

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2024
PARSHA YISRO 5784

Friday, February 2 (Shevat 23)

4:56pm Candle Lighting
5:05pm Zman Mincha Maariv
6:00pm OZ Youth Family Dinner (Sold-Out)

Shabbos, February 3 (Shevat 24)

Parsha Yisro - Shabbos Mevarchim
7:30am Hashkama
8:45am Rabbi's Class
9:15am Shacharis
9:15am Youth Groups
9:37am Zman Shema
11:00am Paul Wachtel: Sesquicentennial
12:30pm Early Mincha
3:55pm Text & Context
4:00pm Parent-Supervised Open Play
4:35pm Mincha
4:55pm Shalosh Seudos
5:55pm Maariv
6:06pm Havdalah

Sunday, February 4 (Shevat 25)

7:00am Shacharis
8:00am Shacharis
9:00am Shacharis
5:05pm Zman Mincha Maariv

Monday, February 5 (Shevat 26)

6:00am Shacharis
6:50am Shacharis
7:50am Shacharis
5:05pm Zman Mincha Maariv
6:45pm He'Brew - Level 2
7:00pm Living in Wartime: R' Yaron Levy
7:45pm Late Maariv
8:00pm Mishmar: Reading the Rav

Tuesday, February 6 (Shevat 27)

6:10am Shacharis
7:00am Shacharis
8:00am Shacharis
5:05pm Zman Mincha Maariv
7:30pm TNLP on Zoom
7:45pm Late Maariv

Wednesday, February 7 (Shevat 28)

6:10am Shacharis
7:00am Shacharis
8:00am Shacharis
5:05pm Zman Mincha Maariv
6:30pm Conversion Classes
7:45pm Late Maariv

Thursday, February 8 (Shevat 29)

6:00am Shacharis
6:50am Shacharis
7:50am Shacharis
5:05pm Zman Mincha Maariv
6:30pm WiN: Women In Network
6:45pm Discuss: The IDF
7:45pm Late Maariv

Friday, Feb. 9 (Shevat 30) | R.C. Adar I

6:00am Shacharis
6:45am Shacharis
7:45am Shacharis
5:05pm Candle Lighting
5:15pm Zman Mincha Maariv
5:15pm Sephardic Minyan
6:15pm Wine & Dine (RSVP Required)
8:00pm Community Oneg: Rabbi Gottlieb

SAVE THE DATE FOR APRIL 8 – THE OZ ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATING OUR 150TH YEAR!

Rabbi Allen & Alisa Schwartz - The Legacy Award in recognition of 36 Years of Service

Ilana Katz – The Max Rosenbaum & Maurice Schauer Gemilus Chesed Award

Joseph & Rachel Offenbacher – The Nathan K. Gross Community Service Award

David & Elizabeth Schoen – The Congregation Ohab Zedek Alumni Award

Join us at the **Angel Orensanz Center's** restored Event Space – the home of OZ from 1886-1921!



UPDATED OZ MISSION TO ISRAEL | WWW.OZNY.ORG/MISSION

Join Rabbi Allen Schwartz for a compassionate & compact trip over Presidents Week – Feb. 18-21



- Shabbos in Yerushalayim with OZ Aliyah Alumni
- Sunday in South, incl.: Visits to Siroka Hospital & Sederot
- Monday in Tel Aviv, incl.: Farm Picking, ichilov Hospital
- Tuesday in South, incl.: Gaza Area Kibbutz, BBQ on Base
- Wednes. In Jrslm., incl.: United Hatzalah, Hamal, Kotel

MAZEL TOV

Ronnie & Andy Schonzeit, on the bris of their grandson Yehoshua; and to parents Rachel and Yaacov!

Congratulations to Right Worshipful Shlomo Bar-Ayal on his appointment as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York!

THANK YOU OUR SPONSORS!

