

# Mesorah Mag

The Bi-Weekly Magazine of the Orthodox Community at Rutgers Hillel

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in Color!

## Deliriously Tomorrow at Kiddush!

*"Mesorah Mag is my favorite newspaper."  
Andrew Getraer, Executive Director of Rutgers Hillel*

### Precious Gems

*by Binyamin Berke*

In this week's parsha it opens with Avraham waiting around in the intense heat on the 3rd (and most painful) day after his brit milah (circumcision). Rashi records that Hashem made it excruciatingly hot to ensure that Avraham Avinu, who was always serving guests, would have time off.

Earlier, we learned that when Avraham was asked to perform his brit, he first went around to all of the locals for their opinions. Some answers included, "You must be crazy; who would do business with you now?"

There was only one person, Efron, who supported Avraham's decision out of all the surrounding naysayers. However (though not due to Efron's support), Avraham showed everyone that he was serious. Despite how weird or crazy his actions seemed, they were for the sake of heaven. Furthermore, Avraham did his brit without delay – during the day that Hashem commanded him and not during the night so everyone could witness the mitzvah. Avraham ultimately realized that the Torah is a Book of Everlasting Life. Following the Torah was therefore the only way to go.

Later on the third day, three guests, who turned out to be angels, came to visit Avraham. Avraham's reaction to these guests had many over-the-top measures. First, Avraham was always rushing to do a mitzvah, even while distressed. Instead of waiting for the guests, he immediately ran towards them and welcomed them.

Second, he especially brought Yishmael with him to slaughter the cows for the guests. He always would bring Yishmael with him, so what's the chiddush (insight) this time? It shows that even when things are tough we still have mitzvot to do.

Finally, if you notice, three cows were slaughtered while in reality only one cow would have sufficed for all three. This is because mitzvot are so precious that there is no way possible to spend too much on a mitzvah.

The overarching theme of the Kalever Rebbe's message is that the Torah is the instruction book for chayei olam (everlasting life). To follow the Torah is good for your life and longevity. In closing I bless all of you (and me) that we should all be closer to the holy Torah and its mitzvot.

Ideas taken from the Kalever Rebbe, Shlit"a



### Schedule of Times

Oneg: 9:00 pm  
 Shabbat Morning:  
 9:30 am  
 S"Z Kriat Shma:  
 9:10 am  
 Lunch @ Weiss':  
 Leaving Hillel @  
 12:30  
 Mincha: 4:25pm  
 Shabbat ends:  
 5:26 pm

### Weekdays

Shacharit & Break-  
 fast:  
 8:15 am  
 Rambam Shiur  
 following breakfast  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv:  
 4:25 pm

### Next Friday

Candlelighting: 4:20  
 pm  
 Friday Evening  
 Prayers: 5:30 pm



# Mesorah Calendar

Sunday	Sukkah Takedown -- 11 am @ Hillel Sushi Making -- 8 pm @ Hillel Souper Sunday Night Learning -- 9 pm @ 76 Jefferson St.
Monday	SBW Israel Democracy Event -- 8 pm @ Hillel What's Brewin' -- 9:30 pm @ ABP
Tuesday	Men's Shiur w/ R' Lewis -- 7:15 @ 22 Sicard St. Women's Shiur w/ Miri Cohen -- 9 pm @ 214 Easton Ave.
Wednesday	Movie Night -- 7:30 pm @ Hillel Yiddish Club -- 8 pm @ Hillel Unsettled Documentary about Gaza Disengagement -- 9:30 @ Hillel Shiur & Beer -- 9:30 pm @ TBA
Thursday	Israel Coffee Break -- 2 pm @ Hillel Media Watch: an Evening with Itamar Marcus -- 7:15 @ RSC 410 Mishmar w/ R' Rothwachs -- 8 pm @ Hillel Open Beit Midrash Learning -- 9 p.m. @ Hillel (3rd floor) Michtav Me'Eliyahu (Strive for Truth) Chaburah -- 9:15 in Rabbi Weiss's Office

Miri Cohen's women's shiur is totally awesome and there is delicious sushi and you should totally go to it.

Interested in Shiur and Beer?  
Talk to Dan Rosenblum to see how you can help out.

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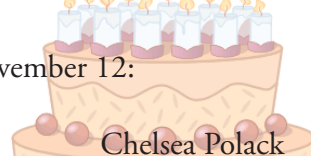
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Get psyched for the annual Turkey Bowl! Gobble Gobble up some Turkey with your friends from Mesorah next Sunday! (No, seriously, tons of food. Be there.)



### Birthdays!

November 12:



Chelsea Polack

November 13:

Katie Landy, Noa Schwartzbach

Do you want the eruv to be UP?  
We really could use at least two more people to help check - it won't take more than 20 minutes each week! Contact Andrew Cohen or Sam Kaplan if you want to make sure you and everyone else can carry on Shabbat.

