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PLEASE NO CONVERSATION DURING SERVICES



**NOTICE:** Shacharit on Shabbat at the main minyan will start on a trial basis at 9:00 AM from now until April 8.

**WEEKDAY DAVENING INFORMATION**

	Sunday (2/12)	Monday (2/13)	Tuesday (2/14)	Wednesday (2/15)	Thursday (2/16)	Friday (2/17)
<b>Earliest Talit</b>	5:57 AM	5:56 AM	5:55 AM	5:54 AM	5:53 AM	5:51 AM
<b>Shacharit</b>	8:15 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM
<b>Gedolah</b>	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:38 PM	12:38 PM	12:38 PM	12:38 PM
<b>Mincha (Sun/Fri) - Maariv</b>	5:10 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	5:20 PM
<b>Shkia</b>	5:28 PM	5:29 PM	5:30 PM	5:31 PM	5:33 PM	
<b>Tzait</b>	6:13 PM	6:14 PM	6:15 PM	6:16 PM	6:18 PM	

פרשת בשלח/שבת שירה  
חמשה עשר בשבט

SHABBAT SHIRA/PARSHAT BESHALACH  
TU B'SHEVAT  
15 SHEVAT/FEBRUARY 11

Haftorah is Judges 4:4-5:31. We do not say either אב הרחמים or א-ל מלא. If necessary, Kiddush Levanah can be said on Friday night.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**CANDLE LIGHTING - 5:07 PM**  
**MINCHA - 5:10 PM**  
**TZAIT - 6:10 PM**

**SATURDAY**  
**SHACHARIT EARLY/YOUTH - 8:20 AM**  
**SHACHARIT MAIN - 9:00 AM**  
**LAST KRIAT SHEMA - 9:33 AM**  
**MINCHA - 4:55 PM**  
**SHKIA - 5:26 PM**  
**MAARIV/HAVDALAH - 6:11 PM**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**  
**TO REQUEST A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT (BY 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY) OR DEDICATE A BULLETIN FOR \$36 (\$54 W/PHOTO), EMAIL SEPLOTNICK@GMAIL.COM.**

**CONGREGATION AHAVAT ACHIM**  
**18-25 SADDLE RIVER ROAD**  
**FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410-5909**  
**201-797-0502**

Welcome to all the Yachad members and advisors, and the faculty and students from Yavneh Academy. Thank you to all our hosts, and the entire Yachad committee (Hazkiel, Lori, Betsy & Sarah L.). Thank you to all our sponsors that allowed us to make this happen: **PLATINUM (\$180): Garfunkel, Plotnick, Schwitzer, Wigod Family, Vann & Winchester; GOLD (\$118): Heller, Matkowsky, Rojas, Schwed, Smedresman, Smith & K&A Wigod; SILVER (\$72): Agress, Greene, Kor, Latkin, Rein, Sonnenblick & Spier; BRONZE (\$36): Banner, Bernstein, Bickel, Brenenson, Chessin Carpe, Dubin, Dworkis, Fineman, Goldgur, Greenbaum/Goldman, Infield, Katter, Kirschenbaum, Komet, Kwestel, Lang, N. Levine, S&K Levine, Mercado, Racenstein, Riskin, Sokoloff, A&J Steinberg, J&R Steinberg, L&A Steinberg, Strich, Wechsler & Weinraub**

Sun., Feb. 12, 9:15 AM, meet at the shul for a "Field Trip" to the YU Seforim Sale. The Rabbi will be available for recommendations and questions. Contributions to enhance the shul's library are welcome, and suggested purchases for the library will be considered. Free parking available.



Condolences to Ann & Jay Laufer on the passing of Ann's brother Akiva. May God console the Laufer family among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

## Fair Lawn Shul Events

### ☆ Feb. 11 – **Sisterhood Murder**

**Mystery Event**, “Murder at the Juice Joint”, Sat. night, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, SHOMREI TORAH. For details: [Roaring 20s Speakeasy](#).

### ☆ Feb. 11 – **Special Grandparent & Child Learning**, Sunday, 8:00 – 10:15 AM, SHOMREI TORAH. For details, click here: [Special Grandparent PCL](#).

### ☆ Feb. 12 - **Shidduch Committee Meeting**, Tues., Feb. 14, 8:30 PM, YIFL (meeting to take place at 34-10 Berdan Ave). For more information, please email Ophira at [ophirak@gmail.com](mailto:ophirak@gmail.com).

### ☆ Feb. 25 – **Wine Tasting**, Saturday night, 8:30 – 11:00 PM, SHOMREI TORAH. For details: [Wine Tasting](#).

### ☆ Mar. 4 – **Fair Lawn Yoetzet Halacha Benefit Program**, Sat. night, 8:00 – 9:30 PM, DARCHEI NOAM. For details: [Yoetzet Halacha Program](#).

