

CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE



Our parasha opens with the declaration:

וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ שְׁנַיִם יָמִים וַפְרָעָה חֵלֶם וַהֲנֵה עִמּוֹ עַל-הַאֵר:

A typical English translation is:

It happened at the end of two years; Pharaoh was dreaming that, behold, he was standing over the Nile River.

קֵּץ means “end”. Taking note of the added letter (ממ), a more literal translation of the verse above would be: From the end of two years, Pharaoh was dreaming... While the literal translation feels somewhat awkward, it holds a deep message according to the teachings of the Sages of the Midrash. It was indeed **from** the “two years” ending that caused Pharaoh’s dream. At the end of the previous parasha, Yosef successfully and favorably interpreted the dream of Pharaoh’s chief of the wine butlers. He predicted that in three days, Pharaoh would restore the Chief Butler to his former position. Yosef petitioned the Chief Butler to mention him to Pharaoh and to release Yosef from prison. Our Sages indicate Yosef placed too much trust in another human being. As a result, HaShem extended Yosef’s imprisonment by two years.

It was because the term of imprisonment concluded that HaShem granted Pharaoh his prophetic dream(s). Our Sages are cautioning us not to think that Pharaoh’s dream(s) led to the release of Yosef. Indeed, when we attempt to assess events in our daily lives, we often miss the full scope.

We are all invested in Israel’s confrontation with Hamas. Likely, most of the time we dedicate to gathering news of current events is focused on Israel. I realized this week how difficult it can be to appreciate the vital dynamics of the war in progress. We recognize the challenges facing the members of the IDF and the dilemmas faced by policy making members of Israel’s government. We recognize the pain of family, friends and others when a soldier sacrifices his or her life while fighting to protect the residents of Israel. We understand the worry and uncertainty haunting the loved ones of the remaining hostages.

I learned that even the heroes can be suffering. A husband and wife Hatzala ambulance team raced to the site of the horrendous October 7 attacks. They made multiple trips treating patients and taking them to hospitals. At the end of the day, they returned home to clean up and change their clothes. The wife would not stop washing herself. She complained of blood still remaining on her arms. Her husband assured her she did a thorough job. She dismissed his assessment claiming blood was all over her arms. He called for a trauma team to treat his wife!

We look at situations and think we know the story. However, there is more than meets the eye in many, many crucial experiences.

A couple of years ago, the Chafetz Chaim Heritage Foundation launched a program whose slogan is:

Be Kind. Everyone you meet has a challenge you know nothing about.

Let’s continue our prayers on behalf of all who are exposed to the difficulties of war. In their merit, let us commit to add to the kindness we extend to others.

*Chanukah Samai’ach, Chodesh Tov v’Shabbat Shalom.
Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur*

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**December 15-17, 2023
3-5 Tevet 5784
Parashat Miketz**

FRIDAY NIGHT

FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE SHABBAT DINNER
The Heroes and Heroism in Israel of 2023

BEFORE MINCHA

Halachic Dilemmas from the War in Gaza

SHABBAT MORNING

ALL MINYANIM
Changes in Israel Before, During and After the Current War

SEUDAH SHLISHEET

The Mission of Diaspora Jewry at this Time

Monthly Bulletin

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PARASHAT MIKETZ

SHABBAT TIMES

Candle Lighting

Earliest with bracha	4:25 pm
Standard	5:12 pm
Mishna Yomit	4:55 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma’ariv	5:10 pm

SHABBAT

Note Time Changes—Rav Stav will speak in each Minyan

Shacharit—Beit Midrash	7:20 am
Shacharit—Nusach Sfar—Upstairs	8:10 am
Shacharit—Main Sanctuary	8:30 am
Shacharit—West Wing Sanctuary	9:15 am
Latest Shema	9:38 am
Daf Yomi—Beit Midrash	3:00 pm
Mishna Yomit—Beit Midrash	4:00 pm
Rabbi’s Shiur	4:15 pm
Mincha in the Main Sanctuary followed by Seudah Shlisheet	4:50 pm
Ma’ariv—Main Sanctuary	6:05 pm
Shabbat ends	6:09 pm

ASSOCIATION MINYANIM

AINSLIE: Meets in the C Building Parking Lot at the same times as the Shul for Kabbalat Shabbat & Shabbat Mincha/Ma’ariv.

