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# CHABAD NEWSLETTER

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# Lag Baomer

## At Siesta Key Beach

(At Sea Turtle Pavilion)

Tuesday, May 5 • 5:30 pm  
FREE with RSVP by April 29,  
\$15 thereafter

- Drum Circle	- Kites
- Falafel in Pita	- Watermelon Hunt
- Snow Cones	- Lively Music

RSVP: [info@chabadofsarasota.com](mailto:info@chabadofsarasota.com)  
(941) 925-0770

*Thank you Kirk & Jo Ellyn Weisman  
for underwriting the event*

### LOOK INSIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

<p><b>Shabbat Meet-Up</b> Saturdays at 7:00 pm – Weekly</p> <p><b>Lag Baomer @ Siesta Key Beach</b> Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Mom's Rosh Chodesh Society</b> Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Torah and Tea</b> Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Rosh Chodesh Society</b> Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Shavuot All Night Learning</b> Thursday, May 21, at 9:00 pm</p> <p><b>Shavuot Dairy Buffet</b> Friday, May 22, at 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Shavuot Kids Club</b> Saturday, May 23, at 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Women's Hebrew Reading</b> Starting Tuesday, May 26, at 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Shabbat Schmooze</b> Friday, May 29, &amp; June 26, at 6:00 pm</p>
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*Fresh*  
**CHALLAH**  
*Baked Weekly*

- ✓ PLAIN • TOMATO BASIL • CINNAMON RAISIN • WW
- ✓ ORDER BY: WEDNESDAY AT 1:00 PM
- ✓ PICK-UP: FRIDAY, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- ✓ COST: \$6.99 EACH

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# Community Update



## WOMEN'S FIVE SESSION HEBREW READING COURSE



LEARN TO READ  
HEBREW  
BEFORE  
THE HIGH  
HOLIDAYS

5-SESSION CRASH COURSE  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
MAY 26, 28, JUNE 2, 4, 9  
11:30 AM-12:15 PM  
COST: \$75

COURSE LED BY: SARA STEINMETZ  
RSVP: 941.925.0770  
OR: SARA@CHABADOF SARASOTA.COM

Reach out if you read Hebrew and would like to volunteer as a Hebrew reading coach



## SHAVUOT Dairy BUFFET

- Dairy Buffet Dinner
- Ice Cream
- Cheesecake
- Hear The Ten Commandments

Friday, May 22  
6:00 pm • At Chabad

Free with RSVP • Sponsorship: \$180

RSVP required by May 15: 925-0770

[www.sarasotachabad.com/shavout-dairy-dinner](http://www.sarasotachabad.com/shavout-dairy-dinner)



Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

A New JLI Four-session Jewish Study  
Starting Wednesday, April 29

YOUR JUDAISM  
HOLDS A MESSAGE  
THE WORLD  
WANTS TO HEAR.  
IT'S TIME  
TO UNLOCK IT.



01  
The Message  
of Abraham



03  
Educating  
Children



02  
Is Morality  
Obvious?



04  
It Will Get  
Better

## Yahrtzeit Reminder

Elizabeth Weber	father	Monday, May 4
Robert Aronson	sister	Tuesday, May 5
Richard Brumberg	brother	Wednesday, May 6
Richard Franco	father	Wednesday, May 6
Sheri Simon	grandmother	Friday, May 8
Flora Oynick	husband	Saturday, May 9
Jonathan Curshen	uncle	Tuesday, May 12
James Bovienzo	mother	Tuesday, May 12
Edward Joseph	sister	Tuesday, May 19
Susan Finkelstein	father	Sunday, May 24
Heidi Brown	son	Wednesday, May 27
Gabriel Amram	father	Friday, May 29
Leon Dorsey	mother	Monday, June 1
Jonathan Curshen	grandmother	Saturday, June 6
Noah Rosenberg	mother	Sunday, June 7
Lee Kichen	mother	Monday, June 8
Marc Engelhart	mother	Friday, June 12
Elizabeth Weber	mother	Friday, June 12
Robert Landman	father	Saturday, June 13
Marshall Gobuty	grandmother	Sunday, June 14
Sheila Brumberg	mother	Monday, June 15

# Youth Update

## Kaplan Preschool Summer & 26-27 Registration Open

Chabad Kaplan Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2026–2027 school year, as well as for our 10-week summer program beginning May 26. We warmly welcome families from all backgrounds to come experience our nurturing, state-licensed environment for children ages 2.5–5, where learning happens through hands-on play, meaningful relationships, and a strong foundation of Jewish values. Our preschool is a place where children feel safe, supported,

and excited to learn, and where families feel welcomed and connected. We invite prospective families to join us for upcoming special events, including our Morning of Parent Appreciation on Friday, May 8 from 8:30–9:15 am, and our End of Year Graduation and Celebration on Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 am. To learn more or to schedule a tour, please contact Sara Steinmetz at Sara@ChabadOfSarasota.com or call 941.925.0770.



