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Petah Tikva
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SHABBAT SHALOM! WISHING A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Shabbat Schedule

Minha:	5:50 pm	**SHIUR:**	
Candle lighting:	5:53 pm	Tehillim:	4:55 pm
Tefillah:	**8:30 am**	Minha:	5:25 pm
Kids program:	10:00 am	Arvit:	6:40 pm
		Shabbat ends:	6:54 pm

Weekly Schedule

Tefillah Sunday:	8:00 am.
Tefillah weekday:	6:45 am.
Minha	**4:50 pm.**
Arvit:	5:15 pm.
Minha next Friday:	4:40 pm
Candle lighting next Friday:	4:44 pm

CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH

This week's Congregational Kiddush is sponsored by King Capital Mortgage Investment Corporation, Andrew Unger and Eric Iankelevic.

SEUDAH SHELISHIT

This week's Seudah Shelishit is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Moe and Vera Benatar and Mr. Max Benatar to commemorate the nahala of their beloved father Mr. Eli Benatar z"l.

This week's Torah Reading

Perashah	**VaYera**
Artscroll	**78**
Black book	**24**
Haftara	**Velshah Ahat**
Artscroll	**1134**
Black book	**7**

TEHILLIM PORTION

Shabbat Tehillim portion psalms 97-103

Classes by Rabbi Oziel

Monday Nights & Thursday Nights
Beginners Gemara at 8:30 pm.

Tuesday night Prophets & Yalkut at 8:30 pm.

Women's Shiur Wed night at 8:30 pm.

If you are looking for a Shabbat meal or need accommodations in the area, please contact the office at office@petahtikva.ca



Devar Torah From The Desk Of Rabbi Oziel

VaYera

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Nothing is Impossible

After being informed that she was going to give birth to a son in a year's time, Sarah laughed in denial of such a farfetched possibility. Hashem was displeased with her response and He said to Avraham (Bereshit 18:13-14): "Why has Sarah laughed… Is anything beyond Hashem?" The Ramban explains that Sarah was blamed for her response because she should have believed the angels, or at least answered, "Amen, Hashem should cause it to happen."

Rav Wolbe points out that Sarah had no idea that they were angels; she was ninety years old and the blessing was probably perceived as a way of a kind guest saying thank you. Nevertheless, she was taken to task for not saying "Amen" because nature and age are not players in the Heavenly ballpark. Her ridiculing the possibility of bearing children demonstrated a slight lack in her Emunah. In a similar vein, our Sages tell us (Berachot 10a), "Even if there is a sword placed upon a man's throat he should not refrain from pleading for mercy."

People often resign themselves to negative situations since they feel that there is simply no way out. They even convince themselves that there is no reason to pray for salvation, since they perceive no natural way for them to be extracted from the dire state of affairs. Truth be told, they might have been put into that very situation to compel them to come to the realization that there is a way, and only one way, out of any problem: to pray. After all, "Is anything beyond Hashem?"

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How Important

After taking leave of Avraham, the angels went to Sodom and were extended an invitation by Lot: "My masters, please come to your servant's house; spend the night and then wash your feet" (Bereshit 19:2). Rashi comments that the wording seems to be out of order. People generally first wash up from their journey and only afterwards do they retire for the night. He explains that Lot was worried that people would think that his guests had already been in his house for a number of days – a contemptible act in the city of Sodom. However, if they would see the dust on the guests' feet, they would presume that the guests had just arrived.

Rashi earlier (18:12) seems to explain this incident in a different light. In contrast to Lot, when Avraham beheld the wayfarers he invited them inside and immediately offered them water to wash their feet. Noting this difference, Rashi writes that Avraham thought that his guests were Arabs who worship the dust on their feet, and thus, he immediately had them wash their feet lest they bring a speck of idolatry into his tent. In contrast, Lot was not concerned with the possibility of idolatry entering his home and therefore he mentioned sleeping before washing.

