

Congregation Bnai Yeshurun Weekly Shabbat Announcements

May 27-June 3, 2022

Shabbat Bechukotai Mevarchim HaChodesh כ"ו אייר-ד' סיון תשפ"ב שבת בחוקותי מברכים החודש

CBY CELEBRATES SHAVUOT 5782

is a holiday with many meanings and reasons to celebrate. It marks the culmination of the counting of the Omer (7 weeks/שבועות). It celebrates the day that oaths (שבועות) of loyalty were sworn by Hashem and the Jewish people to remain eternally loyal to one another. And it emphasizes the importance of communal gatherings to study the gift of the Torah (שבועות).

With days three to celebrate, Congregation Bnai Yeshurun is going all out for Shavuot 5782, with a wide range of Torah study and communal opportunities for everyone. There will be activities for young and old, male and female, late-night learners and those who favor daytime shiurim, people who enjoy learning with a chavruta and others who prefer frontal lessons. We will be privileged to hear from all four of our own Rabbis, a prominent guest lecturer, and two accomplished female presenters. Along with the spiritual aspects of the CBY celebrations, there will be many opportunities to share delicious Shavuot food with other members of the community. Lastly, we will close out Shavuot with a festive געילת החג.

Beginning Shabbat **Parshat** on Bamidbar, BNOT is hosting a Pre-Shavuot luncheon. Make your life easier by not having to prepare (and clean up after) a meat meal for Shabbat lunch in the midst of all of the dairy cooking/baking that are the hallmarks of Shavuot. Take the opportunity to join friends and family for lunch. Please register for this event bnaiyeshurun.org/bnot. Sponsorships are available.

Also on Shabbat, the David Frohlich z"l Youth Department will commemorate the holiday with a special play based on מגילת דות starring our very own Youth Educators — a **must see** event! In the afternoon everyone is welcome to join the Manny Freed z"l Parent-Child learning. At 5:45 pm Rebbetzin Rena

Schrier will present a pre-Shavuot shiur for women entitled *Megillat Rut and the Legacy of David HaMelech.*

The earliest source for the practice of תיקון ליל שבועות recounts that Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai would stay up learning Torah on Shavuot, a custom that was meant to be a preparation for and in honor of the "bride's" (the Jewish people) upcoming marriage to the "groom" (the Torah). CBY will be ushering in the "marriage" in style. Under the leadership of Rabbi Schachter, there will be special programming for the Teen Department with multiple shiurim offered as well as chavruta and chavurah opportunities. Adults will have a wide array of choices for their Shavuot night learning.

From 12:00 am until Vatikin, Rabbi Schrier, Rabbi Zahtz, Rabbi Weinberger, and Rabbi Szafranski will each present a shiur in the New Main.

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On Monday, May 30th the water will be off in the shul building for the entire day.
There will be no sink or bathroom use.



The CBY Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Connections Message from Rabbi Zahtz



Towards the end of the תוכחה, the Torah says, "ווכרתי את בריתי יעקב ואף את בריתי יצחק ואף את בריתי אזכור "and I will remember my covenant with Yaakov, and even my covenant with Yitzchak, and even my covenant with Avraham will I remember"; and the Land I will remember." The name of Yaakov is spelled in an atypical

fashion. Usually it is spelled יעקב. Here however, it is spelled in its full form, מלא, with the extra letter "vav", יעקוב.
Why?

Rashi explains based on מדרש, that relates the "full" spelling of the name Yaakov (יעקוב) occurs in five places in Tanach and the אליה), missing, spelling of the name Eliyahu (אליה) also occurs five times. The Medrash explains that in those five places, Yaakov took a letter from the name of Eliyahu as collateral to guarantee that אליהו הגביא would appear and announce the imminent redemption to his children.

But why the letter "ו"? What is so unique and special about the "ו"? What message are מדרש trying to convey through this מדרש?
What is the role of אליהו

הנה אנכי שלח לכם את אליה הנביא לפני בא יום ה' הגדול והנורא. והשיב" לב אבות על בנים ולב בנים על אבותם פן אבוא והכיתי את הארץ חרם"

The Navi Malachi tells us that Eliyahu will announce the arrival of the day of redemption and will help return the hearts of the children to their fathers and their fathers' to their children. What do we need to do to hasten that day?

As we conclude the period of ספירת העומר and mourning the students of R' Akiva, we are keenly aware of the critical role that must play in bringing us the מקרש. If the אחרות was destroyed because of שנאת חנם, baseless hatred, it will take אהבת, baseless love to rebuild it.

So why the "1"?

At the beginning of ספר בראשית, Kayin kills his brother, Hevel, and Hashem confronts him and Hashem decides that He doesn't want Kayin to be killed yet, and so he puts an אות on Kayin so that nobody should kill him, וישם ה' לקין אות לבלתי הכות אתו כל

What was this אות, this sign?

The medrash comments that the word אות can mean both letter and sign, and here it was one of the 22 letters of the אלף בית.
Which one?

