

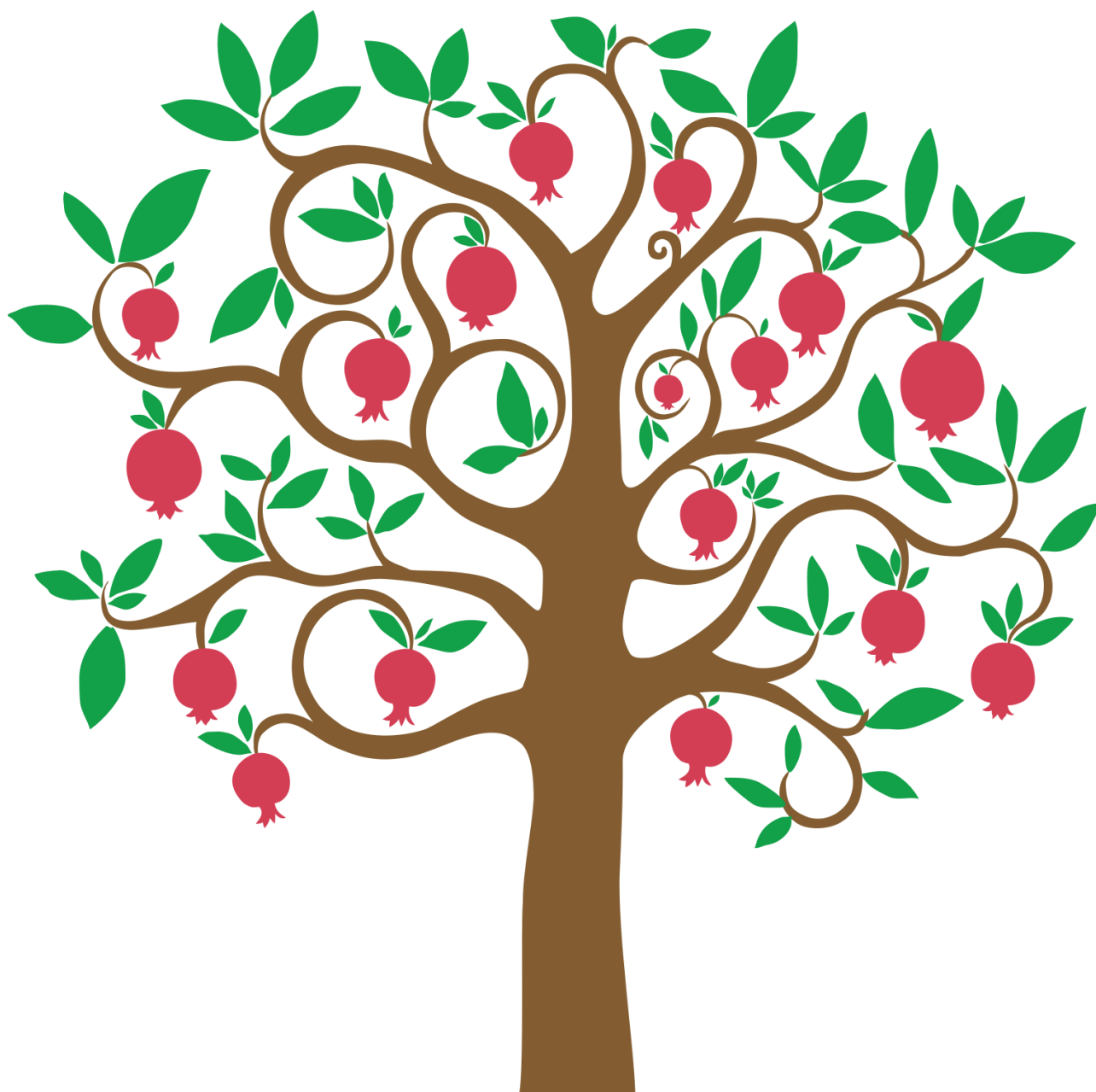


# CONGREGATION TORAH OHR

## Education and Program Brochure

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This brochure provides information about the educational activities available to our Torah Ohr *kehillah*. Mark your calendar for special programs and dates of classes you wish to attend.

