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From the Desk of Rabbi Steinmetz

Dear Friends,

As we enter the months of November and December and prepare for Chanukah, we are reminded of one of the most powerful messages in Jewish life: a little light can dispel a great deal of darkness.

Chanukah is the story of a small group of Jews who refused to surrender their identity, their faith, or their traditions. They stood proudly, even when the odds seemed overwhelming. Their courage gave rise to a miracle, and that miracle continues to inspire us today.

In our own time, this message feels especially meaningful. The best response to darkness is not fear, but more light. We add light by lighting the menorah, by studying Torah, by performing a mitzvah, by showing kindness, and by living proudly and visibly as Jews.

This Chanukah, I encourage each of us to think of one additional way we can bring light into the life of another person. Invite someone to a Chanukah celebration, visit someone who may be alone, give extra tzedakah, or simply share a kind word.

When each of us adds one more light, together we illuminate our entire community.

Sara and I look forward to celebrating Chanukah with you and your family, and we wish you a Chanukah filled with light, joy, warmth, and Jewish pride.

Happy Chanukah,

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz

LOOK INSIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

- **Women's Rosh Chodesh Society**
  Thursday, November 5, 7:00 pm
- **Moms' Rosh Chodesh Society**
  Thursday, November 12, 7:00 pm
- **Monthly Shabbat Dinner**
  Friday, November 13, 7:00 pm
- **Shabbat Kids Club**
  Shabbat, November 14, 11:00 am
- **Women's Torah & Tea**
  Tuesday, November 17, 1:00 pm
- **Shabbat Schmooze for Women**
  Friday, November 20, 6:00 pm
- **Family Cookie Bake**
  Monday, November 23, 1:00 pm
- **Shabbat Kids Club**
  Shabbat, December 5, 11:00 am
- **A Taste of Chanukah @ Phillippi**
  Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm
- **Siesta Key Beach Chanukah**
  Tuesday, December 8, 5:30 pm
- **Russian-style Chanukah**
  Thursday, December 10, 5:30 pm
- **Light Chanukah & Shabbat Candles**
  Friday, December 11, 5:15 pm
- **Comedy Central @ Chabad**
  Sunday, December 13, 7:00 pm



Community Update

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

On behalf of the Board of Chabad, we would like to thank you for your response to the Yom Kippur Appeal. Due to your outstanding response, we raised more than $80,000. We thank our members and special friends for their generous contribution to the Yom Kippur Appeal:

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Paecia Weinstein
Kirk & Jo Ellyn Weisman
Sharon Weiss
Harry Zehnwirth & Martha Rengifo

Yahrtzeit Reminder

Diane Engelhart	mother	Wednesday November 4
Paecia Weinstein	mother	Sunday November 8
Theodore Simon	father	Sunday November 8
Paecia Weinstein	aunt	Wednesday November 11
Sacha Rosenfeld	husband	Friday November 13
Larisa Trexler	mother	Monday November 16
Larisa Trexler	father	Wednesday December 2
Harry Zehnwirth	brother	Wednesday December 2
Craig Wolpert	father	Tuesday December 8
Sadie Laufer	husband	Wednesday December 9
Barry Stein	mother	Friday December 11
Craig Wolpert	mother	Friday December 11
Jehuda Fischer	brother	Sunday December 13
Meredith Nierenberg	mother	Wednesday December 16
Marshall Gobuty	grandfather	Thursday December 24
Mark Schlanger	father	Thursday December 24
Harry Zehnwirth	wife	Monday December 28
Ronni Tudin	mother	Thursday December 31

Women's Circle Update

We have a beautiful lineup of programs and events through the Chabad Women's Circle, offering women meaningful opportunities to learn, connect, and grow throughout the year. Our offerings include the monthly Rosh Chodesh Society course (November–May), monthly Shabbat Schmoozes, monthly Torah & Tea gatherings, twice-monthly Mah Jongg & Mocktails, and three five-session Hebrew Reading Courses.

This year's seven-part monthly Rosh Chodesh Society course, entitled NEXT GENesis, takes women on a fascinating journey through the story of our people, exploring timeless lessons from the Torah and their relevance to our everyday lives. Through meaningful discussions and fresh perspectives, we'll explore human emotions, relationships, personal growth, and the wisdom that continues to shape our lives today.

We also offer a separate Rosh Chodesh Society course and social events for moms of children ages 0–8, providing a welcoming space to build friendships, strengthen their support network, and enjoy meaningful Jewish experiences together.



