



CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

Monthly Bulletin

APRIL 9, 2021 27 NISAN 5781

PARASHAT SHEMINI

SHABBAT TIMES

Candle Lighting

Earliest	6:23 pm
Standard	7:23 pm
Mishna Yomit	5:45 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv	6:00 pm

SHABBAT

Shabbat is the 13th day of the Omer

Hashkama - Shul	7:00 am
Tent	8:00 am
Shacharit—Shul	9:15 am
Latest Shema	10:12 am
Mishna Yomit	7:05 pm
Mincha/Rabbi's Shiur/Ma'ariv	7:20 pm
Shabbat ends	8:17 pm

RABBI YASGUR'S SHABBAT AFTERNOON SHIUR:

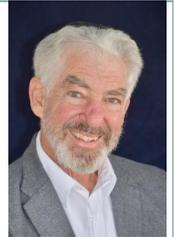
Must Husband and Wife Keep Same Minhagim?
Part II

WHEN TO COUNT THE OMER IN SHUL?

In Congregation Torah, when davening with a minyan, we count Sefirat HaOmer, with a Bracha, once Shekia (sunset) has occurred. This practice emanates from a psak by Rav Yosef Soloveitchik, z"l based on the view of Tosafot. A similar ruling is recorded in the Mishna Berura. We count Sefira before Alaiinu.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DAVE CHESLOW



Mazal Tov to Editor-in-Chief Vicky Rubenovitch-Fish and Co-editor Jack Prince and the Bulletin Committee Members; Joel Flamholz and Martin Fisch. The redesigned Torah Ohr Bulletin is off to a terrific start! You and your excellent crew are putting together a fantastic newsletter full of great information presented in a lively and informative fashion. Yasher Koach to the production team of Andrea, Amy, and Judy. Thank you to all who contributed articles.

Pesach was amazing here in the Village. We were so happy to see all the young people who came to brighten the holiday for their parents and grandparents and to fill the Shul and the tent with excitement. For the children and grandchildren, it was a chance to get away from the colder climates up north; we bubbies and zaydies reaped the dividends. It's a win-win.

Thank you to Rabbi Yasgur, Gabbai Zvi Karpel, all the gaba'im, chazanim and ba'alei kriah. Also thank you to the house committee, the security committee, Jay Levy and the drive-by chametz burning committee, our devoted staff and all those who gave of themselves to make Pesach so meaningful and beautiful.

A little more than a month ago I invited you to reach out by phone, by email or to get together for coffee. Many of you have responded and I hope I've been helpful. These interactions have helped me learn what's on the minds of our congregants. Keep it up.

Your new officers and board of directors are busy at work. Lots of committees are up and running; many of your fellow congregants have taken on new roles with real responsibility. It's been very gratifying to lead such a dedicated team.

Our expansion is proceeding rapidly with a projected completion in July. If you have not yet taken the tour of the building under construction, make sure you sign up. You'll be thrilled to see the new West Wing taking shape.

A tremendous debt of gratitude is due to our past presidents and their boards. Without Josh Samborn's vision and drive our new building would still be a dream. Jonas Waizer was more than just a President to my Vice President; he was and continues to be a valued friend. His steady leadership during the past difficult year was vital in keeping Torah Ohr on track. I thank them both.

Remember, today will be yesterday tomorrow; this is the day Hashem has made. It's up to us to enjoy it together.

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI YASGUR



Ecstasy! If we are looking for one word to describe the emotional state of our nation in the early verses of this week's portion of Shemini, it would be ecstasy. This high level of spiritual excitement was fueled by multiple factors. One was the knowledge the newly constructed Mishkan/Tabernacle would secure atonement for past shortcomings. The second was the intense presence of the Almighty. What was the catalyst for the appearance of the Divine presence? The answer is embedded in the verses below:

They brought to the front of the Ohel Moed/Tent of Meeting the things that Moses had commanded, and the whole community came close and stood before the Lord. Moses said: "This is what HaShem has commanded that you do, that the Presence of the Lord may appear to you." (Vayikra 9:5-6)

There are five words (in English) which contain the magic formula. Rav M. Cohen, cited in the work titled Iturai Torah, identifies these key words as "*the whole community came close*"; in Hebrew:

וְיָקָרְבוּ כָּל־הָעֵדָה

When Jews come close to one another, when Jews unite in a mission, HaShem's presence gravitates to be in our midst.

We, the membership of Congregation Torah Ohr, are eagerly anticipating our moment of ecstasy looking forward to the completion of our Expansion and Renovation project. Those of us who are at Shul on a regular basis and those who pass by the construction as they walk, bike or drive, as well as all following the detailed updates of the construction, are excited to see the obvious progress.