### ☆ Mar. 4 – **Paint Party**, with Abbey Walin of Not2shabby, creating your own glass serving pieces, Saturday night, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, YIFL. For details or to sign up: [Paint Party](#).

## Kiddush Information

☆ Kiddush cleanup for the month of February is Gorelik, Greenbaum/Goldman, Greene, Greenstein, Heller, Infield, Kempin, Kestler, Kirschenbaum, Komet, Kor, Kwestel

☆ Kiddush setup for this Shabbat is Agress, Ben-Binyamin, Shanblatt

☆ Kiddush setup for next Shabbat is Brenenson, Riskin, Wolfson

☆ To sponsor a Kiddush (\$1000/\$613/\$318 plus scotch) send an email to [gplotnick@aol.com](mailto:gplotnick@aol.com).

## Sisterhood Book Club

☆ Feb. 18 - **The Friday Night Knitting Club**, by Kate Jacobs, at Natasha Borsuk's home.



## Sisterhood

☆ Feb. 25 - A Banji Latkin Ganchrow presentation, 3:00pm in the sanctuary.  
☆ Please get Mishloach Manot orders to Renee Freund ASAP. Any questions email [sisterhood@ahavatachim.org](mailto:sisterhood@ahavatachim.org).

## Gita Cooperwasser<sup>ה"ע</sup> Youth Program



☆ Groups for children ages 3-12 begin at 10:15 AM, meeting in the Beit Midrash.  
☆ NO GROUPS THIS SHABBAT.  
☆ Children under 13 are welcome at Youth Groups/Junior Congregation. Parents, please ensure that your children are in groups or with you.  
☆ Snow Day Snowball Fight (details will be sent out when the snow comes)!

## Adult Education



☆ CHUMASH CLASS - Shabbat morning before Shacharit.  
☆ GEMARA SHIUR - With Avi Sonnenblick, Tuesdays after Maariv.  
☆ FUNDAMENTALS OF JEWISH THOUGHT - After Kiddush, “Pikuach Nefesh - Common questions on protecting a life on shabbat.”

## Tu B'Shevat - This Shabbat

☆ Custom is to eat fruits that grow on trees, for Tu B'Shevat is the "New Year of the Trees". Say **טו בשבט** on any seasonal fruit that one is eating for the first time that year (but not on artificially preserved fruits or fruits deficient in appearance or taste in comparison to the regular seasonal crop). Many have adopted the Kabbalistic custom of the Tu B'Shevat Seder. For details go to [Aish on Tu B'Shevat](#).



## Ahavat Achim Future Events

☆ Feb. 12 - Seforim Sale Field Trip  
☆ Feb. 18 - Kiddush and Suedah Shlishit are sponsored by Eisman family in honor of Daniel's Auf Ruf and upcoming wedding to Shira Redlich.  
☆ Feb. 21 - Board Meeting (tentative)  
☆ Feb. 25 - Junior Scholar in Residence  
☆ Feb. 25 - Kiddush sponsored by Agress family on the yahrzeit of Stephen's father HaRav Hyman Agress<sup>ל"ז</sup>.  
☆ Feb. 25 - Suedah Shlishit is sponsored by David Garfunkel in memory of his father יהושע פאליק ב"ר משה הכהן  
☆ Mar. 3 - Oneg Shabbat Series  
☆ Mar. 4 - Kiddush sponsored by Borsuk family celebrating Dov's first birthday!  
☆ Mar. 5 - Jewish Migration to 10th Cent.  
☆ Mar. 11 - Michael Riskin Bar Mitzvah  
☆ Mar. 12 - Purim Open House at the Shestack home  
☆ Mar. 18 - Scholars-in-residence, Rabbi Adam & Sara Frieberg, Rutgers JLIC  
☆ Mar. 18 - Trivia Night  
☆ Mar. 21 - Board Meeting (tentative)  
☆ Mar. 25 - Suedah Shlishit is sponsored by David Garfunkel in memory of his mother פייגה רבקה בת ר' חיים הלוי  
☆ Mar. 26 - Rabbi Installation  
☆ Apr. 8 - Bez Bernstein Bar Mitzvah  
☆ Apr. 25 - Board Meeting (tentative)  
☆ May 23 - Board Meeting (tentative)  
☆ May 27 - Suedah Shlishit is sponsored by Eli Zefon in memory of שלמה בן אליהו זון נלב"ע ז"ל סיון תשס"ד  
☆ Jun 17 - Suedah Shlishit is sponsored by Eli Zefon in memory of ברוך מפציר בן שמואל נלב"ע כ"ד סיון תשנ"ט  
☆ June 20 - General Membership Meeting (tentative)

## Shul Calendar

☆ Email Larry at [lardaybern@gmail.com](mailto:lardaybern@gmail.com) to add events to the shul calendar.

