



CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

USING TIME TO GENERATE LIGHT



The opening sentence of the Al HaNissim paragraph specific to Chanukah identifies the human Jewish heroes and the enemy, the wicked kingdom of the Greco-Syrians. What made them wicked? Two illustrations are provided:

להשכיחם תורתך, ולהעבירם מחקי רצונך,

To cause them to forget Your Torah and to cause them to transgress Your will.

What is the difference between these two strategies? Why did Chazal include both in identifying the wickedness of the enemy? In pondering this question, I thought back to a conference call organized by the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) with the Rabbi of Kharkov, Ukraine. The year was 2014 and the setting was the Russian invasion and subsequent annexation of the Crimean Peninsula. One of the lay supporters of Jewish communal life was severely economically impacted by the events and his funding was suspended. At peril was a summer camp program for 100 Jewish children. The program had, in previous years, proven to impart very positive feelings toward Yiddishkeit, knowledge of Torah, and a fondness for a traditional Torah lifestyle. For many of the children, camp was the only exposure to Jewish living. The Rabbi of Kharkov, Rabbi Mendel Moskovitz, appealed to the participating rabbis to help raise the funds necessary to open the camp for another great summer. (Our Shul membership was among those who insured the program would be offered.)

Rabbi Moskovitz shared one of his early experiences in Kharkov. One morning after davening, a gentleman in his sixties asked if he could meet with the Rabbi the following day. Rabbi Moskovitz was happy to comply. The meeting was set to follow the next morning's Shacharit.

That morning, the gentleman came to Shul with his 40 year old son. He told the Rabbi he had a question to ask. "Of course," said Rabbi Moskovitz. The gentleman asked if they could move to a private space. They did. "Rabbi," said the man, "Can you tell me when we will observe Yom Kippur?" The Rabbi shared the information. The adult son then asked his father, "What is Yom Kippur?"

This sad example illustrates the meaning and goal of להשכיחם תורתך, causing us to forget HaShem's Torah. The Greco-Syrian prohibitions of studying Torah, observing Shabbat and Brit Milah, and fulfilling other mitzvot created a spiritual vacuum which was filled by acts foreign to Torah observance. To a degree, the life of transgression was a logical consequence of the void. In other cases, there were active campaigns to force practices of the Greek culture.

When we think of Chanukah in this context, we must see Chanukah as reminding us how important it is to use our time wisely and to occupy ourselves with Torah study and the performance of other mitzvot. Many in our Kehila have more discretionary time than ever before. Let's invest this time to generate the light of Torah to ourselves and all with whom we interact.

Chanukah Samai'ach and Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur

Monthly Bulletin

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PARASHAT MIKETZ

ROSH CHODESH

SHABBAT TIMES

Candle Lighting

Earliest with bracha 4:29 pm
Standard 5:16 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 5:10 pm

SHABBAT

Shacharit—Beit Midrash 7:30 am
Shacharit—Main Sanctuary 8:30 am
Shacharit (Nusach Sefard)—Upstairs 8:30 am
Shacharit—West Wing Sanctuary 9:00 am
Latest Shema 9:43 am
Daf Yomi—Main Sanctuary 3:15 pm
Mishna Yomit—Main Sanctuary 4:15 pm
Rabbi's Shiur —Main Sanctuary 4:30 pm
Mincha in the Main Sanctuary 5:00 pm
followed by Seudah Shlisheet
Ma'ariv—Main Sanctuary 6:05 pm
Shabbat ends 6:13 pm

Friday, Erev Shabbat, there will be an additional Mincha held in the Beit Midrash at 2:00 pm. This earlier minyan will allow individuals to fulfill the custom of lighting Chanukah flames sometime after Mincha, as is done on weekdays. The custom is based on replicating the order of the service in the Beit HaMikdash in which the daily afternoon offering (Tamid) was completed and then the Menorah was kindled. (In Shul, this is the standard practice daily during Chanukah. At home, on a weekday, we have usually davened Ma'ariv as well, before kindling the Chanukah flames.) Regular Erev Shabbat Mincha will begin at 5:10 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat begins at 5:25 (approx.)