Recently, as I admired the progress on the outer building, I thought of our early members who remember the initial years of our Shul when we searched for the ninth and tenth participants to form a Shabbat minyan. In our more recent history, the search has been to find the space and time slots to accommodate the ever growing membership who want to daven in Shul.

Upon completion, our new Shul facility will offer hundreds of additional seats for davening with enhanced safety. Yes, davening and Torah learning are at the top of our priority list. We also understand that our Shul provides many avenues for socialization. Our emotional and physical health are greatly impacted in very positive ways through social contacts. Our expanded facility will create more avenues for people to gather and not worry about being closed out. The added bonus for us is that even the socialization at Torah Ohr is usually in the context of educational and religious opportunities.

The Torah Ohr Expansion and Renovation Project is likely to be the last major construction project in the Village. Of course, we, the membership, are focusing on this milestone. But, we are not the only ones. Our expansion signals a message of vibrancy and generates pride to many other residents of the Village. It is already a Kiddush HaShem, testifying to the vitality of Torah observant Jewry.

The insight of Rav M. Cohen, cited above, is predicated on *the whole community coming close and standing before HaShem*. The opportunities and the spiritual impact of the Expansion and Renovation project will be immensely elevated by reaching the goal of the whole Torah Ohr community coming close and directly supporting this momentous initiative.

May we all look forward to celebrating the completion of the Expansion and Renovation project with one another and with blessings from HaShem. **Shabbat Shalom!**

YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HA'ATZMAUT

In Honor of Yom HaAtzmaut 5781 - 73rd Anniversary of

MEDINAT YISRAEL

We invite you to join us:



<u>Tuesday 4/13</u> 1:00 pm	Pre- Yom Ha'Atzmaut Special Guest Speaker Rabbanit Shani Taragin Topic: Israel @73: Laughing & Longing: Dreams and Prophecies Revisited
<u>Wednesday 4/14</u> 11:00 am	Yom HaZikaron Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers & Victims of Terror Special Guest Speaker Piera (Price) Edelman Meeting ID: 870 3941 2665 Passcode: 418371
7:15 pm	Brief Memorial Service followed by Mincha and Festive Ma'ariv (Only one Mincha-Ma'ariv minyan in Mail Shul)
<u>Thursday 4/15</u> 8:00 am	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Festive Shacharit (Only one minyan in Main Shul)
Noon	Lunch - either eat in the Tent or Pick-Up and eat at home - \$5 Sponsors wanted @ \$18 (includes 1 lunch)

Followed by the movie GOLDA on Zoom @ 1:00pm from the comfort of your home.



Kosher Food Pantry Drive

Accepting food donations which are:

non-perishable
unexpired
unopened

Questions: call Sharon Segal
at (561) 477-2951

The Food Drive benefits the Jacobson Family Food Pantry of Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services.

Did you miss a class?

Find it here:

<https://www.torahohrboca.org/learn.html>



Watch your email every Sunday for education updates!

Need to call in to a Zoom webinar?

US: 301-715-8592

Canada: 647-558-0588

Israel: 972-55-330-1762

- ◆ Enter the meeting ID followed by #.
- ◆ When asked for a participant ID, press # again to enter the webinar.
- ◆ No passcode needed when calling.

TIMES FOR THE WEEK OF 4/9-4/15

Earliest davening (Fri-Th)	5:54 am*	Earliest Tallit/Tefillin Fri-Th)	6:21 am*
Shacharit-Shul	7:30 am (Thursday at 8)	Shacharit-Tent (Shul only on Thursday)	8:30 am
Daf Yomi (on-line)	8:30 am	Chumash Class (online)	9:30 am
Mishna Yomit	15 min. before Mincha	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Sun-Tues & Thur)	6:10 & 7:25 pm (W - 7:15 only)
Plag (Sun-Th)	6:23-6:25 pm	Shkiah (Sun-Th)	7:43-7:45 pm
Mishna Berurah (online)	8:15 pm	Daven Mincha (S-Th) prior to	7:43 pm
Repeat Kriat Shema after:	8:20 pm*		

* These are the latest times during the week

There will be a printed time sheet each week as a supplement to the Monthly Bulletin.

WEEKLY CLASSES

Wednesday

10:00 am - Zoom or in person
 Malchut Beit David—(The Davidic Dynasty)
 Marty Levine
[Zoom Meeting ID: 853 0080 2520 Passcode: 867403](#)

3:00 pm - Zoom only
 The Era of the Rishonim, 11th-15th Centuries
 Mrs. Malka Morris
[Zoom Meeting ID: 896 0990 3053 Passcode: 860305](#)

HAKARAT HATOV

To our amazing office & custodial staff who have endured months and months of construction noise going on all day long... every single day! Your perseverance and determination to keep our Shul functioning shows us your devotion and dedication to CTO.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your handling this major inconvenience with utmost grace!! Thank you:

Judy Goldman **Amy Jacobson**
Andrea Mass **Chari Bernten**
Maguene Juste

We extend a thank you and Yeyasher Kochachem to our Biur Chametz Volunteers who made it possible to fulfill a full flame Biur.

