



CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DAVE CHESLOW



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PARASHAT VAYAKHEL

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

SHABBAT TIMES

Candle Lighting

Earliest with bracha	5:08 pm
Standard	6:01 pm
Mishna Yomit	5:45 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv	6:00 pm

SHABBAT

Shacharit—Beit Midrash	7:20 am
Shacharit—Shul	8:30 am
Shacharit (Nusach Sfarad)—Upstairs	8:30 am
Shacharit—Sukkah*	9:00 am
Shacharit—Auditorium	9:15 am
Latest Shema	9:40am
Daf Yomi	4:20pm
Mishna Yomit	5:05 pm
Rabbi's Shiur	5:20 pm
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet	5:50 pm
Ma'ariv	6:50 pm
Shabbat ends	6:55 pm

*This Minyan will continue as long as it is viable.

As we celebrate the 36th Anniversary of Congregation Torah Ohr, we owe a large debt of gratitude to our Past President, Joshua Samborn.

During his presidency and through the successive years, Josh had a vision and a goal that to which he held fast. The expansion of our former West Wing became his dream and then his mission. Today we honor Josh and his Aishes Chayil, Carol. How prescient his vision became. Who could have predicted that we would become a thousand-plus member Synagogue over these past 36 years? Our expansion will allow us to offer even more opportunities for spiritual growth and social interaction among our members.

As we enjoy the annual banquet in our new Social Hall/Auditorium, let us thank the Samborns for pursuing and fulfilling their dream.

Let us also give thanks and a Yasher Koach to our good neighbors next door, Temple Beth Shalom, ably led by Howard Rosenhouse, President and Stanley Siegel, Financial Secretary and Business Manager. Their patience and generosity allowed us to operate uninterrupted during the Covid experience. We are grateful they allowed us to use the Temple ballroom for services during Tisha B'Av and the High Holidays. Every time we lost power at Torah Ohr, Temple Beth Shalom had to endure a loss of power as well, due to a shared transformer. We apologize for your inconvenience and wish you both good health and the strength to lead for many years to come.



See page 5 for Kiddush Info!

To the professional and kind staff of Cen-West management, we especially thank Judy Millington, Vice President Borec, Inc. | Cen-West Communities, Inc. and Dan Cruz, Vice President and Regional Facilities Manager, Cenvill Recreation, Inc. for their cooperation and advice. They restructured the bus and car traffic patterns to accommodate our evolving needs and permitted our "Davening Tent" during Covid. We are lucky to have such terrific neighbors at the Clubhouse.

The Dinner Committee, led by Giselle Lazerowitz and Phyllis Solomon, has done an amazing job of putting together the elements of a fantastic, fun evening for all of us. Giselle and Phyllis make it look easy, when in fact they spent many, many months behind the scenes working on their labor of love. Kol Hakavod to these wonderful volunteers and thank you to their husbands, Jack and Jeffrey, for loaning them to Torah Ohr.

Rabbi Yasgur, together with all the Officers, Board Members and volunteers make Congregation Torah Ohr the thriving, vibrant center of Jewish life in Century Village. I am humbled to lead such an outstanding group of individuals.

Mazel Tov,
David Cheslow

This Shabbat is Shabbat Mevorchim.

Rosh Chodesh Adar II will be celebrated Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4. The new moon will make its first appearance on Thursday morning, 51 minutes and 17 chalukim after 3:00 am

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI YASGUR

TO FIND A SOUL



Twice in the Torah, we find core references to what appears clearly to be a civil law of Jewish society. The law (and mitzvah) I have in mind is known as Hashavat Avaida; it entails the obligation to return lost property or, as the case may be, prevent the loss of property. The two references are:

*When you encounter your enemy's ox or donkey wandering,
you must surely (even repeatedly) return it to him. (Shemot 23:4)*

You shall not see the ox of your brother or his sheep fleeing, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely (even repeatedly) return them to your brother. (Devarim 22:1)

The Ramban notes the difference between "wandering" and "fleeing". Wandering or straying refers to an animal close to home, but taking a wrong turn. One who finds such an animal can turn it back onto the path without great effort. However, a fleeing animal has escaped from its owner and is distant from its home. The latter source includes a sheep which is in a more precarious state when distant from its home turf.

The Chafetz Chaim noted that this mitzvah has a very far reaching implication, even for the city dweller. "From this law", said the Chafetz Chaim, "we can understand that if the Torah protects a person's possessions, even his donkey or his sheep which strayed and distanced itself from the [proper] path and there is an obligation on everyone to get the animal back on the right path, how much more so must we have compassion on the Jewish soul which deviates from the path even if it requires much work to return it."

The Chafetz Chaim further noted that the Talmud (Bava Metzia 31a) highlights that the Hebrew text in the Torah repeats the word for returning, *hashaiv teshivaim*, translated above as "even repeatedly". Our Sages expounded, the obligation is in force even if one must take the action, for the same animal, one hundred times [or more].

From this teaching, said the Chafetz Chaim, we must learn the same principle when it comes to restoring a Jew to the path of HaShem, even if it takes "one hundred" attempts.