Rashi tells us "חקק לו אות אחת משמו על מצחו" he carved one of the letters of His name onto the forehead of Kayin. So that narrows it down to three. There are four letters in the name of Hashem, but the letter "ה" appears twice, so it's either a "ה" or "ו". Which one?

Suggests Rav Meir Shapiro זְּצ״ל, it's the letter "ז". Why? It has to be. Why does it have to be?

What does the letter "ו" mean? "And"- it's a תובור, a connection between two things. What was Kayin's sin? He killed his brother, Hevel. What happened when Hashem asked him where's your

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Special Events

אירועים מיוחדים

- Lamm Shalom Zachar 9:30 pm at 430 Winthrop Road.
- Yom Yerushalyim Men's Club Kiddush following davening.

Mazal Tov

מזל טוב

- Chani & Meyer Fertig, on the engagement of their daughter, Leora, to Shachar Alon of Houston, Texas.
- Shelly & Henry Frisch on the birth of a great-grandson, a son to Pnina & Nachi Weinstein.
- **Sury Kaminetsky** on the marriage of her granddaughter, Avigayil, to Tzvi Messinger.
- **Shlomit & Ari Lamm** on the birth of a son.
- **Gail & Harry Landerer** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Berel Landerer, son of Suri & Dr. David Landerer.
- Amy Lazar & Steve Schaffer on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Chevi & Matthew Beller.
- Cheryl & Yussie Leiser on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Tani Motechin.
- Alisa & Stephen Levy on the engagement of their son, Daniel, to Ayelet Deutsch.
- Pamela & Mayer Schlisser on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Jenny & Dani Shayne.

Condolences

נחומים

- Banji Ganchrow, on the loss of her beloved father, Dr. Richard Latkin a"h.
- Lani Tennenbaum on the loss of her beloved sister, Dr. Shoshana Englard Falconer a"h.

CBY Notes

- Michal Zahtz concludes her Pirkei Avot shiur series for women this Shabbat at 6:00 pm at the home of Tamar Rothenberg. See p. 5 for details.
- Pre-Shavuot Lecture Series with R' Schrier concludes on Wed., June 1st, Transmitting Faith to Our Youth: How Do We Succeed and Why Do We Sometimes Fail? at 8:30 pm in the CBY Social Hall. This shiur is being sponsored by Hedy & Jay Richman & Family, in commemoration of the 10th yahrzeit of Chaim Feigenbaum a"h, מששבר בן יחיאל זיידל דוב פייגנבאם. See flyer on the back page.
- All are invited to a festive davening in the 9:00 am New Main minyan, led by Chaim Kiss, Johnny Shlagbaum, & Ami Weinberg, followed by a special Yom Yerushalyim Men's Club Kiddush sponsored by the Religious Zionist Club: Forgash, Liberman, Markowitz, Polevoy, Roth, and Stern families.
- Join CBY on Shabbat, June 10-11 as we honor Aliza & R' Jonathan Schachter and wish them *tzeitchem l'shalom* as they make Aliyah. For details see flyer on page 8 and visit www.bnaiyeshurun.org/schachters.

CBY Teens

- Younger Teen Learning with Zev Halstuch will take place at 9:15 pm on Friday night.
- Teen learning with Rabbi Schachter 45 minutes before zman mincha, followed by mincha & Seudah Shelisheet in the triple classroom.

Men's Club

■ Sponsor the Men's Club Graduation Kiddush, taking place on Shabbat June 18th https://www.bnaiyeshurun.org/mens-club.html.

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brother? He said "השומר אחי אנכי" Am I my brother's keeper? Yes, yes you are. You have a responsibility for other people, not everything is about you Kayin!

The letter "ו" is that permanent reminder to Kayin of the דבור, the connection to other people that is at the cornerstone of this world. We need to feel a responsibility to all our brothers and sisters.

Perhaps the message of the מדרש is that Yaakov knew that the key to redemption will be אחדות among the Jewish people, but he also realized that such אחדות is at times elusive. By holding on to the "ז" from Eliyahu's name he was telling him, that just like your name can still be your name, albeit an incomplete version without the "ז", so too don't wait for complete אחדות before announcing the redemption. Look at the effort the Jewish people are putting in and look at what they have been through and come and help complete the אחדות through the power of the ultimate redemption.

As we reflect this week on the celebration of יום ירושלים and thank Hashem for His miracles and kindness, we should recall that איר שחוברה לה יחדו as the ידושלים is described in ידושלים as the ידושלים, the city that binds together. What does ידושלים bind together? Us, the Jewish people. Just like the letter "ו" creates a ידושלים so too ידושלים toreates a איר הקדש creates a חיבור hat has been created through the reunification of ידושלים continue to bring us closer to the moment of the long-awaited announcement of אליהו הנביא במהרה בימנו אמו

The shul parking lot will be closed beginning on Thursday, June 2nd at 8:00 am until Tuesday, June 7th.