Jay Levy
Milton Fischberger
Fred Lisker
Milton Hamburger
Moshe Brand
Juste

Kol HaKavod to **Judge Sam Colman** for the moving interview for Yom HaShoah with Rabbi Efreim Goldberg.
 Watch the recording on YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/EOHAqHD85sk>

Thank you to **Ruth & Gideon Losinski** and to **Sharon Sytner** for their donations to the Baby Gemach — **Goldie Fogel and Sheryl Scher**

Coming Soon!

Watch our website for a virtual tour of the new construction by Fred Hadley of the Village Sentry!

To thank Fred Hadley subscribe to his email:
TheVillageSentry@comcast.net

MAZEL TOV

Lala and Sigi Bessler on the birth of a great-granddaughter
Chana and Gavriel Lanis on the birth of a great grandson
Carol and Bernie Lebovic on the birth of a great-grandson

CONDOLENCES

Mindy Mandelbaum on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Hirsch ע"ה
Judy Hirshman on the passing of her brother, Leon Weiner ע"ה

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Monday 4/12—The Ruth Fruchter/Berdie Schiffenbauer Women's Rosh Chodesh Iyar Davening

9:30 am

Meeting in the Social Hall and online

[ZOOM Meeting ID: 85944005835](#) [Passcode: chodesh](#)

Sponsors: Lee Greenberg, Arlene Milgram, Sharon Segal, Marilyn Sprecher, Shirley Weinstein, Bea Werden.
D'var Torah given by Sharon Karpel.

Tuesday 4/13—Special Guest Speaker Rabbanit Shani Taragin

Israel @73: Laughing & Longing: Dreams and Prophecies Revisited

1:00 pm

[Meeting ID: 882 7014 7986](#) [Passcode: 497814](#)

Wednesday 4/14—Yom HaZikaron—Israel Memorial Day

Yom HaZikaron Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers & Victims of Terror

11:00 am Guest Speaker Piera (Price) Edelman

Brief Memorial Service followed by Mincha and Festive Ma'ariv
(Only one Mincha-Ma'ariv minyan in Main Shul at 7:15 pm)

Thursday 4/15—Yom Ha'Atzmaut—Israel Independence Day

Festive Shacharit at 8:00 am (Only one minyan in in Main Shul)

Lunch at Noon

Movie at 1:00 pm on Zoom—"Golda"

Wednesday 4/21—Special Guest Speaker Leah Herzog

"Counting the Omer: A Means to an End"

1:00 pm

[ZOOM Meeting ID: 835 8104 9868](#) [Passcode: 811041](#)

Thursday 4/29—Lag B'Omer Scavenger Hunt

Details to be announced soon!

Please share your noteworthy
publications, awards, interviews, etc.
Deadline for next bulletin: May 3rd
email: Vicky Rubenovitch-Fish
vickyfish@gmail.com



IN CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S 73RD ANNIVERSARY
CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

PRESENTS A VIRTUAL SHIUR WITH
RABBANIT SHANI TARAGIN



Rabbanit Shani Taragin is the educational director of the Matan Eshkolot Tanakh teachers' education program, Lapidot teachers in Torah shebe'al peh, and of the Morot l'Halacha program in Matan HaSharon. Shani serves on the advisory committee for the World Mizrahi Shalhevet program for shlichim, and lectures throughout Israel and North America on topics of Tanakh, Jewish Education, and Jewish Law. Together with her husband, Rabbi Reuven Taragin, she serves as Educational Director for World Mizrahi and as Rosh Beit Midrash at Camp Moshava IO during the summer. Shani lives with her family in Alon Shvut.

