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## Dear Friend,

Picture this: In a small European village, there lived a beloved sage who would mysteriously disappear each Friday afternoon, while his devoted and admiring followers would speculate that he went to heaven to prepare for Shabbos in the higher spheres. One day, a stranger was visiting the town, and scoffed to hear the townsfolk's presumptions about the sage's whereabouts. More than a little skeptical, he secretly followed him the following Friday afternoon. He watched this esteemed sage, dressed as a peasant, climb deep into the woods with a sack on his back, and chop wood. The sage then proceeded to bring the sack and the firewood into the lonely little house of an impoverished widow and five small children, where he created a blazing fire, unpacked food and clothing, and left the woman with many kind and encouraging words. Arriving back into the village, the chassidim eagerly asked the stranger to describe the sage's ascent. "Nu, do you believe us now that our chassidic master goes to heaven?!" they asked him. The humbled man replied, "Perhaps even higher."

True goodness, true giving, is not carried out in a blaze of glory. True goodness often involves nurturing and caring in ways that go unseen. It is the responsibility and right of every one of us, with all of our talents and strengths and, yes, with all of our weaknesses, to take care of one another. It is through the goodness and giving here below that we touch the divine, ascending higher than heaven.



Every program we offer is a chance to connect to G-d, but also to connect to each other, ascending "perhaps even higher" as we walk along the path of living Jewishly together. Please take advantage of the stellar offerings in these pages, especially the popular Chanukah on Worth and Chanukah Soiree; the Temi Horowitz Jewish Women's Circle; the Gary & Mona Davis Daled Arts for young families; the Jewish Professionals Society of Palm Beach; the life-changing Shabbat 24/6 experience; and for the littlest among us the weekly Mommy & Me of Palm Beach; and enrollment is open for Alef Preschool.

We were never designed to go it alone. A Jewish community creates an unshakable bond with G-d and with each other, so be a part of another exciting season with The Chabad House on Palm Beach!

May you be blessed with good health and prosperity!

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Zalman Levitin*

*Dedicated to*  
**THE REBBE**

*The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of righteous memory (1902-1994), is the seventh leader in the Chabad-Lubavitch dynasty and the most influential Jewish personality of modern times. Known for his hallmark teachings of unconditional love for every Jew, the Rebbe serves as an unwavering guide and inspiration to us in all that we do.*







# Synagogue

## SHABBOS

Judaism teaches us that the truest forms of beauty and pleasure are when we savor the fine things in life with the intention of serving G-d with them. That is why, along with the quiet reflection that comes with a weekend, we immerse ourselves in the beauty and meaning and observances of Shabbos.

Shabbos services and dinner on Friday nights, as well as services and Kiddush lunch on Shabbos mornings, are good times to connect with fellow Jews and appreciate words of inspiration from Rabbi Levitin and Rabbi Schochet as well as guest lecturers and cantors.

### SHABBOS SERVICES & DINNER

5:30 p.m. winter

7:00 p.m. summer

### SHABBOS MORNING KABBALAH CAFE

9:00 a.m.

### SHABBOS SERVICES & KIDDUSH LUNCH

9:30 a.m.



# SUNDAY MINYAN & BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m.

Start your week off right and daven with a minyan on Sunday mornings. Enjoy a delicious bagels-and-lox breakfast afterward with 15 minutes of Torah learning.

# YAHRTZEIT COMMEMORATION MINYAN & BREAKFAST

Schedule a minyan on the yahrtzeit date of your loved one with breakfast and exquisitely illustrated Mishnah study booklets, personalized with the letters of the name of the deceased and including original explanations, insights, and powerful messages. To calculate the yahrtzeit (the Hebrew date of passing), visit the yahrtzeit calculator at [palmbeachjewish.com/calendar](http://palmbeachjewish.com/calendar). The Chabad House minyan can also honor your loved one and say kaddish in your stead on the yahrtzeit or during the year of mourning.





# SHABBATONS

## RABBI CANTOR YOSHI LBOVICS & SONS CANTORIAL SHABBOS

### Shabbos Parshas Vayishlach, December 2-3



Cantor Lebovics sang the national anthem at the Miami Heat. Since 2001, he has served as the chazzan of the Synagogue of Inverrary in Florida. He also leads the services in S. Paulo, Brazil, for the High Holidays. From childhood, he has been inspiring audiences with his natural warmth and his singing. His grown sons are now doing the same.



### Shabbos Parshas Shemos, January 5-6



Attend a life-changing Shabbos experience at The Colony Hotel. Invite your friends to your personal table of 10. All ages welcome; children's activities throughout. Program begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a stunning children's presentation, spiritual Shabbos candle lighting, services with Cantor Yossi Lebovics and his sons, and an exquisite Shabbos dinner with keynote speaker Mrs. Molly Resnick in her talk, "From Showbiz to Shabbat."

Work for six days and rest on the seventh. The Palm Beach Jewish community is invited to turn off cell phones for one day, allowing you to experience the peace and joy of a traditional Shabbos and to rejuvenate your soul. Keep the Shabbos and it will keep you. Jews have experienced this truth for thousands of years. Disconnect from the workweek and see for yourself.

Register online at [twentyfoursix.org](http://twentyfoursix.org) or call 561-659-3884. Hotel stay is not included in admission. Please call the hotel directly at 561-655-5430 to book a room and request the Shabbat 24/6 group rate.