SUFFOLK: Meets in front of Suffolk B. Weekday, Mincha/Ma’ariv: 5 minutes after Shul time, Friday night: same time as Shul; Saturday night Ma’ariv: same time as Shul.

WOLVERTON: Minyanim meet in the parking lot in front of 1036 B. Weekday Shacharit 8:00am; Mincha/Ma’ariv same time as the Shul. Friday night Mincha/Ma’ariv same time as the Shul; Shabbat Shacharit 8:00am; Mincha/Ma’ariv same time as the Shul.

YARMOUTH: Meets in the B Building Parking Lot. Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: Same time as the Shul; Shabbat Afternoon Mincha: 4:30pm; Ma’ariv: Same time as Shul.

WEEKDAY TIMES

Earliest Davening: 5:51am (Fri-Thurs)*

Earliest Tallit/Tefillin: 6:19 am (Fri-Thurs)*

Shacharit: 7:00 am—Beit Midrash, 7:30 am—Main Shul, 8:30 am—Beit Midrash

Daf Yomi: following the 7:30 am Minyan—New Library

Mishna Yomit: 15 minutes before Mincha

Mincha/Ma’ariv: 5:15 pm —Main shul

Plag (Sun-Thurs): 4:26-4:28 pm

Shkiah: (Sun-Thurs): 5:32-5:33 pm

Daven Mincha prior to: 5:33 pm

Repeat Kriat Shema: after 6:11 pm*

(*Latest of the variable times this week)

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE JONAS WAIZER AND DAVID DOLNY

ANTISEMITISM IN OUR GENERATION: WHAT IS THE SHUL DOING?

Could it be coincidence that the depth of the hatred by Palestine (Hamas) towards Israel has finally been seen by the world at the same time that the world became aware of the uncontrolled antisemitism on the college campuses?

For decades, American Presidents, guided by government experts, in succession, believed that they could negotiate peace in the Middle East, blind to Iran's lies and intentions to destroy Israel. Also, College Presidents and leaders have revealed their strong biases in choosing to interpret the endless campus riots against Israel and Jewish students as "free speech in context".

The revelations in the real-world events following October 7th have forever changed the ugly definition of antisemitism. Shockingly, the declaration "Never Again" now requires our own actions against those opposed to us, nationally and locally.

Our children and grandchildren in Israel serve in the IDF. Others in Israeli yeshivas have engaged in dives to provide clothing and food for the soldiers. On an individual level, many Shul Members have sent considerable funds to many groups in Israel engaged in the battle (e.g. AIPAC, FIDF, Stand by Us, Magen David Adom, etc.)

What our Shul done? Here are some Inspirational activities that our members have participated in:

With Rabbi Yasgur, we invoke the mercy and power of Hashem with Tehillim at every davening.

We held a letter-writing campaign to elected officials asking them to increase support of Israel through funding and arms, as well as a letter writing campaign to Israeli soldiers to give them chizuk.

A number of our Shul Members flew to Washington to take part in the protest against antisemitism joining the 300,000 strong.

Recognizing antisemitic incidents against other shuls, the Security Committee applied for and received \$150,000 in Federal grants to fortify the Shul and to install communications equipment that will be monitored by the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office.

We employ a private security service for times of high-density member presence.

We receive training, information and support from the SCN (Secure Communications Network) of Federation.

The Shul's Board of Directors are at the forefront of seeking all we can do to support Israel. One lesson from the Torah is that we are a Klal. Individually, we can be strong in our action, as Yosef was when he remained true to his father's teachings while in Egypt under dire circumstances. Ultimately, Klal Yisroel is one family that is obligated to support and forgive each other. As a Klal, we are stronger together.

To new residents, or those who have not yet returned from the days of the pandemic, we look forward to seeing you in Shul. We are committed to improving our Shul by **listening** and **responding** to your needs, concerns and interests. Shabbat Shalom.

Jonas Waizer David Dolny



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Credit Card donations sent to the office by mail must be RECEIVED
no later than Friday, December 29, 2023.

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closes at NOON on Friday, December 29, 2023.

Check Donations sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31,
2023.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) made from an
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31, 2023.

Stock Transfers can be coordinated by calling Michael Poretsky,
Financial Secretary at 917-922-1421 no later than **Tuesday,**
December 26, 2023.