Rav Wolbe explains that in reality there is no contradiction between the two Rashi's. If Lot was truly concerned and bothered by the possibility that idolatry might enter his house, then he would have put his life on the line to prevent such a possibility. After all, he risked his life minutes earlier when he invited guests into his house. If he wasn't afraid then why was he afraid now? It must be that preventing idolatry wasn't at the top of his list of priorities.

The effort one invests into a venture demonstrates how much he is willing to sacrifice for it. It behoves us to take stock of our "investments" to determine if our spiritual ventures are given at least as much priority as our material ventures. This is a worthwhile exercise since the dividends paid for spiritual investments are literally "out of this world!"

I am always available for you, should you wish to speak or meet in person.
Please feel free to email me at rabbioziel@gmail.com or call me at 416.636.4719 x2



What's happening at PT

PETAH TIKVA'S HANUKKAH TOY DRIVE in support of CHAI LIFELINE
In loving memory of Messod & Mercedes Sananes z"l
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AVOT UBANIM – BOYS AGED 6+
Grandfathers, fathers, and sons are invited for a special Motzae Shabbat of learning, great stories, raffles, prizes, and pizza! Every other Saturday night starting November 7th. 7:00–8:00 pm. That week's program is sponsored by the Rabbi and Mrs. Oziel. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact the office.

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GRUPO DE ORO
La próxima reunión será el Martes 3 de Noviembre a las 8:00 pm. Zoom ID**:** 86776780085**.** Passcode: Grupo.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Please remember to move your clocks back one hour this Motzae Shabbat.



Community News

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Mrs. Liliane Abecassis on the birth of a great-grandson in the home of her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chaim and Sissi Grube, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Messod and Debbie Abecassis.

MISHMARA OF THE YEAR

This Shabbat is the Shabbat of the year of our dear member Mrs. Raquel Azagury z"l. The mishmara will take place at Kehila center on Monday November 2nd starting with minha at 4:50pm Cemetery services will be held at Pardes Shalom Cemetery on Tuesday November 3rd after Tefillah.

MISHMARA OF THE MONTH

Next Shabbat, November 7 is the Shabbat of the month of Mrs. Rachel Cabessa z"l, mother of our dear member Mrs. Theresa Benchimol. The mishmara will take place at Petah Tikva on Sunday November 8 starting with Minha at 4:40 pm. Cemetery services will be held on Monday November 9 at 8:30 am at Pardes Shalom Cemetery.

Rogamos por el eterno descanso de las neshamot de estas queridas personas.

RABBI MORDECHAI MACHLIS – November 14, 2026 at 8:30 pm

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NAHALOT DE ESTA SEMANA

SH: Mimon Cazes, Aaron Murciano, Leon S. Oziel
SU: Rebbi Yudah Benchimol, Hnina Keslassy
MO: Moses Bendayan, Tzvi Hillel Weitz, Yeyette Bendayan
TU: Aaron Levy, Elie Mimran, Mimon Serfaty, Eliezer Josephsohn, Simy Elmaleh
WE: Samuel Benchimol, Moshe Cohen, Rephael Ohayon, Freja Bohbot, Miriam Cadji
TH: Isaac Bitton, Messody Bitton, Aicha Kadoch
FR: Eli Benatar, Mazal Levy, Esther Ohayon