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

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

## A THOUGHT FROM THE RABBI

In tractate Shabbat 68a, Rabbi Simai taught: When B'nai Israel accorded precedence to the declaration of Na'aseh (נעשה) "We will do" over the declaration V'Nishma (נשמע) "We will hear/learn" ministering angels came and tied two crowns to each and every member of the Jewish people, one corresponding to "We will do" and one corresponding to "We will hear." A careful reading of this account appears to yield a contradiction. If the two crowns were given to correspond to the two actions of Na'aseh and Nishma, why is it important to mention the order in which these responses were made?

Rav Yosef Soloveitchik, z"l explained that had the order been reversed, with the hearing preceding the action, it would have been logical to conclude that one must hear or learn Torah **in order** to know what to do and how to do it. Had this been the order, we would understand that learning Torah is a necessary component of fulfilling the commands of the Torah. If so, we really have only one statement of commitment from the Jewish nation. We would then ask, why did we merit two crowns?

Monumentally, we must note the actual order. Rav Soloveitchik identified two different types of Torah study. The first is the acquisition of knowledge, the handbook, to know how to implement the commandments. These are both part Na'aseh (נעשה) "We will do" But, then we have a second type of Torah; that is the V'Nishma (נשמע) "We will hear/learn" . Even after we know the details, we still study Torah. There is an independent mitzvah to study Torah just for the sake of occupying ourselves with Torah study.

The name of our Shul is Congregation Torah Ohr, appropriately reflecting our mission to promote the light of Torah through its frequent study. As I reflect over the past several years, I note how we have expanded our offering of ongoing classes, special shiurim, lectures visiting scholars and other programs.

Congregation Torah Ohr is a Beit Tefilah, a house of prayer. In tandem with our study of Torah, our davening presents opportunities to express ourselves in prayer, to grow in prayer and to grow closer to HaShem. All of our endeavors promote our bonding with one another. Our shul is proud to create all three categories (and more) of opportunities.

I extend a Yeyasher Kochachem to the Co-Chairmen of our Education Committee, Rabbi Kenneth Greene and Rabbi David Jacobowitz, to the committee members, to all of our many partners in making our goals accessible to our membership and to all who participate in the many valuable opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Benjamin S. Yasgur*

## LUNCH & LEARN

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

***November 16 — Rabbi Levi Feigelstock***

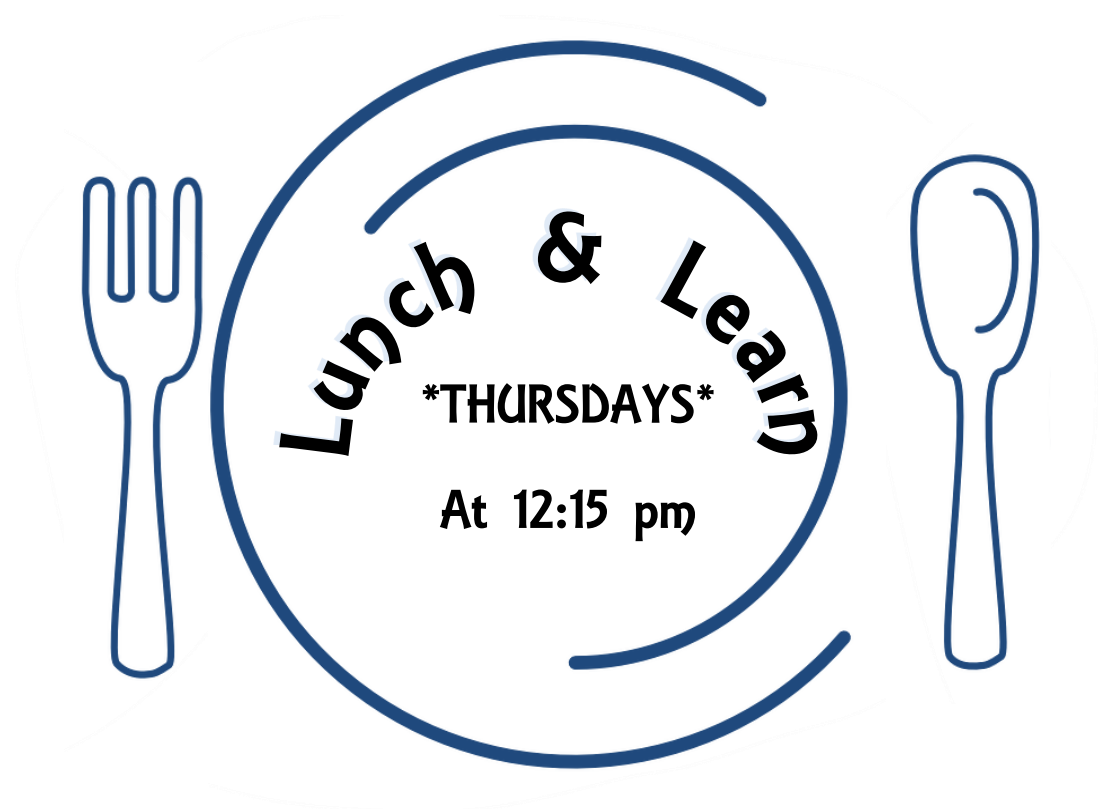
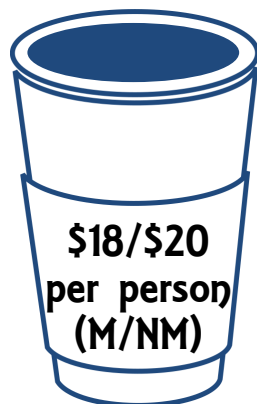
***December 14 — Rabbi TBA***