Main Kiddush is sponsored by Paul & Claire Wachtel in honor of the Ohab Zedek community

Hashkama Kiddush is sponsored by Paul Casowitz commemorating the Yahtzeit of his mother Elizabeth Casowitz - Batia bat Levi z'l, 29 Shevat

Monday's Session with Rabbi Yaron Levy of Mechina Otzem is sponsored by Blair & Elisabeth Axel

LOOKING FORWARD TO FEBRUARY

Thursday	Feb. 01	6:45pm	Discussion w/Micah: The IDF	www.OZNY.org/Defense
Monday	Feb. 05	7:00pm	Living in War-Time: Rabbi Yaron Levy	www.OZNY.org/Otzem
Monday	Feb. 05	8:00pm	Mishmar: Reading the Rav	www.OZNY.org/Mishmar
Thursday	Feb. 08	6:30pm	WIN: feat. Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz	www.OZNY.org/Win
Friday	Feb. 09	5:15pm	Sephardic Minyan with Rabbi Varon	www.OZNY.org/Sephardic
Friday	Feb. 09	6:15pm	Wine & Dine w/SIR R' Dovid Gottlieb	www.OZNY.org/Wine
Friday	Feb. 09	8:00pm	Community Oneg: R' Dovid Gottlieb	www.OZNY.org/Events
Shabbat	Feb. 10	9:30am	Teen Minyan & Kiddush	www.OZNY.org/Youth
Shabbat	Feb. 10	11:15am	Kiddush: SuperBowl Tailgate Theme	www.OZNY.org/Kiddush
Sunday	Feb. 11	6:30pm	Super Bowl Watching & Dinner Party	www.OZNY.org/Super
Wednes.	Feb. 14	2:00pm	Lunch & Learn: Ten Commandments	www.OZNY.org/Lunch

Paul Wachtel: Reinventing Ohab Zedek - 150 Years of Change

Paul Wachtel is a Professor Emeritus of Economics at the New York University Stern School of Business where he served on the faculty for 50 years. He has a PhD in Economics from the University of Rochester and a Doctor Honoris Causa from the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. He is the vice chair of the Governing Board of the International School for Economics in Tbilisi Georgia, chair of the organizing committee for the Dubrovnik Economic Conference and was recently a Fulbright scholar at the Krakow Economics School. His research has been published in major Economics journal and was recently the subject of an editorial in the Wall Street Journal. More importantly, he has been visiting synagogues and collecting synagogue prints, engravings and books for decades. In retirement, his attention has turned to the collection and to the history of Jewish communities, starting with OZ. Wachtel lives in New York and Sharon Connecticut with his wife, Claire, a book editor. They have two grown children – one in LA, one in Israel and four grandchildren.

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Chacham Yosef Chaim, known as the "Ben Ish Chai," became the Rav of Baghdad at the age of twenty-five, in the year 5619 (1859), the year following the death of his father, Chacham Rav Eliyahu. He became one of the greatest of the modern-day Sephardic "poskim" (individuals

who receive and respond to "halachic inquiries," questions regarding Jewish Law). His approach was eclectic; he considered the opinion of Ashkenazic scholars as well as Sephardic, and insisted that the opinions of "Acharonim" (Torah scholars from the 16th century onward) be considered along with the Talmud, of course, and the "Rishonim" (Torah scholars from North Africa, Egypt, Europe and Palestine between ca. 1000 C.E. and ca. 1500 C.E.) These included such great authorities as the Vilna Gaon, Rabbi Akiva Eiger and the "Chayei Adam," among many others.

The "Ben Ish Chai" delivered a "drasha" every morning, consisting of "halachic" (legal) and "aggadic" (non-legal, historical and anecdotal Talmudic material), and on Shabbat delivered a three-hour sermon every week, for fifty years. He was a very holy person; some said that he had "ruach ha-kodesh" (Divine inspiration) though he himself denied it. One of the stories he told was of an Arab sheikh who experienced such awe and reverence before the Name of HaShem, that he achieved a level of "ruach ha-kodesh." Chacham Yosef Chaim explained that this was in line with the fairness of HaShem; that it is neither age nor gender nor even religion that determines whom the "Shechinah" (the Divine Presence) rests upon; it depends only on one's behavior in the eyes of HaShem.

In response to a question as to whether a person should pray by rote, even without "kavanah" (correct intention), he cited the "Nefesh HaChaim" of Rabbi Chaim Volozhin, who maintains that a person should emphatically pray under those circumstances, because the first step of prayer is just to say the words, even without "kavanah."

