



CANDLE LIGHTING 7:12 PM | 24 NISAN | APRIL 11, 2026 | HAVDALA 8:17 PM

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

On Sunday, April 19, join us for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating Israel.

MITZVAH FAIR

Time to gear up for Mitzvah Day, which is happening on Sunday, May 3, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Our booths: Shatniz, Shchita & Kashering, Techeilet, Mikveh, Candle Making, Challah, Parchment Making, Sofrut with a Sofer, Leining, Hair Covering, Java Nut Food Booth, & Interactive Mitzvah House.

Register (\$5/person or \$10/family recommended fee) or become a sponsor here: [MITZVAH FAIR](#). Sponsorship levels are: Yuharah (\$1,000), Mehadrin Min haMehadrin (\$360), Mehadrin (\$180), D'oraita (\$72), and D'rabanan (\$18).

YIZKOR PLEDGE

To redeem your Pesach Yizkor pledge, click here: [YIZKOR](#).

BARUCH DAYAN HA'EMET

We regret to inform you of the passing of our member Ellen Chass, the beloved wife of Murray Chass.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Amy & Stephen Agress on the birth of a granddaughter, Aviva Malka Shifra - Eve Molly (Evie), born to Bronia and Josh Agress.

יגדלוה לתורה ולחופה ולמעשים טובים

May they raise her to Torah, chuppah and good deeds.



שבת פרשת שמיני

SHABBAT PARSHAT SHEMINI

Haftorah is II Samuel 6:1-7:17. We bless the month of Iyar. We say אב הרחמים that was composed for martyrs of of the Crusades mostly slain during the period of Sefirat HaOmer. Pirkei Avot Ch. 1.

FRIDAY EVENING

MINCHA 7:15 PM

SHKIA 7:31 PM

TZAIT HAKOCHAVIM 8:11 PM

SHABBAT

HASHKAMA 7:45 AM

SHACHARIT - MAIN 9:00 AM

POST-HASHKAMA SHIUR HIATUS

LAST KRIAT SHEMA 9:41 AM

FUNDAMENTALS SHIUR ≈11:30 AM

PRE-MINCHA SHIUR 6:25 PM

MINCHA 7:05 PM

SHKIA 7:32 PM

MAARIV 8:17 PM

החדש הזה לכם

Molad for Iyar is Friday, April 17, 5:18 AM & 14 Chalokimay.

ראש חדש אייר יהיה ביום שישי ויום שבת קודש הבא עלינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה



SUNDAY
4/12

MONDAY
4/13

TUESDAY
4/14

WEDNESDAY
4/15

THURSDAY
4/16

FRIDAY
4/17

WEEKDAY MINYANIM AT AHAVAT ACHIM

SHACHARIT 8:00 AM 6:15 AM 6:25 AM 6:25 AM 6:15 AM 6:00 AM

2ND SHACHARIT MINYON - YISHTABACH AT 7:40 AM 7:25 AM 7:25 AM 7:25 AM 7:25 AM 7:10 AM

MINCHA/MAARIV 7:21 PM 7:22 PM 7:23 PM 7:24 PM 7:25 PM 7:25 PM

ZMANIM

Earliest Talit 5:25 AM 5:23 AM 5:22 AM 5:20 AM 5:18 AM 5:17 AM

Gedolah 1:31 PM 1:30 PM 1:30 PM 1:30 PM 1:30 PM 1:30 PM

Shkia 7:33 PM 7:34 PM 7:35 PM 7:36 PM 7:37 PM

Tzait 8:13 PM 8:14 PM 8:15 PM 8:16 PM 8:17 PM

Rabbi Ely Shestack

President Jay Herman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 19 - Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Apr. 25 - Rabbi Binny Freedman SIR.

May 3 - Mitzvah Fair, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

IN OUR FUTURE - KIDDUSH, SEUDAH SHLISHIT, & ETC.

Apr. 18 - Yom Ha'atzmaut Kiddush. To sponsor, click here: [Independence](#).