WEEKDAY TIMES

Earliest Davening: 5:54 am (Fri-Thurs)*
Earliest Tallit/Tefillin: 6:22 am (Fri-Thurs)*
Shacharit: 7:00 am (Beit Midrash),
7:30 am (Main Sanctuary),
8:30 am (West Wing Sanctuary)
Daf Yomi: following the 7:30 am Minyan
(New Library)
Mishnah Yomit: 15 minutes before Mincha
Mincha/Ma'ariv: 5:20 pm
(Main Sanctuary)
Mishna Berurah: After Ma'ariv (Daf Room)
Plag (Sun-Thurs): 4:30-4:32 pm
Shkiah: (Sun-Thurs): 5:36-5:38 pm
Daven Mincha prior to: 5:36 pm
Repeat Kriat Shema: after 6:15 pm*
(*Latest time during the week)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DAVE CHESLOW

OBJECTIVES, GOALS....AND SHORTCOMINGS

The end of the calendar year is a good time to take stock of what has been accomplished and to look ahead to future goals. This year is particularly appropriate because most of the current Shul Board took office in February 2021, and we are completing our first term together.

At the beginning of our term, we faced several difficult challenges. We needed to complete the construction of the new addition. We were way behind in fundraising for the project. Rabbi Yasgur's contract was up for renewal. Covid was at its peak. Your Board jumped right in and got to work. On New Year's Day 2021, even before we took office, we held a phone-a-thon to solicit pledges. Lunch was brought in, and we called every member who had not yet joined the effort to support the new building. Significant donations were raised that day. Next, we began "Donor Tours." Every Sunday for several months, **Larry and Vicky Fish, Karen Greene, and Mindle** and I invited everyone who had contributed to the project to come and see what was being produced. **Marcia Schrager** and I, along with **Rabbi Yasgur, Josh Samborn, Marci Kurtz** and local politicians, created video tours of the new West Wing so that all our members, wherever they were, could enjoy seeing the progress. Those videos have been seen over 1,100 times and are still available on the [Shul's YouTube channel](#). Our generous members responded so well that even though the building wound up costing more than we planned, our mortgage is much smaller than it could have been.

The Board devised a very fair way to decide whether to offer our Rabbi a new contract. First, the Board made its positive recommendation, then the Congregation voted. Everyone had a say in the process. The ultimate decision was to offer a new contract. The committee, led by First VP **Ralph Cheifetz**, successfully and respectfully negotiated a new extension for the Rabbi.

Dealing with Covid has been hard for institutions and businesses throughout the world. Our response was to reopen early using social distancing, free in-Shul testing, remote learning, and continuous communication with the membership. We know the threat is still not over. However, so far, we have done very well in maintaining our operations without having large scale outbreaks of infection.

In addition to these major challenges, we put in place many innovations. Treasurer **Michael Poretsky** increased transparency by posting financial reports in the member section of Torah Ohr's website. We added a robust monthly bulletin started by Vicky Fish and now edited by Karen Greene. [Torah Ohr TV](#), monthly video presentations featuring our committee leaders, have proven to be quite popular, with about 500 or so views of each on YouTube. Our Gabbai, **Rabbi Zvi Karpel**, has revitalized the Ritual Committee and is managing three daily and four Shabbat Minyanim. Bikur Cholim, chaired by **Dr. Avi Kuperberg**, has been energized and expanded with quick communication through a WhatsApp chat. Lots of dedicated members swing into action to serve community members who are facing medical or emotional needs.

