

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

Please see separate Shavuos Schedule for all times and details.  
Babysitting provided during the Women's Shavuos Program- 10am

### SHABBOS, MAY 27

Please see separate Shavuos Schedule for all times and details.  
Babysitting provided as regular Shabbos programming.

Following services, a special Kiddush will be served in the Social Hall. Honoring our Volunteers of the Year: Leah Babadzhianov and Barbara Feldman.

Seudah Shlishis will be served in the Social Hall.

### MINYAN THIS WEEK

#### SHACHARIS

Sunday - 8:30am  
Monday (Memorial Day) - 8:30am  
Tuesday-Friday - 6:45am  
Second Minyan (t-f) - 8:15am

#### MINCHA - MAARIV

Sunday-Thursday - 8:05pm

#### DAF YOMI

Monday-Friday - 5:45am  
Shabbos - 8:15am  
Sunday - 7:30am

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# THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

As we celebrate the holiday of Shavuos, it is worth reflecting on the significance of this date and its impact on the Jewish People in particular and the world in general. Shavuos is the anniversary that G-d revealed the blueprint for humanity to live a life with the utmost holiness and Godliness on this mundane earth. G-d revealed this blueprint to us in what is known as the Torah. It is hard to overstate how transformative this transmission was to the Jewish People. The Torah unlocks the ability of a mortal being and allows him to live a life of meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. The Torah enables the Jew to infuse spirituality and purpose into mundane and physical activities. The Torah has empowered the Jew to connect with the Divine even in the world's darkest moments and find that light in an increasingly dark world.

In his book *Derech Hashem*, Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (1707-1746) writes G-d created many spiritual manifestations in this world with His presence. However, one embodiment is more compelling and more intense than any other in this world. This manifestation of Godliness and holiness that one can connect in this experience is more profound and superior than any different experience. Rabbi Luzzatto writes that this manifestation can only be found through Torah Study. That is another explanation of the famous words of the sages, **וְתִלְמוּד תּוֹרָה כְּנֶגֶד כּוֹלָם** or the Study of Torah is equivalent to them all.

I found this interpretation mindblowing and refreshing at the same time. It provides an entirely new and refreshing perspective on the power of Torah study. The conventional understanding of the purpose of Torah Study is to accumulate knowledge. For example, to know how to put Tefilin on his arm, he must study and be knowledgeable in the laws of Tefilin. However, there is another dimension that is entirely different and transcendent about Torah Study. It is the ability of a mortal being in this mundane world to connect with Godliness and holiness that will touch his soul to the core. For this reason, it is meaningful for our souls to study sections of the Torah that we have studied before, i.e., the weekly Parsha, or to explore areas of the Torah that may have little practical relevance. The truth is the connection to Godliness and holiness our souls connect with during this experience is so profound that it matters little what the topic is or how relevant the Talmudic discourse may be for the participants in the class.

**אשרינו מה טוב חלקינו!**

Fortunate is our lot in life that we have the gift of Torah! As we celebrate the Yom Tov of Shavuos, let us reflect on this unparalleled opportunity for spiritual experiences that the Torah offers us in the jungle of this mundane world.

Have a Great Yom Tov,

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch





## SHAVUOS SCHEDULE

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### THURSDAY MAY 25

Mincha - 8:00pm  
 Candle lighting - 8:01pm  
 Maariv - 9:02pm  
 All Night Learning begins at 12:15am

### FRIDAY MAY 26 FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOS

First Minyan for Shacharis (Netz/Sunrise) - 5:45am  
 Sephardic Minyan - 5:45am  
 Netz/Sunrise - 6:27am  
 Second Minyan for Shacharis - 9:00am  
 Women's Learning program - 10:00am  
 Mincha - 8:00pm  
 Candle lighting (from existing flame) - 8:01pm

### SHABBOS MAY 27 SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOS

Daf Yomi - 8:15am  
 Main Minyan Shacharis - 9:00am  
 Sephardic Minyan - 9:00am  
 Megilas Rus and Yizkor during davening  
 Following davening, the shul is sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of our volunteers of the year:  
 Leah Babadzhanov and Barbara Feldman  
 Mincha - 7:50pm followed by Neilas Hachag/Seudah Shlishit  
 Maariv and Havdallah - 9:03pm



FIRST NIGHT OF  
 YOM TOV  
 BETWEEN MINCHA AND  
 MAARIV AT 8:15PM

## IS TOIVELING UTENSILS A MITZVAH?

SPECIAL CLASS WITH  
 RABBI YAAKOV FISCH



## SHAVUOS ALL NIGHT LEARNING

### ADULT PROGRAM

**12:15AM-1:20AM - RABBI FISCH**  
 CONNECTING WITH THE SINAI EXPERIENCE IN 2023

**1:20AM-2:10AM - GIDON HAGLER**  
 YESHIVAT SHAALVIM / YESHIVA UNIVERSITY  
 SHOWING HASHEM WE CARE - LEARNING TORAH LISHMAH

**2:30AM-3:15AM - ELI SCHLOSS**  
 YESHIVAT SHAALVIM / YESHIVA UNIVERSITY  
 5 WAYS TALMUD TORAH IMPACTS MY LIFE

**3:30AM-4:15AM - ARI NEEDLE**  
 YESHIVAT SHAALVIM / YESHIVA UNIVERSITY  
 EXPERIENCING A PERSONAL KABBALAS HATORAH

**4:30AM-5:15AM EFRAIM GREENBERG**  
 YESHIVAT SHAALVIM / YESHIVA UNIVERSITY  
 HAR SINAI - THE DUALITY OF EFFORT AND INSPIRATION

THERE WILL BE OPEN LEARNING IN THE BEIS MEDRASH  
 WITH THE KOLLEL RABBIS.

