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#### MAZAL TOV

Mazal tov to Sapir Flank & Max Goldman on their engagement! Mazal tov to parents Yael & Eitan Flank and Pamela & Jonathan Goldman of Roslyn, New York. Mazal tov to grandparents Chaya Flank and Esther & Vinny Gore of Beer Sheva, Israel. Mazal tov to siblings Amit, Kfir and Roee Flank & Sophia Goldman. Mazal tov to the extended Flank/Gore and Goldman families.

#### Upcoming Women's Seudat Shlishit March 16, 2024

The Connections Committee is hosting a Seudat Shlishit for women at the home of Francoise Jacobs, 24077 Wendover Dr. at 5:45-7pm. The Connections Committee is a component of the Chesed Committee. The objective of the Connections Committee is the integration and inclusion of all members of the GRS community.

If you are new to our community, we are very happy to have you here! If you need a Shabbat or Yom Tov meal, please reach out to the Rabbi or the President.

As of 3.7.24 the Eruv is Kosher

#### Friday - March 8

6:40am Shacharit 5:14pm Earliest Time for Candle Lighting 6:07pm Candle Lighting 6:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

#### Saturday, March 9

7:30am Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Main Minyan 9:00am Pre-Ruchani Minyan Chaburah 9:30am Ruchani Minyan 9:30am Youth Group with Kimi Newmark and Ellie Silber -Daskal Family Youth Wing 10:15am Tot Shabbat with Caroline Goldman - Daskal Family Youth Wing Beit Midrash 4:55pm Rabbi's Gemara Class 5:05pm Bnei Akiva Snif GRS is looking for 5:05pm Women's Tehillim 5:05pm Torat Eretz Yisrael Shiur 5:05pm Mishneh Brurah

#### Sunday

8:00am Shacharit 7:20pm Mincha/Maariv

5:50pm Mincha 7:09pm Havdalah

#### Monday - Rosh Chodesh Adar II

6:30am Shacharit 7:20pm Mincha/Maariv 8:30pm Learning with the CBM 9:30pm Maariv

#### Tuesday, Wednesday

6:40am Shacharit 7:20pm Mincha/Maariv 8:30pm Learning with the CBM 9:30pm Maariv

#### Thursday

6:40am Shacharit 7:20pm Mincha/Maariv 8:30pm Learning with the CBM



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# RABBI'S LETTER



#### **GREEN ROAD SYNAGOGUE LEADERSHIP**

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Secretary Aviva Klein Dear Members,

Our sedra, Parshat Vayakhel, opens against a difficult backdrop. After all, in last week's parsha the Jewish people engaged in an activity that almost led to Hashem eliminating them and starting over due to their interaction with the Golden Calf. How can Moshe rebuild this shattered relationship? Explains Rav Sacks that Moshe employs a brilliant strategy as he takes the very quality that led to their error and transforms it into something positive. At the core of Bnei Yisrael's mistake was they acted like a wild and unruly mob, joined together in chaos. Moshe realized that he needed to restore order but to do so he needed to channel the people's energy into a constructive direction so that they would be "a community and not a crowd". Therefore he gathers them and reminds them of the need to keep Shabbat and instructs them to start building the Mishkan. These were two powerful unifying forces that transformed the nation and restored their relationship with Hashem.

While we are not presently building a Mishkan, and we have already physically built our beautiful building, we are continuously "building our shul" and that is an incredible opportunity to bring us together for a noble purpose. Additionally, the kedusha and tranquility of Shabbat are just as meaningful for us as they were to the generation that let Egypt. May we utilize these chances to maximize who we are individually and as a kehillah.

On that latter note, it is our pleasure to welcome Rabbi Chayim Gerson and his family this weekend as he comes for his "probah" to potentially be our new assistant rabbi. I look forward to hearing him, and meeting him and his wife, over Shabbat and I encourage our members to do the same. This is the third week in a row that we are privileged to have a distinguished guest address us, which by itself is wonderful for the shul. More importantly, however, this is the second of our two candidates to try out for our open position and I am excited that once the process is complete we will have strengthened our kehillah by adding a talented professional to our staff.