Members and Friends of Congregation Torah Ohr, Inc. are welcome to
refer any questions about these guidelines to our Treasurer, Sheldon
Mandelbaum at 248-797-3497 or Smandel1@sbcglobal.net.

We are unable to provide any tax advice. Please consult with your Tax
Advisor directly.

THANK YOU תודה רבה

CHESED OPPORTUNITIES AT TORAH OHR

BY RABBI DR. AVI KUPERBERG

Many of us can remember when President John F. Kennedy exclaimed, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." When it comes to engaging in acts of kindness, "chesed," many of us need to ask ourselves the same question. It's not "what can others do for me" but rather, "what can I do for others?" Being kind and acting charitably is one of the thirteen attributes of Hashem, whom we are encouraged to emulate. Pirkei Avot (3:22) reminds us that simply being scholarly or performing mitzvot without engaging in good deeds is comparable to a tree that has many branches but has no root system. Eventually, a wind will come and blow it over. The ultimate act of "chesed" is when we occupy ourselves by taking care of matters that encompass death and dying with no expectation of reciprocity. This is called, "chesed shel emes," true acts of kindness.

Our shul is fortunate to have a select group of people who are eager to perform these acts of kindness. These people participate in the work of the Bikur Cholim/Chesed committee. They call or visit the sick. They set up shiva houses, arrange for minyanim and provide chairs so that mourners can easily and properly observe shiva. They provide meals such as the "seuda havra'ah," the first meal surviving relatives eat when they return from the cemetery. They lend out emergency medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers when our members are in need.

We have liaison relationships with the chaplains of the local hospitals. As such we can help arrange the provision of a Shabbos guest room for families of hospitalized members. We can also help obtain religious articles, such as electric candles and siddurim for any of our members who might be in the hospital over a longer period of time. In fact, we have a helpful tote bag filled with items that our members might need while they are hospitalized.

We also have a liaison relationship with a social worker from the local Jewish Family Services. They stand ready to provide our shul members with a myriad of services. These include support groups for bereavement or caregiving, educational webinars and presentations, financial assistance for the needy, a nonperishable food pantry and kosher meals on wheels. They also conduct a senior day program and can arrange for home health care aides or respite. They provide discrete mental health services. Finally, they have a "kibbitz and ride" program where they will have someone drive folks to their doctor's appointments or even to the grocery store, if need be.

Our Torah Ohr volunteer program is simple and easy to join. We have created our own "WhatsApp" Bikur Cholim/Chesed group. Any time there is a need for an act of "chesed" such as picking up a meal (which is paid through our committee), making a phone call or touching base with someone who may need to be looked in on, a message goes out on the app. We ask for someone to figuratively raise their hand and volunteer to help out. There is no long term obligation or cost to the volunteer, although donations from recipients are always appreciated. We are always looking for extra volunteers of this sort who can help out.

The Gemara (Baba Kama 92a) states that when an individual prays for another who has a similar problem, their prayers will be answered first. R' Shlomo of Zvhil commented that if a person is answered for merely praying for another person, how much more so will he be answered if he actually helps another person with acts of kindness.

The odds are that we will all need some sort of "chesed" one day. We all eventually sit shiva and many of us occasionally fall ill or need an act of kindness from a friend. In the great "bank account of life," we should all prepare by making deposits of chesed if we ever expect to make a withdrawal someday. Chesed transcends shul politics. It is just the right thing to do.

If you need to contact the Bikur Cholim/Chesed committee whether it be for an illness related need, a shiva related need, borrowing medical equipment, receiving any of the above mentioned services or to fulfill any other need you may contact us directly by calling our confidential hotline at (561) 221-2270 or emailing us at CTO.bikurcholim@gmail.com. Death notices are handled by the shul office staff. Transportation to doctor's offices is handled directly by Volen, Palm Trans or Kibbutz and Ride.

All are certainly invited to participate as volunteers in this group. If you wish to have your name added to our WhatsApp chat so that you can join our elite group of "mitzvah men and women" and one day perform an act of chesed, please contact me as mentioned above. In the merit of performing these mitzvot of chesed may Hashem bless us all by providing for our needs through good times and bad.

Educationally Speaking.....

