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Movie Goers

Yehoram Gaon: From Toledo to Jerusalem Jan. 12th
"They Were Ten" Feb. 16th

Tu B'Shevat Seder Feb. 9th
 Shabbat Across America Feb.28th-29th



ט"ו בשבט שמח Happy Tu B'Shevat!



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

I write this message after having just arrived home following my sixth trip to Israel. It was a short trip; I was on the ground in Israel for less than five days. The purpose of my visit was to attend the first ever *Talmud Israeli Chidon Olami* (international competition). For the past seven years, keeping pace with the *Daf Yomi* cycle, Talmud Israeli has been producing literature for children that combines knowledge of *Gemara* and rabbinic history, together with the history of Zionism and modern Israel. In 2016, after our own Yael Schulman became Director of Talmud Israeli in the United States, I came on board as an editor of English language publications. Every Shabbat, you can find our four-page glossy publication on the table in the lobby of Anshe Sholom. The weekly publication is sent to hundreds of synagogues and schools around the world.

In 2019 we expanded our activities by introducing the Talmud Israeli Challenge. Six local day schools participated in team competition. Our own Westchester Day School took home first place in both the boys' and girls' competitions. The *Chidon* began this past June with an opening round exam taken by over 1,000 students. After a second round of examinations in November, the number of competitors was reduced to 15 parent/child duos, twelve from Israel and three from the United States.

The American finalists were from White Plains, Riverdale, and Cedarhurst. The American delegation stayed at the Prima Kings Hotel in Jerusalem. We had time for some sightseeing, enjoying the latest version of the Kotel Tunnel Tour, though we spent much of Friday and Shabbat reviewing the material for the competition. As is my preference, davening on Friday night was at the Kotel and on Shabbat day at Yeshurun Synagogue on King George Street.

On Sunday, December 15th the *Chidon* finals were held at the Jerusalem Theater. After a difficult written exam in the morning, the televised show began at 5:00PM and lasted for three hours. Special guests included Moshe Leon (Mayor of Jerusalem), Rafi Peretz (Minister of Education), and, pre-recorded, Ruby Rivlin (President of Israel). Leading an illustrious panel of judges was IDF Chief Rabbi Eyal Karim.

The IDF Cantorial Choir, led by Chief Cantor Shai Abramson performed several favorite Hebrew songs. There was a multi-generational *Siyyum HaShas* and an emotional

speech given by Prize of Israel recipient Miriam Peretz.

In the end, Eytan & Jordan Rosenstock of White Plains took home the Diaspora Championship and finished in the final eight. Eytan is my student at Westchester Day School, where his classmates watched the Chidon livestreamed on YouTube.

In my limited free time, I had two memorable experiences. A) I went to the Underground Prisoners Museum in the Russian Compound. I was brought to tears standing in the gallows chamber where Moshe Barazani and Meir Feinstein took their lives in defiance of the British Mandatory authorities. The memorial room to the Olei Ha-Gardom felt like a sacred space of the highest order. B) I hiked to the top of the Mount of Olives and looked down, at sunset, upon the Temple Mount. It was surreal as I experienced a messianic sensation for the first time ever.

Alas, my time in the Holy Land was all too short. Hopefully the next trip will not be years away.

L'shanah ha-ba'ah b'Yerushalayim

Best wishes,

Rabbi Evan Hoffman

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Thoughts on the Parashah

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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

The beginning of the new secular calendar year brings new challenges for us, and some rewards as well. I believe that we should be quite happy with our progress at Anshe Sholom over the past year in a few areas. We have gained new members from outside the community, and we've added new babies too. Without being assuming, I believe that there are some more on the way—perhaps by both means. Thanks to some strong work by Alan Penn and Sarah Schreiber and others, the OU community fair, and the follow-up informational breakfast generated some real interest from families considering relocating to our area. The Board and all of us should continue to be proactive ambassadors for our community, and spread the good word about South New Rochelle (SNR).

Financially, we are nicely solvent, and we feel that this is sustainable into the future. We are very grateful for all of our supporters, regardless of amount, but we do have a small number of large donors who prefer not to be named, and to whom we all owe our thanks. Without them, it would be much harder to balance the books. There are programs, projects, salaries, and maintenance to be covered, and generosity is essential to keep us thriving.

The board continues to address security at every meeting. We have upgraded our Shul over the past year with locks, bullet proof glass, communication with law enforcement, and a collective vigilance that is required to keep the Shul secured and the Congregation safe. We will continue to look for affordable ways to increase safety at Anshe Sholom.

Many of us would have thought it absurd to discuss stroller parking on Shabbos at Anshe Sholom, but recently there is a veritable stroller traffic jam. Don't get me wrong—this is a good dilemma. Marc Bessler, Laurie Kracko and I are considering the best ways to develop some programming for the children on Shabbos, to keep them interested and culturally enriched, and to maintain the proper decorum at Shul for the important work of Davening.