***January 18 — Rabbi Yisroel Edelman***

***February 15 — Rabbi Yishai Bane***

***March—TBA***

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



## SHABBAT MINYANIM

Throughout the year, Torah Ohr is pleased to support two Shabbat Morning minyanim: a Hashkamah minyan in the Beit Midrash, and a Main Sanctuary minyan. During the Winter season, additional minyanim are added: a Nusach Sfard minyan, the West Wing Sanctuary minyan, and a minyan in the Beit Midrash. Please check the Weekly and Monthly Bulletin for further details for the starting dates of the additional minyanim.

## SHABBAT LEARNING

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

### PARSHA BETWEEN THE LINES / QUESTIONS IN HALACHA

#### ***Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur***

An in-depth study of the Parsha and, on selected weeks, topics in contemporary *Halacha*. Begins 30 minutes before Mincha

### DAF YOMI

Given by **Rabbi Kenneth Greene** or **Rabbi Shimon Green**, one hour prior to Mincha.

### MISHNA YOMIT

Given by **Rabbi Kenneth Greene**, **Rabbi Zvi Karpel** or **Rabbi Moshe Kranzler** 15 minutes before the Rabbi's Shiur.

### D'VAR TORAH

At Seudah Shlisheet, a light meal is served, followed by a D'var Torah and singing to enhance our late afternoon Shabbat experience. Sponsorships are available.

## WEEKDAY MINYANIM

Our current schedule hosts three Shacharit minyanim daily, 7:00, 7:30, and 8:30 am. Please check the Weekly Bulletin for occasional adjustments in the schedule.

Mincha & Ma'ariv vary throughout the year, at times being one minyan and at other times two separate minyanim, early (Plag) and z'man (Shekiah). Please check the weekly Synagogue Bulletin for exact times.

## WEEKDAY LEARNING

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

### DAF YOMI

Daf Yomi meets after the 7:30 am minyan (at approximately 8:30 am). It is led by **Rabbi Kenneth Greene, Rabbi Shimon Green, Michael Burr, and Reuven Podolsky.**

### MISHNA YOMIT

15 Minutes before Mincha. During the months in which we offer two Mincha/Ma'ariv options, Mishna Yomit is scheduled after the early Mincha. Led by **Rabbi Greene, Rabbi Kranzler, and Rabbi Karpel**

### D'VAR HALACHA

Between Mincha & Ma'ariv. Presented by **Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur, Rabbi Kenneth Greene, and Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz.**

### MISHNA BERURAH

Our *Mishna Berurah* class is a shared learning experience traveling through the Shulchan Aruch. The class follows Ma'ariv during the Fall and Winter months. As the days lengthen, the class schedule shifts to pre-Mincha. During Daylight Savings Time, the class meets following the early Ma'ariv.

