AHAVAS ACHIM NEWSLETTER

MARCH 18, 2022 | **צו** | **ט"ז אדר ב' תשפ"ב**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday

Candlelighting..... 6:49 p.m.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv ..... 6:55 p.m.

שבת

Shacharit .....7:30 & 9:00 a.m.
Inspiration from the Rambam..... 8:40 a.m.
Pre-Group babysitting.....9:30 a.m.
Teen Minyan.....9:30 a.m.
Youth Groups.....10:00 a.m.
Latest Shema.....10:08 a.m.

*Hot Kiddush is sponsored by **Debra and Eli Levenstein** in honor of the congregation and with thanks for all the prayers and support during Eli's recent illness.*

Daf Yomi ..... 4:55 p.m.
Rabbi Penner Shiur..... 5:45 p.m.
Mincha ..... 6:45 p.m.
Seudah Shlishit..... 7:05 p.m.
Maariv..... 7:55 p.m.
Motzei Shabbat ..... 7:59 p.m.

שמיני

Sunday Shacharit .....8:00 & 9:00 a.m.
Monday & Thursday Shacharit ..... 6:25 & 7:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday Shacharit ..... 6:35 & 7:45 a.m.
Sunday-Thursday Mincha/Maariv..... 7:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday Late Maariv ..... 9:30 p.m.
Friday Candlelighting..... 6:57 p.m.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv ..... 7:05 p.m.

Northside Minyan month of March
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7 Marshall Drive, Edison

ברוך הבא

Ahavas Achim would like to warmly welcome all newcomers, visitors and guests who are joining us for Shabbat. If **President Josh Ostrin** or **Rabbi Steven Miodownik** don't get a chance to greet you personally, please come up and introduce yourself. We'd like to meet you!

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to **Yossi and Kara Benedek** on the engagement of their daughter, **Tali** to **Sholom Abrahams** of Baltimore. Mazel Tov to Sholom's parents, **Rabbi Mordechai and Chani Abrahams.**

Mazel Tov to **Jonathan and Lori Caplan** on the birth of a grandson. Mazel Tov to the parents, **Jeremy and Rena Caplan,** to the great-grandmother, **Iola Caplan,** and to the great aunt and uncle, **Josh and Naomi Caplan.**

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Ronald and Judy Schwarzberg** on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to the parents. **Shayna and Noam Izhak,** and to the great-grandmother, **Sandra Frankel.**

המקום ינחם

The Congregation extends its condolences to **Barry Leskowitz, Steven Leskowitz** and **Rhona Eserner** on the passing of their mother, **Sylvia Leskowitz z"l.** Shiva will be observed through Sunday morning at **38 Hamlin Road, Edison.**

Shiva Minyanim:

- **Motzei Shabbat**: Maariv 8:00 p.m.
- **Sunday**: Shacharit 8:00 a.m.

May they and their family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

BRIDGING GENERATIONS SHABBATON

Ahavas Achim and **Ohr Torah** welcome **Rabbi Yakov Horowitz** and **Rabbi Menachem & Rebbitzen Adeena Penner this Shabbat, March 18-19** for a Shabbat of healing and hope, **Bridging Generations: Parenting Our Children in a Challenging World.**

Today's Orthodox parents grapple with many difficult situations, and communal silence often exacerbates the pain. What can we do when a child no longer wants to

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If you would like to submit a name for the cholim list, please call the Shul office: 732-247-0532 or email: secretary@ahavasachim.org.

*(**Bridging Generations,** continued from page 1)*
be observant, or takes an unexpected path in life? How can we balance our personal religious beliefs with our obligations to our children? This important Shabbaton will begin a difficult but critical communal conversation that is relevant to every parent who loves their child.