TUESDAY, APRIL, 13, 2021 | 1:00 PM

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DETAILS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

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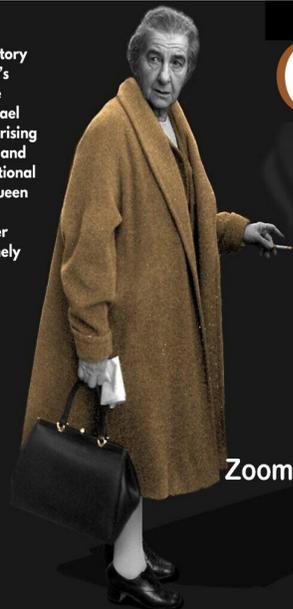
**Special Guest Speaker for
 Yom Ha Zikaron
 11:00am
 Wednesday 4/14
 Piera (Price) Edelman**
**"In Memory of the Fallen"
 A Personal Story.**
**Meeting ID: 870 3941 2665
 Passcode: 418371**

Shakshuka
 Courtesy of Rita Gruber

4 onions—cut into diced small
 1/2 a jalapeno (optional) diced small
 2 red peppers diced small
 7 tomatoes diced small
 2 small cans of tomato sauce
 Salt and pepper
 Eggs

- Warm oil, put onions, jalapeno, and red peppers in and sauté till soft and onions are yellow.
- Add tomatoes and sauté a little more.
- Add sauce and salt & pepper and cook for about 1/2 hour.
- Add 4 eggs (or more) let cook till the egg whites are solid.

Serve with pita or any bread you like



The eventful story of Golda Meir's term as prime minister of Israel from her surprising rise to power and iconic international stature as "Queen of the Jewish people", to her tragic and lonely demise.

Golda

Thursday, 4/15
 Yom HaAtzmaut
 Israel Independence Day
 1:00 PM
 Zoom Meeting ID: 894 8330 3336
 Passcode: golda

In Honor of Yom HaAtzmaut 5781 - 73rd Anniversary of
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 We invite you to join us!

Thursday 4/15
Festive Shacharit in the Main Shul at 8:00 am
Lunch at Noon only \$5!
Sponsors wanted @ \$18 (includes 1 lunch)

Name: _____ # of lunches @ \$5 ea: _____
 I'd like to sponsor for \$18 (includes 1 lunch): _____
 Check 1: Eat in the tent Take home
 (limited seating available in the tent)
 Make your checks payable to Congregation Torah Ohr
 Deadline: Tuesday April 13



**Followed by the movie GOLDA on Zoom @ 1:00pm
 from the comfort of your home.**

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

Irv Cherson	Yisroel HaCohen ben Velya	Ohra Hahn	Ohra Miriam bat Sarah
Sam Colman	Shmuel ben Sarah Rachel	Aviva Hoschander-Sulzberger	Aviva bat Malka
Alvin Fine	Avraham Moshe ben Faigel	Molly Lieberman	Malka bat Esther
George Heino	Rafael Yaakov Yissocher	Rachel Rosner	Rachel bat Toiba
	Noson HaCohen ben Alta Elka	Barbara Serman	Bracha bat Batya
Peter Horvath	Yaakov ben Zissel	Susan Wertman	Chaya Sarah bat Leah
R' Michael Kanterovitz	Rav Michael ben Batia	Ahuva bat Tema	
Alan Kaufman	Avraham ben Sarah	Rachelle bat Chana	
Art Kraut	Eliezer Anshel ben Perl Gittel	Tema Rivka bat Bayla Yachat	
Charles Meyers	Meier ben Chava		
Stan Monsowitz	Shlomo Dovid ben Rachel		
Mitchel Nerenberg	Menachem Mendel ben Leah		
Norman Nissel	Nisan Zev ben Machla Miriam		
Heshy Plotkin	Elchanan Tzvi ben Rachel Leah		
Jay Rosenfeld	Yehuda Baruch ben Golda		
Rabbi Leonard Zucker	HaRav Chaim Yehuda Leib ben Elka		
Reuven Eliyahu ben Shaindel Malka			
Elchanan Yisrael ben Devora Leah			
Aharon Dov ben Tiferet Chana			

**Please call us when you are feeling better
and are ready to have your name removed from this list!**

BIKUR CHOLIM

Thanks to our Bikur Cholim committee that is up and running:

Terri Farkas	Giselle Lazerowitz
Jay Levy	Vera Hamburger
Harriet Goldman	Robert Goodman
Linda Markowitz	



We have representatives from Wolverton and Yarmouth. We are now looking for members from the other associations to ensure we are aware of everyone's needs.

Need Chesed, grocery shopping, medicine pick-up?
Equipment?

Bikur Cholim Services?

Do you wish to volunteer or donate?