## Weinstein JKidz Hebrew Club

The Weinstein JKidz Hebrew Club is where children build a strong sense of Jewish pride while learning in a warm, engaging, and welcoming environment where everyone feels comfortable. Families from all backgrounds and levels of observance can feel at ease as their children connect to their Jewish heritage, holidays, and traditions in a way that is both enjoyable and lasting. Alongside the learning that takes place, there is also an “unwritten curriculum” that nurtures Jewish pride, values, and a sense of belonging that children carry with them beyond the classroom. Classes

are held on Wednesdays from 5:00–6:30 pm, offering families the added benefit of keeping Sundays free for family time. JKidz is currently in session through May 6 and will resume for the 2026–2027 school year on September 2. As we come to the end of the year, we extend our appreciation for the program’s success, which is attributed to our amazing staff and dedicated volunteers. We invite prospective families to come see the program in action. To schedule a visit, please contact Sara Steinmetz at Sara@ChabadOfSarasota.com or call the office at 941.925.0770.



## Yizkor Services

**Shavuot: Shabbat May 23, 10:00 am**

## All In The Family

### *Mazel Tov:*

Dr. Ronni and Lana Tudin upon the birth of their granddaughter, a daughter to

Eden and Jeremy Tudin

### *Condolences:*

Anita Oestreich upon the passing of her sister Linda Sage

# Women’s Circle Update

Chabad Women’s Circle offers an array of programming that brings together women from all backgrounds and affiliations, creating a space where everyone can feel comfortable, meet new friends, and find deeper meaning in life. These programs nurture the heart, mind, body, and soul. Alongside forming new friendships and strengthening existing ones, women find the classes meaningful, relevant, and applicable to everyday life.

The Chabad Women’s Circle’s newest initiative is the weekly Shabbat Meet-Up, held at 7:00 pm from after the Pesach holiday through the High Holidays. Together, we will study Ethics of Fathers, creating opportunities for meaningful conversation and connection. Below are the upcoming opportunities to join. For more information, please reach out to Sara Steinmetz at Sara@ChabadofSarasota.com or call the office at 941.925.0770.



Chabad Women's Circle of Sarasota

JOIN A WELCOMING SPACE FOR WOMEN TO CONNECT, LEARN, AND GROW

## Women’s Shabbat Meet-Up

Torah, Conversation & Connection

**Connection, Conversation, and Meaningful Insights From Ethics of Our Fathers (Pirkei Avot)**

Time: Shabbat at 7:00 PM  
Location: Chabad of Sarasota

Light refreshments will be served.  
No RSVP needed!

Organized by Sara Steinmetz, Chaya Mushka Steinmetz, and Inna Prokopenko

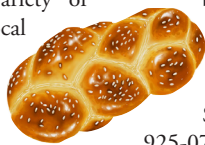
## WOMEN’S CIRCLE UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturdays at 7:00 pm – Weekly Shabbat Meet-Up
- Thursday, April 30 and May 14, at 7:00 pm Women’s Rosh Chodesh Society class
- Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 pm Mom’s (of children ages 0–8) Rosh Chodesh Society class
- Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 pm Torah and Tea
- Friday, May 29, June 26 & July 17, at 6:00 pm Shabbat Schmooze
- Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 pm End of Year Social Event

Advance RSVP necessary: sara@chabadofsarasota.com or: 925-0770

## Fresh Challah Available Weekly

We are happy to offer, beginning Friday, May 8, a variety of freshly baked, local Challahs available each week. Choose from: Plain, Tomato Basil, Cinnamon Raisin, and Whole Wheat. Please place your order by Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Pick-up is on Friday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at Chabad. \$6.99 each. To order, call 925-0770.