## YUD SHVAT: A DAY OF TWO REBBES RABBI YOSSY GORDON

Shabbos Parshas Bo, January 19-20



On the tenth of Shvat, the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneerson, passed away. One year later in 1951, his son-in-law Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson accepted leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. From that day on, the Rebbe set about transforming world Jewry. Keynote speaker Rabbi Yossy Gordon, director of Chabad on Campus International, will address us at an exquisite Shabbos dinner to expand on what this transformation means for us practically today.



## CANTORIAL SHABBOS RABBI ASHER SCHARF

Shabbos Purim Katan, February 23-24



Cantor Asher Scharf, born in Rome, Italy, into a Rabbinic family, possesses a rich and dramatic tenor voice with unusual range. He conducted the Shabbos services in the Alt-Neu Shul in Prague; The Great Synagogue in Jerusalem; and many synagogues in Europe, Israel, and Canada. Cantor Scharf is a composer of contemporary Jewish music.



## THE REBBE'S BIRTHDAY YUD ALEPH NISSAN Shabbos Hagadol, April 19-20

A birth is always something to celebrate, but the Lubavitcher Rebbe's birthday also marks the birth of a commitment to ensure that every Jew in every part of the world has a Jewish connection, a haven and a home to call their own. But it doesn't stop there. The Rebbe didn't "just" establish Chabad Houses worldwide; he revolutionized traditional Judaism. He empowered Jewish women perhaps more than any other leader in our history to learn the deeper dimensions of Torah and to embark on huge spiritual undertakings, he provided a perspective on Torah teachings that is unrelentingly deep and optimistic and uplifting, and he taught us to not just say the age-old prayers beseeching G-d for Moshiach, but to live with this beautiful reality. Let's gather to celebrate the Rebbe and to understand how to gift the Rebbe with the greatest gift of all.

# SHABBAT *in the* HEIGHTS

## NEW YORK SHABBATON Shabbos Parshas Emor, May 17-19

Journey with us to Brooklyn, New York, for one unforgettable weekend in Crown Heights, the nerve center of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. Enjoy the rich array of personalities, sights, tastes, and sounds of a vibrant Chabad neighborhood, offering a dynamic window into the Rebbe's life and teachings. Visit 770 and the Rebbe's Ohel (resting place). The Shabbaton is open to both men and women, single or married. Home accommodations will be provided or book at a trendy Brooklyn hotel. Register at [shabbatintheheights.com](http://shabbatintheheights.com).

# Jewish Holidays

## HIGH HOLIDAYS AT THE BRAZILIAN COURT



### **ROSH HASHANAH**

**Friday, September 15-  
Sunday, September 17**

Rosh Hashanah services are lively and engaging, spiced with familiar tunes with Cantor Koppel Cohen and insightful explanations from Rabbi Zalman Levitin, helping us to acknowledge the centrality of G-d in our lives. Partake in elegant and delectable community meals and experience the beauty of the many customs of the holiday including apple dipped in honey; the blowing of the shofar; and Tashlich at the beach.

*Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/highholidays](http://palmbeachjewish.com/highholidays) for a complete schedule of all High Holiday services, sermons, Yizkor, shofar-blowing, and festive meals.*

### **YOM KIPPUR**

**Sunday, September 24 &  
Monday, September 25**

Before we make amends with Him, G-d asks us to first make amends with family and friends. Allow The Chabad House to provide direction and inspiration at Yom Kippur services beginning with Kol Nidrei and concluding with Ne'ilah, the closing prayers. A complimentary break-the-fast meal will follow.

## SUKKOS

**Sunday, October 1 & Monday, October 2**

On Sukkos, we affirm that our security comes from G-d's Will and so we celebrate our bond with Him as we sit inside the sukkah hut. Join us on the first night of Sukkos (and throughout the week of Sukkos) inside the spacious Chabad House sukkah for a delicious Yom Tov dinner and Simchas Bais Hashoevah with singing, dancing, and farbrengens.

## SUKKOS PETTING ZOO

**Tuesday, October 3 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Every Jewish festival is celebrated with joy. Often there are additional emotions added to the mix: awe on Rosh Hashanah, remorse on Yom Kippur, freedom from oppression on Passover. But the holiday of Sukkos is pure joy! Children are invited to pet, feed, and play with farm animals and to enjoy a delicious meal of pizza and salads in the Sukkah.

## SIMCHAS TORAH

**Shabbos, October 7 & Sunday, October 8**

On Simchas Torah we dance with the wrapped Torah scroll because Torah knowledge is not the focus of the day; on this day we remember that the Torah belongs equally to every Jew regardless of intellect. Celebrate at Rabbi Zalman Levitin's annual Simchas Torah birthday bash and participate in the extraordinary joy and continuous dancing until it literally spills into the streets!

*Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/sukkos](http://palmbeachjewish.com/sukkos) for a complete schedule of all Sukkos services, sermons, Yizkor, and festive meals.*





# CHANUKAH

## CHANUKAH WONDERLAND AT THE COLONY HOTEL

**Tuesday, December 5 | 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Children of all ages are invited to the annual Chanukah Wonderland in the Colony Hotel's East Garden replete with activities, booths, a bounce house, and the fun and famous Palm Beach Fire Rescue truck gelt drop! Delicious latkes and donuts will be served. Entertainment with the enchanting Lily is the highlight of the day, as we discover the excitement of the Chanukah story.

## CHANUKAH AT PUBLIX

**Tuesday, December 5**

**Wednesday, December 6**

**Friday, December 8**

**Sunday, December 10**

**Monday, December 11**

**2:00-7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy Chanukah latkes and hors d'oeuvres while you shop at Publix on the island, 135 Bradley Place, Palm Beach. See this magnificent display of Jewish pride and participate in the joy as you gather 'round with other shoppers for the lighting of the menorah.