Gut Chodesh and Happy Hanukkah. Welcome to all those who have recently arrived to CV and Torah Ohr. You have arrived at just the right time to begin participating in a number of outstanding educational programs. This coming shabbos, we will be hosting a special guest rabbi, Rav David Stav , chief rabbi of the city of Shoham, and one of the founders and director of TZOHAR, the Israeli Rabbinic organization of Zionist Orthodox Rabbis. Not only will he discuss a number of social and religious issues pertaining to contemporary Israel and the war, but also the efforts of his organization to continue the feelings and activities of achdus connected with the homefront's war efforts.

Mark your calendars for January 5-7, for our very special Scholar in Residence Weekend with Rav Yitzchak Etshalom, considered one of the most dynamic and exciting educators today both in the U.S. and Israel. Besides being a Maggid Shiur for Daf Yomi, Rav Etshalom is recognized for his outstanding Tanach classes ,especially in Navi.

Our Second cycle in our Wednesday night Beit Midrash series is beginning again with Mrs. Amy Horowitz, and then continues with Rabbi Moshe Wolvovsky, Rabbi Yosef Kasorla, Rabbi Yonatan Drory, and Rabbi Dov Marcus.

If evening shiurim aren't your thing, join us for the Monday morning Rabbis on Rotation Series. **Rabbi Shimon Green** will finish his Musar discussion of Jewish identity followed by **Rabbi Dr. Ken Chelst** on Ezra and Nehemiah; and **Rabbi David Jacobowitz**, "A Lens on Israel via Film" in December and January.

Don't forget our regular weekday classes, as described in our educational brochure given by **Robin Einbinder**, **Marty Levine**, **Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz**, Malka Morris, and our mara d'asra, **Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur**.

Finally, while it may be too late to get a lunch order in for the Dec. 21st Lunch & Learn with **Rabbi Avi Glatt**, it's not too early to make your reservations to hear Rabbi Yisroel Edelman on Jan. 18th.

Rabbi Kenneth Greene



Did you miss a class?

Find it here:

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

**Watch your email every Sunday for
education updates!**





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

Weekly Classes

Monday at 10:00 am:
Rabbis on Rotation - Rabbi Shimon Green
"Getting the Maximum out of Life — Get what You Came For Part Two"

Monday at 11:00 am
Robin Einbinder "A Study of Megillat Esther"

Wednesday at 10:00 am:
Marty Levine "Women in Tanach: The Good, The Bad, and The In-Between"
This week's topic: "Michal"

Wednesday at 11:00 am:
Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz "Tehillim"

Wednesday at 7:30 pm:
Wednesday Evening Beit Midrash - This week: Rabbi Moshe Wolvovsky

Thursday at 10:00 am:
Mrs. Malka Morris "Development of the Oral Law - late 17th cent.- early 19th cent."

Thursday at 11:00 am:
Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur "Parasha Investigations"

All classes are in the Beit Midrash unless otherwise noted. All classes are open to both men & women.

Upcoming Special Events

Men's Club Sam Colman Memorial Lecture Series
Irwin Cohen "Jewish History in the Time of Baseball's Jews"
Monday, December 18 at 8:00 pm

Sisterhood Winter Boutique
Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Jewelry, Hats, Cosmetics, Clothing, Handbags, Serving Pieces, Craft Items, and More!

Men's Club Sam Colman Memorial Lecture Series
Marty Levine "Crown Heights: Blacks, Jews, and the 1991 Brooklyn Riot"
Monday, December 25 at 8:00 pm

Sisterhood Paid Up Membership and Karaoke Party
Tuesday, January 2nd at 1:30 pm
Free for Paid-Up Members of Sisterhood—Women Only

Scholar-In-Residence
Rav Yitzchak Etshalom
Shabbat Shemot
Schedule to be published soon—watch your emails

Men's Club Sam Colman Memorial Lecture Series
Rabbi Yigal Kornblum "Lioness-Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel"
Monday, January 8 at 8:00 pm

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Yisroel Edelman
Thursday, January 18 at 12:15 pm
"The Halachaic implications of Hostage exchange." RSVP by 1/5
<https://www.torahohrboca.org/event/lunch-and-learn-with-rabbi-yisroel-edelman1.html>

Sunday, January 21
Seforim (Book) Sale in the Torah Ohr Library

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!

Class/Shiur schedule may be changed or updated. Watch your emails.