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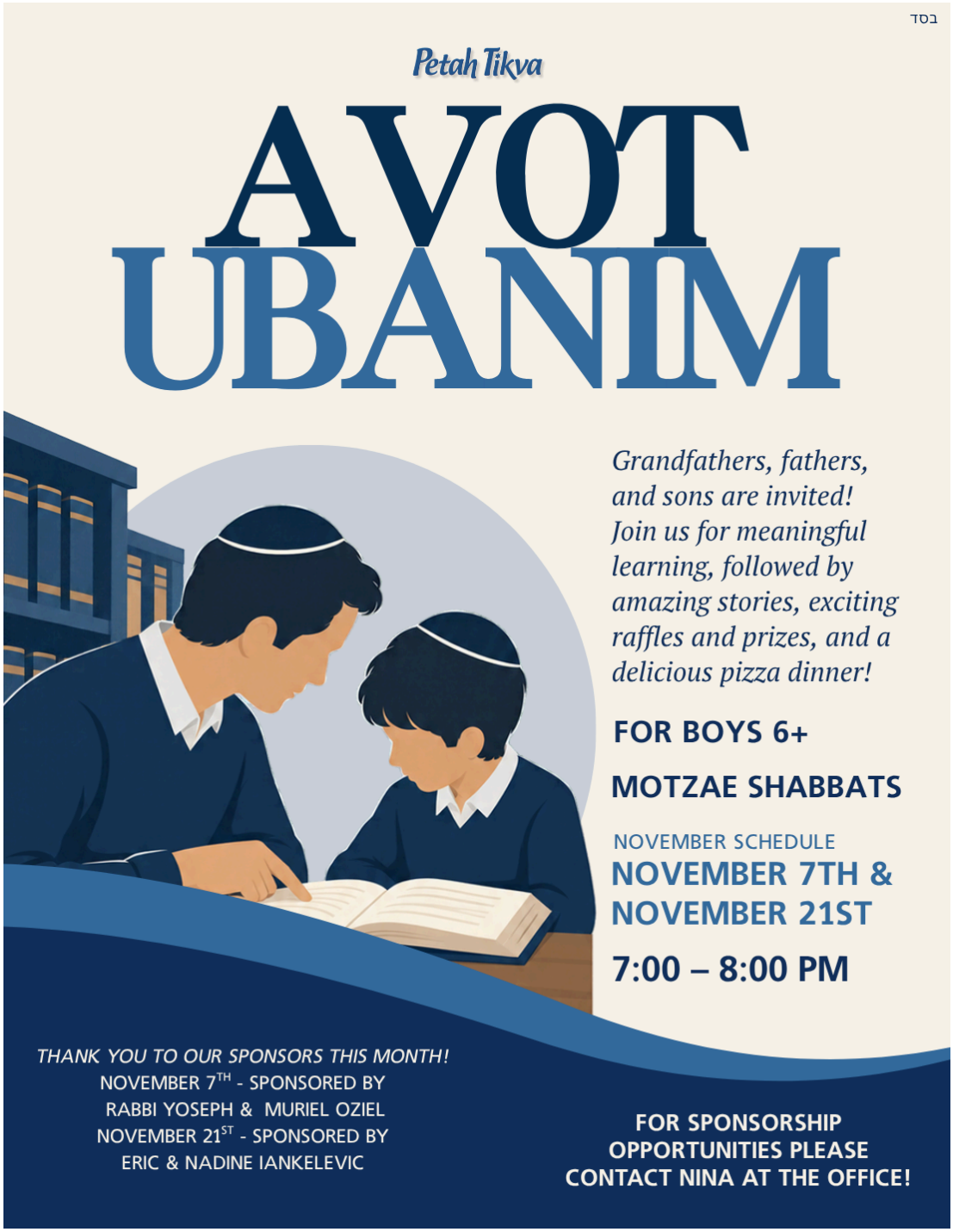
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SU: Vidal Gabay, Luna Bittan
MO: Isaac (Marcos) Benitah
TU: ---
WE: Sara Serfaty, Simha Hazan
TH: Elias Knafo, Gabriel Kamiel, Moshe Mansoor, Simha Nahmias
FR: Messod Ohayon

If you have a Mazal Tov that you would like to share with the Congregation or if you have a change of address or email, please contact the office at 416.636.4719 or email office@petahtikva.ca