The next two months are the coldest of the year, but it's warm inside at Anshe Sholom. The personal connections we make at Shul are the best rewards of all. I look forward to seeing you all at Services, a Kiddush, or a Simcha in 2020.

Sincerely,

Tom Grimaldi

Co-President

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February 28th-29th, 2020

Friday, February 28th 2020

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Saturday, February 29th 2020

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Anshe Sholom in the Nation's Capital

Several members of Anshe Sholom accompanied Rabbi Hoffman to Washington, DC to hear him deliver the Opening Prayer for the

October 29, 2019 Congressional Session. *Kol HaKavod!*



A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD



Dear Friends,

Happy 2020 everyone! Looking forward to longer days of sunshine, even as winter continues. Sisterhood is reaching out to you to participate in several exciting events in the next few months.

We are starting up a Rosh Chodesh Women's Learning/discussion group. Please let me know if you have suggestions. The first meeting will be *Rosh Chodesh Shevat*, Sunday January 26th, 7:30-9:00pm.

In February, we will host a *Tu B'Shevat Seder* with seed planting for the children, on Sunday, February 9th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Save the date of Sunday, March 15th, for winetasting, so you may order kosher wines for Passover, in conjunction with Westchester Wine Warehouse.

Finally, we plan to have a fine art auction in the Spring, or possibly in the Fall.

We look forward to seeing you at these programs!

B'Shalom,

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner

Sisterhood President

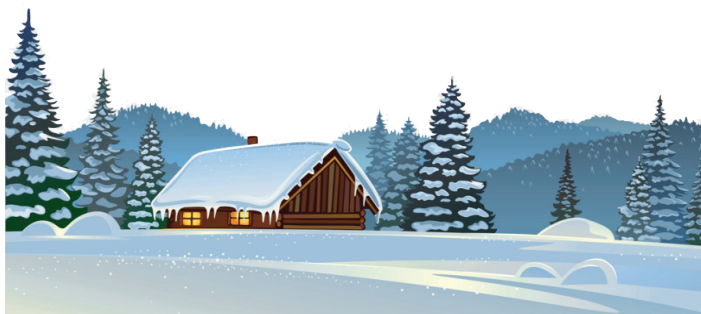
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*To Marian Herskowitz,
Wishing you a refuah shleimah u'mehira,
a complete and speedy recovery!*
from: Norma Kessler and Bobby Mehler



MEMORIAL CARDS

*To Mrs. Lee Caspler and family, Condolences
on the loss of husband Norman,*
from: Charlotte & Gerry Lovich

*To Mr. Barry Mann and family, sorry for loss
of mother Pauline,* from: Selma Mann

*To Mrs. Gail Klionsky and family, sorry for the loss
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*To the family of Marty Gorman, sincere condolences on
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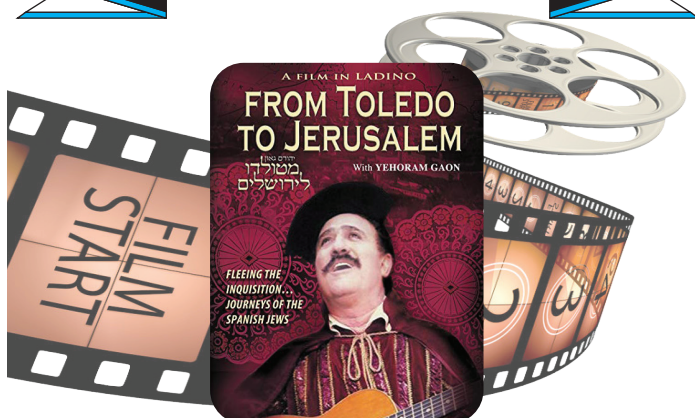
חג אורים שמח!



CHAG URIM SA'ME'ACH ... A TASTE OF CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AT ANSHE SHOLOM



MOVIE GOERS



Yehoram Gaon — From Toledo to Jerusalem

(Israel 1994 • 62 minutes • with English subtitles)

Sunday, January 12th at 3:00 PM

Directed by Shmuel Imberman, this beautiful documentary filmed in the Mediterranean follows Sephardic Jews in their wanderings as they're expelled from Toledo, Spain, and make their way to the city of their dreams: Jerusalem. Famed Israeli singer/actor Yehoram Gaon narrates and sings in the endangered Ladino language spoken by the Toledo Jews themselves.



"They Were Ten"

(Israel 1961 • 105 minutes • with English subtitles)

**Sunday, February
16th at 3:00 PM**

THEY WERE TEN recreates the establishment of a 19th century settlement in Palestine by ten Russian Jews. These early pioneers, idealists unschooled in agriculture, not only undertook the task of building the land, but also had to contend with both Arab resentment and the Turkish military.

**Suggested donation: \$5.00.
Light refreshments will be served.**

**Do you
love to sing?
Come join us!**



ANSHE SHOLOM CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS

We are in the process of forming
an Anshe Sholom Chorus
to sing at shul events & Chagim celebrations.

All interested men and women
are welcome to participate.