The Chacham's Shabbat sermons served as the basis for his most famous work, the "Ben Ish Chai," (also the name that he has become identified with). Each sermon contains an explanation of the weekly Parashah using Kabbalistic ideas, followed by halachic discussion of various topics. The work "Ben Ish Chai" can be found in the majority of Sephardic households, and it is their classic halachic reference manual.

The Chacham married Rachel, the daughter of Rav Yehudah Someich, in 1851, and was a good husband and father to his children, a daughter and two sons. He spent time with them, discussing matters of Torah, as well as matters of interest to the children, depending on their ages. He wrote religious poetry for many occasions, including his most famous in this genre, "Va'amartem Ko L'Chai," in praise of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. On Lag BaOmer, at Meiron in Eretz Yisrael, the burial site of the G-dly Tanna, this "zemer" is sung and danced to by thousands of visitors, by the dazzling light of torches.

He was known for his love of Eretz Yisrael, and supported messengers who came to collect money for the poor there. In 1909, he visited the Holy Land, and was received warmly. On the eighth of Elul, 5669, he visited the tomb of the Prophet Yechezkel, and became sick shortly thereafter, and died. His body was returned to Baghdad, and was buried that very night. The number present at his "levaya" (funeral) was huge, and consisted of Jews and non-Jews alike, who came to give honor to this great man.

AN EVENING WITH RABBI YARON LEVY
OF MECHINA OTZEM & MOSHAV NAVEH

MONDAY NIGHT @ 7:00PM
FEBRUARY 5, 2024
ADULTS ONLY
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LIVING IN WARTIME
REFLECTIONS FROM A GAZA BORDER MOSHAV
AND SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ISRAELI
AND DIASPORA PARTNERSHIP

CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING,
NOT FUNDRAISING

Join an evening of reflection, insight, and discussion into the war, Israel's return home, and the challenges of protecting Israel's borders. Rabbi Levy is also interested in hearing about the recent challenges communities in Chutz La'Aretz are facing as anti-semitism and anti-war sentiment rise throughout the world.

Rabbi Levy created the pre-army program for students from abroad at Mechinat Otzem. With over 100 alumni worldwide, he supports students through their IDF service and transition to post-army life. Rabbi Levy studied as Shin David and under Rabbi Shlomo Aviner at Yeshivat Aharai Yerushalaim. He served as an officer in the Golan Heights infantry unit and is as an officer in the reserves.

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RABBI DOVID GOTTLEIB
OZ SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
FEB. 9-10, 2024

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Friday Night Wine & Dine
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR:
Friday Night Oneg
Shabbat Morning Drasha
Afternoon Shiur
Seudah Shlishit

Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb is the Managing Director of Tzafnah, a leading organization dedicated to helping soldiers maintain their religious commitment and emotional well-being during their IDF service.

He is also the rabbi of Kehilat HaEla, a growing community in the suburbs of Ramat Beit Shemesh. Additionally, Rabbi Gottlieb is a Ra"m at Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush).

Rabbi Gottlieb is most recently the author of Ve-Ha'El Emeini, a three-volume collection of inspiring and thought-provoking essays on the weekly Torah portion which is distributed to soldiers throughout the IDF. Over 1,000 of his classes and articles are available online.

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SHABBAT MISHPATIM

February 10, 2024
9:30am
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SELECT FRIDAY NIGHTS @ OZ
SEPHARDIC MINYAN

5784 DATES

10/13	2/09
11/10	2/23
12/15	3/08

Join Assistant Rabbi Jack Varon and the OZ Sephardic community for our Monthly Friday Night Minyan

Minyan will take place in the Social Hall. Kiddush & Mezzeh to follow - Sponsors Welcome!

Questions, sponsorship, or to join the OZ Sephardic WhatsApp email: RVB@OZNY.org

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Rabbanit Dr. Adena K. Berkowitz is a scholar in Residence and co-founder of Not MitzvahNet 101, an organization dedicated to reenergizing the spiritual lives of both affiliated and not yet affiliated Jews, with a background in law, Jewish studies, and psychotherapy. Rabbanit Berkowitz is the author of the best-selling Jewish Journey magazine, now in its second printing and co-editor of Shalom: Jewish Women's Guide to Joy. A practicing therapist, she lives in New York with her husband Rabbi Zvi Brenner and family.

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