



# Congregation Torah Ohr 35th Annual Dinner

## with a **Twist**

*You choose the date, time and meal!*

Vouchers for Ditmas Boca  
\$90 for an individual meal  
\$180 for two meals

Vouchers redeemable through December 2021  
Please support our shul by purchasing multiple vouchers.

The only thing you will be missing are the speeches!

### **Menu**

Choice of appetizer from the Ditmas menu  
Choice of the soup of the day or house salad

#### **Entree Selection**

Teriyaki or Dill Salmon  
Grilled Herb Chicken Breast or Pargiot  
Boneless Rib Steak or Center Cut Butcher Steak  
All entrees served with your choice of Rice or Roasted Potatoes and Pan Sautéed Vegetables

#### **Dessert Selection**

Chocolate Lava Cake  
Mango Bread Pudding  
Apple Crumb Pie with Vanilla Ice Cream

#### **Beverages**

Soft Drinks and One Glass of Wine per guest

Your choice of take-out or dine-in (dine-in includes gratuity and taxes)  
Please call Ditmas one day in advance to make a reservation or to place an order 561-826-8875

#### Voucher Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vouchers \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$90 each Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type  Check  Credit Card- If you check this an invoice will be emailed to you. Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Torah Ohr office to schedule a time to pick up your vouchers. Vouchers cannot be mailed.  
Deadline to purchase vouchers is March 24, 2021. Vouchers redeemable through December 31, 2021.

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All classes are on zoom, some will also be in person. Every class that is in person will have a registration limit of 40 people and will be held in the Main Sanctuary. You must register in advance on our website; you can find the registration link by clicking on the class you are interested in at <https://www.torahorboca.org/calendar.html>

All zoom links are listed after each class description with a meeting ID and Passcode. There is no limit to how many participants may attend a class on Zoom.

You can call in to any zoom webinar: Call (301) 715 8592 (US), (647) 558 0588 (Canada), or 972 55 330 1762 (Israel) and then enter the meeting ID followed by #. You will be asked for a participant ID after you enter the meeting, just press # again to enter the call. (no passcode needed if you're calling in)

***We would like to express our thanks to all those who have forwarded suggestions to the Education Committee relating to the spectrum of programs we offer.***

## A Thought from the Rabbi

The name of our Shul is Congregation Torah Ohr. And so is our mission. We are dedicated to providing the settings and opportunities to gather, both in our Shul and via the internet, to express ourselves in prayer, to grow in prayer, to grow closer to HaShem. To know HaShem, to have HaShem close to us, one needs the light (ohr) of Torah study.

In the spring of 1973/5733 Rav Soloveitchik was asked by the students of his Talmud shiur (class) at Yeshiva University to share some impromptu reflections on the completion of the first chapter of Chullin. At that time, the Rav shared an observation of Tosafot which contrasted the mitzvot of Sukkah and Torah study. For example, what does one do if, after having recited the blessing *Laishev* (to dwell in) *BaSukkah*, he needs to go back to his condo because he forgot to bring the main course? When he returns, does he recite the blessing again? The answer is, as long as the person keeps the mitzvah consciously in his mind, the original bracha remains active. But, what if after being in the Sukkah one decided it was time to attend to some other matters of the day, to visit one who is ill or to get together with family or friends for an activity? What if as he was already walking home, he decided it would be best to eat some more before meeting up with friends? Would he need to repeat the blessing of *Laishev BaSukkah*? The answer is yes. Once one dropped the conscious connection to the Sukkah, the previous blessing is no longer valid.

This law is in stark contrast with the personal blessings on Torah study which we recite each morning. Yes, immediately after these blessings we learn short selections of the Written and Oral law. Hopefully we dedicate time to more intensive study as well. Many of us will have a list of objectives to accomplish during the day that will require our concentration or at least distract us from those blessings we recited much earlier. If, when I return to my car, I take out a Chumash or turn on a Torah recording, would I recite the blessings on Torah study? Absolutely NOT!

Rav Soloveitchik explained Tosafot's response in terms of a mother's awareness of her children. She may not be with her children; she may be at work and not able to leave at will. But, she always has latent thoughts of her children. This is our love and relationship with Torah study. This is why the blessing of Torah study states *la'asok b'divrai Torah*- to be occupied with Torah thoughts; it does not say *lilmod Torah*, to study Torah. We are always on some level thinking of Torah. Other mitzvot require an acute awareness or else the power of the blessing expires.