To join, please contact
Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, by email
joannewiesnersteiner@gmail.com
or by phone
(914) 806-3410



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914-632-9220**

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from: Laurie Kracko

In Honor Of ...

Ellen and Elliot Kracko, from: Josh Neier. Thank you!

To David & Lily Backer. Mazal Tov on Hannah's engagement
to Ben Book, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi
and Janet & Gary Waller

Mazal Tov to Marlene and Armand Lerner on their birthdays,
from: Fany and Shlomo Dubi.

Mazal Tov to Yosef Peysin on his birthday,
from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi.

Mazal Tov to Marlene and Armond Lerner on Steve and
Elanit's marriage, from: Janet and Gary Waller.

Refuah Shlei'mah — Get Well

To Kim Flaum, from: Bobby Mehler

To Sue Merims, from: The Anshe Sholom Board of Directors

David Evan Hirsch Library

To Mrs. Lee Caspler, in loving memory of husband, Roy, from:
Marlene and Armand Lerner.



ANSHE SHOLOM'S TREE OF LIFE

In our lobby we have a golden Tree of Life.
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honor of a family simcha or to commemorate any occasion. It is
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A TORAH MINUTE



Several Reasons Why Our Feet Must Be Together in the 'Amidah'

There are several explanations as to why, when praying the 'Amidah', we must stand with our feet together, resembling Angels with one leg. There is a risk that our transgressions will be brought before God when we pray, which would possibly negate our prayers and requests. As such, when we stand before God, we try to mirror the Angels, who do not sin, and avoid our sins coming before God.

Additionally, it is not easy to move around normally when our feet are placed together. This is an indication to us of our limitations as human beings, and our need to rely on HaKadosh Barukh Hu (the Holy One, blessed be He), at all times.

One other explanation is that since we are standing in order to speak with the Shekhinah (God's holy presence), we must remove all physical thoughts from our mind and appear as if we are the Malakhei HaShareth (Ministering Angels).

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Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday February 9th, 2020
11:30AM-1 PM

Join us for this wonderful FREE event ...
We will eat fruits of the trees and the earth.
The children will plant seeds
and take them home to watch them grow!

RSVP to joannewiesnersteiner@gmail.com
or call the Shul office to let us know you are coming,
and how many adults and children will attend.



THOUGHTS FOR TU B'SHEVAT

While the sage Choni was walking along a road, he saw a man planting a carob tree. Choni asked him: "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?" "Seventy years," replied the man. Choni then asked: "Are you so healthy a man that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit?" The man answered: "I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted trees for me. Likewise, I am planting for my children." ~Taanit 23a

Shimon bar Yochai taught that "if you are holding a sapling in your hand and someone says that the Messiah has drawn near, first plant the sapling, and then go and greet the Messiah." ~Avot d'Rebbe Natan 31b

[The Torah compares humans to trees] because, like humans, trees have the power to grow. And as humans have children, so trees bear fruit. And when a human is hurt, cries of pain are heard throughout the world, so when a tree is chopped down, its cries are heard throughout the world.

~ Rashi



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at egoldschmidt@westchesterday.org.
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MORE TO EXPLORE

Anshe Sholom at the 2019 OU Fair

Congregation Anshe Sholom was represented at the OU Jewish Community Home & Job Relocation Fair by community representatives Rabbi Evan Hoffman, Alan Penn, Sara Schreiber, Yael Schulman, Miriam Leiderman, Laurie Kracko, Marc Bessler, and Jenny Choi.

Following the fair we hosted an informational breakfast which will be followed by small Shabbatons over the next few months. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning more about our community, email: southnewrochelle@gmail.com.



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One of the highlights at Anshe Sholom is spending time together at the kiddush following Shabbat and holiday services. Our kiddush luncheons help us build the connections that make Anshe Sholom a warm and inviting congregation. In order to enhance our Shabbat joy and to maximize our schmoozing opportunities, we would like to provide enhanced kiddushes as frequently as possible, but *this can only be done with your help*.

By sponsoring a kiddush, you participate in supporting and fostering our sense of community. You may sponsor a kiddush in honor of someone, to remember someone, to celebrate a simcha – or, sponsor a kiddush together with a group of friends or family. You may choose to sponsor the entire kiddush for the shul, or you may help defray the kiddush costs by sponsoring part of a kiddush, or by simply making a donation. *No amount is too small*.

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JANUARY 2020

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5 8 Tevet Shacharit 8:00 AM	6 9 Tevet  Class w/R. Hoffman History 7:00PM Rabbinics 8:00PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	7 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet Begins 5:52 AM Ends 5:23 PM Shacharit 6:45 AM Mincha 4:15 AM	8 11 Tevet  Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:30PM Shacharit 7:00 AM	9 12 Tevet Shacharit 7:00 AM	10 13 Tevet  4:29 PM Shacharit 7:00 AM Eve. Service 4:30 PM	11 14 Tevet VAYECHI Shacharit 9:15 AM Mincha 4:20 PM Havdalah 5:34 PM
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