## Thank You Oneg Sponsors

### Kirk & Jo Ellyn Weisman

IHO Pesach holiday  
IHO Kirk's daughter, Kara's birthday  
IHO Ellie Cohen's son, Yankel marriage to Yocheved Solomons  
IMO Goldie Shifrin, Sara Steinmetz's mother, on the occasion of her yahrzeit  
IMO Mel  
IMO Norma Friedman Rockman  
IMO Staley Schubert Browne  
IHO their granddaughter Sofia Elena Yturraspe Salas

### Dr. Elliott & Evelyne Stupp

IHO Rabbi & Sara Steinmetz

### Larry and Roza Krotenko

IHO all of G-d's blessings

### Gad & Michele Demry

IHO Rabbi and Sara Steinmetz

### Robert & Randelle Landman

IMO their grandfathers, Lazarus Abramson and Charles Gertman's yahrzeit

### Sara and Rabbi Steinmetz

IMO of Sara's mother's yahrzeit, Goldie Shifrin

### Gabriel and Bridget Amram

IHO all of G-d's blessings

### Joseph Bartel

IHO Mark Schlanger, in recognition of his quiet and steadfast commitment to Chabad of Sarasota

### Martha Rengifo

IHO her husband Harry Zehnwirth's birthday

### Noah Rosenberg and family

IMO Lili Rosenberg

### Inna and Ivan Prokopenko

IHO all of G-d's blessings

To sponsor an Oneg for \$180 in honor or in memory of a special event/person, call Chabad at 925-0770.

## Memorials & Mazel Tovs

### Mindy & Marty Bloom

IMO her mother Donna Price's yahrzeit

### Richard & Sheila Brumberg

IMO her beloved sister Frances's yahrzeit

### Alan Getz

IHO Ed Joseph as the Gala Honoree

### Anna Kohen-DeRowe

IMO her husband Markus's yahrzeit

### Sadie Laufer

IHO Harry Zehnwirth's birthday

IHO a peaceful Pesach!

### Ilene & Paul O'Connell

IMO Linda Sage

### Jack Shapiro

IHO and appreciation of Linda Klafter

### The Stupp Family

IHO Harry Zehnwirth's birthday  
IHO Rabbi's kindness and assistance with Eliana's unveiling

### Ronni & Lana Tudin

IMO Lana's father's yahrzeit

### Harry Zehnwirth & Martha Rengifo

IHO Jane Hoffman's birthday

IHO Ruthy Hyatt's birthday

IHO Edward Joseph's birthday

IHO Gail Joseph's birthday

IHO Noah Rosenberg's birthday

## With Great Appreciation

Julia Aaron	Arkady & Natalie Koltun
Gabriel Amram	Rozalia Kotlyar
Robert Aronson	David & Elina Krotenko
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Regine Blanco	Robert & Randelle Landman
Marty & Mindy Bloom	Sadie Laufer
Colleen Blumenthal	Chris & Jill Malkin
Richard & Sheila Brumberg	Maria Mateo
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Edward & Gail Joseph	Paecia Weinstein
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Maya Kellman	Craig Wolpert
Anna Kohen-DeRowe	Harry Zehnwirth & Martha Rengifo

## Thank You Volunteers & Sponsors

### Seder Sponsorship

Charles Reichman  
Roey Pasternak  
Sharona & Dale Hoffman  
Ilana Gordon  
Ellie Cohen  
Robert Aronson

### Pesach Assistance

Ivan Prokopenko

Ivan Bieliaiev

Mykhailo Nadochaiev

### Wine Sponsorship

Ivan & Inna Prokopenko  
Dr. Barry & Anne Stein

### Matzah Sponsorship

Kirk & Jo Ellyn Weisman  
Dr. Elliott & Evelyne Stupp

# CHABAD IN ACTION



*Purim at Chabad*



*Chabad's Kaplan Preschool*



*Women's Rosh Chodesh Society*

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Gala

## Honoring Ed Joseph with the Community Service Award

Chabad of Sarasota's 31st Annual Gala was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Michael's On East, benefiting the Children's Scholarship Fund. This year's event honored Ed Joseph for his outstanding dedication to strengthening Jewish tradition in Sarasota. Over 130 guests gathered to celebrate their achievements. In addition to a lively evening featuring an open bar, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a gourmet dinner, participants were treated to an entertaining show by Behavioral Illusionist Ilan Smith. We are deeply grateful to the Gala Committee: Richard Brumberg, Diane and Marc Engelhart, Allie Fraidowitz, Jim Haberman, Gail Joseph, Linda Klafter,

Bob and Randy Landman, Sadie Laufer, Gerry Nussbaum, Flora Oynick, Robert and Sheri Simon, Barry Stein, Rabbi Chaim and Sara Steinmetz, Rabbi Levi Steinmetz, Elizabeth Weber, Kirk Weisman, Paecia Weinstein and Harry Zehnwirth. For the financial success of the evening, we thank our major sponsors,

along with the many individuals who placed greetings and ads in the Gala Journal: Dr. Barry and Anne Stein, Dina and Marshall Gobuty, Judith Schwartzbaum, Joseph Bartel, Sadie Laufer, Robert Toale and Sons Funeral Home, Joshua Weinstein and Ingrid Walker and Kirk and Jo Ellyn Weisman.