This brochure reflects our commitment to Torah study and dialogue with HaShem through prayer. These endeavors also give us an experience of bonding with one another, just as the name Congregation implies. Our shul is proud to create all three of these opportunities.

I extend a *Yeyasher Kochachem* and a thank you to all of our many partners in making our goals accessible to our membership and to all who participate in the many valuable opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Benjamin S. Yagur*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Torah Ohr recognizes with sincere thanks the ongoing support of many of our programs by the following Memorial Funds.

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<i>Dr. Marvin Blush</i>	<i>Ruth Dahan</i>	<i>Dr. Uriel Paul Federbush</i>
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<i>Kenneth Werden</i>	<i>Harold Yasgur</i>	

*May the merit of our Torah study serve to elevate these beautiful souls in their heavenly abode.*

# SHABBAT MINYANIM

Throughout the year, Torah Ohr is pleased to support at least two Shabbat minyanim: a *Hashkamah* minyan (currently meeting at 7:00 AM) and a minyan (currently starting with Nishmat at 9:00 AM). With Covid precautions in place, both minyanim meet in the Main Sanctuary with social-distancing and masks. We are also hosting an outdoor Shabbat morning minyan which meets in the Sukkah beginning at 9:00 AM. Congregation Torah Ohr is committed to offering as many minyanim as appropriate to match the interests of our membership and availability of safe spaces. Please check the Synagogue Weekly Bulletin for further details regarding any additional minyanim for the Winter Season.

## OUR VIRTUAL KABBALAT SHABBAT & HAVDALAH OPPORTUNITIES

### KABBALAT SHABBAT

Each Erev Shabbat, we host a Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat experience. Davening is led by one of our members. We daven through Lecha Dodi with the intention of delaying our accepting the holiness of Shabbat until we close our electronic devices and either continue our private davening or light the Shabbat candles. Our weekly program begins with a Dvar Torah and concludes with an open mic encouraging the exchange of greetings for a Shabbat Shalom/Good Shabbos. Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat begins, during the winter season, between 45-60 minutes before the standard Candle Lighting time. The program runs approximately 25 minutes and is hosted by our Rebbitzin, Barbara Yasgur.

### HAVDALAH

Our four-facet Havdalah program attracts multiple segments of our members and other friends. Each week the Havdalah program opens with a guest musician/singer. We begin the new week singing (or listening) together prior to the recitation of Havdalah. For those who are not able to participate in-person in Havdalah, our Zoom Havdalah will afford the opportunity to fulfill this beautiful mitzvah. For those who have already recited Havdalah before joining us, Havdalah presents the opportunity to answer Amen to additional blessings while bonding with our friends and co-members. Each week, Rabbi Yasgur shares an episode of Dilemmas in Halacha. These dilemmas focus on real-life situations which present scenarios requiring a decision; we view possible outcomes from the lens of Halacha, Jewish Law. The concluding segment of the program is the opportunity to exchange greetings for a Shavua Tov/Gut Voch. Zoom Havdalah begins approximately 20 minutes after Shabbat concludes and runs for 25 minutes. **There is an added bonus for those who sign in a few minutes early to the programs above. Participants often seize the opportunity to chat with each other and be bolstered by seeing friends, acquaintances and new members.**

# SHABBAT LEARNING

Shabbat at Torah Ohr is always highlighted by beautiful and spiritually meaningful tefilot and the communal study of Torah. The Shabbat schedule remains constant throughout the year. The Congregation is urged to take advantage of all the programs offered. In most instances, the sessions held are suitable for both men and women. Please consult the Weekly Bulletin for the times of each session which change from week to week as the days get longer or shorter.

## PARSHA BETWEEN THE LINES

### *Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur*

An in-depth study of the Parasha and, on selected weeks, topics in contemporary *Halacha*.

## MISHNAH YOMIT

Given by David Cheslow, 15 minutes before Mincha.

## D'VAR TORAH

We look forward to restoring our Seudat Shelisheet program in the post-Covid period. A light meal is served, followed by a D'var Torah and singing to enhance our late afternoon Shabbat experience. Sponsorships are available.

## WEEKDAY MINYANIM

Currently, in our Covid-Precaution mode, there is one Shacharit minyan meeting in the Main Sanctuary at 7:30 AM. As members continue to return to Century Village, we will add minyanim, as needed. Our usual schedule hosts three Shacharit minyanim daily. Please check the Weekly Bulletin for our current schedule.

Currently, we are hosting one Mincha/Ma'ariv minyan which begins approximately 15-20 minutes before *shekia* (sunset). As more members return, we will add minyanim as needed. Please check our Weekly Bulletin for exact times.