The Chafetz Chaim observed that even in his contemporary times, the majority of those Jews who repeatedly violated Torah law were not consciously rebelling against HaShem. Rather, they were straying off the path, attracted by certain temptations. "They are exactly like the fragile sheep which is lost and does not know how to find the way home. It is a great mitzvah to have compassion on these individuals and to show them the correct path."

I share the thoughts of the Chafetz Chaim at this time for two reasons. Both are connected to our elevated state of happiness and fulfillment as we celebrate the completion of the new West Wing of Torah Ohr. We are a people who not only look forward to experiencing simcha, we also look forward to sharing simcha. Let's increase our efforts to share the simcha of Torah with others.

We are not immune to faulty navigation on the spiritual path. Mostly, the manifestation may be stopping short of our achievable destination. Each weekday Amida includes our request for HaShem to help us return. It is the fifth blessing, Hashivainu. The commentary Dovair Shalom notes the triple requests: Bring us back... to Your Torah, bring us near...to Your service and return us in complete repentance. These three components refer to our speech, our actions and our thoughts.

May the Chanukat HaBayit, Dedication, for our new West Wing, with its enhanced opportunities for spiritual growth, inspire us to reach our full potential.

With Hoda'ah LaShem (thanksgiving to G-d), I wish all a meaningful and joyous Shabbat of Chanukat HaBayit.

Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur

Did you miss a class?

Find it here:

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

Watch your email every Sunday for education updates!



WEEKLY CLASSES

Mondays at 10:00 am

Scholars on Rotation—Professor Harold Rhode: “Insights into the Meaning of Words in the Tanakh .” [Also on Zoom](#)

Mondays at 11:00 am

Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz: Pirke Avot—Ethics of the Fathers

Tuesdays at 11:15 am

Dave Cheslow: Women’s Wisdom Series—Talmud for Women

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Marty Levine: Malchut Beit David (The Davidic Dynasty)

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm (note new time)

Rabbi Moshe Wolvovsky: Chassidic Pearls on the Parsha [Also on Zoom](#)

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Malka Morris: The Early Achronim—15th-17th Centuries [Also on Zoom](#)

Thursdays at 11:00 am

Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur: Megilat Esther: Dynamics of the Plot and the Redemption [Also on Zoom](#)

Thursdays at 8:00 pm

Avrohm Perl: Shiur on Rav Moshe Feinstein’s T’shuvot

CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

Pre-Pesach Seminars

Wednesday Evening March 30 at 8pm
Rabbi Moshe Wolvovsky
Chassidic Insights on Pesach

Thursday Morning March 31 at 11am
Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur
Pesach Preparations for Your Home

Thursday Morning April 7 at 11am
Rabbi Dr. Moshe Kranzler
Making Your Seder

פסח כשר ושמח

ALL CLASSES ARE IN THE BEIT MIDRASH

Extra Minyanim for Sunday, 2/27

Early Mincha—2:00 pm in the Main Shul & 4:45 pm in the Beit Midrash (use side door)

Late Ma’ariv following the Annual Dinner

Sunday’s Regular Mincha/Ma’ariv at 6:05 pm will be held in the Beit Midrash

TIMES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/25-3/3

Earliest davening (Fri-Th)	5:40 am	Mishna Yomit	15 min. before Mincha
Earliest Tallit/Tefillin (Fri-Th)	6:06 am	Mincha/Ma’ariv (Sun--Th)	6:05 pm
Shacharit-Shul	7:30 am	Plag (Sun-Th)	6:17-6:19 pm
Shacharit-Beit Midrash	8:30 am	Shkiah (Sun-Th)	6:21-6:23 pm
Daf Yomi (Sun-Fri)	after the 7:30 Minyan	Daven Mincha (Sun-Th) prior to	6:21 pm
		Repeat Kriat Shema after:	6:58 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.

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Important note: Please adhere to the **Deadlines** that are listed for each event. Food needs to be ordered, rooms need to be set up, and we are unable to do that if we don't know how many people will be attending! Thank you in advance for your assistance!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Order your Pesach Wine through Men's Club by March 4—[click here for order form](#)

Siyum Mishnayot by February 25 sign up by [clicking here](#).

Singles Brunch by March 1 [click here](#) to reserve

Shabbat Hagadol by March 29 [reserve by clicking here](#)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Chanukat Habayit—Elegant Catered Kiddush—Shabbat, 2/26, following davening

Sponsorship Opportunities Available: [click here](#)

2022 Annual Dinner—Sunday, 2/27, at 5:00 pm

Show your appreciation for all of Josh and Carol's hard work! We can't wait to see you there!

Sisterhood Boutique—Wednesday, 3/2, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Shop till you drop!

Singles Brunch—Sunday, 3/6 at 11:00 am

Reservations are a must— see above for link

Siyum Mishnayot—Sunday, 3/6, at 4:00 pm

Special Guest Speaker Rabbi Shay Schachter.