# SCHOLARS / RABBIS ON ROTATION

## MONDAYS

**10:00 — 10:50 AM**      **PROFESSOR HAROLD RHODE**  
**November 6—November 27**

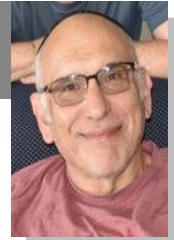
***Israel and its Relations with the Muslim World***

It is essential to understand how Muslims understand themselves, the Jews, and other non-Muslims. Armed with this knowledge, we will see how we can help guarantee Israel's survival in that most problematic region of the world.



**10:00—10:50 AM**      **RABBI SHMUEL LEITMAN**  
**December 4**

***Rambam, His Life and Works***



**10:00—10:50 AM**      **RABBI SHIMON GREEN**  
**December 11—December 18**

***Topic To Be Announced***



**10:00—10:50 AM**      **RABBI DR. KENNETH CHELST**  
**December 25—January 8**

***Ezra and Nechemiah – Rebuilding Jerusalem in 5th Century BCE***

We will study the books of Ezra and Nechemiah with a focus on rebuilding the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. We will discuss the physical, spiritual, and political challenges they faced as their neighbors attempted to undermine their efforts. We will explore the relative roles of Ezra and Nechemiah in overcoming these obstacles.



**10:00 — 10:50 AM**      **RABBI DAVID JACOBOWITZ**  
**January 15—January 29**

***A Lens on Israel Via Film***

Each week we will view and discuss a short, original and engaging Israeli film that sheds light on key societal issues. Our goal will be to express and share our thoughts regarding each film's insights into religion, security, society and family in contemporary Israel.



**10:00 — 10:50 AM**      **RABBI KENNETH GREENE**  
**February 5—February 26**

***On Making A Jewish Bucket List***

According to the Talmud, Shabbat 31a, Rava teaches that there are five questions one is asked at the time of judgement:

- 1) Did you conduct business faithfully?
- 2) Did you designate times for Torah study?
- 3) Did you engage in procreation?
- 4) Did you await salvation?
- 5) Did you engage in the dialectics of wisdom or understand one matter from another?

Together we will explore Rava's questions and sources regarding each topic as they apply to our own lives.





# WEEKLY CLASSES/SHIURIM

## MONDAYS

**11:00—11:50 AM**      **ROBIN EINBINDER**  
***Beginning December 4, 2023***

### ***A Study of Megillat Esther***

This shiur will use the questions asked by and the commentary/answers given by the Malbim (Rabbi Meir Leibush ben Yechiel Michel Wisser) on the text to study Megillat Esther. While focusing primarily on the Malbim's interpretation, the class will also look at the interpretations and understanding of other meforshim (commentators), as well as the understandings in the Gemara, Masechet Megillah. The source materials also include various medrashim about the main characters in the story. Men and women are invited to attend.

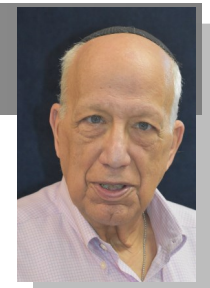


## WEDNESDAYS

**10:00—10:50 AM**      **MARTY LEVINE**  
***Beginning November 8, 2023***

### ***Women in Tanach: The Good, The Bad, and The In-Between***

These shiurim will examine the lives of women we meet in Tanach; the challenges they faced, the decisions they made, and the lessons we can learn from them. Some of the women we will discuss will be Rachav, Avigayil, Serach, Hannah, Dinah, the daughters of Tzelafchad, and the women in Moshe's life.



**11:00—11:50 AM**      **RABBI MORDECHAI ESKOVITZ**  
***Beginning November 8, 2023***

### ***Tehillim***

Discover how Psalm 23 became the most popular prayer in the World. Learn why Tehillim speaks to every one of us no matter what occasion comes our way. Psalms will be presented in English and Hebrew.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING BEIT MIDRASH

**7:30—8:15 PM**  
***Beginning November 8, 2023***

This year, the Wednesday Night Beit Midrash will have a new format. While it will still meet for one session, it will feature a series of presenters, each sharing Torah with Torah Ohr members for three lectures.