## CHANUKAH ON WORTH AT THE MANDEL REC CENTER

**Thursday, December 7 | 5:30 p.m.**

This year's celebration will feature the annual parachute gelt drop from Palm Beach Fire Rescue trucks and The Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Team, featured on the NBC hit reality competition series America's Got Talent. The team is a professional gymnastic troupe of talented young men and boys from the Chicago area with stunning performances, uniquely known for their impeccable timing. The team is directed by professional Ringling Brothers Circus acrobatic performer and coach Tim Shaw, who dedicated more than 20 years to the inner city youth of Chicago.

Enjoy an exquisite full-service buffet of hot fresh brick-oven pizza, salads, and more, plus a photo booth, kids' craft, and bounce house. Finally, the Palm Beach Jewish Children's Choir will inspire the audience with its presentation, "It's Gonna Be the Little Kinderlach."



*Chanukah on Worth is dedicated in loving memory of Nosson Deitsch, a"h, beloved cousin of Rabbi Zalman and Hindel. Nosson was tragically taken from us at the age of 21. We feel privileged for the times his passion for studying Torah and helping others, coupled with a quick sense of humor, brought new life to Chabad during his visits to Palm Beach for Shabbos and Chanukah on Worth.*





## CHANUKAH SOIREE AT THE COLONY

Tuesday, December 12 | 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Cafe Chabad is back for a one-night Chanukah evening soiree. Enjoy a luxurious kosher dinner with fine wines and Chanukah delicacies plus live music, and crafts for the children. Be entertained with group engagement specialist Silvio Berlfein. Silvio has a degree in physical education and recreation and has worked for Axialent consulting team where he designed team building programs for companies such as Microsoft, General Motors, and Johnson & Johnson, and he has traveled all across the U.S. and to Scotland, England, Barcelona, Uruguay, Mexico, France, and Argentina. His hilarious music bingo, his unusual prizes for winners, and his capacity to bring the joyful child out of people is creative genius at work!

The highlight of the soiree—menorah lighting with Rabbi Zalman Levitin and The Palm Beach Jewish Children's Choir—always makes this a heartwarming occasion.

*Co-sponsored by The Colony Hotel and The Chabad House.*

*Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/chanukah](http://palmbeachjewish.com/chanukah) for a complete schedule of all Chanukah parties, including Chanukah-themed Mommy & Me at the Rec Center, Chanukah at Publix, and Shabbos Chanukah.*

## PURIM

### PURIM AT PUBLIX

Thursday, March 21 & Friday, March 22

2:00-7:00 p.m.

One of the little-known traditions of the Purim holiday is giving mishloach manos, gifts of food. It derives from the Book of Esther and it increases love and support among neighbors. Pass by and take a mishloach manos and perhaps take one to give to another Jew. Be a part of the ripple effect that brings joy and friendship into our community.

### PURIM NIGHT

Shabbos, March 23 | 8:15 p.m.

It is a mitzvah to hear the Megillah twice on Purim—once at night, when according to the Jewish calendar the new day begins, and once on Purim day. Rejoice on Purim night with Megillah-reading and a bagels and lox buffet, wine, hamantashen, and other Purim delicacies. Megillah will be followed by the grand Gragger Contest! Come with your most creative gragger (noisemaker) and win a prize!







## A PALM BEACH PURIM

Sunday, March 24 | 6:00 p.m.

Palm Beach, or “the island,” is a place of year-round warmth combined with easy living. You know it, cuz’ you’re livin’ it. Do your thing and come dressed for A Palm Beach Purim. Dress in Lily theme, or Ralph Lauren, or Palm Beach’s classic fun florals, palm prints, and straw accessories, or dress as if you are simply strolling into the Colony Hotel’s Pink Paradise. Oh wait, you are! Enjoy a five-star dinner and say l’chaim on fine wines and compete in a clever and jolly family feud game with A Hot Party game show hosts! Listen to the reading of the Megillah with a multimedia presentation and take a photo at the “Clock Tower.” Welcome to Palm Beach and experience the perfect blend of heritage and modernity at this Purim-to-remember.

# PESACH

## MATZAH IN THE AISLES

Thursday, April 11

Friday, April 12

Sunday, April 14

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

2:00-7:00 p.m.

Stop by for a box of shmurah matzah, the handmade traditional matzah eaten at both Seders, a gift from The Chabad House to you. On display for you to sample is a variety of dips with matzah crackers of many flavors plus everything you need to have a meaningful Passover.





# LUXURIOUS PASSOVER SEDERS

**FIRST NIGHT SEDER  
WITH RABBI ZALMAN LEVITIN & FAMILY**  
Monday, April 22 | 8:00 p.m.

**SECOND NIGHT SEDER  
WITH RABBI MENDY SCHOCHET & FAMILY**  
Tuesday, April 23 | 8:30 p.m.

The eight-day Pesach holiday celebrates our exodus from Egyptian slavery and the birth of the Jewish nation. Pesach is rich with traditions that help us achieve personal freedom in our lives. Experience those traditions at Chabad's Pesach Seders with Chassidic insights from Rabbis Levitin and Schochet.



**MOSHIACH SEUDAH**  
Tuesday, April 30 | 6:30 p.m.

Experience this inspiring "third Seder," acknowledging Moshiach's spirit in the last minutes of Passover. Enjoy dinner, shmurah matzah, and four cups of wine along with songs and soulful stories.



*Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/pesach](http://palmbeachjewish.com/pesach) for a complete schedule of all Passover services, sermons, Yizkor, and festive meals.*



# LAG B'OMER & SHAVUOS

## LAG B'OMER

**Sunday, May 26 | 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for some magical outdoor festivities in celebration of the yahrtzeit of famed kabbalistic master Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. Enjoy a one-of-a-kind bbq with music, stories and song, bounce house for the kids, and kites for everyone!

## SHAVUOS ALL-NIGHT LEARNING

**Tuesday, June 11 | 10:00 p.m.**

When G-d came to give the Torah to the Jewish people in the early morning, He found them sleeping. To rectify this lapse, on Shavuos night, join Rabbis Levitin and Schochet as they stay up through the night, busy with Torah learning and preparation for receiving the Torah anew the next morning.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS & DAIRY FEST AT THE COLONY

**Wednesday, June 12 | 12:00 noon**

On Shavuos, we renew our acceptance of G-d's gift, and G-d regives the Torah. One of the customs of the holiday is eating a dairy meal following the reading of the Ten Commandments. A Jew is sustained by Torah just as a baby is sustained by its mother's milk.

*Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/shavuos](http://palmbeachjewish.com/shavuos) for a complete schedule of all Shavuos services, sermons, Yizkor, and festive meals.*



**PALM BEACH TORAH INSTITUTE**  
PRESENTED BY THE CHABAD HOUSE

Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/torah](http://palmbeachjewish.com/torah) for a complete schedule of classes and learning available to you, or to register online for lectures and farbrengens. Experience a passionate Judaism through Torah and tradition!

*Rabbi Mendy Schochet*

Dean

## ONGOING CLASSES

### PROJECT SIX13

1 minute, daily

**Instructor: Rabbi Mendy Schochet**

Finish learning the whole Torah in less than a year with Project Six13! Project Six13 is an opportunity to familiarize yourself with all 613 commandments of the Torah through a daily one-minute video clip that will cover all the commandments by year's end. Unite with thousands of Jews around the world who learn Maimonides' categorization of mitzvos, just a few per day, completing all 613 each year.



## SHABBOS

### SHABBOS MORNING KABBALAH CAFE

9:00-9:30 a.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Mendy Schochet**

Join Rabbi Mendy on Shabbos mornings and discover the timeless truths concealed in the Torah. Each week you will explore aspects of the weekly Torah portion through classic and kabbalistic commentaries.

## SUNDAYS

### SUNDAY MINYAN

8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Levitin**

Start your week off right and daven with a minyan at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. Enjoy a delicious breakfast afterward, with 15 minutes of Torah learning.

## MONDAYS

### LIVING WITH THE TIMES

1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Levitin**

Join an intriguing weekly journey into the hidden recesses of the weekly Parsha, and—most important—discover its relevance to your daily life.





## ONE WOW MOMENT

### ONE WOW MOMENT *New Course!*

**Seven Biblical women who used one moment to change everything and how we can do the same.**

**Instructor: Rebbetzin Hindel Levitin**

Maimonides eloquently expresses Judaism's liberating perspective on the power of the individual. Judaism believes that a single positive action of any one person has the ability to transform a family, a nation, or the course of human history. In Jewish history, many of the single acts with destiny-changing consequences were done by women. This new course selects seven such episodes from our history. Rather than accepting perfectly logical arguments for riding the easy route, each of these heroic women chose to act decisively. The course is not an overview of these ancient lives; rather, it analyzes the components of their fateful decisions and weighs the stakes involved. It will challenge you to consider how you might have reacted under similar circumstances, and reframes ancient dilemmas into practical and empowering guidance for your own moments of decision.

*For class dates and registration, please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/rcs](http://palmbeachjewish.com/rcs).*

## TUESDAYS

### CURIOUS TALES OF THE TALMUD

10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Mendy Schochet**

Find personal meaning in the legends of our sages. Come decode some extraordinary Talmudic mysteries to uncover layer upon layer of insight into the nature of life, the universe, G-d, and man. Refreshments will be served.

### THREE IDEAS FOR ROSH HASHANAH

August 29, September 5, September 12

10:00-10:30 a.m.

**Host: Rabbi Mendy Schochet**

This three-part mini series aims to provide a deeper understanding of Rosh Hashanah and offers insights that will enhance your spiritual experience during this important time. The series begins on Tuesday, August 29, with counselor and author Mrs. Sarah Karmely to discuss: “Is Rosh Hashanah a patriarchal holiday?” and Tuesday, September 5, with lecturer and author Rabbi Pinchas Taylor to discuss: “Should we be afraid of judgment?” and Tuesday, September 12, with pulpit rabbi and broadcaster Rabbi YY. Schochet to discuss: “The Three Keys to a Good New Year.”



## WEDNESDAYS

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**FALL COURSE:**  
**THE WORLD OF KABBALAH**  
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6  
(6 weeks)

12:15-1:45 p.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Levitin**

Reveal how its mystical secrets relate to you; discover the core mystical and spiritual teachings of Kabbalah and their relevance to everyday life. You'll learn to think like a Jewish mystic and gain powerful insights to fuel deeper self-understanding and personal growth. Curious why there's so much buzz about Kabbalah? Discover it for yourself by attending The World of Kabbalah.

## WINTER COURSE: ADVICE FOR LIFE

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6  
(6 weeks)

12:15-1:45 p.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Levitin**

The Lubavitcher Rebbe's guidance for leading a more purposeful life. The Rebbe's spiritual leadership is the force behind the modern Chabad movement. Join us for a multimedia journey through the Rebbe's practical wisdom on work, family, health, and well-being. Discover how the Rebbe applied Jewish values to serve as a guide for finding deeper meaning in everyday life.