Contact **Avi Kuperberg**:

CTO.BikurCholim@gmail.com or the confidential hotline, 561-221-2270

LEARNING SPONSORSHIPS

Year of Learning

Paula and Bob Bromberg

in memory of their dear friend, Julian Smith, *Yehuda ben Yisroel* עיה

In memory of **Malka Mann** עיה, our former member, and in memory of her family murdered in the Holocaust: *HaRav Tzvi Hersh ben Shlomo Yaakov* עיה, *Sarah bat Ephraim* עיה, *Yisroel Dovid ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Ephraim ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Adiya bat HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Miriam bat HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Pesel bat HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Shalom ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Shlomo Yaakov ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה, *Shmuel ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* עיה

Sheryl Scher, her children, and grandchildren

in memory of her uncle, founding member of BRS, Dr. Israel Bruk, *Yisrael Ben HaRav Akiva* עיה

Marsha Federbush and family

in memory of her husband, Dr. Uriel Paul Federbush, *Uriel Pinchas ben Rav Shimon* עיה

Sharon and Fred Lisker, their family, and many friends

in memory of her dear mom, Harriet Friedman, *Etel bat Yaakov* עיה

Leslie and Gail Kaplan

in memory of their parents, Harry & Marjory Sadel and Irving & Pearl Kaplan

Friends of Avi Gittler, *Avraham Maier ben Shimon* עיה and Martha Gittler, *Charna bat Yeshaya* עיה

Friends of Toby Perris, *Sarah Tovah bat Yisrael Dov* עיה

Friends of Malka Levy, *Malka bat Yosef* עיה

Friends of Joe Wolf, *Yosef ben Chaim* עיה

The Many Friends of Dr. Marvin Blush, *Moshe Shalom ben Yitzchok HaLevi* עיה

Month of Learning

Sponsored by	In Memory of
4/16-5/14 Haren and Mel Haller	her father, <i>Yosef Eliezer ben Tzvi Hirsh</i> עיה
4/9-5/7 Bea Peyser	her father, <i>Yissacher Dov ben Shmuel</i> עיה
4/9-5/7 Mordechai and Miriam Burr	his mother, <i>Manya bat Rav Shimon HaLevi</i> עיה
3/19-4/16 Sheryl Scher	all who have joined my 1 st series of Epistemology of Tefila classes and to the 2 nd series coming soon.

Week of Learning

Sponsored by	In Memory of
4/2-4/9 David and Mindle Cheslow	his father, <i>Moshe ben Reuven Mordechai</i> עיה
4/2-4/9 Susan and Ronald Podolsky	her father, <i>Simcha Bunim ben Yeshua</i> עיה
4/9-4/16 Michael and Judith Poretsky	his mother, <i>Rochel bat Avrom</i> עיה
4/9-4/16 Jack Gillman	his brother, <i>Zev Yoseph ben Yitzchok</i> עיה
4/9-4/16 Sharon and Michael Glass	her mother, <i>Chaya bat Avraham Boruch</i> עיה
4/9-4/16 Susan and Ronald Podolsky	her mother, <i>Chaya bat Avrohom Dov</i> עיה

Day of Learning plus Torah Fund

Sponsored by	In Memory of
4/13 Gladys Sherman	her mother, <i>Gittle bat Issachar</i> עיה

Day of Learning

Sponsored by	In Memory of
4/8 Roslyn Hamada	her mother, <i>D'vora bat Eliyahu</i> עיה
4/9 Judy and Bob Thaler	her father, <i>Moshe Bendit ben Avraham Yitzchok</i> עיה
4/10 Shoshana Love, and the Plotsker and Tauring Families	their husband, father, and grandfather, <i>Shimon ben Avraham</i> עיה
4/10 Barbara and Bill Gononsky	her father, <i>Avraham ben Elchanan</i> עיה
4/12 Sid Perris	his father-in-law, <i>Yisrael Dov ben Yitzchok Yaakov</i> עיה
4/13 Ari and Judy Cohen	his father, <i>Avraham ben Yisrael Moshe HaCohen</i> עיה

Year of Learning	\$1,200
Month of Learning	\$250
Week of Learning	\$150
Day of Learning Plus Seudah Shlisheet or Torah Fund	\$75
Day of Learning	\$50

To sponsor learning please pick up a form outside the shul office or print it from our website.

TUESDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE the Learning or Dedication date.

Contact Judy in the *Shul* office with any questions.

Thank you to everyone who sponsors our learning programs!



Sisterhood Update

By Heni Weisfogel & Marcia Schrager

Co-Presidents

In spite of Covid, Sisterhood has had a very good year!



This Past Year

We started in September with a take away Labor Day BBQ and in November we had a take away Thanksgiving Dinner, both from Century Grill.

December's program was a delicious treat with our very own Chef Lynn (Friedman). In honor of Chanukah, we enjoyed her zoom demonstration of various cooking recipes using olive oil.

In January, we held our annual membership meeting with a High Tea. Racheli Miller, zooming from Israel, gave a shiur on the meaning of lighting candles. It was a lovely, inspiring program, thanks to chairlady, Andrea Dolny.

An early Purim in February gave us the most successful Shalach Manot fundraiser ever! Thanks to Laurie Kaufman's idea, Sisterhood made over \$21,000. Laurie, we couldn't have done it without you!