Apr. 25 - Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush

June 20 - Kiddush is sponsored by Shelly & Steve Winchester celebrating Daniel's Auf Ruf and upcoming wedding to Yael Simons.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH

To add a birthday or anniversary to our April list (next Kiddush on Shabbat, April 25), click here: [SIMCHA](#). Listings/sponsorships are \$36 per family per month. RSVP for the April birthday/anniversary Kiddush by Sunday night, April 19.

SHIURIM

- PESHAT OF THE PARSHA, Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, click here: [Parsha](#).
- TORAH FOR YOUR COMMUTE, via Whatsapp, with 3-minute daily Halacha insights. To join email Rabbi Shestack at rabbishestack@gmail.com.
- TORAH FOR YOUR COMMUTE is available on Spotify or on other applications with an RSS code. Click here: [PODCASTS](#).
- POST-HASHKAMA SHIUR, alternates between examining the development of Halachot and analyzing Mishlei (Proverbs)
- FUNDAMENTALS OF JEWISH THOUGHT, after Kiddush.
- SHABBAT SHIUR, **SANHEDRIN CH. 8**, 40 minutes prior to mincha.
- TZURBA M'RABANAN w/ Zack Doberman, Wednesdays at 8:30 PM. In-person at the shul and via Zoom.
- HALACHA SHIUR FOR WOMEN, Monday nights, 8:15 PM on Zoom - **HIATUS**
- SEDER ON THE SIDDUR, at Seudah Shlishit

BOARD MEETINGS 8:15 PM

Apr. 28 - At shul w/Zoom option.

May 26 & June 30

OU WOMEN'S INITIATIVE

Apr. 19 - Count & Cultivate - A Powerful Sefirat HaOmer Program, exploring what real growth looks like and how we cultivate it during the days of Sefirah, 7:30 PM. Location to be provided.

GITA COOPERWASSER^{ה"ע} YOUTH EVENTS

Apr. 9 - Playdate in the Park (Pesach Edition), 3:45 PM.

May 23 - Interactive Youth Shavuot program with dinner.

GITA COOPERWASSER^{ה"ע} SHABBAT YOUTH INFO



● SHABBAT YOUTH LEADERS:

3RD - 5TH: CASSANDRA & LETIZIA

K - 2ND: ARIELYS, ABBY, & MAYA

3 YRS - PRE-K: PERRI & NICOLE

- Youth groups for 3rd through 5th Graders starts at 9:00 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on left on entering the social hall.
- Youth group for children 4 years old through 1st Grade starts at 9:00 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the right upon entering the social hall.
- Parent & Me, 9:00 AM in the Beit Midrash.
- Rabbi Meet & Greet, Friday night, kids can come over to the Rabbi after davening to receive a cup of grape juice and a ticket!
- Children earn tickets for coming to minyan (Friday night and/or Shabbat day), asking the rabbi questions or attending parent-child learning programs! Tickets can be redeemed for prizes.
- Children's corner at Seudah Shlishit, 1st to 5th graders will get 10 Torah questions in 10 minutes from Rabbi Shestack, with special snacks, tickets and more.

Friday Evening, April 10



Saturday Evening, April 11



Sunday Evening, April 12



Monday Evening, April 13



Tuesday Evening, April 14



Wednesday Evening, April 15



Thursday Evening, April 16



18-25 Saddle River Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
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NAME	HEBREW DATE	CANDLE EVENING OF	DEDICATOR	RELATIONSHIP
Harry Latkin	2	April 18	Eita Latkin	Father-In-Law
Jack Schwartz	2	April 18	Kenny Levine	Grandfather
Zimel Wigod	3	April 19	Seymour Wigod	Grandfather
Harry Abraham Rapoport	4	April 20	Sara Levine	Father
Shulamit Michal Kustanowitz	10	April 26	Al Kustanowitz	Wife
Eric Adler	13	April 29	Rose Dworkis	Father
Rosalind Dorshay	16	May 2	Seymour Wigod	Aunt
Martin Riskin	20	May 6	Greg Riskin	Father
Richard Latkin	23	May 9	Eita Latkin	Husband
Gabriel Pinchas	23	May 9	Naomi Graber	Father
Gital Klein	26	May 12	David Garfunkel	Grandmother

DAVID SCHWITZER ע"ה
SOCIAL HALL

Contact Lori at garfmom@gmail.com to book the David Schwitzer ע"ה Social Hall for an event or occasion. \$250 (members), \$325 (Associates), or \$400 paid in advance for non-members, plus the cost of clean up (and a \$150 refundable security/cleaning deposit). Private caterers must be approved by the Rabbi.