## SPRING COURSE: DECISIONS OF FATE

May 15, 22, 29, June 5 (4 weeks)

12:15-1:45 p.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Levitin**

Judaism's timeless values provide practical guidance for making confident and considered life-and-death choices. This course applies Jewish values to four common dilemmas: risky treatments, end-of-life care, abortion, and care of the deceased. This four-week course will be accredited for CME (for doctors) and CLE (for lawyers) credits.

## THURSDAYS



## JEWISH PROFESSIONALS SOCIETY

12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Zalman Levitin**

Join the monthly Jewish Professionals Society of Palm Beach (JPS) while enjoying a kosher lunch, and bring Torah learning into your business day. Study with other Jewish professionals right in the neighborhood, and draw pertinent lessons for life's daily challenges from the wisdom of the sages.

## WHISKEY & WISDOM

7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Instructor: Rabbi Mendy Schochet**

Join the monthly Whiskey & Wisdom gatherings. Enjoy thought-provoking discussions, fine single malt whiskey, and a good time. Light refreshments will be served.





# BY APPOINTMENT

## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Choose a topic from a selection of perfectly designed classes of either Jewish philosophy, Jewish practice, Jewish ethics, life cycle, or self-improvement. The classes on this menu provide a student booklet for each participant. You host the class and invite your friends, you choose the topic, and the rabbi or rebbetzin does the rest.



## TORAH-IN-TEN

Host a Lunch & Learn, meet in-person at the office, or study virtually with a partner while on a business trip. Uplift and enhance your week with a text-based Torah in Ten (minutes) weekly study program.

## READ-IT-IN-HEBREW

Wish you could follow the prayer services in its original Hebrew? Here's your chance! In five easy and engaging lessons you'll be able to read Hebrew, and feel more comfortable in shul.



## BAR AND BAT MITZVAH LESSONS

Not just a party, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a milestone that can and should mold a child. It is never too late. We offer adult training and celebrations.

## ONE-ON-ONE LEARNING

The marital integrity of the Jewish people was legendary in ancient times, and Jewish family life is admired even in these days of societal upheaval. What makes Jewish marriages unusually stable? It is the little-known traditions and laws. Schedule a private study session with a rabbi or rebbetzin.

## PRIVATE CHALLAH WORKSHOP

Fill your "knead" and host a private challah workshop in your home with your friends. Your family will love the delicious challah and they will benefit from your prayers as you recite a blessing on the challah, performing one of the main mitzvos of a Jewish woman.

## NATIONAL JEWISH RETREAT



For the past 16 years, thousands of people from all over the world have come together each summer for five days of learning and discovery with master Torah teachers. Join the growing delegation from The Chabad House and treat yourself to what some call "the stationary cruise." Register at [jretreat.com](http://jretreat.com).

## JNET



Want to learn, but don't have time to attend a class? JNet, the Jewish Learning Network, provides one-on-one learning over the phone. To join, visit [www.jnet.org](http://www.jnet.org).

# chabad young professionals PALM BEACH

Welcome to the hub of spirituality and social activities for Chabad Young Jewish Professionals (CYP) on Palm Beach. We are focused on developing a sense of community to enhance Jewish connections, with elegant and intimate Friday night dinners and holiday programs throughout the year.

Our commitment is to ensure you have a place to connect with other young Jews and to have opportunities to learn and grow in your Judaism, all in a warm and welcoming environment. Please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/cyp](http://palmbeachjewish.com/cyp) to reserve and to discover more about these engaging and inspiring learning, gathering, and volunteer opportunities.

*Rabbi Mendy & Shterny Schochet*  
Co-Directors

## CYP SOCIALS

### BAR, BITES, BLAST

Thursday, September 7 | 7:30 p.m.

Young Professionals are invited to create their own shofar (literally sawing it, cutting it, and blowing it), meet awesome young people, enjoy great food plus an open bar, and then head into the Jewish new year uplifted and ready to blast!

### AMBASSADORS OF LIGHT

Thursday, November 30 | 7:30 p.m.

Become the FLAME in someone else's life. The goal of the Ambassadors of Light initiative is to ensure that every Jew in your sphere of influence has a menorah to celebrate Chanukah. As an ambassador, you will be gifted with menorahs to then give to friends, colleagues, or family members who do not have one. Talk about sharing the light! Enjoy a grand latke bar, donuts, and open bar.

### AMBASSADORS OF FREEDOM

Thursday, April 11 | 7:30 p.m.

Become an Ambassador of Freedom to ensure that EVERY Jew is able to taste spiritual freedom with shmurah matzah on the eve of Passover. Join us for a pre-Passover wine- and cheese-tasting and discussion on what it means to be truly free.

## CYP MONTHLY SHABBOS DINNERS

September 22, October 20,  
November 17, January 5, March 15,  
May 17, June 28, August 23  
7:00 p.m.

There is nothing that compares to the experience of Shabbos on Friday night, with the tangible holiness of candle lighting followed by kiddush, challah, and food that has a special Shabbos taste. Be a part of it!

## CYP ACADEMY

The CYP Academy is a series of text-based Torah courses covering a variety of relevant, contemporary topics paired with a delectable dinner.

## CYP CARES

Join CYP Cares volunteers and give to the community through volunteer opportunities, including Shabbat and holiday gift care packages, hospital visitations, and assistance for seniors. You will always remember those grateful faces.









*Kids*



## GARY & MONA DAVIS DALED ARTS

Jewish cultural arts programs for the whole family!

Registration is open at [palmbeachjewish.com/daledarts](http://palmbeachjewish.com/daledarts).