Second Generation of Boca Raton—Monday, 3/7, at 1:00 pm (in the Clubhouse Music Room)

Dr. Jonas Waizer: "Resilience and Coping"

Men's Club Book Review—Monday, 3/7, at 8:00 pm

Herschel Sennett will review "A Walker in the City, Jewish Brownsville in the 20's, 30's, 40s" by Alfred Kazin

Sisterhood Annual Reception and Installation—Wednesday, 3/9, at 2:00 pm

All paid up members of Sisterhood are invited at no charge.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Josh Grajower—Thursday, 3/10, at 12:15 pm

Prior Reservations Only

JNF Tu B'Shevat Brunch—New Date—Sunday, 3/13, at 10:00 am

Details will be forthcoming

Rabbi Jacob & Pearl Weitman Memorial Lecture—Sunday, 3/13, at 7:30 pm

Ira Epstein: "Hava Negila—from the Shtetl to Broadway"

Men's Club Book Review—Monday, 3/14, at 8:00 pm

Marty Levine will review "The Great Kosher Meat War of 1902" by Scott D. Seligman

Men's Club Book Review—Monday, 3/28, at 8:00 pm

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Kranzler will review "The Choice—Embrace The Impossible: A Memoir" by Dr. Edith Eva Eger

Shabbat HaGadol Dinner and Lunch—Shabbat, 4/8 & 4/9

Pre-Pesach Shabbat Dinner and Lunch



Check our calendar & our home page frequently. www.torahohrboca.org

CTO ANNUAL DINNER GISELLE LAZEROWITZ & PHYLLIS SOLOMON, CHAIR PEOPLE



Our annual Shul Dinner is almost here!

We will be celebrating this coming

Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 5 pm!

We look forward to welcoming everyone at our new Event Hall at Congregation Torah Ohr. Get ready for an exciting evening with delicious food, face-to-face gathering with old and new friends, and of course, wishing Mazel Tov to our very deserving honorees:

Carol and Josh Samborn



Josh was instrumental in forecasting the need for expanding our Shul for future growth. Our Shul membership has grown in the past several years and it continues to grow as more people move here either full-time or part-time. His ashet chiyal, Carol, is deserving in her own right. Carol not only supported her husband but she also plays a large role in Sisterhood with running various events and projects.

We are also acknowledging four individuals who aided and facilitated our needs throughout this expansion:

Judy Millington and *Daniel Cruz* from **Cen-West** and
Stanley Siegel and *Howard Rosenhouse* from **Congregation Beth Shalom**.

We have put together an elegant and lavish menu that will be catered by Ditmas, who is well-known for a delicious and outstanding presentation .

Even if you can't come, donations are certainly welcome and greatly appreciated!

CHANUKAT HABAYIT KIDDUSH THIS SHABBAT

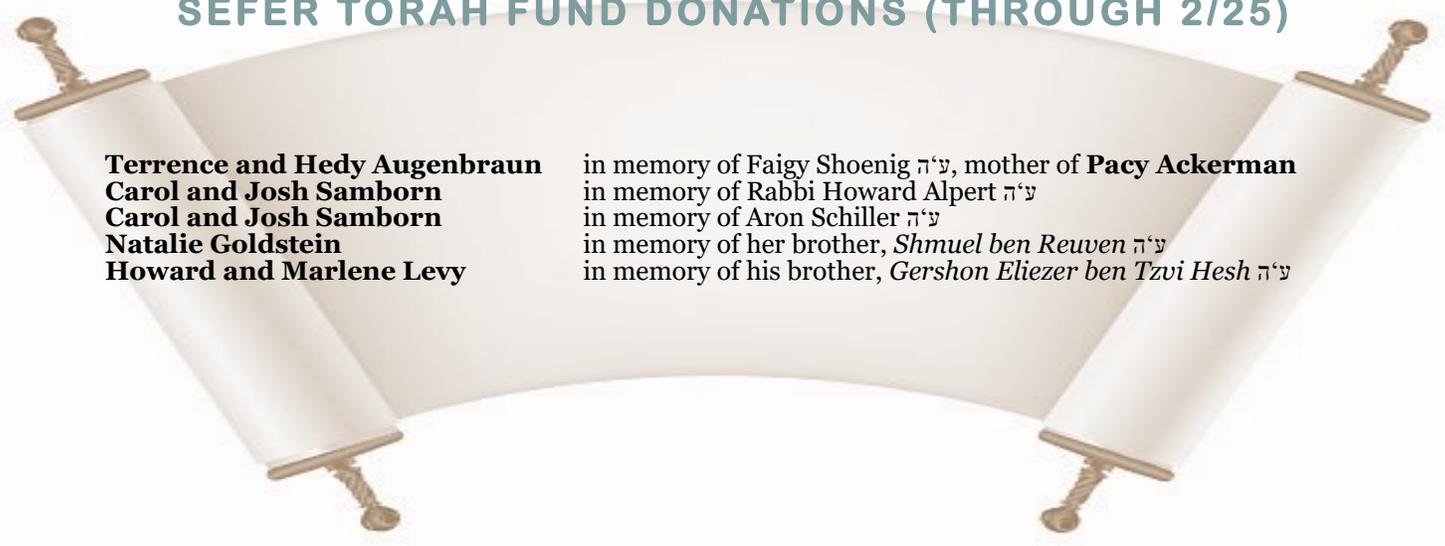
Kiddush will be recited at the conclusion of each minyan. The Buffet Kiddush will be a hot, fleishig Kiddush, but NOT a Seudah--no bread will be served. This being our first Kiddush in our new building we appreciate your patience as we find the best way to serve everyone; from members of the earlier minyanim to those coming from the last minyan.