Beis Medrash Committee

- Manny Freed z"l Parent Child Learning takes place Shabbat afternoons at 4:45 pm. Thank you to our Spring/Summer sponsors, Rebecca & Sandy Fischman, with thanks to everyone who makes Parent Child Learning great, and the Sheinfeld Family, for a continued Refuah Shelaimah of Etai Yaakov Ben Tzippora.
- Mishna Yomit is learning Masechet Shevi'it.

David Frohlich z"l Youth Department

- Youth Groups and Mommy & Me will take place over Shabbat & the 2nd day of Shavuot next week. There will be no Youth Groups or Mommy & Me on the 1st day of Shavuot.
- On Sunday, June 5th, the 1st day of Shavuot join DFYD for a Shavuot Sleep Under from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

BNOT

Join with friends and family at the BNOT Pre-Shavuot Family Luncheon on Shabbat, June 4th. \$35/adult, \$25/kid (10 & under). Sign up at www.bnaiyeshurun.org/bnot.

Weekly Davening Schedule							
	Sun. May 29	Mon. May 30	Tues. May 31	Wed. June 1	Thu. June 2	Fri. June 3	
	כ״ח אייר	כ"ט אייר	א' סיון	ב' סיון	ג' סיון	ד' סיון	
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Shacharit-Old Main- (Masks required)	6:25 am	6:25 am	5:50 am	6:00 am	6:00 am	6:00 am	
Shacharit-New Main			5:55 am	6:15 am	6:05 am	6:15 am	
Shacharit-Beis Medrash^	6:25 am	6:25 am	6:10 am	6:30 am	6:20 am	6:30 am	
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Shacharit-Old Main	8:50 am	8:50 am					
Shacharit-New Main	9:15 am	9:15 am	8:50 am	8:50 am	8:50 am	8:50 am	
Mincha only – <i>Old Main</i>	1:45 pm						
Mincha only – <i>Beis Medrash</i> ^	4:30 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm	1:45 pm & 5:15 pm	
Plag Mincha Minyan – Beis Medrash^*	6:35 pm	6:35 pm	6:35 pm	6:35 pm	6:35 pm		אָרָיָע
Zman Mincha- <i>New Main#</i>	8:10 pm	8:10 pm	8:10 pm	8:10 pm	8:10 pm		מש
Zman Mincha- <i>Old Main#</i> (Masks required)	8:10 pm	8:10 pm	8:10 pm	8:10 pm	8:10 pm		מנחה
Maariv only – <i>Old Main</i>	9:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 pm		
Maariv only – <i>Beis Medrash</i> ^	10:01 pm	10:01 pm	10:01 pm	10:01 pm	10:01 pm		
Maariv only – <i>Beis Medrash</i> ^	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm		

^{*}Plag Mincha-Maariv is intended exclusively for those under the pressing circumstances of *she'at ha-dechak* (Sh"A O"Ch 233:1)

#שמעש אריאת שמעש should be repeated after 9:15 pm.

^The CBY Internet Minyan can be accessed by clicking <u>HERE</u>. It is sponsored by Bibi, Dov, Kelly, Liz & Abby Pavel in memory of Bibi's mother Miriam bat Betzalel Yehuda. All minyanim scheduled to take place in the *Beis Medrash*, as listed above, will be broadcast.



WEEKLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES MAY 29-JUNE 3, 2022					
Sunday at 7:00 am,	Daf Yomi with rotating magidei shiur	In person in the Beis Medrash. Live online weekdays at:			
M-F at 5:30 am		www.bnaiyeshurun.org/internet-minyan.html			
		Recordings available at link for 1-week post-shiur			
Sunday 9:30-10:00 am	Gemara shiur w/ R' Frank Breslau &	https://zoom.us/j/98188165600			
	Dr. Joseph Bench	Passcode cby			
Sunday–Thursday at 8:15 pm	Mishna B'rurah Chavurah with Ari Wartelsky	Beis Medrash & https://zoom.us/j/611771378 Password: cby			
Monday at 9:15 pm	Gemara B'Iyun Masechet Shveviit with Rabbi Elliot Schrier	Back of the Beis Medrash			
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at	Yitzchak Yaakov Kollel Boker with	In person in the Triple Classroom and on Zoom at			
6:20 am	Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942			
Tuesday at 8:15 pm	Practical Principles of Yoreh Deah	Back of the Beis Medrash			
•	with Rabbi Ari Zahtz	Back of the Beis Medrash For recordings use the QR code.			
Tuesday at 9:15 pm	Mesilat Yesharim with	Back of Beis Medrash			
1	Rabbi Elliot Schrier				
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6:20 am	Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942			
Wednesday at 1:30 pm	Senior Lunch & Learn with	In person in the CBY Social Hall and on Zoom at			
, ,	Rabbi Michael Taubes	https://yeshiva-university.zoom.us/j/93287566078			
		Password: YSH			
Wednesday at 9:15 pm	Halacha Shiur with	In the Old Main and on Zoom at			
•	Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942			
Thursday at 9:15-9:45 am	Women's shiur on Shmuel Bet	On Zoom at: https://zoom.us/j/98497375550			
	with Rabbi Ari Zahtz	Passcode: cby			
Thursday at 9:35 pm	Parsha & Halacha with	https://yeshiva-university.zoom.us/j/93287566078			
	Rabbi Michael Taubes	Password: YSH			
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at	Yitzchak Yaakov Kollel Boker with	In person in the Triple Classroom and on Zoom at			
6:20 am	Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9658958942			
Friday at 8:30 am	Minchas Chinuch with Eli Weber	https://zoom.us/j/156897284 Password: cby			
	Shiurim from Rabbi Elliot Schrier	Sign up Here or use the QR code			
	Chizzuk with Rabbi Ari Zahtz	Sign up Here			
	Myth-busters in Halacha with Rabbi Yosef Weinberger	Sign up Here			
	Inyanei D'Yoma from Rabbi Steven Pruzansky	Sign up Here			