### **HONEY BEES WORKSHOP** *Labor Day!* **Monday, September 4, 2023 | 10:15-11:30 a.m.** **The Mandel Recreation Center**

Everyone is buzzing with excitement! This workshop will captivate and bring children face to face with the world of the honeybee. Thousands of bees are brought in by the beekeeper in a safe and secure bee house. A real live honey extractor is on display for the children to actively take part in placing the honeycombs inside the machine and turning the handle to produce the honey. The significance of honey on Rosh Hashanah is now real! The children will also create an adorable honey dish in the shape of an apple and then fill their dish from the real beehive.

### **CHANUKAH WONDERLAND** **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | 3:30-5:00 p.m.** **The Colony Hotel**

Children of all ages are invited to the annual Chanukah Wonderland in the Colony Hotel's East Garden replete with activities, booths, a bounce house, and the fun and famous Palm Beach Fire Rescue truck gelt drop! Delicious latkes and donuts will be served. Entertainment with the enchanting Lily is the highlight of the day, as we discover the excitement of the Chanukah story.



**HAMANTASH BAKE** *Spring Break!*  
Monday, March 18, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**The Four Arts Children's Library**

Be transported back into ancient Persia and meet Achashveirosh, Haman, Vashti, Mordechai, and the heroic Queen Esther with the Four Arts librarian's rendition of the Purim Big Book and its mesmerizing tale. Don your chef's hat and bake your very own batch of hamantashen in the flavor of your choice; don't forget the take-home recipe card. Healthy Purim treats will be served!

**PALM BEACH JEWISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

If you're a Jewish child on Palm Beach, you belong! Rehearse, record at a professional studio, be fitted for a costume, and perform live on stage at the annual Chanukah on Worth community celebration, among other opportunities to perform (see below)! The Palm Beach Jewish Children's Choir inspires young and old to be proud of their heritage. Register: [palmbeachjewish.com/choir](http://palmbeachjewish.com/choir).

**PERFORMANCES**

**Chanukah on Worth**

Thursday, December 7 | 5:30 p.m.

**Chanukah Soiree**

Tuesday, December 12 | 5:00 p.m.

**Shabbat 24/6**

Friday, January 5 | 4:30 p.m.



**CAMP GAN ISRAEL  
PALM BEACH**

This five-day spring camp for the children of Palm Beach and visiting families coincides with Passover each year. Pesach Day Camp features terrific staff and daily kosher lunch and snacks, plus meaningful activities including sports, crafts, Hebrew-language workshops, prizes, and much more!

**Pesach Day Camp**

Ages 4-12

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Friday, April 19

Sunday, April 21

Monday, April 22

Sunday, April 28







# Alef Preschool

## PALM BEACH

*The Lila & Gil Silverman Early Learning Center*

Alef Preschool of Palm Beach is a Reggio-inspired Jewish preschool that strives to educate young children in a respectful and stimulating learning environment, helping them grow into self-aware, empathetic, and capable learners for life.

The educators at Alef Preschool celebrate each child, and support their growth across the spectrum of cognitive, motor, and interpersonal development. Teachers see their role as facilitators of the children's educational journey and carefully follow their interests, listen to their questions and their stories, and surround them with opportunities to learn. Hands-on discovery, the arts, and a commitment to Jewish traditions form the basis of the dynamic program of every school day.

To find out how you can give your child the gift of Alef Preschool, visit [alefpalmbeach.com](http://alefpalmbeach.com) or email [shterny@alefpalmbeach.com](mailto:shterny@alefpalmbeach.com) to schedule a tour. Virtual tours are available for snowbirds attending Alef Preschool's new winter track.

# ALEF PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**SUKKOS PETTING ZOO**  
Tuesday, October 3 | 4:00 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING PRESENTATION  
FOR POLICE AND FIRE RESCUE**  
Thursday, November 16 | 9:30 a.m.



**GRANDPARENTS' CHANUKAH PARTY**  
Friday, December 15 | 9:30 a.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**  
Friday, May 10 | 9:30 a.m.

**END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION**  
Thursday, May 30 | 9:30 a.m.

# MOMMY & ME

**Ages 0-4**  
Tuesdays | 9:30-10:30 a.m.



When you turn up the music, does your baby light up, or dance in place? If you answered YES, then Mommy & Me of Palm Beach is for your child. Featuring *JM for KM!* (Jewish Music for Kids and Moms) and select *Zumbini* songs, babies and toddlers enjoy a creative program where Judaism comes alive through music, songs, and crafts. Watch your child happily celebrate Jewish holidays, learn about important values, and expand Hebrew vocabulary. Located on Palm Beach, the program is open to Florida residents and visitors alike and is taught by expert early-childhood educator Hindel Levitin. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks are served.

**FALL SESSION:**  
October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14  
(6 weeks)

**WINTER SESSION:**  
December 5, 12, 19, 26, January 2, 9  
(6 weeks)

**SPRING SESSION:**  
February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12  
(5 weeks)





*The Temi Horowitz*  
**JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE**  
*of* **PALM BEACH**

This is where learning and laughter, the spiritual and the physical, and discovering the strength of the Jewish woman all come together for an unforgettable event once a month.

To register, please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/jwc](http://palmbeachjewish.com/jwc) or call 561-659-3884. The Jewish Women's Circle (JWC) explores the Palm Beach Rosh Chodesh Society course featuring seven Biblical women who used one moment to change everything.

See how we can do the same!