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

<p>Sam Colman Alvin Fine David Heiblum Arthur Horn R' Michael Kanterovitz Ira Jay Kostman Eugene Kowalsky Art Kraut Charles Meyers Mitchel Nerenberg Norman Nissel Jay Rosenfeld Marvin Weinstein Reuven Eliyahu ben Shaindel Malka Elchanan Yisrael ben Devora Leah Aharon Dov ben Tiferet Chana</p>	<p>Shmuel ben Sarah Rachel Avraham Moshe ben Faigel David Aryeh ben Tova Usher Eliezer ben Rivka Chana Rav Michael ben Batia Yisroel Yosef ben Rivka Yehuda ben Faiga Bayla Eliezer Anshel ben Perl Gittel Meier ben Chava Menachem Mendel ben Leah Nisan Zev ben Machla Miriam Yehuda Baruch ben Golda Mordechai ben Faiga</p>
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Please call us when you are feeling better and are ready to have your name removed from this list!

SEFER TORAH FUND DONATIONS (THROUGH 2/25)



<p>Terrence and Hedy Augenbraun Carol and Josh Samborn Carol and Josh Samborn Natalie Goldstein Howard and Marlene Levy</p>	<p>in memory of Faigy Shoenig ה'ע, mother of Pacy Ackerman in memory of Rabbi Howard Alpert ה'ע in memory of Aron Schiller ה'ע in memory of her brother, <i>Shmuel ben Reuven</i> ה'ע in memory of his brother, <i>Gershon Eliezer ben Tzvi Hesh</i> ה'ע</p>
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MAZEL TOV

- Susan and Dr. Herb Taragin** on the birth of a great-grandson, Adiel, in Israel. Parents are Avigail and Amichai Goldstein and grandparents are Moshe and Atara Taragin.
- Marcia Solomon** on the engagement of a granddaughter, Tehila Solomon to Yigael Navarro, in New Jersey.
- Marcia Solomon** on the engagement of a granddaughter, Sarina Solomon to Elie Wiesel, in Israel.
- Lala and Sigi Bessler** on the birth of a great-grandson in Brooklyn. Parents are Yocheved and Elazar Sauberand; grandparents are Dovid & Hindi Koschitzki and Heshy & Penina Sauber.
- Sheryl Scher** on the birth of a granddaughter, Nellie Joyce, in Manhattan, NY
- Barbara and Sandy Cohen** on the B'not Mitzvah of their granddaughters, Yehudis and Mirel Weg, in Boynton Beach, FL.
- Howard and Roseann Benn** on their 50th Anniversary.

CONDOLENCES

Hanna and Ron Goldberg on the passing of their daughter, **Tammy Goldberg** ה'ע

Someone left a man's jacket at the home of **Malka Friedman** while she was sitting shiva. If it is yours, please call Malka at 845-270-2540.

Seudah Shlisheet this week is sponsored by the Shul.
 Future sponsorships are available; please check with the office or [print a form from our website](#).

LEARNING SPONSORSHIPS

Year of Learning

Sue and Arnie Garelick
 In memory of Malka Perl Mann ע'יה and Philip Mann ע'יה
 and *Yisroel Dovid ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* ע'יה *Beryl ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* ע'יה *Yosef Meir ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* ע'יה *Henya Rifka Perl Rosner bat Ha Rav Tzvi Hersh* ע'יה
 and in memory of family murdered in the Holocaust:
HaRav Tzvi Hersh ben Shlomo Yaakov ע'יה, *Sarah bat Ephraim* ע'יה, *Yisroel Dovid ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* ע'יה, *Ephraim ben HaRav Tzvi Hersh* ע'יה,
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Leslie and Gail Kaplan

in memory of their parents, Harry & Marjory Sadel ע'יה
 and Irving & Pearl Kaplan ע'יה
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 Toby Perris, *Sarah Tovah bat Yisrael Dov* ע'יה in her memory

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Friends of Marci Kurtz

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Month of Learning

Sponsored by

Your many friends

2/25-6/3
 1/28-2/25 Grace & Julius Rosenzweig's (ע'יה)
 children:
 Barbara Rotenberg, **Ann Berezin**,
 Judy Friedman & Allen Rosenzweig

In Honor of

Lydia and Abe Kraus's 50th Anniversary

Roslyn Greenberg Haskell's Special Birthday

Month of Learning

Sponsored by

Bea Peyser
Mel and Haren Haller
Bea Peyser

1/28-2/25
 2/4-3/4
 2/4-3/4
 2/18-3/18 **Josh and Carol Samborn**

In Memory of

her mother, *Reizel bat Shammai* ע'יה

his mother, *Fayge bat Yaakov* ע'יה

her stepfather, *Avraham Michoel ben Shmuel HaLevi* ע'יה

his mother, *Chienna bat Aryeh Leib* ע'יה and his father, *Shmuel Aryeh ben Baruch* ע'יה