The House Committee, led by **Gary Schrager**, has done a terrific job of maintaining and upgrading the physical plant by modernizing the bathroom fixtures and changing all lighting to state-of-the-art LEDs. Volunteers on Standby, created and moderated by **Sarah Lazarus**, is another WhatsApp chat group that is always ready to help with those tasks which unexpectedly arise. The Library, directed by **Marty Levine**, is an excellent resource, with an extensive Seforim collection as well as a huge number of English language books on many Jewish topics. Director of Security and First VP **Ralph Cheifetz** has brought Federation-sponsored training programs to our Shul. **Ralph** also spearheaded the application for a Homeland Security Grant to add to the safety measures already being taken. The grant was awarded and the improvements will soon be installed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED

The Education Department, run by **Rabbis Ken Greene** and **David Jacobowitz**, has put together an excellent and varied program of classes, lectures and videos. **Rabbi Moishe Kranzler** never fails to delight with special events.

As Sisterhood Co-Presidents, **Heni Weisfogel**, **Marcia Schragar**, and **Hilda Mirwis** have been strong partners working together with the Shul leadership. We appreciate all the help Sisterhood has given and look forward to forging a mutually beneficial bond with the incoming Sisterhood leaders.

Torah Ohr's office staff, **Amy Jacobson**, **Andrea Mass**, **Chari Bernten** and **Judy Goldman**, together continue to do their amazing job of keeping the place running. By instituting monthly billing, they are evening out our cash flow over the course of the year. Most members are now paying their obligations to the Shul much earlier than before; this helps with budgeting and planning. Our able custodians, **Juste** and **Celissa** are doing a super job of keeping our expanded building looking great while keeping up with all of our many programs.

Now that the construction is complete, the goal for the next couple of years will be to have every member join in the Burn the Mortgage campaign. We live in extremely unstable financial times; our Shul should not be in debt.

With all the positive developments, there remains one large negative. Across the country, synagogues and churches are dealing with the fact that some of their members have grown accustomed to staying away from the institutions. Backyard and home Minyanim have become common everywhere. Nevertheless, Torah Ohr wants all our friends to come home to study, pray and socialize together in our beautiful facility. I have had many conversations with individuals who have various reasons why they are still not coming back to Shul. I have been requested to make Association Minyanim into satellites of Torah Ohr. We asked our insurance broker if this was feasible and were advised that it is not. If the Shul has any connection with an off-premises Minyan by providing books, chairs, or other equipment, or even by listing Association Davening times in our Bulletin, we could be leaving ourselves open to liability should, G-D forbid, an accident occur where the Minyan was meeting. Torah Ohr cannot accept that risk. Having said that, the Ritual Committee, The Gabbai, **Rabbi Yasgur** and I welcome any individuals or groups who want to discuss ways to make the Shul more attractive for them. We are a large, growing and diverse Orthodox community; increasing Achdus will benefit us all.

Wishing everyone a super 2023, Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach,

Dave

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Ruth Fruchter / Berdie Schiffenbauer Amen Rosh Chodesh Group for Women—Sunday, 12/25 at 9:00 am—In The Beit Midrash

Women’s Rosh Chodesh Davening. Guest Speaker: Susan Fruchter

Men’s Club Book Review—Monday, 12/26, at 8:00 pm—In the Auditorium

Helen Garfinkel will review “A Fortress in Brooklyn: Race, Real Estate, and the Making of Hasidic Williamsburg” by Michael Casper and Nathaniel Deutsch

Men’s Club Comedy Night—Monday, 1/2, at 7:30 pm—In the Auditorium

Ira Epstein will present “Special Insights about Rita Rudner: Finding Humor in Everyday Life”

Sisterhood Paid Up Membership and Installation—Wednesday, 1/4, at 2:00 pm—In the Auditorium

Special Event—Please join us! Free to all Sisterhood Members. [Click here to register](#)

Scholar-In-Residence Shabbat—January 6-8, Parashat Vayechi

Rabbi Menachem Penner, Max & Marion Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Seminary at Yeshiva University

Lunch and Learn—Thursday, 1/12, at 12:15 pm—In the Auditorium

Rabbi Noach Light of East Boca Kehilla. Topic: “Learning to Simplify; The Distraction of Too Many Options”. [Register here](#) by 12/29.