This Coming Year

We will be holding a flower sale and be giving a gift for those celebrating Shavuot here at Congregation Torah Ohr.

In June, we are having a Mishpacha, Simcha, and Graduation Take-Away Kiddush. We invite you to help sponsor this Kiddush for any occasion you are celebrating, for only \$25.

Other upcoming events in the future include a Scavenger Hunt, Book Reviews, Cooking Demonstrations, Chanukah Dinner, Card Party, and a Boutique.

Sisterhood looks forward to a year of fun and togetherness. We encourage every woman, who is a member of the Shul, to join all the activities planned for the future.



Currently

Sisterhood is selling beautiful tribute cards, designed by Sheryl Saltzman. These are all-occasion cards that have ample room inside for you to write a personal note. Please support our Sisterhood by buying these versatile cards to wish your friends and family Mazel Tov, to honor others, or to send condolences.

Cards come in packs of 3 for **only \$10/pack.**

Call now to purchase your cards and pick up at the Shul office.

561-479-4049



Men's Club Update by Dave Love

Congregation Torah Ohr's Men's Club has become a most vibrant and active partner in both: A) creating Shul activities for both men & women & B) raising funds for Torah Ohr.

Prior to Covid, we organized:

- community screenings at the Movies of Delray of the movie "Coming Home" where attendees had the opportunity to meet with the producers and some of the players and take pictures with the team mascot "The Mench on the Bench".

- Jay Goldberg co-ordinated a Yeshiva Break program at Silverball for the children and the "young at heart".

Despite Covid, we managed to hold some of our planned activities for 2020 – 2021.

1. Under the chairmanship of Leo Kimmel, we held our most successful Lulov/Esrog campaign, providing Lulavim and Esrogim for close to 100 Torah Ohr members .

2. A hearty Yasher Ko-ach to Sam Colman for coordinating our book review presentations, and a special thank you to our talented presenters. Using Zoom we enjoyed these wonderful presentations by:

Avi Frydman -"Jews Should Keep Quiet"

Mel Schiff - "In Search of Polin"

Helen Garfinkel -"Saving Israel"

Herschel Sennett -"Citizens of London"

Sarah Lazarus -"5 Skinny Habits"

Mira Sennett -"The Works of Cynthia Ozick"

Marty Levine -"Extracted"

If you missed any of these Book Reviews, please check the Shul website!

If you are interested in making a presentation or if you have a suggestion for next year, please contact Sam Colman.

3. Thanks to George Goldschmied and Steven Levine for their assistance in coordinating the logistics of ordering and distributing wines. We would be remiss if a special thank you was not given to Juste for his help in schlepping cases out to cars. Our recently completed wine sales project has been our most successful to date.

Post Covid, as we slowly emerge from the constraints of Covid, we are busy planning for our proposed future programs:

- Hosting a Foodtruck for Lag B'omer

-Tikun Leil Shavuot

- Lulov/Esrog project for Succos

-a fall concert

-Comedy Night

-a wine tasting

-Yeshiva Break programs

-NFL football game

-Spring Training Baseball

-Shabbos Hagadol meal program

-another sell-out overnight bus trip to a surprise destination:

We provide: -round trip bus transportation

-snacks on the bus,

-freshly prepared kosher meals

-overnight in a luxury Hotel

-prepaid local attractions

-organized Minyanim.

Some of our previous trips traveled to: St. Augustine, Ft. Meyers, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Sanibel Island, Savannah Georgia, Kennedy Space Center Orlando, and most recently, Key West.

We are always open to suggestions, so please share any places of interest with us!

The camaraderie on these trips led to many new friendships being formed among our members!

Currently

Selling **GIFT CARDS** for AROMA, GROVE, GLICK'S and CENTURY GRILL is an ongoing project where we have secured cards from the vendors in \$50 & \$100 amounts. Congregation Torah Ohr receives 10% back from the vendor as a contribution, making this a win-win situation for all concerned! **Call now to purchase these gift cards for all your shopping!!**

While the office remains closed due to Covid, cards can be purchased by contacting

David Dolny at: 914-414-1449 or daviddolny@aol.com



Membership Update by Mordechai Burr & Sid Goldschmidt



The **Membership Committee** consists, at this point, of the co-chairmen: Sidney Goldschmidt and Mordechai Burr. We welcome the participation of others interested in Membership concerns.

We are currently assembling a “Welcome Packet” consisting of:

- literature about davening times
- educational opportunities offered by Congregation Torah Ohr
- a list and map of Kosher shopping and dining in the community
- educational opportunities offered by Boca Raton Synagogue
- cultural and recreational facilities in the Boca Raton area

In addition to the Packet, we will bring the traditional gift of bread and salt, as well as a bottle of wine. We will explain the benefits and obligations of membership. The bonus will be an invitation to a Shabbat Seudah at the Burr home in Yarmouth A.