We hope you will participate in all of the sessions, and minimally, in those presented by someone whose Torah has touched you either spiritually or intellectually. The current schedule is as follows: (TENTATIVE)

**Session 1: November 8, 15, 29**

**Session 2: December 6, 20, 27**

**Session 3: January 10, 17, 31**

**Session 4: February 7, 14, 21**

**Session 5: March 6, 13, 20**

## WEEKLY CLASSES/SHIURIM

### THURSDAYS

**10:00—10:50 AM**

**MALKA MORRIS**

***Beginning November 9, 2023***



***Development of the Oral Law - late 17th cent.- early 19th cent.***

We will be covering the lives of the Jews primarily in Europe and the Americas. Numerous new movements developed during this era; Chassidism, the Enlightenment, the Reform movement, and the yearning for freedom and independence. Intertwined with these movements, the Oral Law continued to grow and expand, reflecting the changing times. Torah giants came to the fore, and greatly added to our interpretation of Torah and Jewish law.

**Open to Men and Women**

**11:00—11:50 AM**

**RABBI BENJAMIN YASGUR**

***Beginning November 9, 2023***



***Parasha Investigations***

Together we will examine the Weekly Torah Portion to discover the story beneath the story and the messages speaking to contemporary life in the twenty-first century. Our study will include classical commentators, Midrash and modern Jewish scholars. Participants are encouraged to explore the text, present their questions and suggest possible solutions. Together we will often see new dimensions in what we thought were familiar Torah texts.

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

**RABBI DAVID STAV**

***December 15-17, 2023 Parashat Miketz***



Torah Ohr is honored to welcome Israeli scholar and leader Rav David Stav. Rav Stav is one of the founders and current director of TZOHAR, the Israeli Rabbinic organization of Zionist Orthodox Rabbis that seeks to bridge the gap between religious and secular Jews in Israel.

Rav Stav received his semicha from Rav Avraham Shapira of the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva. He has served as a lecturer and community leader both in Israel and Antwerp, Belgium. In addition to serving as the Chief Rabbi of the city of Shoham, he has served as a rabbinical judge on courts for conversion and other Halachic issues in the Tel Aviv area. Rav Stav has also served as a co-chair of the Ohr Torah Stone Institute with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. Rav Stav is an advocate of the use of pre-nuptial agreements as a way to resolve the Agunah/Get Refusal issue and supports offering a kashrut endorsement as an alternative to the kashrut supervision of the Chief Rabbinate. We look forward to hearing from Rabbi Stav this season.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

### COMMEMORATE YOM HAZIKARON

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**3rd of Iyar 5784**

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

Program begins at 7:15 pm with a memorial service in tribute to the souls of the fallen, Mincha, and a Festive Ma'ariv in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut.



### CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**4th of Iyar 5784**

**Israel Independence Day**

Festive Shacharit at 7:45 am (One Minyan only) followed by a special program.

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



### CELEBRATE YOM YERUSHALAYIM

**Tuesday Evening-Wednesday, June 5-6, 2024**

**28th of Iyar 5784**

**Celebrating the Heart of Israel**

Festive Ma'ariv, Tuesday Evening June 5th, and a festive Shacharit at 7:45 am (One Minyan only). Followed by refreshments.



### TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

**Thursday Evening, June 11, 2024**

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



## SPECIAL EVENTS

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



### YOM IYUN

**Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM**

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

We will start our year of special events with the annual Yom Iyun, which was introduced six years ago, to further intensify learning in our community. We are fortunate to once again study with Mrs. Ora Lee Kanner. Those of us who were privileged to study with Mrs. Kanner several years ago know that we are in for a very special treat. We look forward to an exciting and stimulating morning.

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

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



### SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

**Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM**

#### **ELI BEER**

We are honored to welcome the founder of United Hatzalah

Eli Beer was born in Israel, where he witnessed his first terror attack at the age of seven. This traumatic experience, coupled with his desire to help save people, encouraged him to become a volunteer medic. Beer has been involved in emergency medical first response in Israel since 1988. With 25 years of life-saving experience, he has responded to some of the worst civil, wartime and terror-related incidents. He currently serves as Founder and President of United Hatzalah; lecturer to health organizations worldwide on the importance of receiving medical care within the first few minutes of an incident through a network of volunteers; has expertise in creating cohesive and integrated responses to mass casualty incidents as well as terrorist attacks; is a pioneer in the field of GPS-based technology for medical response; recipient of awards, including the 2010 Social Entrepreneur for Israel received by the Schwab Foundation, the 2011 Presidential Award for Volunteerism in Israel received by President Shimon Peres, and the 2012 Young Global Leader award. Married with 5 children and when not saving lives or guiding United Hatzalah, he manages the family real estate company, Beer Realty.



### SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

**January 5-7, 2024**

#### **RAV YITZCHAK ETSHALOM**

One of the highlights of the Torah Ohr calendar is the annual Scholar-in-Residence program. This program features an outstanding personality with recognized credentials as a dynamic educator and thinker. The Scholar program affords participants the opportunity to explore the depths of Jewish thought and philosophy and to consider serious issues confronting the Modern Orthodox community.

Rav Yitzchak Etshalom is a dynamic and exciting educator. His ability to reach out to today's youth and share with them his passion for Jewish learning and Jewish life has enriched many young lives. He launched the Beit Midrash program at YULA Girls High School as well as opening the Beit Midrash at Shalhevet, where he currently serves as Rosh Beit Midrash. Rav Etshalom directs the Tanach Masters Program at YULA Boys High School. He lectures annually at the prestigious "Yemei Iyyun" Tanakh Seminar at Herzog College. In addition, he teaches Daf Yomi and a popular Navi series at the Young Israel of Century City and his podcasts on Daf Yomi ([www.dafyomiyicc.org](http://www.dafyomiyicc.org)) have attracted an international following, as have his Tanakh podcasts, many of which are available at [www.yutorah.org](http://www.yutorah.org) and at [www.ou.org](http://www.ou.org), as well as on Spotify, iTunes and other popular podcast platforms. His critically acclaimed series "Between the Lines of the Bible" is a methodological guide to the study of Tanakh. He authored a weekly lecture for Yeshivat Har Etzion's Virtual Beit Midrash on the books of Amos and Hoshea and his book on Amos will be published in the fall of 2023 as part of the Koren Maggid Studies in Tanakh. Rabbi Etshalom lives in Los Angeles with his wife Stefanie, also a dynamic educator; their children live in Alon Shevut, Yerushalayim and Washington Heights.





## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE

**Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

**RABBI ALAN KALINSKY**

**"Viktor Frankel: Man's Search for Meaning"**

Description

Rabbi Kalinsky served as a congregational Rabbi for communities on both the East and West Coasts. He recently retired as the OU West Coast Director and continues his role as an OU Kashrut Field Representative. He also served as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel.



### SIYUM MISHNAYOT

**Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM**

**RABBI DANIEL FRIDMAN**

Ten years ago, we started a Chevra Mishnayos at Torah Ohr. It has been an extremely successful program. Last year, between 150 and 200 men and women studied Mishnayos and will complete the six tractates of the Talmud Bavli in time for the siyum. The siyum is followed by a *seudas mitzvah*. As we do every year, the siyum will include a special memorial prayer for all those members of Congregation Torah Ohr who passed away during the previous year.

This year, we look forward to welcoming Rabbi Daniel Fridman, a native of Teaneck, New Jersey. He graduated from Yavneh Academy and The Frisch School, and went on to study in Israel at Yeshivat Har Etzion, where he was privileged to learn in the shiur of Rav Aharon Lichtenstein, zt'l. Rabbi Fridman received his B.A. in Biological Sciences from Columbia University, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and was ordained for the rabbinate at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, where he studied extensively under the tutelage of Rabbi Michael Rosensweig. Rabbi Fridman currently serves as Sgan Rosh Ha-Yeshiva at Torah Academy of Bergen County, where he has been privileged to receive extensive mentoring from Rabbi Yosef Adler. In addition, Rabbi Fridman is on the faculty of Lamdeinu, an adult education organization in Teaneck, NJ, where he teaches a women's Talmud shiur and weekly Parshah shiur.

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



### RABBI JACOB AND PEARL WEITMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

**Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM**

**DR. IRA EPSTEIN — "Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara"**

Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara were a husband-and-wife comedy duo that was popular primarily in the 1960s and 1970s. Starting as nightclub performers, they appeared on popular TV shows of the 1960s including "The Merv Griffin Show," "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "The Tonight Show." As a comedy team, they reenacted real-life situations on stage with hilarious results. By the end of the decade, they were the No. 1 couple of comedy, inheriting the title vacated by Elaine May and Mike Nichols. Not since George Burns and Gracie Allen had spouses delighted audiences so hilariously. This lecture will discuss and analyze their comic talents through the use of numerous audiovisual clips. As the name implies, Dr. Epstein will dedicate this lecture to the memory of his in-laws, Rabbi Jack and Pearl Weitman, special individuals who were active members of Torah Ohr.