*Rebbetzin Hindel Levitin*

Director



# Women

## THE PALM BEACH ROSH CHODESH SOCIETY



*Seven Biblical women who used one moment to change everything... and how we can do the same.*

### **SARAH: TWO VIEWS OF YOU** Monday, November 20 | 10:30 a.m.

*Overcoming Inclination Via an External Perspective.* Navigating life can be tricky, and a moral and spiritual life—even trickier. All humans suffer from unconscious bias; we can be too close emotionally to our internal trees to see our forest with full objectivity. An episode in the life of our matriarch Sarah reveals that this is a struggle for even the best and brightest of individuals. This lesson analyzes a puzzling slice of Sarah's story to reveal a literally G-d-sent solution.



### **WOMEN'S CHALLAH BAKE & RIVKAH: DESIRABLE DUPLICITY** Wednesday, December 20 | 7:00 p.m.

*Being Jewish in All of Life's Roles.* It's every spiritual seeker's impasse: We want to live meaningful, soul-inspired lives, but we cannot survive without meeting our material needs—and those tend to swallow our time and focus. Rivkah saw an unbridgeable fissure playing out in the lives of her twin sons, and solved it. As long as our matriarch Sarah was alive, a light burned from one Shabbos eve to the next; blessing was found in the Challah dough; and a G-dly cloud hovered over her tent. When Sarah died, these miracles ceased, but when Rivkah came, they resumed.

## ROCHEL: MOTHER OF DEVOTION

Monday, January 22 | 10:30 a.m.

*The Limits of Sacrifice.* Infants arrive in this world primed to receive, not to make sacrifices on behalf of others—and the extent to which individuals outgrow that mindset varies widely. Does Judaism expect us to make personal sacrifices to benefit others, and if so, to what degree? This lesson analyzes the fascinating life of our matriarch Rachel—referred to lovingly for millennia as our collective “mother”—for inspiration and guidance on the value of acting altruistically.

## AVIGAYIL: AFFECTION IN DIRECTION

Sunday, February 11 | 7:00 p.m.

*Rebuking With Love and Respect.* Being advised that we are acting incorrectly is an inescapable feature of life—as is the reality that we will sometimes have to

tell others what they did wrong. This lesson probes the dramatic story of Avigayil, a brave and wise woman who rebuked an angry king on his way to battle and prevented disaster. Her approach reveals a profound and empathetic motivation that should underline any rebuke, and spills Judaism’s secret of successful intervention and redirection.

## WOMEN’S PURIM PARTY & ESTHER: RESOURCEFULNESS

Monday, March 4 | 10:30 a.m.

*Using Every Resource for G-d’s Purpose.* Each human owns resources: talent or time, funds or friendship, position or personality, significant supplies or simply a smile. Are they truly ours? Which of them does Judaism expect us to devote to a higher purpose, and to what extent? This lesson consults Queen Esther for advice from her personal experiences in





the Persian palace. Her answers are transformative, and guide us toward a comprehensively meaningful existence.

## **BATYA: AGAINST THE TIDE**

**Sunday, April 7 | 7:00 p.m.**

*Acting Morally in an Immoral Society.* Cohesiveness, community, conformity. Judaism promotes these as sacred values with enormous benefits, but not if they lead to morally repugnant results. It can be difficult to recognize the pull and resist the pressure of society. A solution to this common quandary was born in an unlikely place: the palace of the pharaohs. This lesson analyzes a moment in the life of heroic Princess Batya that provides us with tangible tools for handling the pressure.



## **WOMEN'S SHAVUOS HOME-ORGANIZING & RUTH: STEPPING UP**

**Monday, May 13 | 10:30 a.m.**

*Opting for Tough but True.* Are we supposed to squeeze life for the maximum pleasure and convenience? Is there anything wrong with selecting the easiest, least burdensome path at each personal crossroad? This lesson examines the story of Ruth, a former Moabite princess who voluntarily became a destitute Jewess. Ruth teaches us the huge advantage of shouldering instead of shirking responsibility; of choosing covenant over convenience and eternal over easy.



*These events are underwritten by Steve Horowitz in loving memory of his mother, Temi Horowitz, of blessed memory, who was a devoted friend and enthusiastic member of the JWC.*



# PALM BEACH JEWISH BOOK CLUB

Were you considering joining a book club? Join the monthly meetings and lively discussion of the Palm Beach Jewish Book Club, and a few times a year be treated to a meet-the-author event! Contact Ruthie Friedman at [rtanenbaum@hotmail.com](mailto:rtanenbaum@hotmail.com) or 561.835.4248 to request monthly email updates, or visit [palmbeachjewish.com/bookclub](http://palmbeachjewish.com/bookclub).

## OCTOBER

*West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

## NOVEMBER

*Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver

## DECEMBER

*Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Rosner (with author talk)

## JANUARY

*The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland

## FEBRUARY

*Only the Beautiful* by Susan Meissner (with author talk)

## MARCH

*The Postcard* by Anne Berest

## APRIL

*The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel

## SOCIETY OF THE FOUR ARTS KING LIBRARY

This season, Hindel Levitin will be facilitating three Page Turners discussions. There is no charge but reservations are required at [kinglibrary@fourarts.org](mailto:kinglibrary@fourarts.org) or 561.655.2766.

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith with a special appearance of a first-edition signed copy of *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn*, presented by Adrienne Raptis of Raptis Rare Books.

**Wednesday, November 8 | 1:30 p.m.**

*The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna J. Edwards & Alyson Richman

**Wednesday, March 13 | 1:30 p.m.**

*The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

**Wednesday, July 10 | 1:30 p.m.**



# MIVTZOIM ON PALM BEACH

For Jewish books, toys, art, jewelry, Bar and Bat Mitzvah gifts, silver candlesticks, menorahs, and much more, please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/judaica](http://palmbeachjewish.com/judaica).