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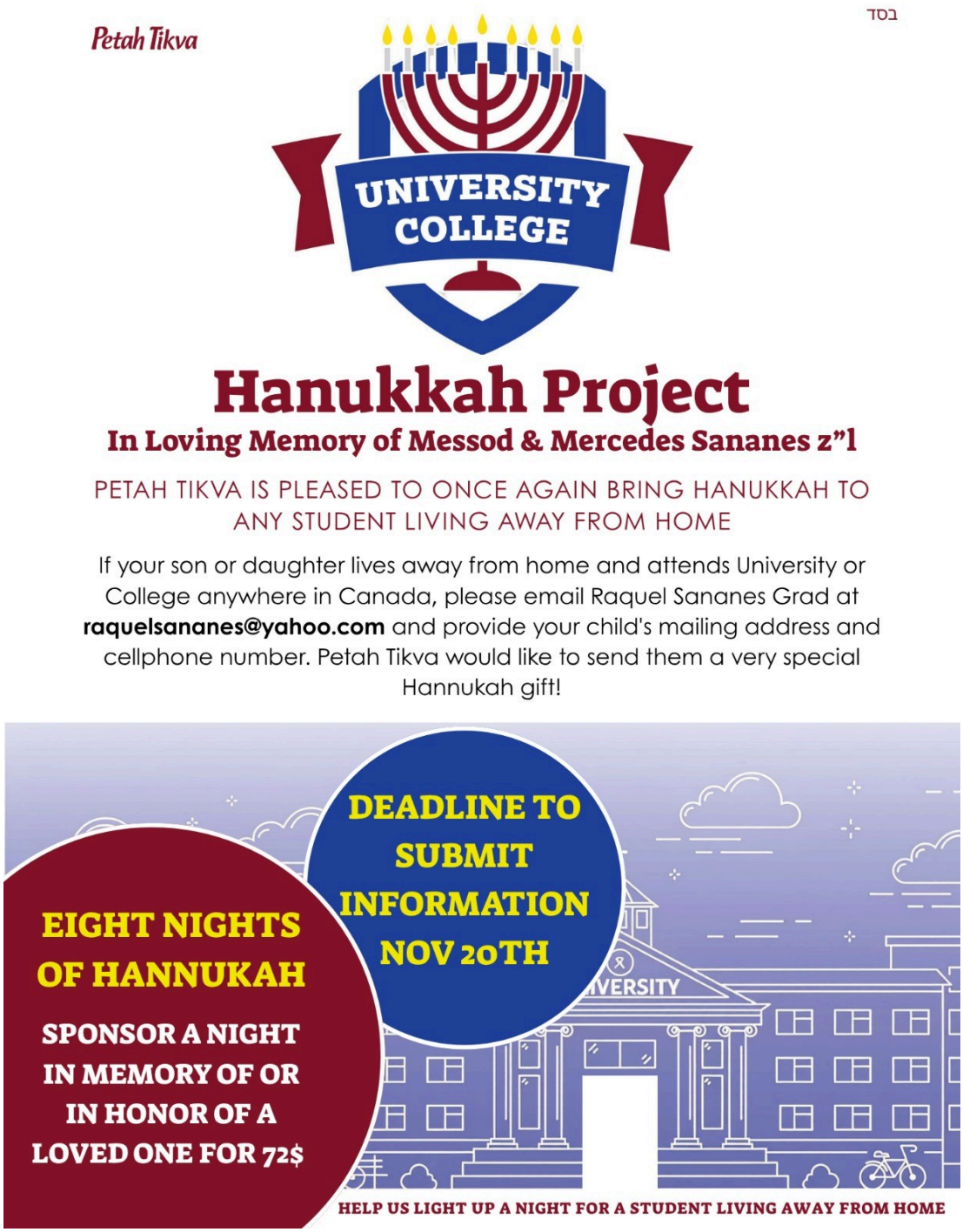