## SISTERHOOD

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

<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	<b>11/23/2023</b>
<b>Chanukkah Party</b>	<b>12/10/2023</b>
<b>Winter Boutique</b>	<b>12/20/2023</b>
<b>Paid Up Membership and Installation</b>	<b>01/02/2024</b>
<b>2nd Hand Rose</b>	<b>02/14/2024</b>
<b>Fashion Show</b>	<b>03/06/2024</b>
<b>Rosh Chodesh Davening and Pushka Party</b>	<b>03/10/2024</b>
<b>Purim Seudah and Shpiel</b>	<b>03/24/2024</b>

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

## MEN'S CLUB

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

# Sam Colman Memorial Book Review

**MONDAYS AT 8:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 13**

**JOSH SAMBORN**

"Laughter, Sadness and Inspiration" - a presentation of three stories that share the happiness, sadness and promise of the Jewish people:

"The Shofar Blower of Lapinishok" by Aaron D. Ogus

"The Merit of a Young Priest" by Yaffa Eliach

"The Baal Shem Tov is a Shabbos Guest" - a folk tale

**DECEMBER 17**

**IRWIN COHEN**

*Jewish History in the time of Baseball's Jews*

**DECEMBER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**MARTY LEVINE**

*Crown Heights: Blacks, Jews, and the 1991 Brooklyn Riot*

By Edward S. Shapiro

**JANUARY 15**

**RABBI YIGAL KORNBLUM**

*Lioness—Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel*

By Francine Klagsbrun

**FEBRUARY 19**

**GERALD FELSETHAL**

*Four Threats: The Recurring Crises of American Democracy*

By Suzanne Mettler and Robert C. Lieberman

**MARCH 18**

**MARTY LEVINE**

*True Raiders: The Untold Story of the 1909 Expedition to Find the Legendary Ark of the Covenant*

By Brad Ricca

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# GROUPS

## HATTIE THUM TEHILLIM GROUP

*Sundays at 9:00 AM*

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

Our Tehillim Group meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Daf Room. We invite all women in our Shul community to join us. Contact Terri Farkas for more information 917-797-3405.

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

## WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH DAVENING

*First Day of Rosh Chodesh*

The Ruth Fruchter/ Berdie Schiffenbauer Women's Amen Rosh Chodesh Group celebrates Rosh Chodesh with beautiful davening. We meet on the first day of Rosh Chodesh; when Rosh Chodesh falls on Shabbat, we do not meet that month. We have festive davening with Hallel led by Terri Farkas or Karen Greene. We always have a D'var Torah which is given by one of the participants. Our refreshment sponsorship enables us to serve coffee and pastries. This sponsorship is a wonderful opportunity to recognize a yahrzeit or a special occasion in your life. Contact Terri Farkas for more information 917-797-3405.

## BIKUR CHOLIM

The Torah Ohr Bikur Cholim/Chesed Committee is supported by voluntary contributions. We offer assistance to the ill, infirm, and vulnerable of our community. We provide a wide range of services including assistance with shopping, phone calls or visitation for those in need, liaison services with hospitals and rehab centers. Bikur Cholim also offers a variety of medical equipment available for temporary use. In addition, the group provides the first meal for the aveilim at a shiva home. When sitting shiva, volunteers offer assistance with preparing the apartment and arranging for shiva chairs and other items or services as needed. Contact Avi Kuperberg: [CTO.BikurCholim@gmail.com](mailto:CTO.BikurCholim@gmail.com) or the confidential hotline, 561-221-2270.

## THE ALAN FARKAS CHEVRA KADISHA

The mission of the Alan C. Farkas Chevra Kadisha of Congregation Torah Ohr is to assist family members when a loved one passes away. The Chevra Kadisha temporarily replaces family members who are far away. The Chevra Kadisha ensures that the *nifter/ nifteret* (deceased) is treated with the utmost respect and dignity according to Jewish law. The members of the Chevra Kadisha also comfort the bereaved and help them make the necessary contacts and arrangements. For more information contact: Karen Moskowitz 917-620-8731 or Jack Peison 718-288-6446.