Shabbat morning, after 9:00 a.m. minyan:

- *at Ahavas Achim:* Rabbi Yakov Horowitz—**Raising a Child Who Breaks Your Heart**
- *at Ohr Torah:* Rabbi Menachem Penner—**Our Most Challenging Moments: Living in the Spotlight**

Shabbat afternoon, 5:45 p.m. (1 hour before mincha):

- *at Ahavas Achim:* Rabbi Menachem Penner—**LGBTQ and the Orthodox Community: Navigating Uncharted Waters**
- *at Ohr Torah:* Rabbi Yakov Horowitz—**Would Your Kids Tell You? Creating the Environment Where Your Children Can Be Comfortable Discussing Anything With You.**

Shabbat afternoon, at Seudah Shlishit:

- *at Ahavas Achim:* Rebbetzin Adeena Penner—**When a Child Forges Their Own Path: Lessons Learned Along the Way**
- *at Ohr Torah:* Rabbi Yakov Horowitz—**Where Free Choice and Parental Supervision Meet**

Motzei Shabbat, 9:00 p.m. at Ahavas Achim:

- **When Children Chart Their Own Path:** A Panel Discussion with Rabbi Yakov Horowitz and Rabbi Menachem Penner

Private Meetings:

Rabbi Horowitz, and Rabbi and Mrs. Penner will also be available for private appointments over the course of the weekend. Email **Linda Moed Cohen** at **linmocoh@gmail.com** for more information.

Rabbi Yakov Horowitz is the founder and dean of Yeshiva Darchei Noam of Monsey, and founder and Director of **Project Y.E.S.** (Youth Enrichment Services). He is recognized throughout the Jewish community as an authority on raising children in these troubled times. His bold and insightful presentations, workshops, CD's, and articles have helped to mold a generation of parents and educators. He is the author of two books, *Growing with the Parsha* and *Living and Parenting*, and has produced a whole host of best-selling parenting audio-visual materials. He is a regular contributor on Torah, educational, and parenting topics to *The Jewish Observer, The Jewish Press, Mishpacha,* and *Hamodia* periodicals.

Rabbi Menachem Penner is the Max and Marion Grill Dean of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University where he has the privilege to inspire and train the rabbis of tomorrow. Rabbi Penner served as the spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Holliswood in Queens for 20 years and is now the Rabbi Emeritus. He continues to teach, focusing on Tanach, Tefillah and Machshavah, in communities worldwide. He received his semicha from RIETS and is proud to serve the institution from which he received his formative education.

Rebbitzen Adeena Penner is the Director of Kesher Families, a new organization supporting families of an individual who

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identifies as LGBTQ. She holds a Bachelors' Degree in psychology from Stern College for Women and a Masters' Degree in Occupational Therapy from New York University. She worked for fifteen years in the field of occupational therapy at the Board of Education of New York, the Chush School in Williamsburg, and Camp HASC. She served as the Rebbitzen of the Young Israel of Holliswood for twenty years and continues to maintain her ties to, and involvement in, the community. Adeena is a valued resource for many in the Jewish community navigating personal and family challenges.

AAU SHIURIM

DAILY

9:15 p.m. Mishnah Yomi via Zoom: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8153272856?pwd=T3BmNmU5NlpJcDdNYXBRdGZwM0t2UT09 ***(Tuesdays 9:45 p.m.)***

TUESDAY

8:30 a.m. Men's Retirees Kollel Parsha Gems with Rabbi Moshe Goldberger

8:30 p.m. Kitchen Invasion with Rabbi Miodownik via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5757628337

WEDNESDAY

8:00 p.m. Wednesday Nights in the Beis

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Men's Retirees Kollel Gemara Masechet Chulin with Rabbi Miodownik

1:00 p.m. Women's Shiur: Ezra and Nechemia with Rabbi Miodownik

9:00 p.m. Parshat Hashavua with Rabbi Yissocher Frand on the TCN *(No charge; donations welcome!)*

SHABBAT/MOTZEI SHABBAT

8:40 a.m. Inspiration from the Rambam with Elisha Russ-Fishbane

50 minutes before Mincha: Daf Yomi with Judah Abraham

Navi with Rabbi Yisroel Reisman on the TCN ***(9:30 p.m. March 19, 26; 10:00 p.m. April 2, 9;*** *No charge; donations welcome!)*

MISHNAH YOMI

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Mishnah Yomi at Ahavas Achim:

Saturday Night: 9:15 p.m.