Week of Learning

Sponsored by

Rena and Allan Mosak
Charlie Gelfenstein and
Sam Levine

2/18-2/25
 2/25-3/4
 2/25-3/4 **Everlyn and Isaac Blachor**

In Memory of

her father, *Meyer ben Yosef* ע'יה

Charlie's wife and Sam's sister, *Menucha Sara bat Yechiel Mical* ע'יה

Sam's mother and Charlie's mother-in-law, *Zissel bat Yehoshua* ע'יה

her mother, *Perel Rivka bat HaRav Menachem Mendel* ע'יה

Day of Learning plus Torah Fund

Sponsored by

Toby and Gary Greenstein
Phyllis and Gedalia Reiss

2/25
 3/2

In Memory of

their son, *Yosef Menachem ben Gershon* ע'יה

her father, *HaRav Yosef ben Rav Shimon* ע'יה

Day of Learning

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Your many friends

2/26
 2/26

In Honor of

Lydia and Abe Kraus's 50th Anniversary

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Day of Learning

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Zahava Baum

Pearl and Rabbi Mayer Zayon

Milton and Gail Meller

2/25
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In Memory of

his father, *Zev ben Chaim* ע'יה

his mother, *Bayla bat Moshe* ע'יה

her father, *Chazan Yehuda Aryeh ben Chaim Noah HaLevi* ע'יה

her husband, *Aryeh Lev ben Chaim Zev* ע'יה

her father, *Kilonomus Kalman ben Yosef HaLevi* ע'יה

her mother, *Pessel bat Nachum* ע'יה

her father, *Pinchas ben Chaim* ע'יה

her mother-in-law, *Eta Roiza bat Shimon* ע'יה

their daughter, *Alta Rochel bat Mayer Zvi* ע'יה

his mother-in-law, *Malka bat Yikosiel* ע'יה

Year of Learning

Month of Learning

Week of Learning

Day of Learning Plus Seudah Shlisheet or Torah Fund

Day of Learning

\$1,200

\$250

\$150

\$75

\$50

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

Return the form by **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 Shoshanna Kimmel & Hilda Mirwis &
Marcia Schragger
Co-Presidents

Thanks to the almost 200 women for making the **Sisterhood Fashion Show and Luncheon** so successful. **Shirley Weinstein** and **Sheryle Spar** did a fabulous job preparing the program. Many thanks to **Arlene Milgram** for all her computer work. The lunch by Chef Gersh was delicious and dessert by Louie G's was a perfect end to the luncheon. Our very own models looked smashing and ravishing in their ensembles from Sondro's. DJ Barb's music added a special touch to the program. Thank you **Helene Green** for sponsoring the music. Everyone had a great time – wine, women, and song! What more could we ask for? And, of course, all the women enjoyed looking through the racks of clothing and purchasing outfits!

Next on our calendar is our **Spring Boutique on Wednesday, March 2nd from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. There are new vendors participating. Would you believe that **Lenny Behar** and **Roz Hamada** are still looking for more vendors? What's more, food will be sold as well! So come and bring your checkbook, have lunch, and enjoy! Sisterhood Tribute cards and Purim cards will be sold at the Boutique, 3 cards for \$10.

On **Wednesday, March 9th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership and Installation** will take place. All paid-up Sisterhood members are invited to an afternoon of fun, food, and getting together. A special program has been planned by **Andrea Dolny**, the Chairperson for the event.

Purim is almost here - time to start thinking about Shalach Manot. This year, Sisterhood will be giving out Shalach Manot to every member of the Shul in Century Village for Purim, expertly coordinated by **Laurie Kaufman**. For \$180, your name will be included on the scroll given to all members along with a gift of grape juice and hamantashen. The \$180 donation entitles you to two \$25 gift certificates to Century Grill. This is a win-win for everyone.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Get out your costumes and noisemakers! The very first **Purim Seudah** in our new Hall will take place on **Thursday, March 17th at 4:30 PM!** For \$38 per person, you can enjoy a delicious deli dinner and dessert. For those who don't want meat, salmon is offered for an additional \$10. Non-members are also welcome for a cost of \$55 for the deli dinner and \$65 for the salmon. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle!) An evening of fun and entertainment will take place. The "Really Not Ready for Primetime Shul Players" have a terrific **Purim Shpiel** prepared (hopefully!) under the musical direction of **Dov Bodlander**. There will be prizes for the best and most original costumes. You don't want to miss this very special evening.

As always, Sisterhood has many more things planned for the rest of the year. Just looking for you to join us!

We continue to sell beautiful **tribute cards**. 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**.

Purchase them in the Shul Office during regular business hours.



Wishing everyone a Chodesh Tov! Please stay healthy!