This Shabbat is also Parsaht Shekalim which is traditionally a time for asking for tzedaka. While I will not be making a formal appeal, I do want to highlight two worthy causes that deserve your attention. The first is our support for our brothers and sisters in Israel who still need our assistance. While this is true generally, and there are many appropriate places to donate to, we are hosting a wine showing this upcoming Wednesday (March 13th) for a wine seller from Tzfat and this is a wonderful opportunity to help an Israeli in need (his business is normally dependent on tourism which has been severely limited post Oct.7th) while obtaining a quality product for yourself. The second cause is a local one as we must be mindful of the critical needs of those in our community as well. Matan B'sayser is the organization that does incredible work supporting members of our Greater Cleveland community who are in difficult straits and I encourage you to assist them in their honorable work.

Finally, I want to mention that our highly successful Nach Yomi program for women has its' next lecture on Sunday March 17th at 10:00am. The event will occur at our home and Rabbi Jeremy Bruce will be speaking about Sefer Shoftim.

May you all enjoy a Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Blau



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**









### SHABBAT WITH RABBI CHAYIM GERSON: CANDIDATE FOR ASSISTANT RABBI

#### Friday, March 8th

Mincha: 6:15 pm Candle Lighting: 6:07 pm Brief Dvar Torah between Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat



7:30am- Hashkamah minyan 9:00am- Main minyan 9:30am- Ruchani minyan Drasha during Hashkama, Main, and Ruchani Minyanim

5:15 pm: Rabbi Gerson will be in the shul during SNIF for an informal meet and greet

5:50 pm Mincha: Shiur following Mincha during seudat shelishit

7:09 pm Havdalah

Rabbi Gerson has served as the Assistant Rabbi and Youth Director of Congregation Israel of Springfield, NJ since 2021.

Rabbi Gerson holds a BA in Psychology from Yeshiva College, an MA in Jewish Education from Azrieli Graduate School, and received Semicha from RIETS in 2019. Rabbi Gerson studied extensively for four years in the Katz Kollel of RIETS.

Rabbi Gerson founded the Shorashim program for students from non-Yeshiva backgrounds at Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School in Livingston, NJ. He currently teaches Halacha, Chassidus and Jewish History at Bruriah High School.

Rabbi Gerson lives in Springfield, with his wife Chaya Miriam (CM) and their three children: Naomi (6), Yehuda (4) and Yaeli (2).











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#### Classes

Daily: Rabbi Blau- Between Mincha and Maariv.

Sunday: 9:15am. Dr. Hillel Chiel-Moreh Nevukhim- VIA ZOOM

### COMMUNITY BEIT MIDRASH

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 to 10:00 pm Learning in the Stark Family Beit Midrash Maariv each night at 9:30 pm

#### **Monday**:

- 7:45pm Gemara for Beginners: An Introductory class for women with Gabrielle Berger.
- 8:30pm Advanced Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Blau.
- 8:30pm Gemara Boot Camp (Men) with Rav Yonatan Gilbert
- 8:45pm Minchat Chinuch with Herzl Ginsburg

#### Tuesday:

• 8:30pm - Contemporary Challenges and Practical Halachic Approaches with Rav Yonatan Gilbert

#### Wednesday:

- 8:00pm Practical Lessons from Parshat Ha'shavua with Rav Ariel Ben David
- 8:30pm Smichas Chaver Program with Rabbi Ari Spiegler.

#### **Thursday:**

- 9:00am Torat Eretz Yisrael in the Weekly Parsha Rav Yonatan Gilbert at FMS
- 8:15pm: Mishmar and Midrash Rabbi Dr. Michael Weingarten at GRS

#### **Shabbat:**

• 9:00am: Pre-Shacharit Iyun Chabura with Rav Gilbert and Rotating Speakers



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