CHESED TEAM

If you or someone you know needs assistance, email us at chesed@ahavatachim.org.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Memorialize a loved one with a plaque, \$300 for members/\$450 for nonmembers. We will strive to send you written notice of upcoming yahrzeit and announce name during public Yizkor. Email Amy at yahrzeit@ahavatachim.org to arrange.

DONATE A SEFER, ETC.

Donate Siddurim & Machzorim (\$40), and Chumashim (\$60). Contact David at dmgarfunkel@gmail.com for details.

MISHEBAYRACH

For a Mishebayrach pledge to give Tzedakah on behalf of those for whom you asked Hashem's blessing, contributions to the shul can be made using Paypal's Giving Fund (with 100% of the proceeds going to the Shul), by clicking here: [Ahavat Achim Donations](#). If by check, please indicate on its face "Aliyah Donation."

HONORARIA

The available Honoraria list will be provided upon request by contacting Steven Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com.

SINGLES SHIDDUCH GROUP

Reach out to Rabbi Shestack or Sara Levine (saralevine06@gmail.com) if interested.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships opportunities for Yahrzeits, Refuahs, and Hodahs (thanks), are available for regular shiurim, youth events and similar activities (but not for established honorariums or sponsorship funded events). Cost of sponsorship (shiur or youth event) is \$100 per sponsor. Multiple sponsors for an event will be accepted. Sponsorships will be listed in the bulletin and announced at the event (and, if possible, a placard with the sponsorship will be prepared and displayed at the event).

Sponsorships do not include any extra amenities (such as food). Please contact Steve Plotnick for questions or clarifications.

MEN'S CLUB

Email MensClub@AhavatAchim.Org to join the Men's Club.

COUNTING THE OMER

Wait until Tzait before lighting candles or preparing for the second day. Maariv begins after Tzait. Each night before counting the Omer we recite the Bracha "...אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו על..." and then proclaim the current day of the Omer. Both the Bracha and the count itself must be done while standing. It is best to count the Omer after Tzait. If one counted before that time, it is proper for him to count again, after Tzait, without a Bracha. If one counted earlier than Plag HaMincha he must count again with a Bracha when the stars appear. If one forgot to count at night, he must count during the day without a Bracha. He may then continue to count again on all of the successive nights with a Bracha. If one failed to count an entire day, he must continue to count the following nights without a Bracha.

RESTRICTIONS DURING THE SEFIRAH PERIOD

(ADAPTED FROM TORAH.ORG)

For thirty-three days during the sefira period, it is customary not to get married, take haircuts, or shave. This is to commemorate the period during which the students of Rabbi Akiva died. In addition, it is also customary to minimize joyous activities, which include dancing and playing musical instruments or listening to music. However, if someone has reason to recite the bracha of shehechyanu, it is permissible to do so during sefira. It is also permitted to get engaged and hold an engagement party during sefira (Mishna Berura 493:2-3).

There are different customs regarding how to count the thirty-three days. The most common customs are:

- From the first day of sefira until the morning of Lag B'Omer for Ashkenazim and until the morning of the 34th day of the Omer for Sefardim.
- From the first day of Rosh Chodesh Iyar until the three days before Shavuot (Shloshet Yemei Hagbala), with the exception of Lag B'Omer.
- From the 2nd day of Iyar until erev Shavuot, with the exception of Lag B'Omer.