Men's Club Update by Dave Love



As we enter the month of March, our Book Review/Lecture series is coming to an end with our last three lectures. **Herschel Sennett** will take us down memory lane on **March 7th** with his review of "*A Walker in the City, Jewish Brownsville in the 20's 30's 40's*". A most interesting discussion among our participants is expected regarding the merits of the Lower East Side vs. Brownsville/East New York as the Jewish Center of New York.

On **March 14th**, **Marty Levine** returns to tell us about the "*Great Kosher Meat Wars of 1902*". Looking at our current Kosher meat prices, maybe it's a time for a repeat.

Our season ends on **March 28th** with **Rabbi Kranzler's** presentation of "*The Choice, Embrace the Impossible*" a most interesting Memoir by Dr. Edith Eva Eger.

All of our Book Reviews are in the West Wing and they start at **8 pm**. If you have attended our previous presentations you know what to expect. If you have not, utilize this opportunity to attend an enjoyable and most interesting evening. We welcome suggestions of books, topics &/or presenters for next year. Please bring them to the attention of our chairman, **Sam Colman**.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the **Pesach wine list** is out. Copies are on line and in the lobby. Deadline is **March 4th** - please get your orders in by the deadline.

We are once again planning **Shabbos Hagadol community meals on April 8th & 9th**. Please join us for what is expected to be a most enjoyable Shabbat. Details will be found on line and on flyers in lobby. Whether you are here for Pesach or not, this has always proven to be a most enjoyable social event.

Lastly, we remind everyone that gift cards in \$50 & \$100 denominations for AROMA, GLICK'S, GROVE and CENTURY GRILL are available for purchase from the Shul Office. These purchases are a very easy way to support the Shul as we realize 10% of your card purchases from the vendor.

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FROM INFANCY TO MATURITY MEMORIES OF TWO PRESIDENTS' WIVES

By **Ruth Kostman and Anne Rudoler-Klar**

Torah Ohr started as a small group of strangers, but soon became a small family. We all were on the same page to start an Orthodox Shul and were allowed to use the upstairs of what was then the Century Village Administration Building. The downstairs was used by the ceramics group and an organization called 'We Care'. We had no kitchen, not even a sink, and used the "slop" sink when we needed to wash a dish. There was a bridge to cross to the other side of the building where we sometimes made a Kiddush, with much difficulty and much "shlepping."

When negotiations began to purchase the building, the Levy Organization was not thrilled, nor was anyone else, when they heard "Orthodox." We did not even have the down payment until Mr. Bernie Werner was "convinced" to give us a check, for which we were forever grateful.

The owners did not make it easy and the price went up several times, but *B"H* we won out and the building was ours. Then, we started the renovations to make it a Shul. By that time, we must have been a group of maybe 100 members at most. Everyone worked together to make this happen: Hy Levy was our first President, who gave each new member a hug in Shul to welcome them on their first Shabbat with us. Max Rudoler wanted to make the Shul big enough to seat 300 or 400 people. Everyone involved thought he had lost his mind, but he prevailed. Sam Kostman later made the Shul run like a business and letters were sent to all the U.S. publications advertising an Orthodox Synagogue in Century Village, Boca Raton, FL, and little by little they came.

Another great beginning was the hiring of Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, who became the Real Estate Agent and PR man and left no stone unturned when someone showed interest in joining us. Sid Perris and David Klar used to shlep people upstairs piggyback if they were unable to manage the steps for a program or services, as there was no elevator. Jack Hahn, Millard Shulman, Izzy Tenenberg, Marty Levine, Judah Klein, and many others were involved in this great family undertaking. Max Rudoler was instrumental in getting County Commissioner Bert Aaronson on our side. Bert helped us tremendously in getting to the right departments for licenses, permits, etc.

One of the greatest moments was the weekend when Rav Israel Lau, who was the Chief Rabbi of the State of Israel, came and put the Mezuzah on our front door. We brought Sefer Torahs outside, as did the Conservative Shul, and, with music and singing, we carried them into our Torah Ohr. That moment will never be forgotten by all who were in attendance. Today we have over 1000 members *K"H*. Miracles do happen!

It was a wonderful group of people who worked together, laughed together, and cried together - tears of joy - at what we had accomplished. Each time we step into Torah Ohr, we think of all those who are no longer with us, but were such an important part of our growth. We are sure they are smiling down at us and saying, "Well Done, Thank You, and Todah Rabba."

Our membership has multiplied tremendously since the arrival of Rabbi Yasgur. We hope and pray that Congregation Torah Ohr - our "little" Shul - will continue to grow and prosper for many years under his guidance and leadership. We wish everyone good health and many Simchas to share together!

MEET THE MEMBERS OF OUR CTO BOARD!

It is our pleasure to introduce our very hard working, devoted Board Members who dedicate many hours to our Shul. They give very generously of their time, energy and efforts to maintain our Shul and its many programs that we all enjoy. We will be presenting different Board Members throughout the year—watch to see who is next!



Sid Goldschmidt

My wife Sandi and I spend our fall and winter months at CV Boca. We live in Yarmouth A. During the spring and summer months, we live in Long Branch, NJ at the Jersey Shore. We lived in Fairlawn, NJ for 40 years before we sold our house three years ago.