Bnai Yeshurun Transitions to New Lay Leadership Team

As the clock strikes midnight on Tuesday, Bnai Yeshurun's fiscal year will end, and new Executive and Governing Boards will take office. Outgoing president Dr. Steven Becker will pass the gavel to Robbie Scharf in what is expected to be a peaceful and orderly transition. But Security Committee Chair Adam Hirsch assuringly notes, "We are prepared for any and all eventualities."

Dr. Becker led the congregation through the ever-changing challenges of the Covid pandemic and the uncertainties accompanying a rabbinical transition. He distinguished himself with his personal concern and involvement in all aspects of our shul's operation, and he shares his thoughts on page 7. Our incoming president has already demonstrated his

communal leadership as copresident of Yeshivat Noam a member of the **Executive Board of the Frisch** School. Without a single Robbie dissenting vote. Scharf becomes the 32^{nd} person to serve as our president.

No need to reach for your Prevagen if you can't quite remember voting for him. Our constitution mandates that, each February, our Board of Directors appoint a five-person Nominations Committee to develop a slate of candidates for shul offices and directorships. The

Nominations Committee, which must include a majority of non-board members, solicited inputs from the membership, from both those who wanted to assume leadership positions and those who wanted only to recommend consideration of others. The Nominations Committee developed a slate of candidates which was then presented to the general membership. At that point, any additional members who

wanted to run for office were invited to submit their candidacies, with a nominal number of member endorsements. This year there were no additional submittals. Thus, the nominated slate will take office "without a single dissenting vote."

Our incoming president plans to share his thoughts and initial plans in next week's bulletin. By way of background, we note that Robbie is Executive Vice President of Edison Properties and married to Dr. Maren Scharf, Director of General Studies at the Frisch School. Rounding out our "first family" are Nili (age 19; Stern College), Alex (16, Frisch), Yakir (16, Frisch), and Orli (14, about to graduate Yeshivat Noam). (No that wasn't a "typo." Alex and Yakir are twins.) Maren, daughter of long-time members



The Scharfs: CBY's incoming "first family"

Drs. Cindy and Abe Steinberger, was raised in Teaneck and the Scharfs, as a young married couple, "loved the vibrant Jewish community" and have lived here for twenty-two years. On *Shabbat*, Robbie usually *davens* at the 9:15 Old Main Minyan, proudly noting that he served as founding gabbai of the Young

Members Minyan when it was still a voung members' minyan.

As the new officers and directors are installed, it is appropriate to again thank this year's Nominations Committee: Ronny Apfel, Eli Davidoff, Chaya Schwartz, Ellen Tilem, and Yitzy Weiss. Their focus on giving us diverse, representative, and competent leadership is evident.

We congratulate our new vice presidents: Ronnie Stern, Chaim Kiss, and Sari Sheinfeld; Paul Rolnick and Doron Katz, treasurer and assistant treasurer, respectively; Secretary Jennifer Prince; and *Gabbai Rishon* Avram Holzer.

Elected to the Board of Directors (for a two-year term) were Gerry Adest, Peter Feldman, Lani Hans, Sharon Kolb, Clive

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The following members the **Board** Directors will continue their current through May 31, 2023: Ron Aduculesi, Ronnie Aranoff. Shira Michelle Ashendorf, Gellman, Erez Gilad, Paul Goldstein, Dov Pavel. Judah Rosenbaum, Michael

Roth, Ross Rothenberg, Peter Tilem, and Deena Wrubel.

Finally, thanks to those members who are completing their terms on the Board of Directors: Vice President Chaya Schwartz, Assistant Treasurer Neil Friedman, Directors Ronny Apfel, Ari Ganchrow, Lenny Glass, Chad Hopkovitz, and Jackie Schlanger, and Immediate Past President Ethan Keiser.

Farewell Message from Steven Becker



As we look back over these past few years, I was reminded of aspirations we as Kehilla outlined for ourselves in our landmark survey of 2019. At that time, we

ranked our most important goals for the next 2-5 years as being to: 1. attract more young members; 2. foster a warmer & friendlier atmosphere; & 3. improve our tefillah experience & encourage spiritual

Hodu Lashem for the great success He has granted us in all of these areas. In 2020/2021, we added 12/13 new member families, & this year we were zoche to welcome 29! And almost all the new members indicated their reason for joining CBY was related to programming. youth activities, or the warm, welcoming environment. How have we gotten to this impressive place?

