



Dear Friends

Ohr Somayach has always been at the forefront of addressing and catering to the educational needs of the South African Jewish community. For many years the talented and dynamic Rabbonim of Ohr Somayach have spearheaded the growth of Jewish Identity at various levels across the country. Today, as we continue to assess the current needs, it has become clear that more effort and greater resources are required to ensure our growth in this area.

In pursuing this goal, we have therefore decided to implement certain changes to our rabbinic structure with the hope of maximizing the impact of the Torah values Ohr Somayach represents.

Firstly, we welcome Rabbi Reuven Zail onto the Rabbinic Hanhola of Ohr Somayach Glenhazel. Rabbi Zail will assume directorship responsibilities for the Ohr Somayach Glenhazel campus. Rabbi Zail has been a part of Ohr Somayach since its initial years and has the experience and wisdom required to guide the campus to new heights. R' Gershi Schnerb will be assisting Rabbi Zail in an administrative capacity particularly with regard to fiscal management and campus maintenance management. Together with the existing Rabbonim and staff we have confidence in this new dynamic and efficient team.

Rabbi Abramson will remain on in his position as the CEO of Ohr Somayach Institutions placing an emphasis on enhancing and developing Ohr Somayach's outreach initiatives, particularly in the Ohrsom Student programs.

We thank the community for their unwavering and overwhelming support. The success of Ohr Somayach is a tribute to the outstanding caliber of its constituents and benefactors. May HKBH continue to bless this community and organization with much hatzlocha and brocha in its ultimate pursuit of Kiddush Hashem in all its endeavors.

Hanholas Ohr Somayach

## MAN IS LIKE AN EARTHENWARE VESSE

At the time of the Temple, there was a way of purifying oneself from Tumah Meis, through the Parah Adumah. Today, unfortunately, we don't have the Parah Adumah and we are all Tomayei Meisim. In the course of the discussion of Tumah Meis, the Torah alludes to other discussions of Tumah v' Tahara. One type of Tumah is that of Keylim – vessels.

There are two types of vessels that have two different sets of Tumah laws: There are metal utensils (kli matches) which become Tameh from outside contact with sources of Tumah. There are also earthenware vessels (kli cheres), which only become Tameh from the inside.

In the case of the earthenware vessels (kli cheres), actual contact between the vessel and the Tumah is not needed. Even if a sheretz is suspended inside the kli cheres, the utensil becomes tameh.

The Kotzker Rebbe, zt"l, explains the difference: Metal itself is a precious commodity. Therefore as soon as contact is made — even on the outside — it becomes tameh.

An earthenware, kli cheres, however, is made from material that is almost valueless. The whole value and importance of the vessel is determined by its functionality — what it can contain. Therefore the vessel can only be made impure by attacking its functionality — from within the walls of the vessel.

The Kotzker declares that people can also be compared to earthenware vessels. Man's value is not based on his component elements and minerals. The value of these elements is negligible. The value of a human being

is based on what is inside. Sometimes we make the mistake of getting so caught up in the chitzoniut of human beings — how they dress or what kind of car they drive — that we forget this lesson. The value of a human being is like that of a kli cheres — it is based on the internals. Just as that which is put inside the earthenware vessel can be metameh it, so too, the thoughts and desires that are put into a human being can sometimes be metameh the person.

The value of a person is not based on what's bachutz but on what's bifnim. We must be very thoughtful and careful about what we put into both our kalim and our children's kalim.

*Rabbi Frand*

## BABY GIRL



Mazel tov to **Chad & Shayna Posner** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel tov to proud grandparents **Bernie & Dana Slasky** and **Gary & Lorraine Posner**. Mazel tov great-grandmothers **Avril Froom** and **Bella Slasky**

## BABY BOY



Mazel tov to **Gary & Romy Michelson** on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to proud grandparents **Jeff & Sharon Michelson** and **Zev & Ethne Koffler**

## WEDDING



Mazel tov to **Ruth Rappoport** on the occasion of the upcoming wedding of her grandson **Eitan Rappoport** to **Naomi Kahn**

## SPECIAL SHABBOS MORNING LADIES SHIUR

### RABBI CHAIM YISROEL BLUMENFELD

Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas Neveh Tzion in Telz Stone  
In the back Shul +- 10.30am

## CARLEBACH MINYAN

The Carlebach Minyan is on recess and will resume on **Friday 29th July**.

Wishing everyone a good Shabbos and safe travels to those going on vacation!

## YORTZEITS THIS WEEK

- **Wayne Bloch** for his late father
- **Lorraine Stallard** for her late mother
- **Jeannette Osrin** for her late father
- **David Aronovitz** for his late mother

## ENGAGEMENT



Mazel tov to **Reuven Ross & Shira Kampel** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazel tov to proud parents **Wayne & Bernine Ross** and **Dennis & Charmaine Kampel**. IY"YH a milchik l'chaim (engagement)/ Melava malka will take place at 8.30pm at unit 4, 23 3rd Ave, Houghton (cnr 3rd Ave & 3rd St.).

## B' HATZLOCHA!

**The South African Rabbinical Conference** this year is taking place in Israel. We wish the rabbonim hatzlocha & safe travels.

**Rabbi Shmuel & Sara Ozhekh** have been appointed the new rabbinical family of Ohr Somayach Cape Town. We wish them much brocha & hatzlocha in all their endeavors!  
**Rabbi Ozhekh** will be giving the Friday night drosha this week in the Main Shul.

## WELCOME

## ברוך הבא

The Kehilla welcome **Rabbi Gedalia Auerbach** and the students of **Imrei Binah** from Har Nof, Jerusalem.

**Rabbi Gedalia** will be speaking at the main Kiddush this Shabbos morning.

## SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

### RABBI AUERBACH

#### 17 TAMMUZ

THE LAWS OF PUSHING OFF A TAANIS TZIBUR

*Shabbos afternoon at 4.20pm*



**CSO**  
BASIC TRAINING  
COURSE



Course starting **Wed 27 July 2016**. To reserve your place or to find out more, please contact Stacey on [jhbtraining@cs0.org.za](mailto:jhbtraining@cs0.org.za)

**SECURITY TIP:** If you are approached by someone at your Shul or school claiming to be a representative of the media, do not give out any information. Refer him/her to the security team and report it to the CSO control room on 086 18 000 18

