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# CHABAD NEWSLETTER

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## DECODING THE TALMUD

*Inside the Story, Substance,  
and Significance of the Book  
that Defines Judaism*

**This six-week course is offered three times a week at the following locations**

Starting Wednesday morning,  
Feb 5-Mar. 12, 10:00am-11:30am  
Chabad of Downtown SRQ, 332  
Cocoanut Ave. STE 103  
Cost: \$79  
To Register: 928-9267

Starting Wednesday morning,  
Feb 5-Mar. 12, 10:15am-12:00pm  
Chabad of Sarasota,  
7700 Beneva Road  
Cost: \$79  
To Register: 925-0770

Starting Wednesday evening,  
Feb 5-Mar. 12, 7:30pm-8:45pm  
Chabad of Sarasota,  
7700 Beneva Road  
Cost: \$79  
To Register: 925-0770

## SOUL TREK

JOIN CHABAD OF SARASOTA FOR A ONE DAY  
TRIP TO THE OHEL & CROWN HEIGHTS

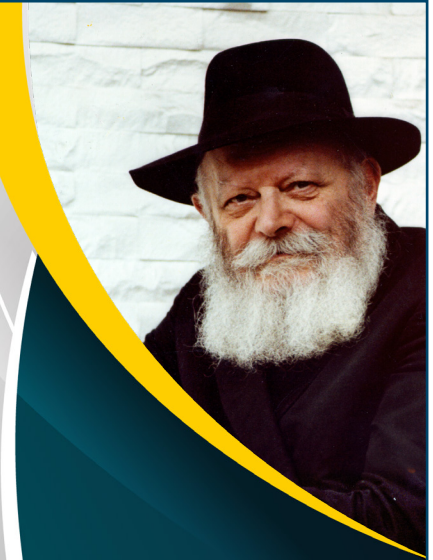
**Join a community trip to the resting place of the  
Lubavitcher Rebbe, Chabad Headquarters and Crown  
Heights for prayer and blessings.**

**Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025

**Depart:** Delta #2723 7:05 am - 9:44 am TPA-LGA  
Or: JetBlue #226 7:00 am - 10:10 am TPA-JFK

**Return:** Delta #1636 7:59 pm - 11:12 pm JFK-TPA  
Or: Delta #2433 7:00 pm - 10:12 pm LGA-TPA

**Trip cost:** \$150 includes meals and all transportation in NY  
(Airfare and FL transportation not included)



## END OF YEAR MATCHING CAMPAIGN

With your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing \$93,000 during our End-of-Year Matching Campaign! Your support has made a profound impact on Jewish life and learning in Sarasota.

Thanks to you, we can continue offering Torah classes, youth programs, holiday celebrations, and a warm, supportive community for all. Your partnership ensures that every Jew feels at home and connected.

A heartfelt thank you to all our Matchers and Donors who made this campaign possible. Together, we're building a brighter future for our community!

Robert Aronson  
Heidi Brown  
Richard and Sheila Brumberg  
Raquel and Leon Dorsey  
Marc and Diane Engelhart  
Allie Fraidowitz  
Leonard Friedlander  
Al and Hedy Guttman  
Amy Howard  
Jeff and Sheryl Isaac  
Alvan and Libby Kamis  
Paul Kasoff  
Arkady and Natalie Koltun  
Ruth Linden  
Chris and Jill Malkin  
Dror and Rochelle Mizrahi  
Eli and Valentine Murad  
Mikhail & Olena Nadtochaiev  
Paul and Ilene O'Connell  
Ivan And Ina Prokopenko  
Lewis Satloff  
Mark Schlanger  
Jeff and Nikki Sedacca  
Nati Shabbat  
Yosif and Tovli Simiryani  
Ella and Mendel Simon  
Ted Simon  
Barry and Anne Stein  
Baruch and Chani Steinmetz  
Levi and Leah Steinmetz  
Mendy and CM Steinmetz  
Zev and Shaina Steinmetz  
Henry Tenenbaum  
Ronni and Lana Tudin  
Herman and Elizabeth Weber  
Kirk Weisman and Jo Ellyn Yturraspe  
David Wilder

