

Erev Shabbat, January 12 (Shevat 2)

4:32pm Candle Lighting

4:40pm Zman Mincha Maariv

6:15pm Strength to Strength (RSVP)

Shabbat, January 13: Vaera (Shevat 3)

7:30am Hashkama

8:45am Rabbi's Class

9:15am Shacharit

9:15am Youth Groups

9:42am Zman Shema

11:00am Drasha by Rebbetzin Schwartz

11:15am Delicatessen Theme Kiddush

12:29pm Early Mincha

3:30pm Text & Context

4:10pm Playroom Open

4:10pm Mincha

4:30pm Shalosh Seudos

5:30pm Maariv

5:41pm Havdalah

Sunday, January 14 (Shevat 4)

7:00am Shacharit

8:00am Shacharit

9:00am Shacharit

10:00am Youth Tu B'Shvat Workshop

4:40pm Zman Mincha Maariv

Monday, January 15 (Shevat 5) MLK Day

6:15am Shacharit

6:50am Shacharit

7:50am Shacharit

4:40pm Zman Mincha Maariv

6:45pm He'Brew - Level 2

7:00pm Mishmar: Meaning in Mishlei

7:45pm Late Maariv

8:00pm Mishmar: Reading the Rav

Tuesday, January 16 (Shevat 6)

6:15am Shacharit

7:00am Shacharit

8:00am Shacharit

4:40pm Zman Mincha Maariv

7:00pm Siddur Series: Shemoneh Esrei

7:30pm TNLP on Zoom

7:45pm Late Maariv

Wednesday, January 17 (Shevat 7)

6:15am Shacharit

7:00am Shacharit

8:00am Shacharit

2:00pm Lunch & Learn w/R' Schwartz

4:40pm Zman Mincha Maariv

6:30pm Conversion Classes

7:45pm Late Maariv

Thursday, January 18 (Shevat 8)

6:15am Shacharit

6:50am Shacharit

7:50am Shacharit

4:40pm Zman Mincha Maariv

6:45pm Micah Halpern: The IDF

7:45pm Late Maariv

Friday, January 19 (Shevat 9)

6:15am Shacharit

7:00am Shacharit

8:00am Shacharit

4:39pm Candle Lighting 4:50pm Zman Mincha Maariv

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2024 PARSHAT VAERA 5784



OU NACH SHABBAT

OZ celebrates with the OU Women's Initiative's Torat Imecha's Nach Shabbat & Upcoming Siyum on Nach Yomi with a Guest Drasha by Rebbetzin Alisa Schwartz following morning davening, titled: "Serach bat Asher & Elisheva bat Aminadav: Champions of Redemption and Consolation"

MAZEL TOV!

Richard & Freya Wigler, on the birth of a Great Grand-daughter, a baby girl born to their grand-children to Albert & Aviella Shalom

Joe Helmreich & Deni Kolatch, on the birth of twin sons – Mazel Tov to grandparents Mindy & Jonathan Kolatch, and to great-grandmother Helen Gross

CONDOLENCES

Rabbi Mark & Jill Wildes, on the passing of Rabbi Wildes' father Leon Wildes' z'l

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Rabbi Allen & Alisa Schwartz, in honor of the OU's Siyum on Tanach

Bradley Hames, commemorating the 15th Yarzheit of his mother Sharon Hames, Sima Bas Tzvi Hersh z'l, on Daled Shevat

Sarah Stambler & Shlomo Bar-Ayal, on Shlomo's being appointed a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons in New York

Yehudis & Matthew Gartenberg, in memory of Yehudis' mother's Yahrtzeit, Shirley Isenberg, Shaindel Rivka bat Shalom Halevi a"h

George & Illana Lloyd, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson RJ; and in honor of his parents Daniella & Aaron Werman and big sister Sara Emma

Alan & Florence Siegelberg, in honor of their new grandson Akiva Hirsch

Leslie & Ari Hirsch, in honor of the Rabbanim & Gabbaim OZ

Matthew Bobman, in memory of his grandfather Harry Bobman z'l

Daniel Farb, l'zecher nishmat Zissel bat Shmuel z'l

Lily, Talia, and Aliza Hopkovitz in honor of Alana's first Birthday! Yay!