## WEEKDAY LEARNING

The weekday program offers classes at a variety of levels enabling everyone, regardless of previous exposure to Torah study, to find a regular learning experience with which he or she feels comfortable while acquiring new Torah insights.

### DAF YOMI

Daf Yomi meets after the 7:30 AM minyan (at approximately 8:30 AM). It is led by Rabbi Kenneth Greene and others. **Currently via Zoom only.**  
Zoom Meeting ID: 808 493 425 Passcode: dafyomi

### CHUMASH CLASS

Chumash class currently meets on Zoom at 9:30 AM.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 898 8228 0439 Passcode: chumash

### MISHNAH YOMIT

15 Minutes before (Early) Mincha. Led by David Cheslow. In person and on Zoom.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 835 9902 5152 Passcode: Mincha (stay on after for Mincha!)

### D'VAR HALACHA

Between Mincha & Ma'ariv. Presented by Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur. In person and on Zoom.

### MISHNA BREURAH

*Mishna Breurah* takes place at 8:00 PM on Zoom.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 965 632 091 Passcode: breurah

# RABBIS ON ROTATION

## MONDAYS

**10:00 — 10:50 AM**      **RABBI DR. RON BRAUNER**  
**November 16—December 14—Only on Zoom**



***Thinking Jewish: The Art of Living in Two Civilizations***

We are so much like our Gentile neighbors and yet so different. The things that truly define us—our thoughts, our beliefs, our behaviors, our values—truly distinguish us and set us apart. This series takes a fresh look at some of the major components to our identity and considers what we have contributed to society. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of Dr. Brauner’s book, *Thinking Jewish*, which will serve as the text for class discussion. Preregister to pick up a copy from the office. Only on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pfuCqqD0tHdW4oyGFBnrGRNPVfb07iBvX>

**10:00—10:50 AM**      **RABBI DR. KENNETH CHELST**  
**December 21—January 4—Only on Zoom**



***Book of Ezra –Phases in the Jewish Aliyah of the Babylonian Exiles***

We will explore the Book of Ezra to understand the experience of the first and second wave of Jewish exiles to make Aliyah after the destruction of the first Temple. We will discuss the relationship with their non-Jewish neighbors as well as their interaction with political leadership in Persia. We will study the challenges they faced in building a second Temple and the inspiration provided by the final prophets.

Week 1      Cyrus and the first Jews to return from Babylon exile

Week 2      Darius and building of the Second Temple

Week 3      Ezra assumes leadership of Jews in Israel

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 4205 3764 Passcode: 338523

**10:00 — 10:50 AM**      **RABBI DAVID JACOBOWITZ**  
**January 11—February 1—Only on Zoom**



***Modern Orthodoxy: Past, Present, Future***

How and why did Modern Orthodoxy emerge? What distinguishes it from other Jewish streams? How does it deal with the complex challenges of contemporary life? Who have been its key champions and opponents? What is its likely future?

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 4205 3764 Passcode: 338523

**10:00—10:50 AM**      **RABBI HOWARD ALPERT**  
**February 8—February 22—On Zoom and In Person**



***Mipnei Tikun Olam***

A study of how Chazal understood and applied the concepts of Mipnei Tikun Olam and Mipnei Darchei Shalom, and the ways in which these classical understandings are being reinterpreted by some Jews today.

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 4205 3764 Passcode: 338523

# WEEKLY CLASSES/SHIURIM

## MONDAY CONTINUED

**11:00 - 11:50 AM**

**RABBI SHALOM KORNBLUM**

***Beginning TBA***

***Lessons in Sefer Beresheit, An In-depth Study of The First Book of The Torah***

Taught in Hebrew. This shiur will examine the Biblical text based on both Classical *Meforshim* (commentators) as well as contemporary *parshanut* (commentary).



## TUESDAYS

**11:00 - 11:50 AM**

**MEL GREENBAUM**

***Beginning TBA***

***Learn to Layn***

If your goal is to:

- Excel at trope based on experience
- Learn to layn in shul
- Teach grandchildren
- Practice for a second Bar Mitzvah

Then this is the class for you!



**11:00 - 11:50 AM**

**DR. JACK PRINCE**

***January 19—February 23—On Zoom and in person***

***Science & Torah***

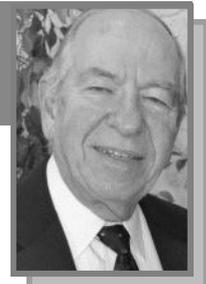
This mini-course will explore the close relationship between our sacred Torah (Oral and Written) and the scientists' understanding of the origins of our world and the rules governing the behavior of our world.