The Ramban in this week's parsha explains that the communal brachot of peace, prosperity, & security we receive as a nation if we follow Hashem's decrees & observe His commandments are different from the individual brachot that a tzaddik may receive for his good deeds. Those personalized brachot, the Ramban notes, represent hidden miracles & could be misinterpreted by many as mere coincidence. The communal blessings in our Parsha, however, as they take place on a grand scale, constitute revealed miracles. They become known to all that they certainly came from Hashem -"Meyayt Hashem Hayta Zot."

While certainly all our success comes from Hashem, there have been so many individuals whose *hishtadlult* have made this success possible. The first group is, of course, our spiritual leaders, our mara d'atra Rabbi Schrier, Rabbi Zahtz & Rabbi Weinberger, each of whom has guided us throughout the challenges we faced, whether as individuals or as a shul. So, we thank them for their continued leadership & dedication to the growth & enhancement of our kehillah.

Thank you, as well, to the professional staff, led by our Executive Director, Elysia Stein. Thank you Elysia, Elizabeth & Galina, for ensuring that Bnai Yeshurun runs as smoothly & efficiently as it does. What a great team!

The next group is the lay leadership, those of you who have come forward to sustain & build this great shul. All great success stories start with a paradigm shift of some sort, & I believe this story began with my predecessor, Ethan Keiser. Ethan formulated the thesis that the shul would most thrive as an institution & achieve success in its holy mission when the members were more informed about the scope of our programing & the wide array of services the shul provides. This would result in members feeling more connected towards the shul & more interested in supporting & participating. So, he began a policy shift with Elysia & Gabbai Rishon, Chaim Kiss, to ensure that all interactions with members were relationship building. Chaim took this idea to a whole new level, welcoming new faces. creating new & exciting programming & fostering greater membership participation in shul-wide functions. I firmly believe that this change contributed has to transformation at Bnai Yeshurun. So, thank you Ethan, for your vision & for your guidance. And thank you Chaim, for all the energy & vitality you brought to our shul. I am confident that Avram Holzer will pick up your mantle as he assumes the role of Gabbai Rishon, & that he will continue to make the Bnai Yeshurun experience one of warmth, welcoming & excitement.

Lay leadership, though, does not only mean those that are front & center, but those who work feverishly behind the scenes. What makes this (or any) shul great are the individuals who see to it that its members are bombarded with inspiring Torah, chesed & social programs. In that vein, we should all take a moment to thank: the Adult Education Committee, led by Yossi Siev & Aviva Edelstein; the Beis Medrash Committee, led by Danny Saks; BNOT, led by Sara Grinfeld & Sora Grunstein; the Chesed Committee, led by Betty Kay & Ofra Parmett: the Chevra Kadisha led by Ari Wartelsky & Chaya Bernstein; the High Holiday Seating Committee led by Sharon Kolb, the House Committee, led by Eli Kolb; the Men's Club, led by Jonny Bendavid; the Security Committee, led by Adam Hirsch, the Welcome Committee, led by Miriam Tenenbaum; & the Communication Committee, led by David Zomick, Yali Elkin, Esther Secemski, Doron Katz & David Bodner, who have done such a great job enhancing our weekly Shabbat bulletin.

I would also like to acknowledge the new initiative started by Chaya Schwartz & Aviva Edelstein- Project Meet-Your-Match – a program consisting of about 70 regular meetings at Bnai Yeshurun to Schwartz. present & discuss potential shidduchim.

This amazing program allows us at Bnai Yeshurun to help our own friends & families, while helping to tackle such a significant challenge facing our broader Torah community. Yasher koach on the 3 successful engagements & many successful dating couples.

On so many occasions, you have heard me speak about the great success our youth department has experienced under the leadership of Rabbi Yehoshua & Rivka Szafranski, all of which is entirely accurate! So, thank you to the Szafranskis for all you do each & every week to ensure our most prized possessions - our children - are cared for, educated, & stimulated. This success, though, would likely never have occurred if not for the hard work of our Youth Committee, who not only hired, but coached & mentored, the Szafranskis into the superstars they have become. So, we thank Doron Katz, Henry Orlinsky & Sari Sheinfeld for their past & ongoing work in ensuring the success in this vital area.

And, speaking of owing eternal gratitude for the care of our youth...On Shabbat June 10-11th, we will host a Shabbat Hakarat HaTov to our Teen Rabbi & programming director, Rabbi Jonathan & Aliza Schachter, as they prepare to make aliyah this summer. We welcome everyone to participate in this opportunity to express our thanks for the awesome work they have done over the years on behalf of our teens in teaching & inspiring the next generation of future leaders of Klal Yisroel. Thank you to Ethan Keiser, Chaim Kiss, Doron Katz, Judah & Elana Rosenbaum for arranging this great tribute.