## MEZUZAH

A mezuzah mounted on the doorpost designates the home as Jewish and brings down G-d's watchful care. Purchase a mezuzah for your doorpost(s).

## TEFILLIN

Containing fundamental truths about our faith, the tefillin that Jewish men wrap daily connects them to their infinite Creator. Purchase a pair of tefillin for yourself or a grandson.



## SHABBOS CANDLES

Women and girls, bond with generations of Jewish women and bring the light of Shabbos into your home by lighting Shabbos candles 18 minutes before sunset each Friday and on the eves of Jewish holidays. Pick up a magnet with candle-lighting times and a set of beautiful glass tealight holders to get you started.

## CHALLAH

Honor Shabbos with hot, fresh, delicious homemade challah. Try Hindel's challah in onion, sesame, plain, chocolate, cinnamon-sugar, raisin or poppy flavors. Order online: [palmbeachjewish.com/chai](http://palmbeachjewish.com/chai) or text 347.564.8393.

## PUSHKAS

The only things we truly own forever are the things we give away. Give tzedakah (charity) daily. Have a tzedakah box (pushka) in your children's bedrooms; in your kitchen; in your workplace; in your car. The Chabad House provides pushkas upon request.



## KIPPAHS

A kippah reminds the Jew that there is a G-d Above, wherever he goes, and no matter what life brings. Choose from our Palm Beach-style kippahs, in different fabrics and colors, for yourself or a friend.

## CHANA'S FOOD FUND

The fund provides hot kosher meals for the homebound, elderly, or those in need. It also provides food vouchers that can be redeemed at local kosher stores for people with financial struggles. Since its inception two years ago, this program has changed people's lives, easing their worries and nourishing their bodies and their souls.

## FAMILY PURITY

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So, what makes Jewish marriages unusually stable? It is the little-known traditions and laws. Schedule a private study session with Rabbi or Rebbetzin Levitin or Schochet to learn and understand these traditions. Bring undiscovered depths of intimacy and sacredness into your relationship.

## HOLIDAY MITZVOIM

### SUKKOS LULAV AND ESROG

This year, own your personal lulav and esrog from Israel!

### CHANUKAH MENORAHS & DREIDELS

Stop by for a Chanukah menorah, and how about a dreidel, Chanukah cookie or Chanukah craft? We have what you need to make your Chanukah meaningful and provide a good time for the grandkids too. (Visit the Chanukah table at Publix and don't miss menorah lighting in the store!)

### PURIM MISHLOACH MANOS

Purim, celebrated on the 14th of Adar, is the jolliest, most action-packed day of the Jewish year. Twenty-four-hundred years ago, Haman, the Persian prime minister, ordered genocide of the Jews. His plan was thwarted by Esther and Mordechai and so we celebrate! The four main mitzvos are hearing the Megillah, mishloach manos (sending food gifts),

matanos la'evyonim (money gifts to the poor), and the festive feast. We have all the supplies to make that happen, plus join Chabad's "A Palm Beach Purim" festive dinner at The Colony Hotel. (You can also stop by the Purim at Publix table for everything you need and more.)

## PASSOVER SHMURAH MATZAH

Shmurah means watched because the ingredients—flour and water—are watched from the moment of harvesting and drawing until the conclusion of the baking process, providing this handmade matzah with an added infusion of faith and sanctity. Eat shmurah matzah on both Seder nights. (Head to Publix for Matzah in the Aisles with everything on display from shmurah matzah to grape juice to a kippah; we're ready for you.)

## TOURISTS

Visiting Palm Beach? Welcome!

The Rebbe taught his followers that no matter which part of the world a Jew finds himself in, he should be able to find a welcoming place to meet, eat, socialize, and pray together with fellow Jews. Whether you are here on business, on vacation, or for other purposes, visit [palmbeachjewish.com/tourist](http://palmbeachjewish.com/tourist) to find the right hotel for you; for a Shabbos experience in an inviting setting; for information about nearby kosher restaurants and attractions; and to find out what time candle-lighting is on Friday.

## REFUAH SOCIETY

If you are coming to town to see any of the specialists at Good Samaritan Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, the Paley Institute, or any of the nearby rehab centers, please contact us so we can make your stay a little easier. May G-d bless you with a complete and immediate recovery!

*“When I came with my entire family to Palm Beach, knowing we were here for six months [for my daughter's surgeries with Dr. Paley], I felt completely misplaced. We didn't know a soul. Chabad became our home when we didn't know where to go. Now, as the six months draw to a close and my daughter is thank G-d recovering well, I am finding it hard to say good-bye to the strangers who became family in our time of need. Even in Iran, where I grew up, this kind of hospitality is unusual.”*

-M.V.

*“Our hearts overflow with gratitude that Hashem guided us to your Chabad House. The vision of the Rebbe to establish Chabad Houses worldwide, serving as a second home for Jews everywhere, is something we deeply cherish. Every member of the Levitin family, from the Rabbi to Elka, has showered us with blessings beyond measure. We ask Hashem to bestow upon you the same blessings you've brought into our lives and the community.”*

-Y.D.

## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in The Chabad House, where every Jew is family and every mitzvah counts. If you have been seeking a synagogue that concerns itself with the well-being of the broader community of Palm Beach through the highest quality educational programs and social services, and also encourages individual growth in a warm, non-judgmental environment, your search is over. To join our Chabad family, please visit [palmbeachjewish.com/membership](https://palmbeachjewish.com/membership).







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