Welcome New Members

Brian Barg
8780 Rain Song Road
Sarasota, FL 34238

Richard & Deborah Levine
5533 Marquesas Cir
Sarasota, FL 34233

Thank You Volunteers & Sponsors

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkah Building Assistance

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Maria Mateo
Daniel Nadtochaiev
Mykhailo Nadtochaiev
Javier Ortiz
Mark Schlanger
Natasha Serebro
Barry Stein
Ari Steinmetz
Mendy Steinmetz
Shmuli Steinmetz
Yossi Steinmetz
Elliott Stupp
Jaana Swanson
Yosef Tober
Joshua Weinstein
Ella Zorde

Rosh Hashanah Onegs and Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Sponsors

Sadie Laufer
Kirk and Jo Ellyn Weisman
Andrea and Meredith Nierenberg
Flora Oynick
Josh and Ingrid Weinstein
Jeff and Nikki Sedacca
Linda Klafter

Youth Update

Kaplan Preschool Update

The children at Chabad Kaplan Preschool have been enjoying a wonderful start to the school year! Learning about the Jewish holidays has been both fun and engaging, with hands-on activities that bring Jewish traditions and values to life. Throughout the day, children develop important perceptual, cognitive, social, and motor skills that lay the foundation for future learning. Yet, all of this takes place in a nurturing, learn-through-play environment where children are encouraged to explore, discover, and grow at their own pace.

Our multi-age classroom, guided by a modified Montessori approach, allows children to learn from one another while developing independence, confidence, and positive character traits. Alongside preparing children academically for kindergarten, we place great emphasis on kindness, respect, sharing, and the Jewish values that help shape well-rounded, well-mannered children.

Chabad Kaplan Preschool is a state-licensed early childhood program welcoming children ages 2–5. For more information, enrollment inquiries, or to schedule a tour, please contact Preschool Director Sara Steinmetz at Sara@ChabadOfSarasota.com or call 941.925.0770.



Weinstein JKidz Hebrew Club Update

The Weinstein JKidz Hebrew Club is off to a wonderful start, with children enthusiastically engaged in learning about Jewish history, developing Hebrew reading skills, and strengthening their Jewish knowledge and pride. This year, we are delighted to have Rabbi Mendy and Chaya Mushka Steinmetz join the program, bringing added energy, enthusiasm, and spirit to the children's learning experience.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, who generously give of their time and help make the program so special: Nurit Dallimore, Candice Kerbel, Flora Oynick, Paige Jones, Jaana Swanson, and Elizabeth Weber. We also thank the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee for helping provide scholarships, making Jewish education more accessible to families in our community.

If you can read Hebrew and would like to volunteer for just one hour a week, we would love to hear from you!

Looking for a midweek Hebrew school program that doesn't feel like school? Weinstein JKidz Hebrew Club offers a stimulating, fun, and engaging environment where children develop a love for Judaism, strengthen their Jewish identity, and enjoy lessons that bring Jewish values, history, and traditions to life. We welcome families from all backgrounds and levels of observance.

To learn more or schedule a visit, please contact Sara Steinmetz at Sara@ChabadOfSarasota.com or call the office at 941.925.0770.



Learning Opportunities at Chabad

Weekly Talmud Study

Ancient Wisdom, Modern Application

- In person
- Tractate *Sanhedrin*
- No prior knowledge required
- Monday mornings, 9:30 AM at Chabad
- *Free*

Kabbalah of Divine and Human Speech

The Power of Speech

Explore the Kabbalistic meaning of Divine and human speech.

- Monday evenings, 7:00 pm
- In person at Chabad or via Zoom
- No prior Kabbalah experience necessary
- *Free*

Led by **Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz**

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Ima & Me

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IHO Ari Steinmetz's birthday
IHO Elizabeth Weber's birthday
IHO Maria Clara Salas Yturraspe, upon receiving her US citizenship
IHO Rabbi Steinmetz's niece Ella, upon her marriage to Yosef Rifkin
IMO Thomas J. Finnegan
IMO Jo Ellyn's father's passing anniversary, Arthur H. Borchers
IHO Paige Jones' birthday

Kirk Weisman
IHO Jo Ellyn's birthday

Rabbi Chaim and Sara Steinmetz
IHO Ari Steinmetz's birthday.

Dr. Elliott and Evelyne Stupp
In loving memory of Eliana Etel Simcha Stupp

Alex Abramov
IHO Simchat Torah

Joshua and Ingrid Weinstein
IHO Josh's birthday.

Dr. Barry and Anne Stein
IHO Dr. Barry Stein's birthday
IHO their grandson Lucas' third birthday

Gabriel & Bridget Amram
IHO IDF soldiers, with prayers for their protection

Dr. Herman and Elizabeth Weber
IHO Dr. Herman Weber's birthday

Linda Klafter
IHO Sam Klafter's birthday
IMO Sam Klafter's yahrtzeit

Allie Fraidowitz
IHO Harry Zehnwirth & Bob Landman "For all they do for me and Chabad."