*We would like to thank all those who patronized the event by making special contributions, placing ads in the journal and those who attended this lovely event:*

Bruce Abramson  
Joseph Bartel  
Sidney Bearon  
James Bovienzo  
Richard & Sheila Brumberg  
Andrea & Rachel Cappelli  
Igor & Nelli Davidovich  
Leon & Raquel Dorsey  
Marc & Diane Engelhart  
David Epstein & Tamara Jacobs  
Allie Fraidowitz  
Marshall & Dina Gobuty  
Hank & Marsha Goldsby  
Ilana Gordon  
Alvin & Hedy Guttman  
Martin & Beverly Greenberg  
Jim Haberman  
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Ron & Ruthy Hyatt  
Edward & Gail Joseph  
Ira Joseph  
Alvan & Libby Kamis  
Rona Kantor  
Kenneth & Robyn Karan

Geraldine Kasoff  
Linda Klafter  
David & Elina Krotenko  
Larry and Roza Krotenko  
Robert & Randelle Landman  
Sadie Laufer  
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Joesph Tober  
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Ronni & Lana Tudin  
Herman & Elizabeth Weber  
Joshua & Ingrid Weinstein  
Paecia Weinstein  
Kirk & Jo Ellyn Weisman  
Laurel White  
David & Jane Wicentowski  
Craig Wolpert  
Harry & Martha Zehnwirth  
Svetlana Zubb





# ONGOING PROGRAMS AT CHABAD

## Daily Morning Minyans

Every weekday, morning services start at 8:00 am, and lasts 45 minutes.

## Shabbat Service

Friday Evenings at 7:00 pm and Shabbat Mornings at 10:00 am.  
Each service is followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

## Talmud With Rabbi Steinmetz

Study Talmud's Tractate Sanhedrin every Monday morning 9:30 am — 10:15 am. Free of charge, but please RSVP at 925-0770.

## Ima and Me Morning Meetups

For moms and their little ones ages 0-2, led by Sara Steinmetz, Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am.

## Kaplan Preschool

For children 2.5-5 years old. Hours: 8:30 am — 3:30 pm

## Tanya - Kabbalah Class

A discovery of the essence of Kabbalah, free. Monday evenings 7:00 pm — 8:00 pm. RSVP 925-0770. In person or via Zoom.

## Weekly Torah Portion

Join us for an in depth Torah Portion study, free of charge.  
Every Thursday morning 9:30 am — 10:15 am, RSVP 925-0770.

## Shabbat Torah Class

Join us 9:30 am — 10:00 am every Shabbat morning for a Torah portion study with the Lubavitcher Rebbe's commentary.

## Weinstein Jewish Enrichment Program

Wednesdays, 5:00 pm — 6:30 pm. Serving children in K-6 with fun and stimulating activities that leave children with a beautiful picture of Jewish culture, life, and cooking.

## CTeen Monthly Meetups

For teens in grades 8 — 12. Engage in meaningful discussion, fun activities, and social action.

## Women's Monthly RCS Meetups

Monthly on Thursday at 7:00 pm. Enjoy a Torah class, fun activities, and the opportunity to meet up with new friends.



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## IMA and ME

### Thursday Morning Meet up

- Music & Movement
- Bagels & Cream Cheese
- Ages 0-2
- All Welcome! Free of Charge!

Thursday mornings, 9:30 am - At Chabad of Sarasota  
Register Today: Sara: 544.8770 or: Sara@ChabadofSarasota.com

# Celebrate SHAVUOT

## & All Night Learning

Join us for Shavuot First Night  
Deli Dinner and Late Night  
of Learning & Inspiration!

THURSDAY, MAY 21 • 9:00 PM - 12:30 AM

Ten Insights into the Book of Psalms  
and Its Relevance to Our Life

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AT THE

# SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

## SHAVUOT EDITION

DATE: SHABBAT/SATURDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
LOCATION: CHABAD OF SARASOTA  
QUESTIONS?: CM@CHABADOF SARASOTA.COM

AGES 7 AND UP!  
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