TOPICS

- Biblical Creation and Science: 6 days or 13 billion years
- Two Main Issues: a) Our Sages interest in scientific matter, and b) The compatibility of the teaching of the Sages with presently accepted scientific knowledge
- Illusory Contradictions/Real Contradictions
- The Physics of Free Will: The unpredictable future

No previous scientific knowledge is required. The sources used include: "The Science of G-D" by Prof. Gerald Schroeder, "The Science in Torah" by Yehudah Levi, "Biblical Creation and Science" by Nathan Aviezer, Rambam, Ramban, Rashi, Vilna Goan, and several contemporary Poskim.

Zoom Meeting ID: 862 4442 5874 Passcode: 370858



# WEEKLY CLASSES/SHIURIM

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON KOLLEL

**2:30 - 3:10 PM**

**RABBI KENNETH GREENE**

***November 10 — On Zoom and in Person***



### ***From Torah to Mitzvah***

A study of selected examples from Sefer Hachinuch, The Book of Mitzvah Education, as a means to understand how certain biblical laws were interpreted by Chazal and became mitzvot. Open to men and women. English text.

Zoom Meeting ID: 834 8409 7791 Passcode: 865408

**3:20 - 4:00 PM**

**RABBI MORDECHAI ESKOVITZ**

***Beginning November 10 — On Zoom and in person***



### ***Kohelet and Mishlai***

This class will focus on the apparent contradictions between these two books, and a greater appreciation of Pirkei Avoth (Ethics of the Fathers).

Zoom Meeting ID: 880 1982 0411 Passcode: 961804

## WEDNESDAYS

**10:00 - 10:50 AM**

**MARTY LEVINE**

***Beginning November 18—On Zoom and in person***

### ***Malchut Beit David (The Davidic Dynasty)***

This series will include but not be limited to the following:

We will cover the origins of Malchut Beit David (Yehuda and Tamar, and Boaz and Rut). We will learn about the choosing and anointing of David (Sefer Shmuel) and some highlights of his kingship (ex: battle with Goliath). Finally, we will study the end of the Davidic dynasty during the tragic kingship of Tzidkiyahu.

Zoom Meeting ID: 853 0080 2520 Passcode: 867403



**11:00 - 11:50 AM**

**RABBI MICHAEL KANTEROVITZ**

***Beginning November 18—On Zoom***

### ***Book of Kings I (Melachim)***

Ongoing study of Sefer Melachim using various commentaries focusing on the various Kings of Israel and Judah. *Tanach* is required.

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 4947 6383 Passcode: 991733



# WEEKLY CLASSES/SHIURIM

## WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

**3:00 - 3:50 PM**

**MALKA MORRIS**

***Beginning November 4—On Zoom***



### ***The Era of the Rishonim, 11th-15th centuries***

Join us as we continue our exploration of the development of the Oral Law during the Middle Ages. As we cover Jewish life during those troubled times, we will particularly emphasize the key contributions of our rabbinic leaders and the written works by which they are known. We will be going century by century and country by country, covering both Western and Central Europe and also North Africa and the Middle East. We will integrate our study of the Rishonim within the framework of the economic, social, and political issues of the times. We will thus gain a true perspective of the milieu in which the Rishonim both lived and worked, and during which time they were able to produce their monumental works of Torah scholarship. Zoom Meeting ID: 896 0990 3053 Passcode: 860305

## WEDNESDAY EVENING KOLLEL

**7:15—8:00 PM**

**RABBI MOSHE WOLVOVSKY**

***Beginning November 4—On Zoom***



### ***Contemporary Issues in Halacha***

In depth topics in Halacha based on the weekly Torah Portion.

Zoom Meeting ID: 816 0122 9855 Passcode: 463864

## THURSDAYS

**10:00 - 10:50 AM**

**SHERYL SCHER**

***Ongoing—On Zoom***



### ***Epistemology of Tefila***

Skills, Knowledge, and Understanding to Pray as a Jew at Home and in Shul. This class is for women and men who want to know more about Tefila and Davening.