Ariel Habshush Nicki & David Debora Shelly Leibenstern David Goldstein & Debbie Engel

as the Best

JAM-PACKED JANUARY CONTINUES @ OZ!

Sunday	Jan. 14	10:00a	Youth: Grow Torah Tu B'Shevat Event	<u>www.0ZNY.org/Youth</u>
Wednes.	Jan. 17	2:00pm	Lunch & Learn: 10 Commandments	www.OZNY.org/Lunch
Thursday	Jan. 18	6:45pm	Micah Halpern Discussion: The IDF	www.OZNY.org/Defense
Wednes.	Jan. 24	6:00pm	Tu B'Shevat Seder & Sushi	www.OZNY.org/Tu
Friday	Jan. 26	6:15pm	45+ Singles' Shabbat Dinner	www.OZNY.org/Shabbat
Saturday	Jan. 27	7:30pm	Youth: SNL - Saturday Night Learning	www.OZNY.org/Youth

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The commentary on the Talmud authored by the Rosh, Rabbi Asher ben Yechiel, is found in the back of nearly every edition of the Babylonian Talmud. The popularity of his commentary reflect his clarity of thought and expression, and his halachic authority as the close



disciple of the Maharam, Rabbi Meir of Rothenberg (1215-1293). The Maharam was the last of the German Baalei Tosafos. Thus, his student, Rabbi Asher ben Yechiel, assimilated and represented the Ashkenazic tradition of Torah learning.

Because of the savage activities of the Crusaders, Rabbi Asher fled to Spain in 1306. His first stop was Barcelona, where the Rashba gave him a cordial welcome. He then moved on to Toledo, where he became Chief "Dayan," Judge in matters of Jewish Law, and Chief Rabbi of the community.

The Rosh was not pleased by the Spanish approach to Torah learning, which he saw as attributing excessive value to philosophy and other secular studies. He felt that the unavoidable consequence of the Spanish approach would be the "watering down" of the focus on the Talmud, the true source and repository of Jewish wisdom. Yet, by the sheer greatness of his Torah ideas, the influence of Ashkenaz began to penetrate the Spanish Torah world.

The halachic opinions of the Rosh were binding upon Ashkenazic Jewry. But Spanish Jewry also began to take into account his opinions in their formulation of Jewish Law. Rabbi Yoseph Karo (1488-1575) in the "Bais Yoseph" and in the "Shulchan Aruch," classics of Jewish Law, gave equal weight to the halachic opinions of the Rosh as to the opinions of the Sephardic Torah giants the Rif and the Rambam. His method in those cases where the opinions of Ashkenaz and Sepharad differed, was to decide the Law by "taking a vote," as it were, among those three opinions, and the Law would be in accordance with two out of the three opinions.

Rabbi Yosef Albo was a philosopher and theologian who was also a disciple of the great Rabbi Hasdai Crescas. He composed The "Sefer Halkarim," which provides a clear and comprehensive picture of the thought of His time. He carefully analyzed



the meaning of "Ikar" and disputed his predecessors as to the number of ikarim. Albo was a participant at the famous Tortosa disputation in 1413-1414. In Chapter 25, Part III, there is a record of his critique of Christianity at the disputation (printed in Husik's edition of the Ikarim) but this has been censored out of the Hebrew editions. He has highly original interpretations of Biblical passages and these have been collected in separate volumes. He saw the importance of the Mitzvah of honoring parents as that of guaranteeing acceptance of the kabbalah (tradition). Albo dealt at length with the question of how an Eternal Torah applies to constantly changing conditions.