Mark Schlanger
IMO his grandfather Stanley Kassoff, and in thanks to HaShem for a home that enables him to be Shomer Shabbas with Chabad

Ivan and Inna Prokopenko
IHO their 20th wedding anniversary

Ilene & Paul O'Connell
IMO Ilene's father Leonard Fershtut's yahrtzeit

Ilana Gordon
IHO and in celebration of her marriage to Yuri Dershteller

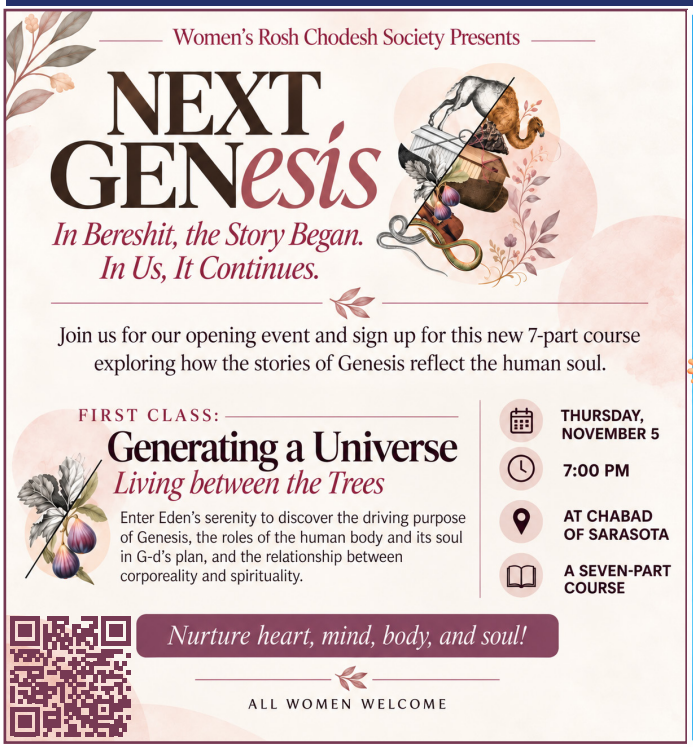
Vikki Rosenbloom
IMO her husband David Rosenbloom's yahrtzeit

Larry and Roza Krotenko
IHO Larry's birthday.

David Wicentowski
IMO his father Sidney Wicentowski's Bar Mitzvah week and birthday
IHO his sister's birthday
IMO his mother Fannie Wicentowski's birthday

Jeff and Nikki Sedacca
IMO Louis Sedacca and Michael Corbino

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





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Tanya Study Completion





Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast





Shofar Factory 2026











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Memorials & Mazel Tovs

Sheila & Richard Brumberg
IMO Richard's parents' yahrtzeit

Nelli & Igor Davidovich
IMO Nelli's grandmother's yahrtzeit
IMO Igor's father's yahrtzeit

Sue Hoffman
IMO Mindy Bloom's father

Amy Howard
IMO Reyna June (Rachel) Masucci,
IHO Yetta Lawrence, Michael, Sharon and Joshua Masucci, and Amy and Sylvie Howard
IMO Warren Edward Howard
IHO Sylvie Howard

Robert & Randelle Landman
IHO Dr. Barry Stein

Sadie Laufer
IMO her brother Harry Luchtenstein's yahrtzeit

Maritta & Larry Levenberg
IHO Barry Stein's birthday
IHO Rochelle Mizrahi's birthday

Hilary & Anita Oestreich
IMO Linda Sage
In appreciation of Rabbi Steinmetz

Martin & Shelley Waldman
IHO Dr. Barry Stein's birthday

Elizabeth & Herman Weber
IMO her brother Roberto Ehrlich's yahrtzeit
IMO her sister Susana Ehrlich's yahrtzeit

Pacy Weinstein
IHO Inna Prokopenko's birthday
IMO Evelyne Stupp's father, Marc Ohana

Pacy Weinstein and Family
IMO Morris Weinstein's yahrtzeit

Harry Zehnwirth & Martha Rengifo
IHO Marty Bloom's birthday
IHO Robert Landman's birthday
IHO Lauren Patrusky's birthday
IHO Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz's birthday

Weinstein/Witzer Scholarship Fund

IMO Rebecca Witzer's yahrtzeit
IMO Shirley Weinstein's yahrtzeit
IMO Evelyne Ladd's yahrtzeit
IMO Steve Witzer's yahrtzeit
IMO Israel Witzer's yahrtzeit
IMO Max Weinstein's yahrtzeit

Celebrate CHANUKAH With Us

Friday 4 — Chanukah Celebration at Preschool for Families with Children Ages 2-5 • 8:30 am

Sat. 5 — Chanukah Themed Shabbat Kids Club • 11:00 am

Sunday 6 — A Taste of Chanukah at Phillippi Estate Park ATasteofChanukah.com • 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday 8 — Chanukah @ Siesta Key Beach - at Sea Turtle Pavilion • 5:30 pm

Wed. 9 — Chanukah Celebration for Families with Children Ages 4-12 • 5:00 pm At the Chabad Center

Thursday 10 — Russian-style Chanukah Celebration Advance reservations are required • 5:30 pm

Friday 11 — Unite to Light Chanukah & Shabbat Lights 5:15 pm • Shabbat Services at 6:00 pm, Oneg Shabbat to Include; Dreidel Soup & Latkas

Sunday 13 — Comedy Central @ Chabad Starring Jeff Caldwell www.SarasotaChabad.com/comedy • 7:00 pm

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