Beginning shortly after Pesach, along with our wives, Miriam and Sandi, we plan to visit each new Jewish resident of Century Village as soon as we identify them. To help identify new residents, we will be asking the cooperation of Association Presidents. We also strongly encourage current members to pass on the names of persons in their building who have been attending services or classes at the Shul but have not yet become members. For these residents, we will include a Membership Application in their Packet.

We would love to hear from other members who are interested in inviting newcomers to a Shabbos Seudah -- especially those who live in Ainslie or Brighton, to accommodate newcomers who live on the “other side” of the Shul and may not be able to walk to Yarmouth comfortably.

Our membership has grown by quantum leaps as baby boomers are joining our wonderful Kehillah here at CTO. In response to common questions we hear, below is our membership information:

How many people are currently members of Congregation Torah Ohr?

<u>Full Members</u>	<u>Associate Members</u>
374 Couples - Family Members (748 people)	41 couples Associate Family Members (82 people)
<u>215 Individual Members</u>	<u>9 Associate Individuals</u>
589 Total: Full Member Units	50 Total: Associate Member Units

Total number of couples : 415
Total number of singles: 224

How many Members are fully paid? 508 Member Units fully paid or on a payment plan
How many Members have not yet paid? 131 Member Units not fully paid

Whether you’re here or away, you pay your taxes and condo fees.

Please remember to **pay your shul dues too!**

We welcome committee volunteers - please contact us at:

Mordechai 561-480-6101
mrburrr@verizon.net

Sid 914-310-4017
sgoldschmidtlogistics@gmail.com

BRUCHIM HABA’IM

Welcome New Members to our CTO Family!

Dita Luxenberg in Ainslie D

Audrey Stein in Mansfield N

Security & Safety Update

by Milton Fischberger

As Chairman of the Security and Safety Committee, I would like to brief you on some of the security enhancements that are being planned for our Shul.

- The expansion section of the building will have the necessary exterior security camera coverage. The new security system will include:
 - key-card access
 - lockdown capability to three of the front entrance doors.
- A security grant proposal is being submitted to The Federal Department of Homeland Security via the State of Florida. If approved in the Fall, it will provide the Shul with funding for additional lockdown features for most of the rooms in the building. The grant would also allow us to have further protection by providing funding for additional outside lighting on the building as well as concrete planters around the front perimeter of the Shul.
- For safety purposes, we intend to reintroduce fire drills once the expansion is completed and we are all back in our beautiful Shul.

This Committee reports to Ralph Cheifetz, First Vice President, and its members include:

Bob Blashka

Fred Lisker

Jay Levy

Milton Fischberger

David Dolny

Billy Gononsky

Gary Nadritch

If you have any questions regarding security or safety, please send an email to me:

fischm3@yahoo.com.

CTO Expansion Progress

What a wonderful relief halting the construction for the week of Pesach! Thank you Rabbi Yasgur and Josh Samborn for arranging the quiet time with no dirt, noise and interruptions to our davening.

Prior to Pesach, the general contractor, CJM, was very productive. The work crew:

-finished sealing in the roof

-completed the restoration weather proofing of the wall between the main sanctuary and the new wing.

-Started:

- installing the interior framing and the air conditioning duct works
- installing insulation on the west wall of the new multi-purpose social hall
- painting the exterior of the building
- the rough-in for the electrical and plumbing work to be done

Our executive board members have been busy as well! They have arranged:

- to purchase replacement high intensity LED bulbs for the main sanctuary over the Aron Kodesh
- to purchase security cameras and a new access control system for the expansion
- for the contractor to apply for the low level wiring sub-permit for the security system

Thank you to our devoted building expansion committee members: Josh Samborn, Walter Friedrichs and Ted Spar. We appreciate your ongoing dedication to meeting and planning together to develop this expansion successfully.

Exciting decoration news ... The executive board members have signed the contract with our interior designer, Perla Lichi, from Perla Lichi Design, to allow her to order materials and complete new designs for the mechitza, the aron, and the bima. Perla has also submitted a proposal to renovate the main sanctuary.

Thank you to Marci Kurtz and her Decoration Committee: Heni Weisfogel, Shirley Weinstein, Bonnie Staiman, Sheryle Spar, Marcia Schragar, Rita Geller, Andrea Dolny and Mindle Cheslow.

We are very pleased with the progress to date!