Sunday Night: 9:15 p.m.

Monday Night: 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday Night: *9:45 p.m. (note: later time)*

Wednesday Night: 9:15 p.m.

Thursday Night: 9:15 p.m.

Friday Night: Please study on your own!

LEARNING SEUDAH SHLISHIT 5782: SECOND "SEMESTER"

Please join us every Shabbat between Mincha and Maariv in the Downstairs Social Hall for our world-renowned Learning Seudah Shlishit:

Seth Berman: How to Strengthen Your Emunah in Ten Simple Lessons (money back guarantee*). *We will discuss the most fundamental principle in Judaism, relying mainly on the sefer Nefesh Shimshon: The Principles of Faith, by Rabbi Shimshon Dovid Pincus z"l.*

Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg: The Torah of Rabbi Lamm *Each week, we will taste a different morsel of Rabbi Norman Lamm's z"l scholarship, which embraced all areas of Jewish thought, from the Torah's perspective on astronomy to zoology.*

Rabbi Jed Zaslow: *Siddur Sprinters: Exploring the Top Ten Tefillot We Speed Through*

alternating with

Rabbi Miodownik: *The Power of Music in the Jewish Experience*

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE BEIS

Make the AA Beit Midrash your address for Wednesday night learning. Come with your chavruta, or on your own to join our learning groups, and contribute to the sound of Torah study in our shul. Each **Wednesday night,** from **8:00-9:30 p.m.,** fantastic refreshments will be served in the Beit Midrash to fuel your learning, and an array of study options will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

YAHRZEITS

3/20	Steven Kolb	Father
	Yussie Weiss	Father
3/25	Harriet Adelson	Father

SHARE PESACH WITH OTHERS

Pesach provides opportunity to add to your celebration by sharing meals with others. Whether you will be home and are interested in having others join you, or you are ready to join others, you can contact Hospitality Committee Chair **Mark Abraham** at **abraham839@gmail.com** or **732-545-6639** and identify whether you are interested in being a host or a guest.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM & SHAVUOT IN JERUSALEM: AA MISSION MAY 25, 2022-JUNE 7, 2022

Please join the *Abraham, Baruch, Becker, Blenden, Dear, Engel, Frank, Goldberg, Kohl, Kossof, Leskowitz, Quint, Schilowitz, Warburg* and *Wasserman* families on the upcoming Mission to Israel. **$5,070** per person based on double occupancy: **(Price includes current airport taxes & airline fuel surcharge).**

The Mission will include: round trip flight on El Al Israel Airlines, hotel in Jerusalem including Shabbat and Chag meals, two nights in Tel Aviv including two days of touring, a day of leisure on the coast in Tel Aviv, and one dinner in Tel Aviv restaurants. Optional day in Chevron at no additional cost.

If you have any questions, or to confirm the number of people in your party, please email: **aamission@arieltours.com.**

AHAVAS ACHIM COVID POLICY

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, chills, cough, or shortness of breath, you may not come to Ahavas Achim as long as the symptoms persist. When in doubt about symptoms, for the purpose of this policy assume that they are COVID19. For similar symptoms that are unrelated to COVID-19, you may obtain a doctor's clearance to come to Ahavas Achim.

If you are notified that you tested positive for COVID-19, stay home and isolate for at least 5 days. If you had symptoms, you may end isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving. If you did not have symptoms, you may end isolation at

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least 5 full days after your positive test. If you were severely ill with COVID-19 or are immunocompromised, you should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult your doctor before ending isolation.

YOUTH NEWS

TEEN MINYAN KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to **Marninah and Josh Hersh** for sponsoring Teen Minyan Kiddush in honor of **Yehudah's** Bar Mitzvah anniversary.