Each class is divided into topics as follows:

- Pesukei D'Zimrah (Verses of Song) - Just Sing, Sing a Song
- Birchot Hashachar (Morning Blessings) - Good mornin, good mornin, to you, and you, and you
- Chanukah - is The Festival of Lights, instead of one day of presents we have 8 crazy nights
- Mincha and Maariv - Hello darkness my old friend
- Kedushah, Kaddish, and Kaddish D'Rabbanan - Memories are so beautiful and then.....
- Purim - Masquerade! Paper faces on parade!
- Pesach (Passover) - Let my people go

Zoom Meeting ID: 968 2808 1033 Passcode: Kavanah

# WEEKLY CLASSES/SHIURIM

## THURSDAY CONTINUED

**11:00 - 11:50 AM**      **RABBI BENJAMIN YASGUR**  
*Beginning November 5—On Zoom*



### ***Parashat HaShavua Investigations (P.I.)***

Focusing on the Weekly Torah Portion, significant themes and topics will be examined using Midrash, classical commentaries, and modern Jewish Scholars.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 830 9587 4924 Passcode: 890070

## SUNDAY BRUNCH & LEARN

**10:00 AM**      **MINDLE AND DAVE CHESLOW**  
*Dates TBA*



### ***Pirkei Avot, Ethics of the Fathers***

History, philosophy, and life lessons seen through the eyes of traditional and contemporary commentaries.

**Follow us on Facebook and YouTube. All classes will be livestreamed and available later to view at your leisure.**

## SUNDAY EVENING

**8:00 - 8:50 PM**      **ROBIN EINBINDER**  
*Beginning November 1—On Zoom*



### ***Loss and Healing in Jewish Sources***

A new series of seven shiurim on the theme of Loss and Healing in Jewish Sources, based on shiurim offered by Noema Novetsky and Rivka Kahan at Nishmat Seminary in July 2020.

The classes will examine various sources in Tanach, Midrash, Gemara, Rabbinical commentary, and modern commentators (e.g., the Rav, Rabbi Samet of Yehivat Har Etzion, Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin, Nachlat Yosef) to explore what we can learn today from ancient issues.

Men and women are welcome to participate.

Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3220 6306 Passcode: 206888

# SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

## COMMEMORATE YOM HAZIKARON

*Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

*3rd of Iyar 5781*

**Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers & Victims of Terror**

Program begins at 7:15 pm with Mincha followed by a Festive Ma'ariv in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut.



## CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT

*Thursday, April 15, 2021*

*4th of Iyar 5781*

**Israel Independence Day**

Festive Shacharit at 7:45 am (1 Minyan only) followed by a special program featuring Rabbanit Shani Taragin.

**Let's celebrate Israel's Independence Day Together!**



## CELEBRATE YOM YERUSHALAYIM

*Sunday Evening-Monday, May 9-10, 2021*

*28th of Iyar 5781*

**Celebrating the Heart of Israel**

Festive Ma'ariv, Sunday May 9th, and a festive Shacharit at 7:45 am (1 Minyan only).

Rabbi David Stav will speak on The Israeli Rabbinate & Tzohar



## TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

*Sunday, May 16, 2021*

*Tikun Leil Shavuot* takes place the first night of Shavuot led by our Mara D'Atra, Rabbi Yasgur, and other members of our community. The all-night *seder* is followed by a *vatikin minyan*.



# MEN'S CLUB BOOK REVIEWS

The Men's Club of Torah Ohr is an integral part of the synagogue. In the many years since its inception, it has initiated numerous activities and taken responsibility for a number of religiously oriented events, such as the purchase and distribution of Lulav & Etrog sets for Sukkos, wine for Pesach, and refreshments for the annual Tikun Leil Shavuot. Among its activities, open to all, are various guest lectures, visits to local attractions, an annual three day trip to a major tourist location, as well as an outstanding Book Review series.

## MONDAYS AT 8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 3519 2688 Passcode: 909389

<b>NOVEMBER 9</b>	<i>On Zoom and in person</i>	<b>MARTY LEVINE</b>
	<i>Killing a King</i>	By Dan Ephron
<b>NOVEMBER 23</b>	<i>On Zoom only</i>	<b>SARAH LAZARUS</b>
	<i>The 5 Skinny Habits</i>	By David Zulberg
<b>DECEMBER 7</b>		<b>HERSCHEL SENNETT</b>
	<i>Citizens of London</i>	By Lynn Olsen
<b>DECEMBER 21</b>		<b>HELEN GARFINKEL</b>
	<i>Saving Israel</i>	By Boaz Dvir
<b>JANUARY 4</b>		<b>AVI FRYDMAN</b>
	<i>The Jews Should Keep Quiet</i>	By Rafael Medoff
<b>JANUARY 18</b>		<b>MEL SCHIFF</b>
	<i>In Search of Polin</i>	By Dr. Gary S. Schiff
<b>JANUARY 26 (TUESDAY)</b>		<b>MIRA SENNETT</b>
	<i>Presentation of the works of Cynthia Ozick</i>	
<b>FEBRUARY 8</b>		<b>MARTY LEVINE</b>
	<i>Extracted</i>	By Perry Brickman DDS
<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>		<b>GERALD FELSENTHAL, MD</b>
	<i>America's Soul in the Balance</i>	By Gregory J. Wallance
<b>MARCH 8</b>		<b>CHARLES SELENGUT</b>
	<i>The New Antisemitism</i>	By Professor Charles Selengut