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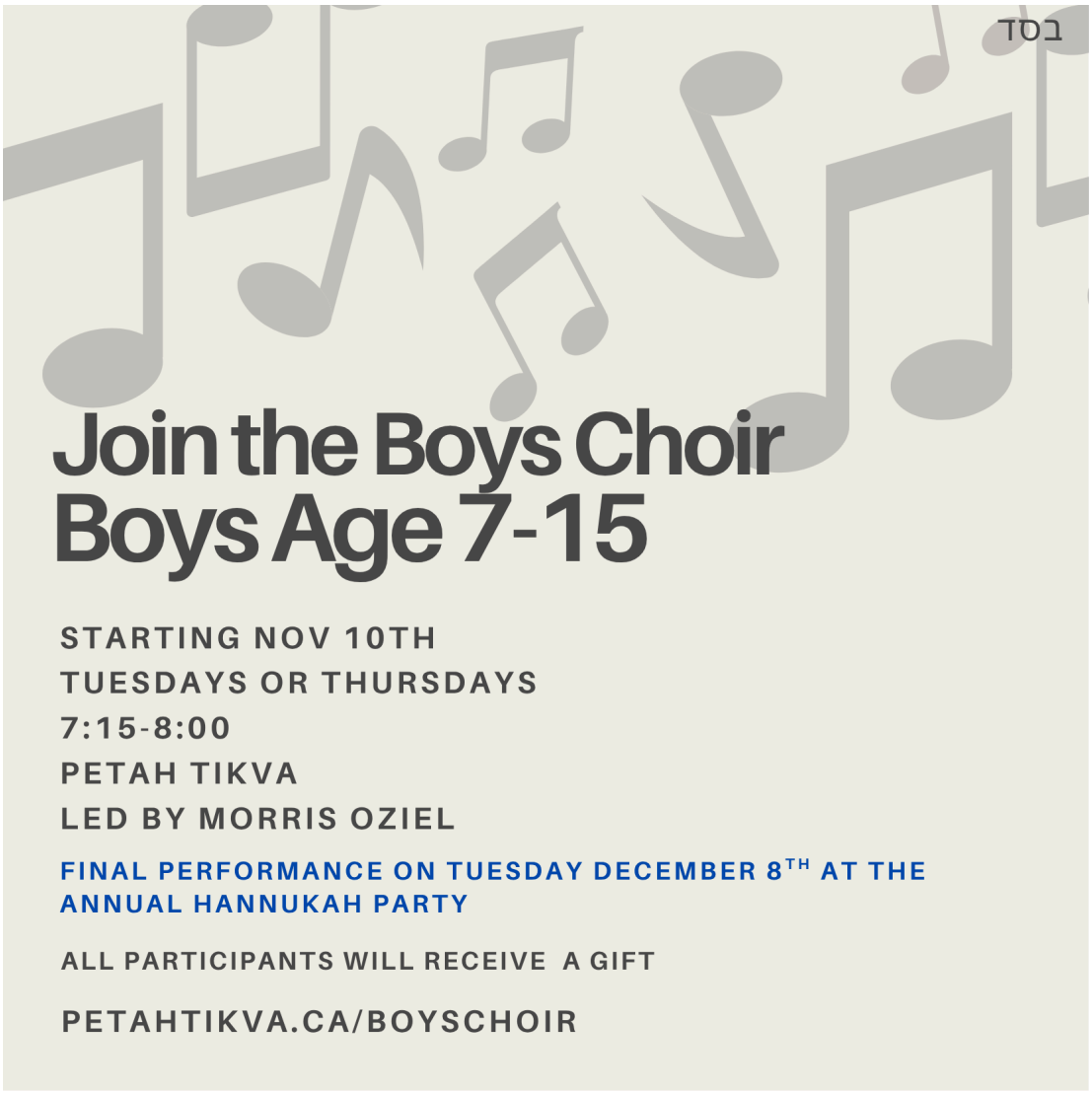
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KOBY BENLOLO LEGACY

Since the founding of Petah Tikva Congregation, Koby Benlolo Z'L, was deeply committed to teaching and preserving our treasured Morroccan Sephardic songs, customs and traditions. His passion was not only to safeguard the rich heritage of our Moroccan Sephardic community, but also to ensure that future generations would have the opportunity to learn, appreciate, and continue these beautiful melodies.

The Benlolo Family, have created Koby's Legacy, https://www.kobyslegacy.com/ a website to share and preserve the complete collection of recordings created by our beloved, Koby Benlolo Z'L. This archive includes many of his recordings of: Tefilot, Haftarot, Tehillim (Psalms), Pirkei Avot, Shir HaShirim, Shabbat and Holiday melodies, as well as a selection of cherished Spanish and Ladino melodies.