Purchase your Mah Jongg Card — Deadline, Monday, January 16, 2023

Contact Eunis Penn 732-597-1982 or Judy Cohen 718-986-4870.

The Hattie Thum Women's Tehillim Group will NOT meet this week (Rosh Chodesh Davening will be meeting at that time, please join us)

Current Classes:

Mondays:

10:00 am—Rabbis On Rotation: Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Chelst “Ezra and Nechemiah – Rebuilding Jerusalem in 5th Century BCE”

11:00 am—Robin Einbinder “A Study of Eliyahu HaNavi, and Three Episodes in Shoftim” - Beit Midrash
1 hour before Mincha—Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz “The Good, The Bad, and The Amazing” - Beit Midrash

Tuesdays:

11:15 am—Dave Cheslow “Women’s Wisdom Series — Talmud for Women” - Beit Midrash

Wednesdays:

10:00 am—Marty Levine “Women in Tanach: The Good, The Bad, and The In-Between” - Beit Midrash

11:00 am—Dr. Jack Prince “Understanding T’fila” - Beit Midrash

7:30 pm—Evening Beit Midrash with Mrs. Amy Horowitz, Chair of Bible Department at Katz Yeshiva High School. “Sibling Rivalry in the Book of Genesis: What About The Son Who Does Not Receive the Birthright?” This week: Jacob vs. Esau.

Thursdays:

10:00 am—Malka Morris “The Development of the Oral Law: 17th to 18th Centuries” - Beit Midrash

11:00 am—Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur “Parshat HaShavua Investigations (P.I.)” - Beit Midrash

Did you miss a class?

Find it here:

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

Watch your email every Sunday for education updates!

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Parents are Bracha and Moshe Miller of Beit Or, Israel.

Andrea and David Dolny on the engagement of their granddaughter Chanah Lowy of Dallas, TX to Menachem Ingber of Los Angeles, CA.

Lydia and Aaron Grubner on their marriage.

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Welcome to our CTO Family!

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Thank you to the students of the Women's Talmud Shiur for the lovely Chanukah present. You did surprise me. Of course the greatest gift is that we get to learn and grow together. Chag Sameach! Dave

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Month of Learning

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ע"ה
his father, *HaRav Simcha Binyamin ben Rav Yosef Yitzchok* ע"ה
her mother, *Sosa bat Choina* ע"ה

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Day of Learning

12/21 **Shirley and Shimi Storch**
in memory of the father of **Karen Moskowitz**,
Moshe Yosef ben Baruch Aharon ע"ה

12/24 **Rosemary and Allen Katz**
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12/26 **Bea Werden**
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her father, **Chaim Leib ben Yehudah** ע"ה from **Robin & Stuart Einbinder**

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his mother, **Gutka Tova bat Avraham David** ע"ה from **Marvin & Hadassah Bienenfeld**

her mother, **Batya bat Yakov Dov** ע"ה from **Tamy and Rabbi Kenneth Chelst**

their teacher, Rabbi Dr. Ron Brauner (**HaRav Yerachmiel ben Shmuel Yosef** ע"ה) from **Kathy & Larry Hurwitz**

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our children and grandchildren from **Esther & Peter Mandelbaum**
her grandson Spencer's 18th birthday from **Marcia & Gary Schrager**
the engagement of their grandson Shaye, son of Michelle & Neil Weinstein, to Ariella Rand from
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the birth of a great-grandson, Yisrael Meir, to Elisheva & Hymie Sternstein from **Shirley & Marvin Weinstein**