## Annual Gala to Honor Three Distinct Community Leaders



Rachel Saltzberg



David Wicentowski



Harry Zehnwirth

We are thrilled to announce that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Dinner will take place on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Michael's On East, honoring three remarkable community leaders:

**Rachel Saltzberg** – Community Service Award

**David Wicentowski** – Cantorial Dedication Award

**Harry Zehnwirth** – Chessed Award

Each honoree has devoted their life to the betterment of the Jewish people and left a lasting impact on our community.

This year's entertainment will feature Ricky Kalmon with his captivating Comedy Hypnosis Show—an experience you won't want to miss!

The Gala is co-chaired by Randy and Robert Landman. Formal invitations, along with information about program dedications, will be mailed out shortly.

If you would like to join the Gala Committee and contribute to making this tribute event truly unforgettable, please contact Robert Landman at (215) 498-3800.

Harry Zehnwirth and Martha Rengifo  
Peter and Eva Friedman  
Eduard Skatkov  
Adam Taxin  
Michael Attman  
Jerry and Sue Ann Levin  
Mark Shere  
Shoshana and Zeev Rutenberg  
Josh Weinstein & Ingrid Walker  
Lisa and Bill Libman  
Charles and Ann Bartel  
Tillie Jennie and Harold Schwartz  
Foundation  
Cyril Berdugo  
Alex Abramov  
Richard and Paula Stiefler  
David & Elina Krotenko  
Karin and Alon Rachmin  
Lee Kichen  
Esther Davis  
Lesli Tauber  
Annette & Arthur Kirshner  
Anat Margulies  
Larry and Roza Krotenko  
Jeffrey Rubin  
SFF Foundation  
Anonymous x5

**Tu B'shvat**  
**Preschool Family Celebration**

Tu B'shvat - Birthday of the Trees  
Family Celebration - Bring A Grandparent Day

Thursday, February 13  
8:30am - 9:15am

Crafts  
Songs  
Morning Snack  
Family Fun!

# Thank You Oneg Sponsors

**Gad and Michele Demry**  
IMO Elia ben David and Sarah

**Kirk Weisman and Jo Ellyn Yturraspe**  
IHO Sara Steinmetz  
IHO United States Army Captain Max Yturraspe's birthday  
IMO Jo Ellyn's mother, Maxine Jackson Borchers  
IMO Barry Gorn  
IMO Rabbi Zvi Kogan  
IHO Ivan Prokopenko's birthday

**Dr. Barry and Anne Stein**  
IMO Barry's mother, Pauline Stein's Yaertzeit

**Jo Ellyn Yturraspe**  
IHO Kirk Weisman's birthday

**Randy and Bob Landman**  
IHO their 50th wedding anniversary

**Ester and Leonard Rivkin**  
IHO the engagement of their granddaughter  
Dalia Rivkin to Jack Ciccolo

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

## Yahrtzeit Reminder

Sam Cohen	father	Friday, January 17
Harry Zehnwirth	wife	Saturday, January 18
Ronni Tudin	mother	Tuesday, January 21
Ian Black	father	Saturday, January 25
Tsafra Chesnoff	mother	Monday, January 27
Elliott Stupp	father	Tuesday, January 28
Ira Press	mother	Wednesday, January 29
Howard Fuchs	father	Friday, January 31
Shelley Waldman	brother	Monday, February 3
Sheri Simon	father	Monday, February 3
Susan Finkelstein	mother	Monday, February 3
Desmond Brivik	brother	Monday, February 3
Bertha Pollak	husband	Tuesday, February 4
Sheri Simon	brother	Saturday, February 8
Janet Sulek	father	Saturday, February 8
Hilary Oestreich	father	Sunday, February 9
Jay Rudo	father	Sunday, February 9
Emma Grupman	husband	Wednesday, February 12
Chaya Perera	husband	Wednesday, February 12
Hilary Oestreich	mother	Thursday, February 13
Chaya Perera	mother	Friday, February 14
Rozalia Kotlyar	son	Friday, February 14
Jerome Levin	father	Sunday, February 16
Jonathan Curshen	grandfather	Sunday, February 16
Lana Tudin	brother	Sunday, February 16
Sadie Laufer	son	Sunday, February 16
Linda Sage	mother	Monday, February 17
Anita Oestreich	mother	Monday, February 17
Marshall Gobuty	grandfather	Tuesday, February 18
Janet Sulek	mother	Wednesday, February 19
Theodore Simon	mother	Saturday, February 22
Sally Joselson	husband	Sunday, February 23
Robert Ikeman	wife	Tuesday, February 25

