



## OVERVIEW

If Bnei Yisrael carefully observe even those "minor" mitzvot that are usually "trampled" underfoot, Moshe promises them that they will be the most blessed of the nations on earth. Moshe tells Bnei Yisrael that they will conquer Eretz Canaan little by little, so that the land will not be overrun by wild animals in the hiatus before Bnei Yisrael are able to organize and settle the whole land. After again warning Bnei Yisrael to burn all carved idols of Canaanite gods, Moshe stresses that the Torah is indivisible and not open to partial observance. Moshe describes the Land of Israel as a land of wheat, barley, grapes, figs, and pomegranates, a land of oil-yielding olives and date-honey. Moshe cautions Bnei Yisrael not to become haughty and think that their success in Eretz Yisrael is a result of their own powers or vigor; rather, it was Hashem who gave them wealth and success. Nor did Hashem drive out the Canaanites because of Bnei Yisrael's righteousness, but rather because of the sins of the Canaanites; for the road from Sinai had been a catalogue of large and small sins and rebellions against Hashem and Moshe. Moshe details the events after Hashem spoke the ten Commandments at Sinai, culminating in his bringing down the second set of Tablets on Yom Kippur. Aharon's passing is recorded as is the elevation of the levi'im to Hashem's ministers. Moshe points out that the 70 souls who went down to Egypt have now become like the stars of the heaven in abundance. After specifying the great virtues of the Land of Israel, Moshe speaks the second paragraph of the Shema, conceptualizing the blessings that accompany keeping mitzvot and the curse that results from non-observance.



## TZEISCHEM L'SHALOM & BEHATZLOCHA!

It is with mixed emotion that we inform the community that Rabbi Howard Jackson will be leaving his position at Ohr Somayach to take up offer in the corporate sector.

Rabbi Jackson has given 17 years of exceptional service to the Ohr Somayach community. As a devoted teacher he has taught Torah with clarity, enthusiasm and care to countless people over the years and he has touched so many in our community with his warmth and unassuming nature. In the office Rabbi Jackson has earned his status as a 'legend' due to his computer skills, administrative expertise and graphics genius. We are going to sorely miss him. Yet at the same time, we are excited about the special opportunity that has opened up for him.

On behalf of the Rabbis, staff and members of Ohr Somayach, we deeply thank Rabbi Jackson for his dedicated service and wish him and his family much brocha and hatzlocha!

**Rabbi Reuven Zail**

## THE SILENT WITNESS

The mezuzah is a silent witness to the ebb and flow of history and human events. Think about the mezuzah of an old shul or some other venerable edifice. It has been hanging there for decades if not centuries. It has seen infants brought into the shul to be circumcised, and it has seen these same people grown old brought into the shul to be eulogized and buried. It has seen generations come and go. It has seen empires rise and fall. It has seen the birth of ideologies and their demise. In the last century alone, our hypothetical mezuzah would have seen humanism, capitalism, materialism, existentialism, each embraced as life philosophies and then discredited. It would have seen the rise of the Soviet Union and Communism and their ignominious collapse. It would have seen the creation of the Third Reich, the Thousand-Year Reich, its perpetration of the Holocaust against the Jewish people and its ultimate defeat and destruction. It would have seen the birth of Israel and its growth to maturity.

When the railroads were introduced in the 19th century, people thought the new technology was so perfect that it would never change. The railroad companies sold corporate bonds for centuries in advance. And where are they all today? On the scrap heap, along with their rusting trains. Human beings are always seeking immortality. But it doesn't work. Everything constantly changes. Nothing is permanent. Only the Almighty and His Torah are permanent. The mezuzah can bear witness.

## ENGAGEMENT



Mazel tov to **Fran Sklaar & Alon Marcus** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazel tov to proud parents **Evan & Sheila Sklaar and the Marcus Family**.

Mazel tov to **Ayala Salzer & Meir Kaye** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazel tov to proud parents **Rabbi Yossi & Gabi Salzer and Rabbi Yisroel & Shani Kaye**. Mazel tov to proud grandmother **Bella Slasky**.

Mazel tov to **Nicholas Friedman & Amy Wigdorowitz** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazel tov to proud parents **Brian & Linda Wigdorowitz and Jerneve Friedman & the late Bernard Friedman**

## UNVEILING

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The unveiling for the late **Hilton Herr** will take place this Sunday 28 August at 10.00 am at West Park Cemetery.

## GRANDPARENTS



Mazel tov to **Philip & Sandy Berk** on the birth of a granddaughter born to **Chaim & Miriam Fox** in Israel. Mazel tov great grandmother **Ethel Welcher**.

Mazel tov to **Ken & Marilyn Braude** and **Ivan & Brenda Segal** on the birth of a grandson born to **Daniel & Ruthie Braude** in Israel.

## LADIES SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

### RABBI GRYNHAUS

Shabbos afternoon shiur **THIS SHABBOS**  
30 minutes before Mincha.

This week's shiur begins at 4.45pm  
in the in classroom off the small hall

## NEW SHIUR FOR POST SEM & YOUNG LADIES

### RABBI AUERBACH PARSHA & COMMON SHABBOS HALOCHAS

Monday Nights - 7.20pm  
Saus Residence, Unit 5, 5 Park Crescent

## MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Brian & Rochelle Swaine** in honour of their birthdays, as well as in honour of the birthday of their grandson **Raphy**

## OHR CHODOSH KIDDUSH



This week's Ohr Chodosh Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Jody & Rochel Port** in honour of Jody's Barmitzva parsha.

## AUFRUH



Mazel tov to **Avremi Goldstuck** on the occasion of his aufruf and for his upcoming wedding this week to **Ariella Rabson**. Mazel tov to the **Goldstuck & Rabson families**.

## BABY GIRL



Mazel tov to **Shaun & Yael Benigson** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel tov proud grandparents **David & Ingrid Weber** and **Mike & Louise Benigson**. Mazel tov to great grandmother **Mary Kropman**

## SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

### RABBI AUERBACH

IN HONOUR OF BIRKAS HAMAZON

### HOW TO BENCH PROPERLY

*Shabbos afternoon at 4.40pm*

## SEUDAH SHLISHIS GUEST SPEAKER

### RABBI RASHI SIMON

Mincha 5.15pm

## YORTZEITS

- **Sheila Sklaar** for her late father
- **Michelle Freeman** for her late father

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