If you are interested in a tour of the new expansion, please contact Karen Greene to set up an appointment: kargreene@aol.com 561-961-4113





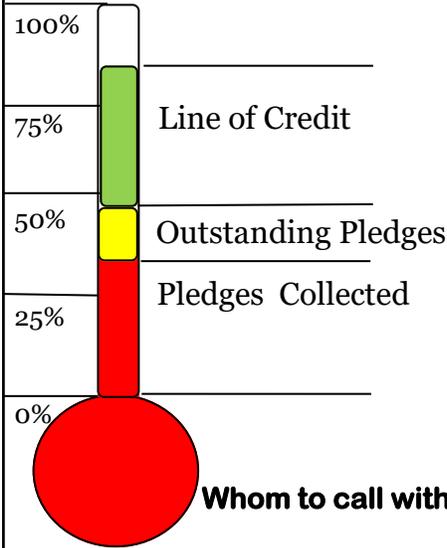
Financial Update

By Karen Greene

Come be a part of our successful shul expansion!

If you haven't yet, please join us in building our new

- Beit Knesset/social hall/multipurpose room
- Full size separate Dairy & Meat kitchens
- Classrooms for meetings & learning
- Beautiful expanded shul!



Thank you to our new sponsors—our thermometer keeps rising, our pledges are now up to:

\$1,684,783.00

If you haven't yet... consider fulfilling your pledge now... our unpaid pledges are down to \$449,092.00

Whom to call with your pledge:

Karen Greene	561-961-4113
Larry Fish	914-907-5511
Mindle Cheslow	908-693-3718
Josh Samborn	561-400-8197
Ted Spar	516-428-7415

Thank you to our fundraising committee for your collective brainstorming and diligent efforts to support our shul and keep it running smoothly. Our committee team members are dedicated to each separate project: David Dolny—Telephone Directory, Giselle Lazerowitz & Phyllis Solomon—Annual Dinner, Ted Spar—Take-Away Kiddush, Martin Fisch—Yizkor Appeal, Eli Zimmerman—Yizkor Book, Mindle Cheslow—Expansion, Steve Levine—Legacy and so many more.

Thanks as well to Sisterhood and Men's Club for their strong part in fund raising at many events they organize, as well as through the sale of their tribute cards and gift cards.

We are now looking for sponsors for the Shul Bulletin as well as a volunteer coordinator to spearhead this fundraising project. Ads are very reasonably priced:

	<u>3 issues</u>	<u>6 issues</u>	<u>12 issues</u>
1/4 page	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
1/2 page	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$300.00
Full page	\$225.00	\$400.00	\$600.00

Please solicit ads for our bulletin from your doctors, hair dressers, barbers, cleaners, mechanics or any business you currently patronize. For more information please contact:

Vicky Rubenovitch-Fish

vickyrfish@gmail.com

561.289.3932

DEDICATIONS

These dedication opportunities are still available.

Social Hall Kiddush Area		25,000
Holocaust Memorial Garden		25,000
Main Sanctuary - Lighted Panels	2 remaining	15,000
Administration Lobby		15,000
East Lobby		15,000
CORNERSTONE Society		15,000
Coffee Bar		10,000
Education Portal (hallway)		10,000
Outdoor Walkway West		10,000
Table Storage		10,000
Rededication - Kitchen for Beit Midrash		10,000
Seforim Room		7,000
Door - to Main Sanctuary Lobby	1 remaining	5000
Dedication: New Lobby Window	1 remaining	5000
Handicapped Seating Main Sanctuary - Men		5000
Handicapped Seating Main Sanctuary - Women		5000
Handicapped Seating Social Hall - Men		5000
Handicapped Seating Social Hall - Women		5000
Mezuzah	2 remaining	2500
Main Sanctuary Aliya Cards		1800
Beit Midrash Aliya Cards		1800
Nusach Sfard Aliya Cards		1800

**To honor a dear one with a dedication please contact Karen Greene
kargreene@aol.com 561-961-4113**

CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

Please join Congregation Torah Ohr's elite group of donors who contribute \$15,000 or more to our expansion campaign.

If you have made a dedication or donated in that price range, you are already included in our

Cornerstone Society!

*Thank you to our Cornerstone Society Members
for your devotion & commitment to Congregation Torah Ohr!*

Marci Kurtz

Shmuel Goldstein

Geller Alter Family

Esther Miller ע"ה

Joshua & Carol Samborn

Walter & Leona Friedrichs

Peter Horvath

David & Bella Adler

Rabbi Mordechai & Miriam Burr

Zev Kipperman

David & Anne Klar

Rabbi Dr. Avi & Adrienne Kuperberg

Lola Chandler ע"ה

Dr. Jonas & Clara Waizer

David & Mindle Cheslow

David & Andrea Dolny

Charles Gelfenstein

Larry and Vicky Fish

Rabbi Kenneth & Karen Greene

Pledges will be acknowledged when they are at least 50% paid.