## ONGOING PROGRAMS AT CHABAD

### Daily Morning & Evening Minyans

Every weekday, morning services start at 8:00 am, and lasts 45 minutes. Mincha-Maariv service starts at 5:30 pm and last 25 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 — 4:00 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 Rosh Chodesh Society Meetups

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



Visit: [Sarasotachabad.com](http://Sarasotachabad.com)



For more information,  
call 941-925-0770

# CHABAD IN ACTION



*Comedy Night at Chabad*



*Menorah Lighting at Sarasota Sheriff Headquarter*



*Chanukah at Siesta Key Beach*



*Russian Style Chanukah Celebration*

## With Great Appreciation

Arthur & Julia Aaron  
 Alex Abramov  
 Gabriel Amram  
 Robert Aronson  
 Michael Attman  
 Robert & Debby Azeff  
 Joan Armour Mendel Foundation  
 Charles & Ann Bartel  
 Felice Bauman  
 Sidney Bearon  
 Cyril Berdugo  
 Jodi Bloom  
 Richard & Sheila Brumberg  
 Brad & Elisa Cohen  
 Ben & Lauren Craig  
 Joseph Curshen  
 Esther Davis  
 Gad & Michele Demry  
 Leon & Raquel Dorsey  
 Marc & Diane Engelhart  
 Harriet Epstein  
 Leo Escalona  
 Hadar & Leora Feig  
 Richard & Arlene Franco  
 Leonard & Cassia Friedlander  
 Ilana Gordon

Joshua & Julie Green  
 Carl & Mary Gross  
 Al & Hedy Guttman  
 Rachel Haller  
 Ben & Stacy Hanan  
 Amy Howard  
 Steve & Sharron Howard  
 Robert Ikeman  
 Jeffrey & Sheryl Isaac  
 Carlyne Jacob  
 Steven Kalt  
 Alvan & Libby Kamis  
 Lee Kichen  
 Arthur & Annette Kirshner  
 Michelle Kleinman  
 Robert & Simone Knego  
 Arkady & Natalie Koltun  
 David & Elina Krotenko  
 Larry & Roza Krotenko  
 Robert & Randelle Landman  
 Sadie Laufer  
 Laurence & Maritta Levenberg  
 Jerome & Sue Ann Levin  
 Bill & Lisa Libman  
 Ruth Linden  
 Linda Lowenstein & Doug Fitler

David & Heidi Lyles  
 Chris & Jill Malkin  
 Anat Margulies  
 Dror & Rochelle Mizrahi  
 Eliahou & Valentine Murad  
 Mykhailo & Olena Nadochaiev  
 Paul Nussbaum  
 Hilary & Anita Oestreich  
 Marc Pershan  
 Thomas & Lynn Pierce  
 Gisele Pintchuck  
 Ivan & Inna Prokopenko  
 Alon & Karin Rachmin  
 Leonard & Ester Rivkin  
 Avrohom Roth  
 Jeffrey & Mercedes Rubin  
 Zeev & Shoshana Rutenberg  
 Darren & Rachel Saltzberg  
 Mark Schlanger  
 Rae Seife  
 Nati Shabbat  
 Yosef Shapiro  
 Mark Shere  
 Stuart & Paula Siegel