The minhag of the Arizal, which is also followed by some, is not to shave or take a haircut throughout the entire sefira period, including Lag B'Omer, until erev Shavuot (Piskei Teshuvot 493:15) There is a debate among the poskim whether this minhag applies to getting married as well (ibid. 493:15 footnotes 100-101).

AHAVAT ACHIM MEMBERSHIP/ HOSPITALITY

Email Sara at membership@ahavatachim.org for membership details or Shabbat hospitality.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Various life cycle events related to members are announced in the bulletin (e.g., births and weddings of children/grandchildren, bar/bat mitzvahs of children, deaths requiring shiva observance, as well as travel to/from Israel to study). Other personal announcements are not appropriate except as part of the bulletin's dedication (\$36 cost - \$54 with photo).

NUMBERS & INFO

ERUV: To subscribe for updates, email fairlawneruv@groups.io. Check status at <https://groups.io/g/fairlawneruv> or call 201-254-9190.

MIKVAH: 201-796-0350. At Shomrei Torah. Go to <http://www.fairlawnmikvah.org/> for online booking.

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FLICKR: flickr.com/photos/ahavatachim/albums

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHUL CALENDAR

Email seplotnick@gmail.com for an announcement of a simcha, refuah or life cycle event in the bulletin or to dedicate a bulletin for \$36 (\$54 w/Photo).

COMMUNITY SECURITY



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SERVICE

To become part of our community security service, email Margo at security@ahavatachim.org.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE SHUL USING PAYPAL

Please do not simply pay the shul using PayPal, as that incurs a 3% service charge that will get charged to the shul. Instead, please use our fee-free dedicated PayPal link <http://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1444321>. PayPal will email you a receipt for your charitable donation and the shul will receive 100% of your donation. [Make sure you click the "SHARE MY NAME" box so the shul will know who paid so that we can credit your account.]





AHAVAT ACHIM
קהלת אהבת אחים
THE FAMILY SHUL



Ahavat Achim invites you to join us for

YOM HA'ATZMAUT KIDDUSH

on Saturday, April 18 following davening
for a special Israeli inspired kiddush!
From falafel to Prigat, this kiddush will leave
you with a taste of home in your mouth!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Chaim Weizmann: \$54

Golda Meir: \$72

Theodore Herzl: \$118

David Ben Gurion: \$180

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SAVE THE DATE!



YOM HA'ATZMAOUT

AT AHAVAT ACHIM

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

FROM 1PM - 3PM

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating Israel!



DRAWING

MOVIES

FOOD

Ignite

COUNT & CULTIVATE

From Counting Days to Cultivating Character

Teaneck Event

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

7:30 PM-9:30 PM

Maayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls
1650 Palisade Avenue, Teaneck, NJ

REBBETZINS' PANEL:

*What is Growth?
Personal Insights & Experiences
from Community Rebbetzins*

FOLLOWED BY SHIURIM AND ART SESSIONS

ADMISSION: \$18

5 LOCATIONS

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**SHABBAT PARASHAT
ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM
APRIL 24–25, 2026**



Rabbi Binny Freedman is Rosh Yeshiva, founder, and Dean of Yeshivat Orayta. He is a highly engaging and inspiring educator who has the gift for synthesizing difficult, sophisticated material in a way that inspires both the novice and the scholar. His proficiency in applying Jewish concepts to contemporary life in a personal and meaningful manner has made him a sought-after speaker and educator around the world. Rav Binny is an IDF Company Commander who came to Israel as a lone soldier in 1982.

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Mitzvah Fair
Sunday, May 3rd, 11AM-2PM

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MITZVOT



EXPERIENCE MITZVOT

- *Safrut*
- Hair Covering
- Kashrut
- Shechita
- Challah
- Mikveh
- Shatnaiz
- Parchment Making
- Techeilet
- The Mitzvah House
- And More!

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location provided upon registration
\$5pp recommend entry fee,
\$10/family



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SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

- \$18 - D'RABANAN
- \$72 - D'ORAITA
- \$180 - MEHADRIN*
- \$360 - MEHADRIN MIN HAMEHADRIN*
- \$1,000 - YUHARA*

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