Thank you to those who made the new Torah a reality

New Sefer Torah Sponsored by the Men's Club

Save the Date

12 Tevet 5784

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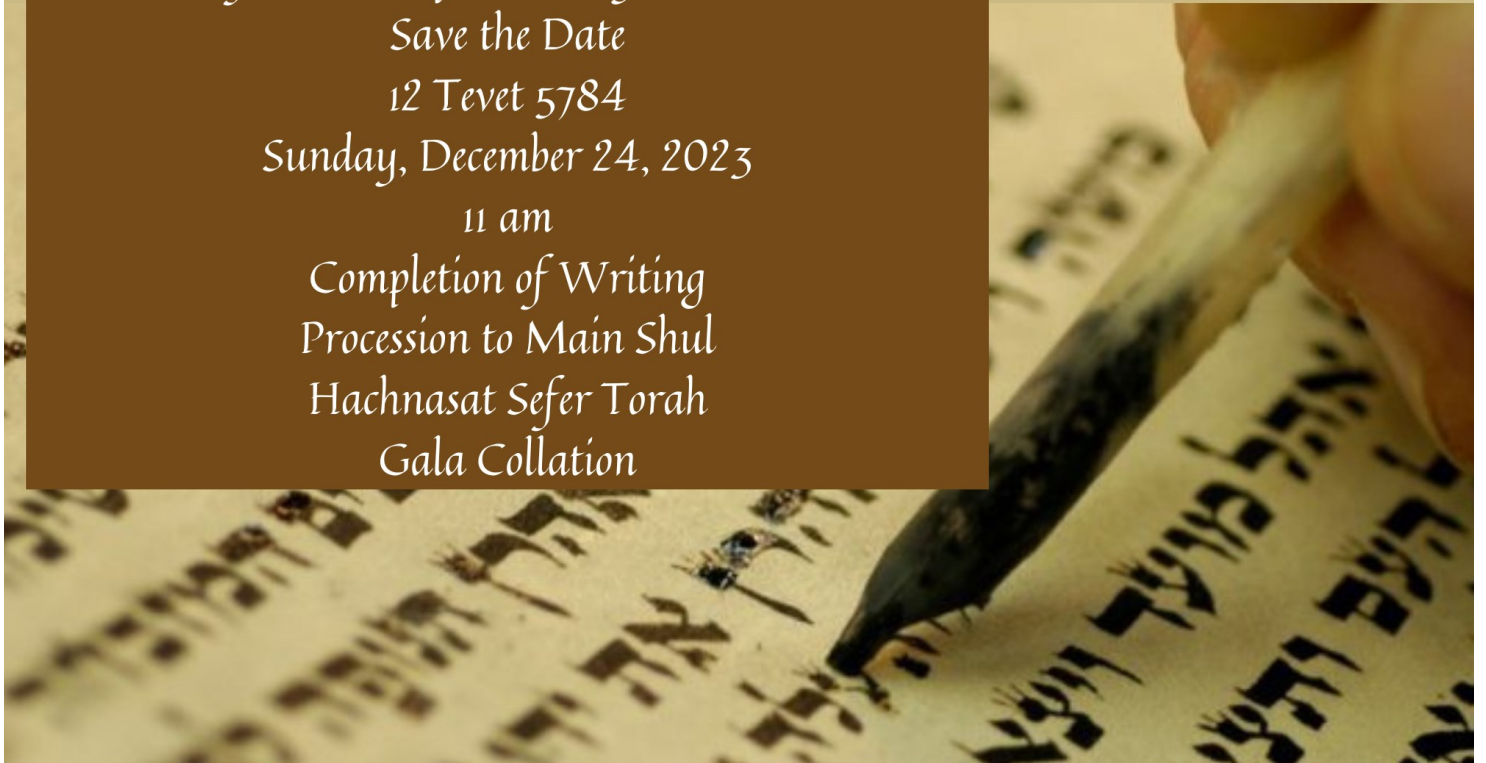
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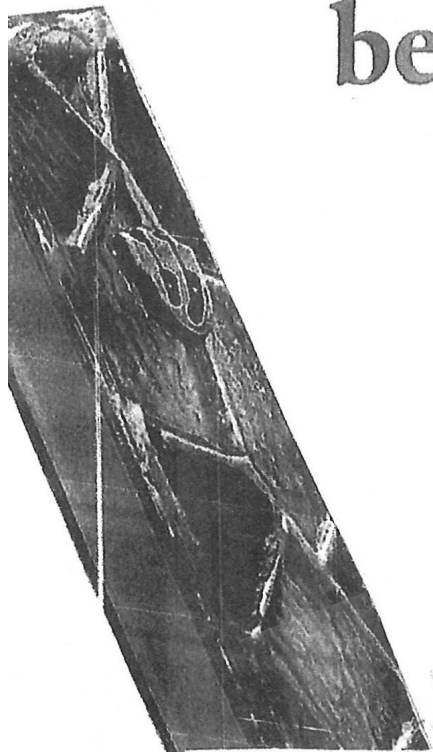
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Please call us when you are feeling better and are ready to have your name removed.