Allison Silver  
 Mendel & Ella Simon  
 Theodore Simon  
 Peter & Deanna Solodko  
 Yosif & Tovli Somiran  
 Barry & Anne Stein  
 Boruch & Chani Steinmetz  
 Levi & Leah Steinmetz  
 Mendy & CM Steinmetz  
 Zev & Shaina Steinmetz  
 Arthur & June Stern  
 Richard & Paula Stiefler  
 Elliott & Evelyne Stupp  
 Lesli Tauber  
 Adam Taxin  
 Henry & Renee Tenenbaum  
 Ronni & Lana Tudin  
 Richard & Lauren Howitt Vallone  
 Herman & Elizabeth Weber  
 Joshua Weinstein  
 Kirk Weisman  
 Dave Wilder  
 Craig Wolpert  
 Harry Zehnwirth & Martha Rengifo

### Chabad Women's Circle Monthly Rosh Chodesh Society Course

Nurture Your Heart, Mind & Soul  
 Build Friendships • Enjoy Social Opportunities



"A Work of Heart" exposes the beautiful heart of prayer. It reveals prayer as an art and an opportunity, a journey of self-discovery, and an exercise in self-empowerment.

#### Session 3:

Discover how the prayer book, which you may not yet feel comfortable with, can genuinely guide meaningful and impactful prayer.

Thursday, January 16 • 7:00 PM • Chabad of Sarasota

Following the class, participants have the opportunity to learn the art of making Rugelach!

#### RCS Class & Judaic Art of Making Rugelach Event:

- Cost per session is \$20. Textbook is \$25 (optional)
- Cost for full course & textbook \$125 / Rebbetzin Circle \$180

Email: [Sara@ChabadofSarasota.com](mailto:Sara@ChabadofSarasota.com) • Tel: 941.925.0770

### Thank You Volunteers

#### Assisting with Comedy Night at Chabad

Veniamin Bandurovskiy	Barry Stein
Yuliana Bandurovskiy	Shmuel Steinmetz
Ivan Prokopenko	Mark Schlanger
Inna Prokopenko	Harry Zehnwirth
Mykhailo Nadochaiev	Martha Rengifo
Larry Krotenko	Marc Engelhart
Roza Krotenko	Diane Engelhart
Michael Leonov	

#### Assisting with Siesta Key Beach Chanukah

Natasha Serebro	Leon Dorsey	Yosef Steinmetz
Mindy Bloom	Ruth Sklar	Shmuel Steinmetz
Paige Jones	Daniela Gutierrez	Ari Steinmetz
Bob Landman	Dr. Barry Stein	Michele Read

#### Assisting with Russian Style Chanukah

Rosa Krotenko	Ivan Prokopenko	Marina Nadochaieva
Larry Krotenko	Olena Nadochaiev	Aleksandra Berman
Inna Prokopenko	Mykhailo Nadochaiev	

### All In The Family

#### Condolences:

Leonard Friedlander upon the passing of his sister

# A TASTE OF CHANUKAH 2024

On December 29, we were privileged to once again host A Taste of Chanukah at the beautiful Phillippi Estate Park.

The event was a tremendous success, bringing joy to over 1,500 participants. Families delighted in activities like tobogganing down an ice slide, face painting, and creating stunning arts and crafts. Attendees also enjoyed the Graffiti Menorah, where participants added their personal creativity to this unique communal menorah. Highlights included a mesmerizing Bubble Show by Blaise and exciting train rides for kids and families. Live music and entertainment by DJ CJ Koenig added to the festive atmosphere.

No one went hungry with delicious treats like latkes, popcorn, falafel sandwiches,

and mouthwatering brisket, burgers, and hot-dogs served by Michael's On East. Of course, the thrilling helicopter drop of Chanukah gelt excited children and adults alike!

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors and tireless volunteers who made this celebration possible. Special thanks to Family Practice Associates, Budweiser, Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, JusticePays.com, Michael's On East, Midas of Sarasota, Robert Toale and Sons Funeral Home, Sarasota Herald Tribune, and Sunset Chevrolet Buick GMC for their support.