Thank you, as well, to Chaya Schwartz for updating & professionalizing our human resources protocols & Eric Melzer for countless hours of legal work on behalf of

I am also very grateful to my now dear friend Saul Kasovitz. Having worked closely together with him for several years, he has been a great leader & servant to Bnai Yeshurun. Besides for chairing the Rabbinic Search Committee he still chairs the CBY Benevolent Society, he has been generous with his advice & especially his editing talents, for which I cannot thank him enough (even if he tried to red line this section).

Of course, I express my thanks & appreciation to my fellow Officers and Directors, especially those whose terms are ending - Ronny Apfel, Neil Friedman, Ari Ganchrow, Lenny Glass, Chad Hopkovitz, local shadchanim getting together for Ethan Keiser, & Jackie Schlanger, & Chaya

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Back by popular demand after last year's debut, Daf Yomi shiurim given by Rabbi Zahtz (Yevamos 89 at 1:00 am) & Rabbi Schrier (Yevamos 90 at 2:00 am) will be offered. Simultaneously, chavura chavruta learning will be available all night. On Sunday, the first day of Shavuot, there will be a BNOT Women's Shiur at 5:45 pm. Mrs. Shani Farkas will speak on "The Triangle of Leadership in the Desert - You Only Have One Chance to Make a First Impression." Mrs. Farkas holds a Masters in Jewish Education from Azrieli & is a beloved Tanach teacher at Yeshivat Noam. She loves incorporating contemporary Torat Eretz Yisrael into her lessons & creating experiential learning opportunities to bring tanach alive. The David Frohlich z"l Youth Department will run a "Sleep Under" program from 5:45 -6:45 pm for children ages 3 – 12. Each age group will have its own unique Shavuot

activity followed by special dairy desserts & snacks. At 7:15 pm, Rabbi Schrier will deliver the same shiur he gave at 12:00 am for those who were unable to attend the תיקון ליל שבועות. This is a new, sure to be popular, program initiated this year.

But, incredibly, we are not done yet. On Monday, the second day of Shayuot, there will be Manny Freed z"l Parent Child Learning once again! CBY's Adult Education Committee has invited Rabbi Leibtag, Menachem internationally acclaimed Bible scholar, to speak to our Kehillah about מגילת דות. The lecture is entitled "The Story of Ruth, the Genealogy of King David, or the Essence of Matan Torah" & will take place at 6:45 pm. We will conclude the Yom Tov with a festive נעילת החג complete with songs & Divrei Torah scheduled to begin after the 7:45 pm mincha.

As we tend to our spiritual side, there will be ample opportunities for physical nourishment, beginning with the BNOT Shabbat Luncheon. Throughout the תיקון אוון, refreshments will be available in the Social Hall. On Monday from 3:00-4:45 pm, all are invited to stop by & enjoy some delectable desserts at the Zahtz residence where Michal & Rabbi Ari will be hosting a שמחת החג Refreshments will also be part of the עילת החג program.

Thank you to everyone involved in creating this comprehensive Shavuot program including all of the speakers, our office staff, & the many generous members who are sponsoring these events. There are still opportunities to sponsor learning, flowers, & refreshments. Please contact the shul office office@bnaiyeshurun.org.

New Shul Budget Approved; No Increases in Dues or Fees

CBY members again showed remarkable confidence in their lay leadership on Wednesday, May 25th. Over 95% of eligible voting members chose not to participate in the shul's annual budget review and approval process. Only about 20 people attended Wednesday's general membership meeting (including outgoing and incoming presidents and the shul treasurer) and approximately 30 participated via Zoom.

Outgoing president Dr. Steven Becker began the meeting with a brief "State of the Shul" message. He highlighted the significant recent increase in the rate at which new families are joining Bnai Yeshurun. This past year, 29 new families

have joined our ranks, which is more than double the average rate in recent years. Dr. Becker took the opportunity to thank our rabbis, professional staff, youth directors, officers, and committee chairpersons for the many and varied ways they enhance the Bnai Yeshurun experience. Our outgoing president shares his thoughts on page 7. Treasurer Avram Holzer then presented the financial outlook as we close Fiscal Year 2022 (which, for our shul, is May 31st) and details of the shul's financial plan for FY 2023 (which begins June 1st). He provided an overview of each major expense area (e.g., payroll, maintenance, mortgage payments, capital improvements, youth programming, security) and source of

income (e.g., dues, high holiday seat, gala kiddush, Kol Nidre appeal). Despite inflationary pressures in such areas as insurance, utilities, and security, the total budget for FY 2023 is very close to our FY 2022 projection. There have been no increases in shul dues, high holiday seats or other major fees during Dr. Becker's administration.

After a brief question and answer period, participating members (including those on Zoom) voted. The budget was approved without a single dissenting vote! The meeting ended with outgoing president Becker introducing incoming president Robbie Scharf and wishing him a successful term as president.