## SISTERHOOD

Torah Ohr Sisterhood is a vital component of the synagogue. Besides providing an important social venue for many, its programs and activities include opportunities for participation in a number of educational and spiritual endeavors, as well as financial support for the congregation as a whole. Details about the following events and activities, held under the auspices of Sisterhood, can be acquired through flyers and e-mail.

<b>Sharsheret Pink Challah Bake</b>	<b>October 28</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>Virtual Boutique</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>Chanuka Party</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>Judy's T-Shirts</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>Boutique</b>	<b>March 2</b>
<b>Lag B'Omer Scavenger Hunt Around the Village</b>	<b>April 30</b>

Program dates subject to change; please watch for flyers and emails

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**These programs are chaired by Rabbi Dr. Moshe Kranzler, Chairman of Special Events, in coordination with the Education Committee.**

My Dear Friends,

During the past years, I have been able, together with the members of the Education Committee, to plan a number of special programs that we felt met the needs of our community. I take pride in planning these events and the way our members participate to make these programs so successful.

While our Covid precautions may alter the nature of our events, we are eagerly looking forward to the multiple Special Events detailed below.

We do not know when we will return to “normal”. But we do know we remain committed to hosting meaningful learning opportunities. We keep all our options open to deliver the Special Events in the most impactful format available.

The following are the special programs as they are planned as of now (subject to change).

*- Rabbi Kranzler*



### **YOM IYUN**

***Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM—On Zoom***

#### ***ORA LEE KANNER, PRINCIPAL OF KATZ YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL***

We will start our year of special events with the annual Yom Iyun, which was introduced five years ago, to further intensify learning in our community. We are fortunate to once again study with Mrs. Ora Lee Kanner. This year, the Torah lecture will take place via Zoom. Those of us who were privileged to study with Mrs. Kanner several years ago know that we are in for a very special treat. We look forward to an exciting and stimulating morning. Zoom Meeting ID: 834 4944 5344 Passcode: 498102



**Mrs. Ora Lee Kanner is currently the Principal of the Katz Yeshiva High School where she has served as an administrator and teacher since its inception 19 years ago. Prior to being Principal at the Yeshiva High School of Boca Raton, she had been the Assistant Principal of the Rabbi Alexander Gross Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach, the school founded by her late father. Ora Lee Kanner has been a guest lecturer in cities across the United States, Canada, Israel, and South Africa.**

*This annual event is sponsored by Rabbi Dr. Moshe Kranzler in memory of his wife, Eveline.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

*January 2-3, 2021—On Zoom*

#### **RABBI TZVI SYTNER**

One of the highlights of the Torah Ohr calendar is the annual Scholar-in-Residence program. This program features an outstanding personality with recognized credentials as a dynamic educator and thinker. The Scholar program affords participants the opportunity to explore the depths of Jewish thought and philosophy and to consider serious issues confronting the Modern Orthodox community. This year, the scholar will be speaking via Zoom on Motza'ei Shabbat and on Sunday morning. Zoom Meeting ID: 837 9405 6546 Passcode: 685767



**Rabbi Tzvi Sytner grew up in Los Angeles, CA. He is a Rabbi, motivational speaker, and therapist. He has delivered inspiring lectures worldwide, including South Africa, Australia, U.S, Chile, and Canada. His popular videos and “Inspiring Hope” blog on Aish.com have received hundreds of thousands of views. He received his Smicha (Rabbinic Ordination) from the Jerusalem Center for Community Leadership under Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz, a B.A. in Liberal Studies, a Master’s Degree in Education, and a Master’s Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. He is currently the Rav of the Village Shul & Aish HaTorah Learning Center in Toronto.**