## Tzedakah

☆ Feb. 28 - Soup Kitchen tzedakah project. Details to come.

The Men's Club of Ahavat Achim proudly presents:

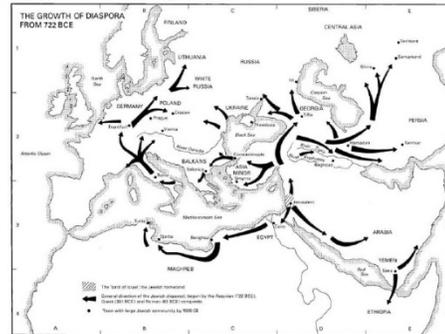
# Jewish migration patterns: from antiquity through the decline of Babylonian Jewry

by

Avraham Groll,  
Director of JewishGen

This presentation will explore the main Jewish migration patterns from Antiquity through the 10th century. You will learn how Jews reached the land of Israel, where they resettled after multiple expulsions, and under what conditions they lived. By understanding the Jewish migration patterns, and the circumstances under which they lived, you will be granted a deeper appreciation of our collective Jewish heritage and family history.

## Jewish Diaspora



Both men and women are welcome to attend.

**Date:** Sunday, March 5, 2017

**Time:** 9:15 am

**Place:** Congregation Ahavat Achim  
18-25 Saddle River Road  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

**Food:** A light breakfast will be served.

**Cost:** FREE if reservation made by March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$5.00 for all others

**RSVP:** By Email: [MensClub@AhavatAchim.org](mailto:MensClub@AhavatAchim.org)  
By Phone: 201-519-7951

We encourage you to pay your Men's Club dues if you haven't done so already (\$36 or \$25 if you purchase \$200 worth of scrip).

# COVENANT & Conversation

A STUDY OF THE PARSHA WITH RABBI SACKS



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— RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS



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## The Power of Ruach

**Beshalach 2017 / 5777**

In September 2010, BBC, Reuters and other news agencies reported on a sensational scientific discovery. Researchers at US National Center for Atmospheric Research and the University of Colorado have shown through computer simulation how the division of the red sea may have taken place.

Using sophisticated modelling, they demonstrated how a strong east wind, blowing overnight, could have pushed water back at a bend where an ancient river is believed to have merged with a coastal lagoon. The water would have been guided into the two waterways, and a land bridge would have opened at the bend, allowing people to walk across the exposed mud flats. As soon as the wind died down, the waters would have rushed back in. As the leader of the project said when the report was published: “The simulations match fairly closely with the account in Exodus.”

So we now have scientific evidence to support the biblical account, though to be fair, a very similar case was made some years ago by Colin Humphreys, Professor of Materials Science at Cambridge University, and Professor of Experimental Physics at the Royal Institution in London, in his book *The Miracles of Exodus*.

To me, though, the real issue is what the biblical account actually is. Because it is just here that we have one of the most fascinating features of the way the Torah tells its stories. Here is the key passage:

*Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. (Ex. 14:21-22)*

The passage can be read two ways. The first is that what happened was a suspension of the laws of nature. It was a supernatural event. The waters stood, literally, like a wall.

The second is that what happened was miraculous not because the laws of nature were suspended. To the contrary, as the computer simulation shows, the exposure of dry land at a particular point in the Red Sea was a natural outcome of the strong east wind. What made it miraculous is that it happened just there, just then, when the Israelites seemed trapped, unable to go forward because of the sea, unable to turn back because of the Egyptian army pursuing them.

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There is a significant difference between these two interpretations. The first appeals to our sense of wonder. How extraordinary that the laws of nature should be suspended to allow an escaping people to go free. It is a story to appeal to the imagination of a child.

But the naturalistic explanation is wondrous at another level entirely. Here the Torah is using the device of irony. What made the Egyptians of the time of Ramses so formidable was the fact that they possessed the latest and most powerful form of military technology, the horse drawn chariot. It made them unbeatable in battle, and fearsome.

What happens at the sea is poetic justice of the most exquisite kind. There is only one circumstance in which a group of people travelling by foot can escape a highly trained army of charioteers, namely when the route passes through a muddy sea bed. The people can walk across, but the chariot wheels get stuck in the mud. The Egyptian army can neither advance nor retreat.

The wind drops. The water returns. The powerful are now powerless, while the powerless have made their way to freedom.

This second narrative has a moral depth that the first does not; and it resonates with the message of the book of Psalms:

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor His delight in the legs of the warrior;  
the Lord delights in those who fear Him,  
who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 147:10-11)*

The elegantly simple way in which the division of the Red Sea is described in the Torah so that it can be read at two quite different levels, one as a supernatural miracle, the other as a moral tale about the limits of technology when it comes to the real strength of nations: that to me is what is most striking. It is a text quite deliberately written so that our understanding of it can deepen as we mature, and we are no longer so interested in the mechanics of miracles, and more interested in how freedom is won or lost.