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This list is certainly not meant to be exhaustive, so thank you to all of CBY's employees, volunteers, supporters. Without your help, Bnai Yeshurun would not have reached the great heights it has achieved & which I am confident it will continue to achieve in the years to come. Along those lines, I am personally grateful to Robbie Scharf for agreeing to step up & serve as our next President. His skill set is uniquely suited for this task, & I am confident that he will be supremely successful in guiding & leading us all. I only ask that you, as our members, offer him the same support & assistance that I graciously received from you these past many years. With that in hand, he will certainly lead us to even greater accomplishments in our physical & spiritual growth.

Lastly, I thank you - the members for the tremendous sense of Hakarat HaTov that I have felt from you for my efforts on behalf of Bnai Yeshurun. People often say to me how thankless this "job" must be. Nothing has been further from the truth in my experience. So, thank YOU.

Acharon Acharon Chaviv- I would like to thank my wife Jordana for tolerating this massive disruption to our family & professional lives & her supporting me throughout my tenure - Thank you!

We are approaching the end of Sefirat Haomer, whose laws of partial aveilut are meant to remind us of the great loss we suffered through the deaths of Rabbi Akiva's students. Chazal teach us that this loss was due to their failure in treating one another with proper respect. As we look forward & prepare for Kabalat HaTorah, & that awesome spirit of unity that we experienced at Har Sinai, may we be zoche to again experience that achdus as a shul, a community & a people. That can best be achieved if we all follow the behavior all of the volunteers mentioned above, each of whom has stepped forward to help make CBY a warm, welcoming, & inspiring mikdash meat. And then, please G-d, we will be privileged to see the fulfillment of Yirmiyahu's words in this week's Haftorah that- "a glorious throne exalted from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary", with the rebuilding of the Beit Hamikdash, bimheira b'yameinu.



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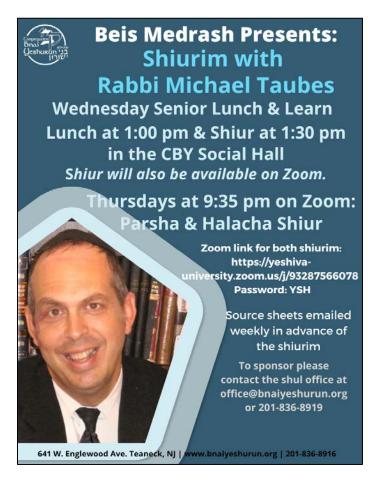


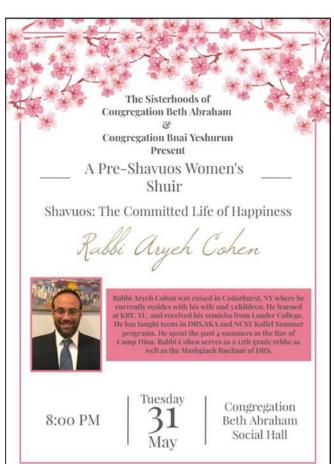
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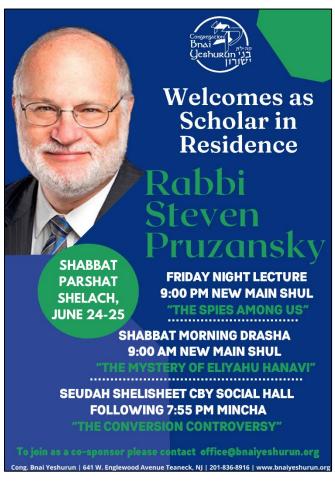
















Parshat Bechukotai in "Hashtag" Form

- We are told about some of the vast rewards we will receive for studying HaShem's Torah and for performing His mitzvos: #WalkLikeMe #ActLikeMe #FollowMe.
- The Torah also tells us about will happen if we don't follow HaShem's directives... #ShvachEhMaaseh #NishtGit. Yet, no matter what, HaShem tells us that He will never forget us or abandon us! #NetzachYisroel #EternalFather #UnconditionalLove
- The parsha ends off explaining the laws of donating objects to the Beis HaMikdash and tells us about various forms of maaseros. #Eruchin #WeBeWorthIt
- Chazak, v'nischazek! #SeeYaNextYear, Sefer Vayikra... #UntilNextTime #MissYouAlready

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The chassidic masters teach that the reason for the juxtaposition is quite simple. After hearing the kelalos, one might despair, and look down upon oneself. Eruchin, which is featured immediately afterwards, comes to teach us that even our physical body parts have inherent value. In other words, we are all objectively worth something! Believe in yourself and respect yourself, HaShem certainly does!