### SIYUM MISHNAYOT

*Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM—On Zoom*

#### **RABBI STEVEN WEIL, NATIONAL DIRECTOR AND CEO OF THE FIDF**

Seven years ago, we started a Chevra Mishnayis at Torah Ohr. It has been an extremely successful program. Last year, between 150 and 200 men and women studied Mishnayis and will complete the six tractates of the Talmud Bavli in time for the siyum which will take place, G-d willing, at the end of February 2021. The siyum is followed by a *seudas mitzvah*. Rabbi Weil will deliver his lecture via Zoom, and the catered meal which will be provided to each participant will allow everyone to enjoy a *seudas mitzvah* following the program. As we do every year, the siyum will include a special memorial prayer for all those members of Congregation Torah Ohr who passed away during the previous year. Zoom Meeting ID: 819 0337 6112 Passcode: 743797



**This year, we look forward to welcoming Rabbi Steven Weil, the newly appointed National Director and CEO of the Friends of the IDF, and former Senior Managing Director of the Orthodox Union for the past 11 years.**

*This year, Torah Ohr is honored to recognize Zipporah Goldstein and Shmuel Goldstein as the primary sponsors of the Chevra Mishnayis program. Mrs. Goldstein and family are underwriting the program in memory of her husband Leon, and Mr. Goldstein is underwriting the program in memory of his wife Zipora. May the year of learning by so many individuals in their memory bring a measure of comfort to both families.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### RABBI JACOB AND PEARL WEITMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

*Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM—In Person*



#### **DR. IRA EPSTEIN — “Hava Nagila: From the Shtetl to Broadway”**

Since this video-lecture series was introduced three years ago, it has been a great hit in our community. Dr. Ira Epstein has fascinated audiences in Florida and New York with his in-depth presentations on a multitude of personalities and subjects. This year, his subject is “Hava Nagilah: From the Shtetl to Broadway”.

Hava Nagila has been recorded and performed by musicians and singers all over the world. Few people realize that the popular song began its life as a Chasidic melody or nigun in Eastern Europe. The lecture will explore the background and development of this iconic song by means of numerous audiovisual clips.

*As the name implies, Dr. Epstein will dedicate this lecture to the memory of his in-laws, Rabbi Jack and Pearl Weitman, special individuals who were active members of Torah Ohr.*

### RABBANIT SHANI TARAGIN

**World Mizrachi/Religious Zionists of America (RZA) Scholar Program**

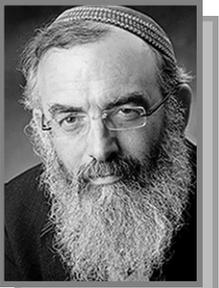


***In honor of the upcoming 73rd Anniversary of Medinat Yisrael, we are looking forward to hosting Rabbanit Shani Taragin to share unique aspects of the Land and its people. Details and date forthcoming.***

Shani Taragin received her B.A. and M.A. in Tanakh and Talmud from Bar-Ilan University and is a graduate of Nishmat’s Keren Ariel Program for certification as a halachic advisor (yoetzet halacha) in issues of family purity law. She is the educational director of Matan Eshkolot – Tanakh teachers’ education program and of the Morot l’Halacha program in Matan Renana. Shani serves on the advisory committee for the Mizrachi Olami Shalhevet program for shlichim and lectures throughout Israel and North America on topics of Tanakh, Jewish Education, and Jewish Law. She is a senior lecturer in Matan and is the curriculum coordinator for the Matan – Bnei Akiva program (MTVA). In addition, Shani is a Ra’mit Tanakh in Midreshet Lindenbaum and teaches at Migdal Oz, the Women’s Beit Medrash of Efrat and Gush Etzion and in Matan Ramat Shiloh. Together with her husband, Reuven, she serves as Rosh Beit Medrash for the Beit Medrash Program in Machaneh Moshava Pennsylvania during the summer and as Educational Director of Mizrachi Olami-RZA. Shani lives with her family in Alon Shvut, Gush Etzion-Israel.

### RABBI DAVID STAV

***Yom Yerushalayim***



#### **The Israeli Rabbinate & Tzohar**

Rabbi David Stav is Chief Rabbi of Shoham, Chairman of Tzohar and Co-Chancellor of Ohr Torah Stone with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. He is a graduate of Yeshivat Mercaz HaRav and has qualification for Dayanut. Rav Stav lectures in the women’s Judaic program at Bar Ilan University, authors a weekly column in the Israel Hayom newspaper and has published several books. Under his leadership, Tzohar has paved the way for a more ethical and inclusive approach to Zionist, Jewish life in Israel.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **PROFESSOR NECHAMA PRICE**