In Memory Of

her father, יוסף בן יחזקל ע"ה from **Helen & Alan Baker**
her mother, *Sara Bluma bat Moshe Dovid* from **Shifra & Samuel Colman**
their friend, Arlene Talerman (*Elka bat Tuvia* ע"ה) from **Rita & Mark Feuer**
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her aunt, רחל בת שנדר ע"ה from **Rita & Mark Feuer**
his mother, רבקה בת אליעזר אלימלך ע"ה from **Irving & Esther Fruchter**
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her father, *Yoseph ben Chaim* ע"ה from **Roslyn Hamada**
their friend Teddy Schiffman (*Tevel Zvi ben Menashe* ע"ה) from **Sara & Jesse Maryles Karen Moskowitz's father, Moshe Yosef ben Baruch Aharon** ע"ה from **Sara & Jesse Maryles**
her mother, יטה בת שמחה ע"ה from **Bernice Plitnik**
her husband, ישראל אבא from **Eleanor Rosenfeld**
her mother, *Fayga bat Alexander* ע"ה from **Alice Scheinwald**
her father, חיים שמשון בן יהודה ליב ע"ה from **Marilyn Sprecher**
her uncle, אשר הלוי ע"ה from **Marilyn Sprecher**
her mother-in-law, *Feigel bat Avrohom* ע"ה from **Bea Werden**

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Pesha Selengut, mother of **Charles Selengut** from **Sheryle & Ted Spar**
his late wife, *Ita bat Avraham* ע"ה from **Marvin & Shirley Weinstein**

DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Donations made to ANY of our Shul's funds (including, but not limited to: Baby Gemach, Bikur Cholim, Chevra Kadisha, Expansion, Library Fund, Shiva Committee, Seudah Shlisheet Fund, Tomchei Yisrael, Torah Fund, and the Rabbi's Chesed Fund) are listed in The Monthly Bulletin.

Dedications may be made for occasions such as: thanking someone, in appreciation, in celebration, in honor, in memory, or for a Refuah Shleima.

Forms are available on our website (under printable forms) and in the Shul lobby—or [click here](#) to print.

Sisterhood Happenings

by Shoshanna Kimmel & Hilda Mirwis & Marcia Schrager

Sisterhood Co-Presidents



SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

November into December was a very busy and productive time for Sisterhood. Our General Membership Meeting on November 2 had a “sell out” crowd, if we were selling tickets! Close to 80 Sisterhood members and non-members attended. We were in rapt attention for the scheduled program, “How to Escape in a Sinking Vehicle!” presented by the Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County. We happily purchased the glass cutting utensil that was demonstrated. The video of the program, taped by Fred Hadley, can be seen on YouTube.

On November 19th, the Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush had the largest participation from the Shul’s multiple minyanim thus far. The December 17th Kiddush was also well attended with a more modest array of food. These wonderful Kiddushim, which enabled so many of us to socialize and renew acquaintances, were made possible by days of preparation led by Co-Chairs **Terri Farkas** and **Barbara Galandauer**. Volunteers are needed in order for us to continue offering the kiddush—please call the chairs to let us know if you can help!

The Thanksgiving Dinner and Murder Mystery, by all accounts, was quite a hit with delicious original cuisine including salads and side dishes prepared in our well-equipped brand new kitchen by our Sisterhood chefs: **Laurie Kaufman**, **Karen Moskowitz**, **Marcia Schrager**, **Miriam Taub**, and **Heni Weisfogel**, presented in a buffet, and served by them. Unfortunately, **Lee Greenberg** who had initiated and organized this event, was unable to attend. She enlisted Laurie Kaufman, Karen Moskowitz, and Marcia Schrager who readily stepped in to coordinate and **Charlie Taub** to be the moderator of the Murder Mystery. Charlie deftly encouraged the various “actors” who volunteered to play the required “suspects.” The audience was engaged in determining “who dun it” and **Jack Peison** garnered the most votes. In addition, a beautiful floral centerpiece arranged and donated by **Sarah Katz** was auctioned off.