Our son, Doron Goldschmidt, his wife and family live in Passaic, NJ. Doron is the head of a residential real estate company in Teaneck, NJ. His wife, Shira, is a resource teacher at Yeshiva Ketana in Passaic. Our son, Rabbi Judah Goldschmidt, his wife and family live in Ramat Eshkol, Jerusalem. Judah was a Rebbe at Yeshiva Torat Shraga for 15 years. He is now the administrator at Yeshiva Aderes Hatorah in Jerusalem. His wife, Daphne, is Director of Admissions at Midreshet Moriah Seminary (MMY) in Jerusalem. Our daughter, Daniella Graff, her husband and family live in Passaic, NJ. Her husband, Yehuda, is an attorney in NY. Daniella is a social worker.

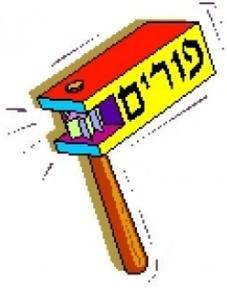
I retired in 2014 after 40 years at Central National Gottesman (CNG). CNG is a leading international trading company dealing in all forest products. I was the Vice President of Global Logistics when I retired. CNG transports thousands of tons of forest products monthly throughout the world. My responsibilities included coordinating international and domestic shipments by vessel, rail and truck as well as visiting many of the world's major ocean ports to supervise the import and export of our cargo. In 2008, I was awarded Maritime Person of the Year by the State of Maine for arranging special shipping methods for getting their forest products into the overseas markets.

In 2014, I joined Passaic Torah Institute's (PTI) daily Gemorrah shiur. While at PTI, I was introduced to Rabbi Yonason Harris who lives in Israel and studies at Kollel Toras Chaim in Jerusalem. We learn once a week by phone. In 2017, we started studying hilchos Beis Hakenesas. Our goal was to eventually publish a sefer covering halachos and topics regarding the proper respect one should have when they enter a shul. B'H, in 2020, Feldheim Publishers published our book titled "*Revere My Sanctuary- A Guide to Honoring the Shul*". The book is available through Feldheim or Amazon. I have some copies to give out at no charge to those interested.

Besides being a Board Member at Congregation Torah Ohr, I am on the Membership and Ritual Committees. I am the Gabbai at the Shabbos Hashkoma minyan and early daily minyan, and one of the Gabbaim at Congregation Brothers of Israel in Long Branch. In 2018, I was B'H, honored with title of "Hachover" for my involvement in many Jewish causes.

Need a special Megillah Reading?

If physical limitations or illness prevent you from joining us in Shul on Purim night/day, let us know if you need a condo-based reading of the Megillah.



We will do our best to schedule extra readings.

If you can read the Megillah for those who need a condo-based reading, please let us know in the office.

Attention all members: We are seeking assistance from you and/or your guests who plan to be with us at Torah Ohr for Pesach. The needs include baalei tefillah, baalei koreh, reader for Shir Hashirim and a Baal Tefillah for Tefillas Tal. If you or expected family members have any of these skills, contact **Rabbi Zvi Karpel** at 201-341-4255 or zkarpel0851@gmail.com.

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Decorating Committee by Marci Kurtz, Chair

Hi. For those of you that do not know me, my name is **Marci Kurtz** and I was appointed as the head of the Decorating Committee for the expansion of the Shul. My committee members include **Andrea Dolny, Rita Geller, Marcia Shrager, Heni Weisfogel, Sheryle Spar, Bonnie Staiman, Shirley Weinstein** and **Mindle Cheslow**. My committee and I have been working closely with our decorator, Perla Licci.

So far, we have painted our new Auditorium and installed the carpet, wallpaper and lighting. Our beautiful new Aron Kodesh and handicap accessible Shulchan are also in place, as are our two Shtenders for the Rabbi and President. We are eagerly waiting for the new chairs to arrive so that they can be put into place in the Shul. The new Mechitza should be erected this week. We have also ordered the Parochet for each minyan for both during the year and for the Yamim Noraim.

All the doorways throughout the new wing now have beautiful mezuzot, designed and created by our member, **Sam Rogatinsky**.

Once the Auditorium is completed, we will be moving the Main Shul minyan into the Auditorium temporarily so that the Main Shul can be renovated. We will be painting and installing new carpeting and wallpaper. Additionally, we will be installing three stained glass Chagall windows where the openings lead into the hallway. We are waiting for the new chairs to come in for the Shul as well (they are on the same boat!). We also ordered a beautiful donor wall which David, Rita, and Karen have worked on very hard.

I don't want to give away too much information so that you can still be a little bit surprised when you come back and see our beautiful newly renovated Shul. Looking forward to seeing all of my friends back at Shul and meeting everyone I still don't know.



Fundraising Report by Karen Greene

We are so excited to finally be able to use our new space! The Chanukat HaBayit Weekend has arrived, and we are truly looking forward to celebrating with everyone at our first post-Covid Shabbat Mevorchim Kiddush and the Gala Dinner! We owe a big thank you to Josh Samborn for both the vision and the tenacity and hard work to pursue the dream of this Expansion.