So it's good to know how the division of the sea happened, but there remains a depth to the biblical story that can never be exhausted by computer simulations and other historical or scientific evidence, and depends instead on being sensitive to its deliberate and delicate ambiguity. Just as *ruach*, a physical wind, can part waters and expose land beneath, so *ruach*, the human spirit, can expose, beneath the surface of a story, a deeper meaning beneath.

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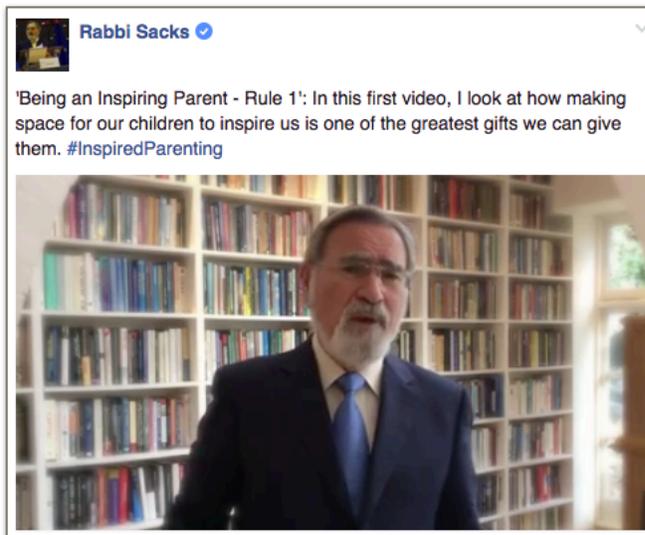
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Sacks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# “BEING AN INSPIRING PARENT”

*A new online video series from Rabbi Sacks*

Rabbi Sacks has recorded a series of 13 short videos on the subject of ‘Being an Inspiring Parent’.

Over the next few weeks, these will be uploaded onto Rabbi Sacks’ Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/rabbisacks](http://www.facebook.com/rabbisacks)) as well as on his website ([www.rabbisacks.org/being-an-inspiring-parent/](http://www.rabbisacks.org/being-an-inspiring-parent/)).



The first video in this series looks at how making space for our children to inspire us is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

The second video looks at how important it is to serve God in joy if you want your children to love Judaism.



For more material from Rabbi Sacks, or to join his mailing list, please visit [www.rabbisacks.org](http://www.rabbisacks.org)

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# Challah Bake for Sophie

Shalva Gavriella bat Shani Aliza

Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30pm



Come show your #loveforsophie as we join together to bake challah and perform the mitzvah of hafrashat challah for a refuah shleima for her. Sophie is a young girl in our community, who is battling PPB, a rare form of lung cancer. Our Challah Bake is open to the greater community.

All additional proceeds will go to fund PPB research. For more details, go to [ppbresearch.org](http://ppbresearch.org).

5lb bag with bracha or option to make only 1 challah.

\$18 per person. Sponsorship options available. RSVP now!

[www.shomrei-torah.org/event/challah](http://www.shomrei-torah.org/event/challah)



19-10 Morlot Ave.  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

The Batya Levine Weiner z"l  
Parent Child Learning Program Presents

# Grandparent PCL

Sunday, February 12th  
8:45am

Breakfast, learning, special presentation.

To register or sponsor visit:

[www.shomrei-torah.org/event/grandparentpcl](http://www.shomrei-torah.org/event/grandparentpcl)

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SHOMREI TORAH PRESENTS

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A ROARING NIGHT OF MYSTERY  
MAYHEM AND THE MOB TO REMEMBER!

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Young Israel of Fair Lawn N'Shei  
Invite Women of the Community to

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# PAINT

with Not2Shabbey

# PARTY

**SAT. NIGHT 8-10 PM MARCH 4 2017**

Fair Lawn women are invited to eat, socialize, and paint your own unique masterpiece you'll get to take home!

Abby Wolin of **Not2Shabbey** will share her one-of-a-kind tips for creating a custom work of art for to make your table sparkle. Paint a salad bowl, carafe or vase with step-by-step guidance from Abby.

Art supplies included + enjoy delicious dinner while your piece dries.

**\$25 per person**

RSVP by 2/19

Stacey Zanjirian | [sjgertz@gmail.com](mailto:sjgertz@gmail.com) | 773-368-2642

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# WINE TASTING

at Shomrei Torah

\$18pp/\$30 per couple before 2/12

\$20pp/\$35 per couple after 2/12

OVER 30 WINES,  
CHEESE/DESSERT

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# FEB 25

8:30-11:00PM

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