on the occasion of Seth's aufruf and his upcoming marriage to Rebecca Skolnick.

SHOFAR BLOWING FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of someone who is homebound who would like to hear shofar blowing on Rosh Hashana, please let us know, and we will do our best to have a volunteer come to their home. The volunteer will blow shofar outside of the home next to an open window or door. Shana Tova, Ke'tiva Ve'chatima tova. Pinhas Friedenberg-201 357 8642.

Arba Minim sale coming soon – more details to follow.

Save the date! **Shabbat, October 9th**- Seuda Shlishit to welcome our new members and neighbors.

Save the date! **Motzei Shabbat, February 12th, 2022**– Congregation Rinat Yisrael's 34th Annual Dinner, honoring **Rabbi Yosef & Sheryl Adler**, for forty-three years of leadership and dedication to our community. The dinner will take place at Temple Emanu-el in Closter, NJ.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Whether you are new to Rinat or have been a member for 30 years, we would love to hear all about you and your family. This week, meet our members, the **Strauss** family. Please visit our website at <https://www.rinat.org/meet-our-members> to get to know them. To share your story, e-mail office@rinat.org. To access our Meet The Members Flipbook, go to https://issuu.com/rinatyisrael/docs/meet_the_members_flipbook-_july_12th_2021?fr=sNzFhMjM5ODg4MzM.

LOST AND FOUND

If anyone finds an ivory leather bag with a chumash, siddur, tehillim, glasses and shawl in it, please contact office@rinat.org. Bracelet found – if anyone has lost a bracelet, please e-mail office@rinat.org.

IDF SOLDIERS FOR OUR TEFILLOT

Please include in your *tefilot* IDF soldiers from the Rinat family currently serving in the IDF: **Talya Agus, Ben Antosofsky, Chana Brody, Lior Chasid, Simi Glicksman, Yehuda Gross, Eitan Klavan, Menachem Klavan, Zachary Kohn, Benjamin Kooijmans, Asher Chaim Krohn, Dovi Kwalbrun, Raanan Kwalbrun, Azi Lieber, Yonadav Rimberg, Tzvi Silver and Yael Zaretsky**. Please email office@rinat.org, to add a name to this list.

YOUTH NEWS

Shabbat, August 21st, 9am until the conclusion of the 9am minyan- Drop off and pick up in front of shul. Between 9:15am-10:15am, children will be escorted to Whittier park and supervised by our group leaders. Questions? E-mail youth@rinat.org. N/PK– 3rd grade groups. Davening, Parsha, games, with prepackaged snacks to go! Each group will be limited to 15 children. All children will need to wear a mask. Sign up is mandatory. Go to www.rinat.org/youthgroups#.

Shabbat, August 21st, 10:30am– Tot Shabbat, outdoors, behind the Beit Midrash.

NEROT

Nerot's Annual Rosh Hashana Honey Sale— Nerot is proud to offer honey from Senter's Honey Bee Farm. Order deadline is **Tuesday, August 31st**. Honey can be picked up **Friday, September 3rd** or **Sunday, September 5th** at 282 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck. To order and for more information, go to <https://www.rinat.org/honeysale>.

Save the Date- September, 12th, 4–8pm– Nerot's Mini Fall Boutique in the Rinat tent. To sign up as a vendor, go to <https://www.rinat.org/nerot-boutique-vendor-contract-mini-fall-boutique.html>.

ADULT EDUCATION

Daf Yomi, Sunday, 7:35am in shul , Monday-Friday, 7:05am in shul and Shabbat 10:30am in the Beit Midrash.

For more details, join the WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/B0ygvcYLlxCzpG4BjK6np>

Mishna Yomit, Monday—Friday, 6:10am and Sunday, 7:40am. All are welcome to join in the Beit Midrash. For those who prefer to join remotely the link is

<https://zoom.us/j/94337041561?pwd=K1Q2WVF5NE5yNFh4YXczRzdzVVUxZz09>

Amud Yomi, Motzei Shabbat 9:30pm— <https://zoom.us/j/4653630025> password 8372795.

Shabbat, August 21st, 10:30am, Beit Midrash– Shailot Utshuvot Shiur, **Elie Berman.** “*Timing of Selichot*”

This month's Shailot UTshuvot shiurim are sponsored by **Pearl & David Berger** in memory of Pearl's father, *HaRav Baruch Meir Rabinowitz, z"l*, whose yahrzeit is the eighth day of Elul.

Shabbat, August 21st, between Mincha and Maariv, Main Shul- **Rabbi Strauchler's** Gemara Shiur.

Shabbat, August 21st, 6:10pm, Main Shul- Pre-Mincha Shiur with **Rabbi Jeremy Wieder.** “*A Case Study in Honoring a Parent's Request for a Bequest- A Clash Between Torah and Contemporary Values.*”

Sunday, August 22nd, 8:45am- Perek Chezkat Habatim Summer Gemara Shiur Series with **Rabbi Wiener.**
<http://zoom.us/j/5132696991> Password: RinatUlpan

Tuesday, August 24th, 2pm- Leah Silver's Siddur v'Sidra. Virtual class. To join the class, go to
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IQqNOA4O5Kj1TQXMXmPXjR>.

Beginning Wednesday, August 25th, 8:15pm– 3 Week Series with **Rabbi Ezra Wiener.** “*Preparing for Yamim Noraim with Insights from Mesilat Yesharim.*” <http://zoom.us/j/5132696991> Password: RinatUlpan

Thursday, August 26th, 8:30pm– Parshat Hashavua Shiur, **Rabbi Ezra Wiener.** <https://zoom.us/j/4653630025> Password 8372795.