Together, we created a truly joyous Chanukah celebration for our community.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all

the amazing volunteers who made this festival possible. Your dedication and hard work brought joy to so many!

Marty & Mindy Bloom, Jennifer Damasco, Leon Dorsey, Diane & Marc Engelhart, Stanley Glauser, Hank & Marsha Goldsby, Daniela Gutierrez, Eden Jones, Page Jones, Robert Landman, Eli & Valentine Murad, Flora Oynick, Brad & Michelle Pearson, Shalom & Tammi Plotnik, Benjamin Serebro, Natasha Serebro, Mirel Shifrin, Ella & Mendel Simon, Robert & Sheri Simon, Barry Stein, Bart Steinberg, Chana, Yossi, Shmuel & Ari Steinmetz, Yosef Tober, Tal Yozan, and Harry Zehnwirth

Thank you for your time, energy, and commitment—you truly made a difference!





# Memorials & Mazel Tovs

**Charles and Ann Bartel**  
IHO Joseph Bartel

**Carl and Mary Gross**  
IMO Harvey Katz

**Alvan Kamis**  
IHO Harry Zehnwirth

**Mark L Lapidus**  
IMO Paul Lapidus

**Robert and Randy Landman**  
IMO Iris Joy Simon

**Sadie Rudman-Laufer**  
IHO gratitude for all the Steinmetz  
Family does

**Maritta & Larry Levenberg**  
IMO Morris Levenberg

**Ilene and Paul O'Connell**  
IMO Jo Ellyn Yurraspe's mother  
Maxine Jackson Borchers

**Mr. Marc Pershan**  
IMO Patricia Pershan, OBM

**Mark Shere**  
IHO Hindy Bergovoy

**Peter & Deanna Solodko,**  
IMO Peter's father, Oscar

**Arthur Stern**  
IMO his father, Moshe Ben  
Shmuel Alexander

**Elliot Stupp**  
IHO Ari Steinmetz Bar Mitzvah

**Adam Taxin**  
IHO Zack and Dalia's engagement

**Elizabeth and Herman Weber**  
IMO mother of Jo Ellyn

**Pacy Weinstein**  
IHO loving Chabad

**Craig Wolpert**  
IMO father and mother

**Harry Zehnwirth and Martha  
Rengifo**  
IHO Jodi Bloom's Birthday  
IHO Arthur Fox's Birthday  
IHO Martin Fraidowitz's Birthday  
IHO Sharron Howard's Birthday  
IHO Linda Klafter's Birthday  
IHO Randelle Landman's Birthday



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Chabad Presents

# Lunch n' Learn



12:00-  
1:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 4**

This Month's Topic:

Car buying tip to save you \$1000's

**Speaker: Stanley Glauser**

- Enjoy a delicious Falafel sandwich lunch
- Engage in a brief learning session with Rabbi Steinmetz
- Hear from a guest speaker on a different topic at each session
- Connect with fellow members of the local Jewish community
- Open to both men and women
- Free of charge | Sponsorship Opportunity: \$180
- RSVP: [info@chabadofsarasota.com](mailto:info@chabadofsarasota.com) | 925-0770



*This program is inspired and chaired by Stanley Smith.  
For any inquiries or suggestions, please call (612) 926-1111.*

# IMA AND ME MORNING MEET UP

MUSIC &  
MOVEMENT

BAGELS &  
MUFFINS

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
FREE OF CHARGE!

**THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM  
AT CHABAD OF SARASOTA**

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to connect with your little one (ages 0-2) and meet other new mothers in a warm, welcoming Jewish atmosphere. At Mommy and Me, led by Sara Steinmetz, you'll find a supportive group of friends to socialize with and share the joys and challenges of motherhood.



**REGISTER TODAY!**

Call or text Samantha Stein at (941) 685-3281 or  
Sara Steinmetz (941) 544-8770  
Free of charge. Sponsorships and donations are welcome.