The Hattie Thum Women's Tehillim Group meets Sundays at 9:15 am Upstairs.

We are so proud of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of members of our community currently serving in the IDF. Please have them in mind:

At this time, we are only publishing the names of our members, not the chayalim

Hedy and Terry Augenbraun	Susan and David Heiblum	Joseph Peleg
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Sarah and Perry Grossman	Sara and Jesse Maryles	Dassie Schuster
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GRANDPARENTS and GREAT-GRANDPARENTS OF IDF SOLDIERS

If you have grandchildren or great-grandchildren currently serving in the IDF, please let us know their names so we can include them in our list of treasures in our Monthly Bulletins.

MAZEL TOV

Natalie Goldstein and **Linda Berner** on the birth of a mutual great-granddaughter. Parents are Eleana and Mordechai Schiffman of Israel; grandparents are Julie and Eric Goldstein of Wesley Hills, NY.

Lala Bessler on the birth of a great-grandson. Parents are Nitzevet and Dovid Meir Miller; grandparents are Chaya and Moishe Miller.

Hetty and Avrohm Perl on the birth of a grandson, Yehoshua Asher, in Richmond, VA.

Lea and David Engelman on the birth of a great-grandson. Parents are Naomi and Matthew Salzberger of Queens, NY.

Sarah and Yaakov Schafer on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Julia and Joshua Weinberg of Ma'ale Adumin.

Pearl and Joseph Farbowitz on the engagement of their grandson Jordan Stebbins of Southfield, MI to Yaffa Shekhter of Hollywood, FL.

Monica and Alan Soll on the birth of a granddaughter. Parents are Ayelet and Bentzy Goldstein of Jackson, NJ.

BRUCHIM HABA'IM

Welcome New Members to our CTO Family

Gloria & Mendy Davidson of Wolverton A
Yafa & Rabbi Moshe Fetman of Suffolk F
Elaine and Milford Reiman of Wolverton E

Welcome to our newest Office Staff member, **Kari Zimmerman!** She can be reached at extension 100 or torahohr36@gmail.com

I appreciate the support during the shiva on the loss of my brother, Herbert Mensh ז"ר. Thank you Rabbi Yasgur for your guidance, the Chevra Kadisha Committee for the home shiva preparation, Bikur Cholim and Sisterhood for meals, the men who provided a very full minyan at all times, and the many visitors. My wife and I are very grateful to live in this wonderful kind, caring, and thoughtful Torah Ohr Community. —**Norman Mensh**

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Thank you to everyone who sponsors our Learning Programs!

Year of Learning	\$1,200
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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. Days of Learning
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Sisterhood Happenings

by **Andrea Dolny, Shoshanna Kimmel & Giselle Lazerowitz**
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Hello from the Sisterhood and welcome to the recently-arrived snowbirds. We have been here planning and working to make this a season filled with fun and friendship. Sisterhood has been very busy these past few weeks and we have much more to come.

One of the most educational opportunities we have through Sisterhood each year, is our Sugarcane Trip, where we tour the sugar refineries in Florida. Last week, we visited Clewiston, Florida, and we learned about sugarcane and the opportunity that this industry provides for our state. Lunch was provided for us in a lovely setting and we all brought home a bag of freshly refined sugar as a souvenir.