It is the Family's sincerest hope that this collection will serve as a source of learning, inspiration, and connection to our Sephardic traditions. May these recordings help

preserve the melodies, customs, and spiritual heritage that have been passed down through generations.
If you would like to help maintain this website, please feel free to make a donation in Koby's memory: www.petahtikva.ca/kobyslegacy



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La proxima reunión sera el martes 3 de Noviembre por zoom..

Albert Abergel
Nisso keslassy
Robin Benmergui
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86776780085
Zoom ID: 86776780085
Passcode: Grupo

“THE ALBERT BENAIM Z”I MEN’S LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM”Join us Thursdays at 12:30 pm for our class “The Albert Benaim z’l Lunch & Learn Program” as we enjoy an hour together nourishing our bodies and our souls. Please email or call the office if you would like to participate or sponsor a class.

LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM FOR WOMEN
Join us Wednesdays at 12:15 pm for our class, as we enjoy an hour together nourishing our bodies and our souls. Please email or call the office if you would like to participate or sponsor a class.

TEHILLIM FOR MEN AND WOMEN
Petah Tikva has re- launched its Tehillim Whatsapp Chat for men and women to collectively finish Sefer Tehillim for a refua shelema for Cholei Israel.
To join the chat, click the link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gP2n5_EbnlrsFflqQUNN1BxzpyCBkCyJi09oY-IBx7w/edit?usp=drivesdk or email Lisaat lisa.oziel@gmail.com.

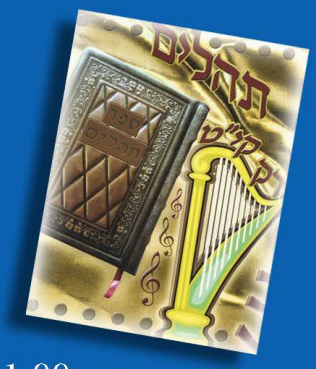
THE ELIE OZIEL Z"L DAILY ZOOM TEHILLIM
For all our soldiers and the protection of all people in Eretz Israel.
Join us as we attempt BH to complete the entire sefer of Tehillim with a daily reading in honour of the ill and those in need of special prayers. Send us some names, for those who need Refua Shelema, or are struggling with children, or help with Parnasa or anything else, or even better join us every day and complete the monthly cycle. You will be uplifted.
Each portion will last between 10 – 15 minutes. The sefer has been divided into 30 sections, corresponding to each day of the month. Sing, Read or Listen along. PDF version of Tehillim is available or contact the office and we will deliver one to your home.
Sundays at 10:00 am, Monday – Friday 9:30 am.
Link for Tehillim zoom - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85031595752
passcode: 1947

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Tehillim In Ten

Join our daily **ZOOM** and tune-in to Tehillim!
Read, Sing or Listen along
with the daily Tehillim portion.
In honour of a loved one
for Refua, Shalom and Parnassa.

ZOOM ID: 85031595752



Lead by Isaac E. Oziel
Insights by: Ariel Oziel

Contact our office for details
to obtain a Sefer Tehillim.

Sunday April 26 at 11:00 am
Every Sunday at 11:00 am
Every Monday to Friday 9:30 am

COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM & PT HESED FUND

Please call the office if you wish to join the committee or to volunteer to connect with one of our Seniors in need of support. To donate to the Hesed Fund please go on the PT website or simply call the office to add your "Hesed Fund" donation to your account. We encourage ALL members to participate in this extraordinary Mitzvah.

BE A SPONSOR OF SUNDAY MORNING'S SHIUR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Please contact the office if you would like to be a sponsor for next Sunday morning's Shiur during breakfast. Your $50 donation will be charged to your account and will go toward the maintenance of this program and the **Hesed Fund** for Seniors. Rabbi Nadoff will be doing the shiur leilui nishmat (for the elevation of the soul) of your loved one.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The PT Community Care Program is looking for Youth Volunteers to assist with our Seniors. Youth Volunteers will be assigned to a Program Volunteer that is in contact with a Senior in need of extra help. Any time you devote helping a Senior will be eligible for Community Service hours. Please contact the office (416-636-4719) to sign up. PARENTS: Please encourage your high-school children to sign up. We need your help to recruit our Youth Volunteers!

Shabbat Shalom!

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