Following on the success of Thanksgiving, the long anticipated Sisterhood Winter Boutique on December 7th was coordinated by **Lenny Behar** and **Roz Hamada**. Those who flocked into our West Wing Simcha Hall found new and returning vendors. A wonderful café created by **Sheryl Satzman** enabled purchasers to take a shopping break in order to try out wraps, parfaits, decadent muffins, and delicious iced coffee. Visitors seeing the array of booths and a silent auction (chaired by **Marti Wilensky**), agreed that the Winter Boutique was the most successful one in ten years. Thanks to the many energetic Sisterhood women volunteers, the financial and social success of the Boutique was assured.

The menorahs are out! The candles are shining bright! It must be Chanukah. Our Annual Chanukah Party on December 21st, Chaired by **Mindle Cheslow**, was open to all by reservation. Traditional latkes, apple sauce, and jelly filled donuts (sufganiot) were plentiful and delicious. For those who chose some healthy alternatives, salads were available too! Bingo, Chanukah style with prizes, added to an afternoon of fun and was enjoyed by all.

It’s hard to believe that Rosh Chodesh Teves is fast approaching. Since there will be two days of Rosh Chodesh, with Shabbos Chanukah being the first day, the Ruth Fruchter / Berdie Schiffenbauer Amen Rosh Chodesh Davening for women will be on the 2nd day, Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 AM in the Beis Midrash. Sponsors are always welcome. Donations are used to support Tomchei Yisroel. Call Terri Farkas (917) 797-3405 who will be glad to hear from you.

The next Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush will be January 21, 2023. If you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer to help in setting up or cleaning up at the scheduled Shabbos Kiddush, let Terri Farkas (917) 797-3405 or Barbara Galandauer (516) 449-4705 know; they are the Kiddush Co-chairs. Those who offer to help are needed Friday morning at 8:30 AM, and/or in Shul on Shabbos morning.

If you are a paid-up Sisterhood member join us at our free Annual Installation of Officers and Board on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. in the Simcha Hall. The Nominations Committee Co-Chairs, **Judy Poretsky** and **Heni Weisfogel**, presented the Sisterhood Slate at the December 14th meeting. The Presidium that will lead the 2023 Sisterhood Board are **Andrea Dolny**, **Shoshanna Kimmel**, and **Giselle Lazerowitz**. A special program is being planned by Chair **Karen Moskowitz** and her committee. We look forward to seeing you at this important free event for paid-up members. Sponsorships are available and Sponsors will be acknowledged in a Scroll of Honor.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge so many of our Sisterhood women who worked tirelessly to make possible the success of each and every program. Thank you to all our members.

Sisterhood article continued on next page.

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.



A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR

- January 21st - Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush
- Monday, January 23rd, Parsha Va'eira - Ruth Fruchter / Berdie Schiffenbauer Amen Rosh Chodesh Shevat Davening for Women
- Wednesday, February 15th at noon – Fashion Show and Luncheon; fashions by Sondro and fabulous raffles
- February 18th – Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush
- Tuesday, February 21st, Parsha Shvat - Ruth Fruchter / Berdie Schiffenbauer Amen Rosh Chodesh Adar Davening for Women
- Tuesday, March 7th, Purim – Shaloch Monos, Seuda, and “Shpiel”
- Wednesday, March 15th - Spring Boutique 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please join us for these functions. If you are interested in working on any of the programs, feel free to contact **Sharon Karpel**, Program Vice President, who will put you in touch with the Chairperson for that event.

We're looking forward to having all women join us for meetings and activities during the upcoming season! If you haven't joined Sisterhood, now is the time. Membership is only \$36 for the entire year. For more information, please contact Laurie Kaufman (646)884-2775 or **Helen Baker** (856)979-7656 our Membership Vice Presidents.

Happy Hanukah! Chag Chanukah Sameach! A freilechen Chanukeh!