Our Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush of Tevet coincided with Shabbos Chanukah which was a wonderful opportunity to bring our kehillah together. We enjoyed a kiddush that was attended by members from all of the minyanim in the shul. Yasher Koach to our sponsors and to all the volunteers who worked so hard on this event. Thank you to **Giselle Lazerowitz** and **Marcia Brauner** along with their committee who gave us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Chanukah in our shul. Over one hundred and seventy people enjoyed the ambience of being together for Chanukah lunch in our beautiful Simcha Hall. Yasher Koach!

Our next event is the Sisterhood Boutique on December 20th from 10:00- 1:00. **Lenny Behar** and **Roz Hamada** have chosen outstanding exhibitors. These vendors come to give our Sisterhood members opportunities to buy beautiful merchandise and to support our shul as well. This year, we will be having a silent auction and the return of gift certificate raffles. Please bring cash or check.

We are looking forward to our Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Luncheon Karaoke Event on January 2nd from 1:30-4:30. Please remember that everyone needs to fill out the purple reservation sheet, even if you are a Lifetime Member. We are offering everyone the opportunity to sponsor this event as it truly promises to be a wow!

Hoping that this will continue to be a wonderful season and that we will hear good news from our family and friends in Israel.

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Men's Club Update

by Dave Love

Men's Club President



We apologize for the fact that the lecture entitled "Laughter, Sadness & Inspiration" by **Josh Samborn** was postponed at the last minute. We will advise you of the new date as soon as we can. In the interim we ask that you note the date of our next lecture in the Sam Colman Memorial Lecture Series. That date is Monday, December 18th at 8pm. We will be privileged to hear from Irwin Cohen, one of the few non-players to be awarded a World Series ring. He will discuss Jewish history in the time of Baseball. He will regale us with some of his most interesting exploits, his relationship with the immortal Hank Greenberg and other interesting anecdotes.

The Sefer Torah that we had commissioned has been completed and plans are being finalized for the Hachnosas Sefer festivities. They will be held on Sunday, December 24th. Please mark down the date and join us for a truly inspiring day. A special Yasher Koach to the chairman of this project **Martin Fisch** and each and every one of you for your participation.

We remind you once again of the fact that gift cards are available for Aroma, Grove, Glicks and Century Grill. They are issued in \$50 & \$100 denominations and can now be purchased by credit card. Please pick up a card to one or all from the office during normal office hours.



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If you need any help or have any questions, Moshe is available to shul members all week from 9 AM to 8 PM. There is no obligation: he does this as a chessed to his neighbors. Please do not hesitate to call any time, even with small questions that occur to you. He loves helping our community.

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All questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Financial Secretary.

The Board of Directors recognizes that not everyone who wishes to be a member of Congregation Torah Ohr has the financial capability to pay the full amount of the Congregation's dues and the required contribution to the Capital Repair Fund.

The Board must balance two critical responsibilities:

First, The Board must develop an annual budget that enables the Congregation to provide the programs and services required to support a vigorous Orthodox Jewish community in Century Village West.

Dues represent approximately one-third of the income needed to accomplish that goal. The balance comes from the proceeds of the annual dinner and directory, fees for some programs and goodwill donations from members.

The Capital Repair Fund supports repairs or changes to the Congregation's building as approved by the Board.

Second, The Board is responsible for making membership available to any Jew living in or near Century Village West, regardless of that individual's ability to pay the total assessed dues.

Any arrangement must be done in a manner sensitive to the person making the request while preserving maximum confidentiality.

Our bylaws require that "The President shall appoint a Good and Welfare Committee which shall have the authority to adjust membership dues and assessment and arrange special payment schedules for members with special needs."

To achieve both responsibilities with confidentiality and sensitivity, the Board has established the following procedure:

Members desiring a dues accommodation must complete the confidential request form on the congregation's website. The form is sent **ONLY** to the Financial Secretary.

If one is unable to complete the form on the website, a paper form is available in the building lobby. The completed, signed form must be submitted **only to the Financial Secretary** or placed in the secure mailbox in the building lobby.

The Financial Secretary will review the application and, if necessary, contact the requestor for additional information.

The Financial Secretary will send copies of the application to the other members of the Good and Welfare Committee with all personal identification information redacted.

Within one week of receiving the request, the Good and Welfare Committee will vote on whether to accept or deny the request or ask for additional information from the requestor.

The Financial Secretary will contact the requestor(s) with the decision of the Good and Welfare Committee.

The Financial Secretary will direct the office staff to make any adjustments to the requestor's account.

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