If you'd like to sponsor Teen Kiddush in the future, please email **Kivi Neuman** at: **aayouth100@gmail.com.**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

MISHLOACH MANOT FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

Thank you to all who packed the Mishloach Manot this Purim: **The Filhart clan, Faina Ginzberg, Rhea Levine, The Levin clan** and **Marcia Levinson.** Thank you to our delivery crews: **Avery, Berman, Blain, Bodzin/Gross, Cohen, Friedenreich, Kornblum, Levin, Levinson, Lewitter, Lichtman, Maza, Ostrin, Rosenberg, Ross, Schwartz, Strub, Urman** and **Weintraub**.

A special thank you to the members of the planning committee: **Irene Cohen, Jackie Kelin, Rachael Levin, Elena Orgel** and **Leslie Ostrin**. Thank you to **Rachel Weintraub** for keeping an up-to-date accounting and sending us regular progress reports. An exceptional thank you to our talented **anonymous poet** who took our idea and created the lovely poem.

And, of course, thank you to all our sponsors and supporters to this project; because of you we have raised a significant amount of money for our Youth Programming. There are not enough words to thank our President, **Josh Ostrin** for his devotion to our shul family. We are thankful to have so many creative and dedicated members who constantly support Ahavas Achim and our efforts.

Please Note: The **following** families also participated in the Mishloach Manot this Purim, but were not included in the scroll:

- Michael and Roslyn Beberman—*Sponsor*
- Walter Rogers and Sally Klinger Rogers

We apologize in advance for anyone else inadvertently left off the scroll. Please let us know and we will update!

EXTRA MISHLOACH MANOT FOR SALE

Did you enjoy the Mishloach Manot from AA Sisterhood that was delivered to you? Do you want any more bags? We have 7 extra bags for sale: **$25** each. To purchase them, contact **Rachel** in the office at: **secretary@ahavasachim.org** or **732-247-0532.** Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meeting discussing the book, ***They May Not Mean To, But They Do*** by Cathleen Schine, is being rescheduled. Stay tuned for details!

COMMUNITY NEWS

A MITZVAH AT PASSOVER

As Passover approaches, Jewish families are beginning to prepare their homes and hearts to celebrate freedom and perseverance of community spirit. Working together ensures that our values and customs are preserved and encourages us to help one another in times of need. With your generosity, **Jewish Family Services** helps more than 500 individuals observe Passover each year. As their list of families in need grows, it would be difficult to imagine a more timely, meaningful or effective mitzvah than your monetary donation that will allow them to purchase **grocery store gift cards** for those in need of Passover food. To support this year's **Passover Drive,** please call **732-777-1940** or donate online: **https://jfsmiddlesex.org/donate-form** and indicate **"Passover Drive."**

Are you interested in donating your **Chametz?** The **JFS Kosher Food Pantries** are accepting food and self-care items to give out after Passover—please only unopened, undamaged and unexpired items. To view pantry staples needed, see the 2022 Kosher Pantry Wish List at: **https://tinyurl.com/2p8657kd.**

NORPAC VIRTUAL MISSION 2022

NORPAC is eager to make this a strong year for Israel advocacy during their **Virtual Mission to Washington** during the week of **May 9-12.** They count on your participation to make the case to over 90% of Congress about supporting continued military assistance to Israel, curtailing Iranian nuclear ambitions and terror sponsorship, fighting back against the de-legitimization of Israel, and many other important topics.

Join NORPAC members for their week-long Virtual Event. Choose one or more days and various time slots throughout the day that are convenient for you to meet via zoom in groups with Members of Congress and their staff to advocate on the most pressing US-Israel issues. To register, please visit: **norpac.net,** email: **Avi@norpac.net** or call: **201-788-5133.** For more information, speak to **Milton Erdfarb** or **Marc Hanfling.**

BY THE GRACE OF THE GAME: THE HOLOCAUST, A BASKETBALL LEGACY, AND AN UNPRECEDENTED AMERICAN DREAM

Author Dan Grunfeld and his father, NBA Legend Ernie Grunfeld, discuss their family's remarkable story

Virtual Public Talk, this Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

Former NBA player and executive Ernie Grunfeld is the only athlete in NBA history whose parents survived the Holocaust. His son, author and former professional basketball player Dan Grunfeld, has just released his first book, *By the Grace of the Game*, which details his family's history and the profound impact of basketball in their lives.