Shoshanna Kimmel, Hilda Mirwis, Marcia Schragar Sisterhood Presidium

Men's Club Update

by **Dave Love**

Men's Club President



Our Book Review season series is under way. We thank our December presenters **Gerald Felsenthal** who spoke about Harry S. Truman & **Helen Garfinkel** who will speak this coming Monday about the Chasidic community in Williamsburg. Our January schedule is as follows:

- **Herschel Sennett** who will talk about *The Boats of Cherbourg: The Navy That Stole Its Own Boats & Revolutionized Naval Warfare* on January 9th;
- **Avi Frydman** on *Spies For No Country* on January 23rd.

As in the past, it is not necessary to have read the book being discussed. All programs are in the West Wing at 8pm.

Our annual COMEDY NIGHT presentation by **Ira Epstein** will feature RITA RUDNER and will take place at 7:45pm in the WEST WING on January 2nd. Reservations are requested. Admission is \$10 per person.

Many of us were inspired or walked a little taller (as we do when we learn of Jewish or Israeli successes) when we heard about or saw the movie about "TEAM ISRAEL" and its success in the 2017 WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC (WBC). Made up of Jewish Major League ballplayers, they were referred to as the miracle team as they moved from a 41st place world ranking to qualifying for the first round and winning its games against South Korea, Chinese Taipei, and the Netherlands, only to be eliminated in the second round of the Finals. This quadrennial event, which was postponed due to Covid, is being held this coming year. We have been able to reserve a limited number of seats for an exhibition game between TEAM ISRAEL vs The MIAMI MARLINS which will be held on March 8th at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter. Game time is 6:20pm. Ticket price will be \$40. If you are interested, we MUST have your reservation and payment no later than January 9th.

Dave Love, Men's Club President



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For more information,

please contact David Dolny, 914-414-1449.

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ANNUAL DINNER

Gisselle Lazerowitz and Phyllis Solomon, Chairs



Our Annual Shul Dinner is back again! Mark off Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 5 pm on your calendar. We look forward to welcoming everyone in our Simcha Hall at Congregation Torah Ohr. Get ready for an exciting evening with good food, socializing with old and new friends, and, of course, wishing Mazel Tov to our deserving awardees:

Andrea and David Dolny

Mira and Herschel Sennett

Clara and Dr. Jonas Waizer, past President of Torah Ohr

All of these awardees have made valuable contributions throughout the years and have given timeless hours to the success and growth of our synagogue.

Time is ticking. You will soon receive the dinner invitation and response card in the mail. The cost of the dinner is \$250 for a single reservation and \$500 for a couple. Any larger donations are certainly acceptable and greatly appreciated. Be sure to get your dinner reservation in quickly. You don't want to be closed out.



COMMUNICATION

Karen Greene, Editor



Last week, I had an interesting exchange with one of our members which I initiated based on a question he posed in a Jewish Facebook group. In the course of the exchange, I realized that perhaps not everyone is aware of a) All the ways that we try to keep you abreast of what is happening at the Shul and b) Ways that you can communicate what you need from the Shul.

IN PRINT OR ONLINE:

The Monthly Bulletin. We try to provide an overview of all the events coming up in the month to come (and sometimes beyond). Reading it carefully will give you the opportunity to decide what to put on your calendar and what to sign up for. [Pay special attention to deadlines.](#)

The Weekly Time Sheet. Gives you Shabbat times each week and reminds you of events coming up in the short-term.

The Education Brochure for the season.

Flyers for specific events.

All of these can also be found on our website torahohrboca.org

VIA EMAIL:

The daily education email reminds you of *shiurim* and special programs or lectures taking place that day.

When there is a death in our congregation or in our members' families, condolence notices are sent from the office and shiva information can be found on <https://www.torahohrboca.org/shiva.html>.

Other messages will be sent by the Rabbi, Sisterhood, Men's Club and various committees as needed.

LISTSERV:

TO-CV@iogroups.com This is a forum for members who want to interact with others in Torah Ohr on a random basis. It is a "WANTED" list—Examples:

I want to sell show tickets that I cannot use.

I want to get a recommendation for a doctor with a particular specialty.

I want to sell or give away unwanted items that might be desirable to others.