**December 27 & 28, 2020—On Zoom**

#### **The Paradox of a Loving Lie: Justifying Lies in Tanach**

Sunday, December 27, 2020 at 8:00pm

#### **Favoritism in the Stories of the Avot—Life Lessons for Today's Generation**

Lunch and Learn: Monday, December 28, 2020 at 12:30pm



Professor Nechama Price serves on the Judaic Studies faculty in Stern College teaching courses in Tanach and Halacha. She graduated from Stern College, received her Masters in Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School and a Masters in Bible from the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Both Director and alumna of the Program for Advanced Talmud Studies (GPATS), Professor Price is preparing an elite cadre of female scholars of Talmud and Halacha to serve as leaders and role models for the Orthodox Jewish community. In addition, Professor Price serves as a Yoetzet Halacha in Englewood, Tenafly, West Orange, Livingston and Long Branch. She regularly gives shiurim throughout the greater NY area.

Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3220 6306 Passcode: 206888—Both sessions are open to men & women.

*Sponsored by Sheryl Scher in memory of her husband, Charles Scher (Yechezkel ben Yosef ע"ה), her grandmother, Helen Margolis (Rivka bat Avraham ע"ה), and her grandfather, Barnett Margolis (Baruch ben Yitzchak ע"ה)*

## LUNCH & LEARN

The Torah Ohr Lunch & Learn program continues to be a highlight of our community. We are indebted to the many Rabbinical leaders in South Palm Beach County who have graciously given of their time to come and deliver inspiring Divrei Torah at these luncheons. The Education Committee is pleased to announce the following schedule for this coming season.

***September 14—Rabbi Simcha Shabtai***

***October 22—Rabbi Josh Broide***

***December 2—Rabbi Yaakov Gibber***

***December 24—Rabbi Efrem Goldberg***

***January 14—Rabbi Eliyahu Rubovsky***

***Further dates and speakers to be announced***

Zoom Meeting ID: 843 6353 2360 Passcode: 857215

## SPECIAL GROUPS

### HATTIE THUM TEHILLIM GROUP

*Sundays at 9:00 AM*

At Congregation Torah Ohr, The Hattie Thum Women's Tehillim Group has been dedicated by Sheryle and Ted Spar in memory of Sheryle's mother, Hetcha Yehudis bas Yehoshua Binyomin, a woman who truly valued the words of Tehillim. She lived in Century Village and was the founder of the Tehillim Group.

Our Tehillim Group is currently suspended due to Covid restrictions but hopes to resume meeting when the pandemic has concluded. At that time, we invite all women in our Shul community to join us. Contact Terri Farkas for more information 917-797-3405.

Please note that all donations made to both the Tehillim and the Rosh Chodesh groups go to support our local Tomchei Shabbos.

### WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH DAVENING

*First Day of Rosh Chodesh*

Currently conducted via Zoom, the Ruth Fruchter/ Berdie Schiffenbauer Women's Amen Rosh Chodesh Group celebrates Rosh Chodesh with beautiful davening. We meet on the first day of Rosh Chodesh; when Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbat we do not meet that month. We have festive davening with Hallel led by Terri Farkas or Karen Greene. We always have a D'var Torah which is given by one of the participants. Post-Covid precautions, we will resume our refreshment sponsorship which enables us to serve coffee and pastries. This sponsorship is a wonderful opportunity to recognize a *yahrzeit* or a special occasion in your life. Contact Terri Farkas for more information 917-797-3405. Zoom Meeting ID: 859 4400 5835 Passcode: chodesh

### SHIVA HOUSE COMMITTEE

This valuable group sets up and takes down the *shiva* house. If needed, call the shul office or Jay Levy 845-721-3845.

### BIKUR CHOLIM

The Torah Ohr Bikur Cholim is a *chesed* organization supported by voluntary contributions. We offer assistance to the ill, infirm, and vulnerable of our community. We provide a wide range of services including meals as well as visitation to the home, hospitals, and rehab centers. The organization also offers a variety of medical equipment available for temporary use. In addition, the group provides the first meal for the *aveilim* at a *shiva* home. Contact Bayla Ackerman for more information 845-461-5405.

### THE ALAN FARKAS CHEVRA KADISHA

The mission of the Alan C. Farkas Chevra Kadisha of Congregation Torah Ohr is to assist family members when a loved one passes away. The Chevra Kadisha temporarily replaces family members who are far away. The Chevra Kadisha ensures that the *nifter/ nifteret* (deceased) is treated with the utmost respect and dignity according to Jewish law. The members of the Chevra Kadisha also comfort the bereaved and help them make the necessary contacts and arrangements. Contact Karen Moskowitz for more information 917-620-8731.