Shabbat, August 28th, 6pm– Main Shul– Pre-Mincha Shiur with Rabbi Yehuda Chanales. “*Apology Accepted? Setting Standards for Teshuva.*”

Motzei Shabbat, August 28th, 12am, Main Shul– Pre-Selichot Shiur, **Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank.** “*Theological Issues in Selichot.*”

ADULT EDUCATION WHATSAPP GROUPS

Rabbi Adler's WhatsApp shiur—on Raayanot HaTefilah— sign up at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EDRHwMguJckJOhqmVYtWZD>
Adult Education's Upcoming Events Whatsapp group- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J1JESU6Uzje1Alos32lc75>

For recordings of recent webinars/shiurim, go to <https://www.rinat.org/rinatwebinars#>.

To sponsor adult education programs, go to <https://www.rinat.org/form/Adult-Education%20sponsorship.html>

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New and Improved

9 AM until the end of the 9 AM minyan

Rinat Youth Groups

Davening
Games
Snacks
Supervised Play in Whittier Park
Divrei Torah

*Groups are contingent on the weather
Masks must be worn at all times*

Drop off & Pick up at Rinat. Please do not pick up at the park

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A Case Study in Honoring a Parent's Request for a Bequest - A Clash Between Torah and Contemporary Values

Parshat Ki Teitze Shabbat August 21
Pre-Mincha@6:10pm



Presented by Rabbi Jeremy Wieder

Rinat member Rabbi Jeremy Wieder is the Joseph and Gwendolyn Straus Professor of Talmud at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and an adjunct Professor of Bible at Yeshiva College. He is the scholar in residence at Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun in Manhattan. A graduate of Yeshiva College, he was ordained by RIETS and holds a PhD in Jewish Studies from New York University. Rabbi Wieder maintains an abiding interest in Tanakh and leining. He has published two complete recordings of the full Torah and Haftarah cycle (one in havarah ashkenazis and one in havarah sefaradit) and is the voice behind the leining on YUTorah.org.



Perek Chezkat Habatim Summer Gemara Shiur Series



**New weekly series with
Rabbi Wiener
Beginning on
Sunday, June 20th
8:45-9:30am**

<http://zoom.us/j/5132696991>
Password: RinatUlpan

Join Rabbi Wiener in the study of the renowned third perek of Masechet Bava Batra, Chezkat Habatim, where he will explore the major themes of the perek with an in-depth analysis of the gemara and Rishonim.



RINAT PRESENTS A NEW 3 WEEK SERIES WITH RABBI EZRA WIENER

**PREPARING FOR YAMIM NORAIM
WITH INSIGHTS FROM
MESILAT YESHARIM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
AUGUST 18TH, 25TH AND SEPTEMBER 1ST, 8:15PM**
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Honey sale

Nerot is proud to offer
Honey from
Senter's Honey Bee Farm
Order by Aug 27

OPTIONS

8oz liquid honey jar - \$15
 *Light amber wildflower
 *Dark wildflower
 And

4oz of creamed honey jar - \$10
Limited availability
 Plain, Vanilla, Cocoa, Espresso, Cinnamon,
 Sea Salt and Pomegranate

Pick up
**Friday September 3rd and Sunday, September 5th,
 from 10am-2pm at 282 Maitland Ave**
 If neither of these pick up options work,
 please call Chani Oshinsky at 917-699-3816 or e-mail Nerot@rinat.org.

TO ORDER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO
[HTTPS://WWW.RINAT.ORG/HONEYSALE](https://www.rinat.org/honeysale)



Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank

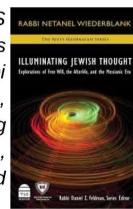


Pre-Selichot Shiur
Motzei Shabbat,
August 28th, 11:59 PM

Theological Issues in Selichot

Located in the Main Shul
 or via Zoom
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 To Call In 1 929 205 6099
 Meeting ID: 4653630025 Password 8372795

Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank is a Magid Shiur at RIETS where he teaches college and semicha students Gemara, Halacha, and Machshava. Rabbi Wiederblank's book *Illuminating Jewish Thought: Faith, Philosophy and Knowledge of God* and *Illuminating Jewish Thought: Explorations of Free Will, the Afterlife, and the Messianic Era* have recently been published by Maggid Books.



Rabbi Yehuda Chanales
Pre-Mincha Shiur
Shabbat, August 28th
6pm

"Apology Accepted? Setting Standards for Teshuva"

Rabbi Yehuda Chanales is a member of the Judaic Faculty at Maayanot High School. For the past seven years he was Director of Educational Advancement and a member of the Judaic Faculty at the Fuchs Mizrachi School in Beachwood, Ohio. A Teaneck native and former faculty member at TABC and MTA, Rabbi Chanales learned in Yeshivat Har Etzion, received a BA, MEd. and Semicha at Yeshiva University and completed a Certificate in Advanced Educational Leadership from Harvard University. He is the recipient of a Wexner Field Fellowship and moved to Teaneck this summer with his wife and four children.



Save the Date

CONGREGATION RINAT YISRAEL

34th ANNUAL DINNER



JOIN US AS WE HONOR
RABBI YOSEF AND SHERYL ADLER
 FOR FORTY-THREE YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND
 DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 12, 2022
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