I want to get information about Pesach programs.

To join this list, go to <https://groups.io/g/TO-CV>. You are not automatically subscribed when you join the Shul.

Further info is available at <https://www.torahohrboca.org/email-groups.html>

This is a moderated list; so posts may not appear immediately.

TORAH OHR TV:

Monthly Videos highlighting our leaders and committees. [Click](#) to open playlist.

WHATSAPP Open Groups:

Volunteers on Standby – when someone needs help on short notice, a request for help is usually answered by one of our friendly volunteers. If you would like to be a volunteer, you can sign up at

Century Village Tehillim – this group started during Covid when the Sunday morning Tehillim Group could not meet. On a daily basis, members say *tehillim* for those who are ill. WhatsApp is used to show what perek was said last so the next person can sign up for the next. At the end of the *sefer*, the person who recited Psalm 150 also recites the Yehi Ratzon prayer mentioning all of the cholim on the Tehillim list which is published on the app.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Communication is a two-way street. The **Bikur Cholim** committee is happy to reach out and help when our members are ill, but we cannot help if we don't know about their circumstances. The Committee has a system in place where you can touch base with a committee member in your own neighborhood or you can call the dedicated Bikur Cholim number **561-221-2270** or email cto.bikurcholim@gmail.com. You can also find Bikur Cholim info and contacts in the front of the telephone directory just before the Board List.

If you have suggestions for ways that we can improve communication within the congregation, you can speak to a member of the Board or email me at kargreene@aol.com.

Look for our expanded Facebook presence — <https://www.facebook.com/TorahOhrBoca>



Rabbi Menachem Penner

Max and Marion Grill Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan
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SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

FRIDAY 1/6

8:30 pm - Are You Really Out There? Understanding G-d Through Tefillah
Refreshments will be served.

SHABBAT 1/7

Shabbat Drasha during the Main Minyan and Nusach Sfarad Minyan. Title: To Be A Jewish King
Afternoon Shiur (before Mincha): From Gaza to Geneva; Civilian Casualties in Halacha

SUNDAY 1/8

10:30 am - The Laws of Mourning and The Journey of The Soul
Followed by a brunch for the donors and sponsors. (RSVP by 12/30)

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YEAR END GIVING

If you are planning to donate to Congregation Torah Ohr, Inc. before the end of the calendar year for tax purposes, **THANK YOU.**

Please do not wait until the last minute. If your check is received after the deadline, we will not be able to include that check on your 2022 contribution summary report.

Check donations dropped off at the Synagogue office and **Credit Card** donations made by 12:00 PM December 30, 2022, will be credited to 2022.

The office closes at 12:00 pm, Friday, December 30.

Check donations sent by mail and **postmarked** by December 31, 2022, will be credited to 2022. Donations postmarked after this will be credited to 2023.

Credit card donations sent by mail must be **received** no later than Friday, December 30, 2022 to be credited to 2022. Credit card donations sent by mail **received after** December 30, 2022 will be processed and credited to 2023 regardless of the postmark. (IRS Publication 526)

ShulCloud (torahohrboca.org website) donations made **BEFORE** midnight December 31, 2022, will be credited to 2022. Donations made after this will be credited to 2023.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD): You can make a QCD from one of your individual retirement accounts even if you are not required to take a required minimum distribution for 2022. CTO needs to receive the check from your brokerage account by December 31st. (QCDs cannot be made from a SEP or SIMPLE IRA.)

Stock Transfers: If you want to donate stock to the congregation, please contact the treasurer, Michael Poretsky, for instructions. In order for the securities to be processed by year-end, you need to do this by **December 26, 2022.** Members and friends of Congregation Torah Ohr, Inc. are welcome to refer all questions regarding making end-of-year contributions to our Treasurer, Michael Poretsky at 917-922-1421 or treasurerctoboca@gmail.com.

Since questions relating to this are often complex, our staff has been directed to refer all questions to the Treasurer.