We are eagerly awaiting the installation of the **Donor Wall**. If you have yet not donated, you should be aware that we have a limited number of plaques remaining for new donors.

- ◆ \$5,000 – 10 plaques remaining (Dedicate Mechitza, Doors, President's Chair)
- ◆ \$10,000 – 7 plaques remaining (Shulchan Cover for Main Shul, Beit Midrash Kitchen, Outdoor walkway)
- ◆ \$15,000 – 1 plaque remaining (Dedicate the Administration Lobby)
- ◆ \$50,000 – 2 plaques remaining (Dedicate the Donor Wall or the Shulchan in the Main Shul)
- ◆ \$75,000 – 2 plaques remaining
- ◆ \$1000-\$4999 – 60 spaces remaining (in this category, only your name is engraved on a multi-person plaque)

On the Donor Wall, you will notice that the largest plaques are prominently displayed in the center. On one of the plaques is the name of a donor, Martin Siegel z'l, who left CTO a large bequest in his will. It gave our fundraising a big boost, and I encourage you to think about also remembering the Shul in your will. Not every bequest has to be \$100,000!

As the Season comes to a climax, we ask that whether you are here or elsewhere April-October, please remember us at Yizkor time and give generously.

Thank you so much for your support through the pandemic and the construction. I believe that the Season of 5783 will be much more "normal," and I pray that we may go from strength to strength with all members participating and benefitting from what Torah Ohr has to offer.

**Building Expansion Update
by Larry Fish
2nd Vice President**



CTO finally received a temporary Certificate of Occupancy on January 28th, 2022! The provision to receive our final Certificate of Occupancy required the removal of the door from the administrative lobby and closing up the wall to the Main Sanctuary. It also required removing the door from the storage room behind the Beit Midrash and closing up that wall as well. This work was all completed the week of February 7th!! Thank you for your patience throughout the long construction process. The new expansion is officially open!

Everyone can now enter the Shul using the new front doors leading to the beautiful, spacious lobby - the east wing door is now locked.

The building management team conducted a formal walk-through with CJM, the construction project management company, on February 21st. The formal punch list has been presented to them, containing the required repairs and corrections needed to complete the construction.

Telephone sets will be installed in the expansion – there will be phone sets in the library, the kitchen, the small classroom and the auditorium.

Our team is working on setting up a database for the card access system. These cards will permit each member to enter the building via either the administration door or the west end doors, by swiping the card in front of the door sensor. The cards will be active from 6:00 AM through 8:30 PM daily. Every member who wants an access card will be provided with one. Watch for the notification of when the cards will be distributed.

A new computer located in the IT room controls the HVAC system and the lighting in the west wing expansion in order to allow the Shul to obtain maximum energy economy. This computer will also be used to manage the member access-card database.

A new memorial board will be installed in the Main Sanctuary. This board will also be computer controlled so that it will automatically light up according to a set Yahrzeit schedule.

Thanks to the generosity of our members who contributed to the Tu B'Shevat Challenge, we are pleased to inform you that the long awaited, hi-tech air filtration system has been installed throughout the Shul, both in the existing east wing and in the new west wing expansion. This new addition to our air conditioning system reduces air pollutants — mold, dust, and organic airborne pollutants — through a process called photocatalytic oxidation. This provides us with a safe, healthy environment throughout the building!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to enjoy and participate in our many minyanim, shiurim and social activities.

**BIKUR CHOLIM
IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you are hospitalized at **Boca Regional Hospital** over a Shabbat or Chag, your spouse or other immediate relative may be able to stay over in the Shabbat Hospitality Suite.

For information about this or other Bikur Cholim services, please contact Bikur Cholim Chair: Avi Kuperberg at cto.bikurcholim@gmail.com.

FIND YOUR WAY!

Below is a map to help you find your way in our new facility!

Two sets of doors will be open:

1. The far right, an Administration door, near the office and
2. The door nearest the street

Shabbat Morning Options

7:20 am Hashkama Minyan - in the Beit Midrash

Enter through the Administration Doors, closest to the Clubhouse. Continue through the inner doors and turn right near the restroom, the Beit Midrash is on your left.

8:30 am Nusach Sfarid Minyan - in the upstairs social hall.

Enter through the Administration Doors, closest to the Clubhouse. Continue through the inner doors. For the women's section, turn left and go up the staircase on your left or the Shabbat elevator on your right. For the men's section, turn right and go the end of the hallway. Turn left and go up the stairs to the 2nd floor.

8:30 am Main Shul - Enter the front door on either side, the entrance is in the middle of the long corridor in the new wing. Men enter on the left, women on the right.

9:00 am Sukkah minyan - This minyan should be accessed from outside by approaching the building either from the left side of the building that faces Clubhouse Drive or from the Clubhouse to the back of the shul.

9:15 am Auditorium Minyan - Enter through the 2nd door closest to the street. The Auditorium is straight ahead.

IF YOU NEED TO PARK YOUR:

ELECTRIC SCOOTER—park under the overhang behind the pillars in front of the building.

WALKER - use the classroom in the new wing, to the left of the restrooms or the locker room opposite the Beit Midrash