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Congregation Bnai Yeshurun Community Announcements

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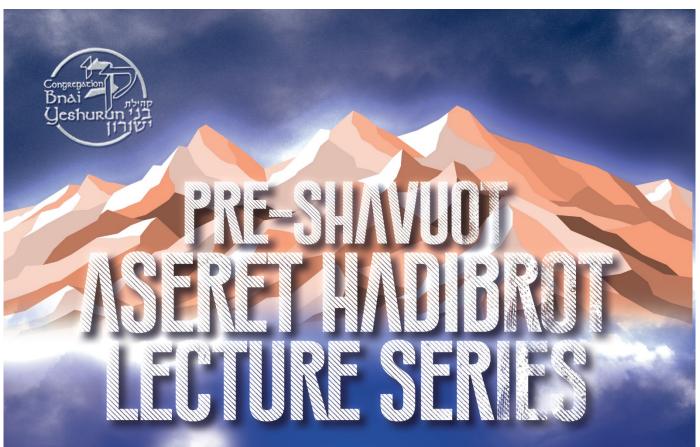
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- The Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society (RCCS) is now in Bergen County. For patient services please call 718-722-2002. For info, visit www.rccscancer.org or call Dovid Cofnas at (201) 575-9080.
- Yesh Tikva, Hebrew for "There is Hope," was established to end the silence & create a Jewish community of support for all Jewish people facing infertility. Yesh Tikva provides <u>free</u> <u>professional psychosocial services</u>, resources & tools to those struggling with infertility & raises awareness throughout the Jewish community. For more information visit us at <u>YeshTikva.org</u>.
- Keter Ukrainian Aid-Please help! Bring a bag filled with essential items & help sustain our initiative to supply all refugees with their basic needs. Go to https://keteruaj.com/.
- Shabbat, May 28, at 7:00 pm at Keter Torah, Rabbi Yehuda Turetsky, Ram at Yeshivat Sha'alvim, will speak on "Nepotism & the Chief Rabbinate: Halacha, History, & the Contemporary Jewish World." Following Mincha at 7:50 pm, Rabbi Turetsky will speak at Seuda Shlishit on "Reflections on the Changing 'Year in Israel': Hassidut's Impact on Modern Orthodoxy."
- This Sunday, May 29, at 9:15 a.m., Beth Aaron's *Shivti* learning program will continue to discuss the amount of bread one is required to consume in order to be obligated to recite *Birkat ha-Mazon*. All other food-related *shiurim* are tied to the *shiur* of a *kezayis*. However, regarding *Birkat ha-Mazon*, the Torah specifically mentions eating and feeling satisfied "Ve-achalta ve-savata."

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 Zoom meeting ID: 646 881 0166. Passcode: 508148. For additional program details, contact Mordy Ungar, mungar2@yahoo.com.
- The Beit Midrash of Teaneck, located at JCT/Heichal HaTorah, 70 Sterling Place, welcomes men & women, to our weekly Tuesday shiurim on Parsha & Jewish History. This week's Parsha shiur (10:30-11:30am) will be delivered by Rabbi Nati Helfgot of Congregation Netivot Shalom. The Jewish History shiur (11:45-12:45) will feature Dr. Ari Mermestein of YU's department of Bible, Hebrew & Near East Studies, who will give a shiur entitled, "The Divine Drama of Megillat Rut: Is Rut the Main Character in Her Own Book?" All men who wish to participate in BMT's Monday & Wednesday programming June send an email to BMTeaneck@gmail.com.
- Join 1050 men and boys at Heichal HaTorah on May 30th, Memorial Day, 10am, for The Mishnahthon. 525 chavrusahs will learn one perek each and thereby complete the entire Shas Mishnayos in one room, in one hour. What an incredible Kiddush Hashem this will be to learn all of Mishnayos just a few

- days before Shavous. Please register to learn at www.mishnahthon.org (even if you cannot make the siyum). There is NO cost for this event and no fundraising requirement. If you have any questions or to sponsor, please reach out to Rav Aryeh Stechler at 201-956-1965. The learning will be followed by brunch and dancing led by Joey Newcomb. HaRav Hershel Schachter will lead the final Mishnah of Shas. We still need 100 learners to complete the siyum. Be a part of this amazing siyum!
- There will be an 8-week support group for women of the community who have experienced the loss of a spouse, sibling, or parent within the past year, in Teaneck on Tuesdays beginning June 14th from 8:00-9:30 pm. This group aims to provide compassionate support & education, to aid the healing process. The group will be facilitated by two trained bereavement counselors from the community. Contact Tsipi Gurell (917) 862-2405 or Tamar Stein (917) 572-1232.
- All college-aged men and women are invited to join at Keter Torah on Shabbat, June 4, at 9:15am, for Keter Torah's "College Minyan" with Rabbi Andrew Israeli. Delicious kiddush to follow davening. For more information, email Rabbi Israeli at <u>aisraeli1@gmail.com</u>.
- Please join Jewish Family & Children's Services of Northern NJ for the 12th Annual Wheels for Meals: Ride to Fight Hunger June 12, 2022, Spectra Labs in Rockleigh, NJ Grab your friends for a fantastic day out. Create your own team and challenge your friends and family to raise money to fight hunger while enjoying tons of activities, including 50, 25, 10 and 3-mile bike routes, a guided hike, and so much more! Register or donate to this great cause at www.ridetofighthunger.com





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