### TEEN PROGRAM

**12:15AM-1:05AM - RABBI SAMMY KAHN**  
 ROSH CHABURAH, JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY KOLLEL  
 THE ELUSIVE THREAD - A DISCUSSION ABOUT TECHEILET

**1:20AM-2:10AM - SARAH LEIDERMAN**  
 SHA'ALVIM FOR WOMEN / STERN

**2:30AM-3:15AM - MALKIE DEDIK**  
 SHA'ALVIM FOR WOMEN / QUEENS COLLEGE

**3:30AM-4:15AM - ELI SCHLOSS**  
 YESHIVAT SHA'ALVIM / YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

**4:30AM-5:15AM - GIDON HAGLER**  
 YESHIVAT SHA'ALVIM / YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

THERE WILL BE NCSY EMTZA PROGRAMMING FROM 12:25AM  
 UNTIL THE ICE CREAM BREAK. ADVISORS ARE AVAILABLE  
 TO WALK KIDS BACK TO HALEY AREA.



# Women's Shavuot Program

With Mrs. Chaya Cohen  
"Ruth: The Mother of Kings"

Friday, May 26, 2023  
10:00 am in the Mirkis Chapel

Please join Mrs. Chaya Cohen, from Israel, as she delivers an uplifting speech on the topic of Megillas Rus. There will be kiddush after the speech with delicious, dairy refreshments.

Babysitting Will Be Provided



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
*Shul Sponsored Kiddush*

*immediately after service, as we honor our dedicated Volunteers of the Year:*

**Leah Babadzhanyan and Barbara Feldman.**

*And show our gratitude to them for everything they do in our community!*

05.27.2023 | SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOS

AT ETZ CHAIM SYNAGOGUE



## AFTER DARK

These teens come every Monday night to learn and pray at the Kollel. We are currently learning Chovas Hatalmidim by the Piaseczna Rebbe.



## SHAVUOS SCHEDULE

**Shavuot All Night Learning**  
At Etz Chaim Synagogue

**EMTZA Schedule (Grades 6+)**

12:15-1:05 Open Beis Medresh Learning (Pick a Chaburah)  
1:20 - 2:10 JEWPARDY with Maya Rockowitz & Michelle Weingarten  
2:10-2:30 Ice Cream  
2:30 Walk Home with Advisors (to Haley Neighborhood)

**Teen Schedule (Grades 9+)**

Pick between these classes or open beis medresh learning.

12:15-1:05 Open Beis Medresh Learning (Pick a Chaburah)  
12:15-1:05 \*GIRLS ONLY\* Women & Chesed Chaburah  
1:20-2:10 Sarah Leiderman, Shaalvim for Women / Stern  
**You've Got A Friend In Me**  
2:30-3:15 Malkie Derdik, Shaalvim for Women / Queens College  
**10 Takeaways from the 10 Commandments**  
3:30-4:15 Gidon Hagler, Yeshivat Shaalvim / Yeshiva University  
**Why Should I Care About The Small Stuff?**  
4:30-5:15 Eli Schloss, Yeshivat Shaalvim / Yeshiva University  
**What Are We Still Doing Here?**

### Shabbos Day

3:30-6 NCSY Shabbos Oneg  
at the home of R' Joey & Ariella Hamaoui  
6:45 NCSY BOYS ONLY Seudah Shelishi  
At the home of R' Joey & Ariella Hamaoui  
6:45 NCSY GIRLS ONLY Seudah Shelishi  
At the home of Avi & Tzippi Zaguri

**10 PM JSU Havdallah & Kumzitz**

In the backyard of R' Joey & Ariella Hamaoui



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARGO CRAFTON  
KARL FRISCH  
JUNE MEINSTEIN  
LINDA ROSENTHAL  
BETH RUSH  
ZANE WOLCHOK

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MICHAEL & JILL ABEL  
GUY & PATRICIA BENRUBI

## REFUAH SHELEMAH

MICHEL ALLEN  
FERN ESTNER  
CHANA FISHMAN  
MYRON FLAGLER  
SUSAN GOLDMAN  
BONNIE HARDY  
HOPE KULISH  
FOMA MAKHTINA  
HILDE MEYER  
RIVKA OHAYON

## YAHARZEIT

MORRIS ANSBACHER  
ROSALIE DAVIDSON  
RONALD GORDON  
FLORENCE LACOFF  
GERTRUDE LEBOWITZ  
REBECCA SOLOMON

*Thank you Volunteers!*

Thank you to Rivka Finkelstein, Raya Gahanian, Cheyn Jaison, Agam Levi, Chaya Suri Rabinowitz, Simma Rabinowitz, Noa Rosenbaum, Ita Shapiro, Eva Smith and Noa Zaguri for helping put together the special Kiddush this Shabbos.

## SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING MARRIAGE WORK MINI SERIES

UTILIZING THE GOTTMAN METHOD.

THE THIRD AND LAST SESSION WAS SO DISCERNING!  
THANK YOU TO ALL THE COUPLES THAT JOINED  
THIS FANTASTIC MINI SERIES.