A child when his family immigrated to America from Romania, Ernie had no knowledge of English and had never touched a basketball. Roughly ten years later, he stood on the podium as an Olympic gold medalist for the United States. Dan and Ernie Grunfeld will discuss their family's American Dream story in conversation with Craig Karmazin, CEO of Good Karma Brands and grandson of Abram Matlofsky.

Free and open to the public, this virtual talk is sponsored by the **Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life** at Rutgers University. Advance registration is required by visiting **BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu.**

SHAIMOT COLLECTION & SEFORIM SALE THIS SUNDAY

Ohr Torah will hold this year's community **Shaimot Collection this Sunday, March 20** from **9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** The cost is **$27** per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. Please email **Barry Siegel** at **siegeldad@gmail.com** for questions.

There will also be a used **Seforim Sale** at this time with great bargains! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

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OE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT

Rabbi Daniel Feldman will be a Scholar-in-Residence at **Ohav Emeth** on **Shabbat, April 1-2.** He will be speaking on Friday night after dinner at the **Bridge Turkish Grill.** Reservations can be made at **https://www.ohavemeth.org/event/dinner-with-rabbi-feldman.html.** The cost of dinner is **$60** per person.

Rabbi Feldman will also be speaking on Shabbat day at the 7:50 and 9:15 a.m. Shacharit as well as at Seudah Shlishit. Mincha will start at 6:30 p.m. that Shabbat.

Rabbi Daniel Feldman is a Rosh Yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University, as well as an instructor in the Sy Syms School of Business and the Wurzweiler School of Social Work. He serves as the Executive Editor of the RIETS initiative of YU Press and is a prolific author. Email **Michael Garber** at **mdgarber@live.com** for questions.

FREE COPIES OF BEIS HALEVI ON BITACHON AVAILABLE

To our dear Community Members,

We have all experienced a great deal of change in the past two years and we do not know what the Almighty will bring tomorrow. We started a Bitachon project for our community and we will be distributing a free copy of ***Beis HaLevi on Bitachon*** to each family that is interested in learning about and improving on their Bitachon. The Beis HaLevi is also known as Rabbi Yosef Dov Solovetchik of Brisk.

Please email: **zitaweinstein@gmail.com** with your family name and address and we will happily deliver a free copy and leave it at your door or drop it off at your shul. We have about 50 copies left and will be distributing books on a first come first saved basis. Some folks may want to start learning groups at shul or at home. It is our hope that by improving our trust in the Almighty, we will meet our challenges successfully, understanding that everything comes from Him. Best Regards,

Zita & Yehiel Weinstein & family

RUTGERS HILLEL ANNUAL GALA

You are cordially invited to the **Rutgers Hillel Annual Gala** taking place at **Eva and Arie Halpern Hillel House,** 70 College Ave., New Brunswick, on **Monday, April 11.** Lavish dinner: **6:00 p.m.;** Program: **7:45 p.m.** Exemplar of Excellence Award: **Andrew Getraer,** Visionary in Partnership Award: **Ron Ladell,** Rabbi Julius Funk Alumni Award: **Meryl Gonchar,** Young Alumni Award: **Ariel and Liran Kapoano,** Student Rising Stars: **Ari Alter, Ilana Berkman, Sam Iofel, Morgan Lewin** and **Robert Samuel.** For registration, visit: **https://rutgershillel.org/gala2022.** For questions, contact **Barbara Cohen** at **barbaric@rutgershillel.org** or **973-943-6005.**

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