

THE PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY KOLLEL  
SANFORD BRUCK MEMORIAL  
SHABBOS OF CHIZUK

לע"נ שלום בן אברהם הירש ז"ל

SHABBOS  
ELEVATE  
*The Journey*

WITH

RABBI MICHOEL & REBBETZIN MIMI ELIAS

MAY 15 - MAY 17, 2026  
PARSHAS BAMIDBAR

 *Program Guide  
& full Schedule*

ELEVATE VII IN MEMORY OF SANFORD BRUCK Z"l

AND IN MEMORY OF

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# SHABBOS ELEVATE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY

### Friday Morning at The Kollel – 11:00 AM

HoRav Michoel Elias will speak to the  
Yungeleit and Alumni of the Kollel

**שיעור בהלכה ואגדה לאבריכי ובוגרי הכולל  
בענין אמירה לעכו"ם וענינא דיומא  
Dedicated by Drs. Howard and Nancy Haber**

**MEN**

### Latches Lane Brunch N' Learn – 11:15 AM

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE: **HASHGACHA ALONG THE PATH OF LIFE**

**Rebbetzin Mimi Elias**

At Latches Lane Condominiums – Walfish Residence,  
40 Old Lancaster Road Apt #602, Merion Station

Dedicated by: **Avraham and Shirley Walfish  
in memory of their parents**

פינחס אריה בן אברהם חיים ע"ה, פרימיט בת יצחק ע"ה  
חיים דוב הכהן בן אברהם משה ע"ה, חנה בת מנחם זאב ע"ה

**WOMEN**

## FRIDAY NIGHT

### Likras Shabbos Seder With Refreshments – 5:30-6:00 PM

For Men and Boys – At the Kollel's Kohn Conference Room  
Soar into Shabbos on the wings of Torah learning!

Join us for a pre-mincha learning session  
with Erev Shabbos "Toameha" potato kugel.

Dedicated by: **Visroel & Rachel Ellen** in honor of our dear friends,  
Rabbi and Mrs. Zeffren, with deep hakaras hatov for all the warmth  
they've shown our mother שרת'י and our father, ע"ה.

# FRIDAY NIGHT

(Continued)

**MINCHA – 6:00 PM at the Kollel**

**Introductory Remarks – 6:15 PM – at the Kollel**

**THE SECRET TO GROWTH: THE QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE**

Set the stage for an inspiring weekend of Torah and be uplifted  
by HoRav Michael Elias' words before Shabbos.

Dedicated by: **Ted and Phyllis Kosloff**

**Kabbolas Shabbos / Maariv – 6:30 PM**

**Seudas Shabbos – 7:30 PM, By Reservation Only**

Join in a Shabbos table experience, sharing Torah, zemiros,  
and delicious food in an atmosphere of camaraderie

**PERSONAL VIGNETTES: GLIMPSES OF HORAV YAAKOV KAMENETSKY, ZT"l**

Kollel Simcha Hall

Dedicated and hosted by: **Drs. Israil and Inna Pendrak**

In memory of Israil's parents

**מנדל בן עזריאל זליג הכהן וזעניא בת אברהם ז"ל**

# SHABBOS MORNING

**Shacharis – 8:15 AM at the Kollel**

**MAJOR MUSSAF DRASHA – 10:15 AM**

**THE POWER OF CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECH: HOW TO BECOME A SHINING STAR**

**HoRav Michael Elias**

Dedicated by: **Michael & Lisa Wachs** In appreciation to the Kollel  
for elevating the ruchniyus of our family and our community.

# SHABBOS MORNING

(Continued)

## KIDDUSH WITH DVAR TORAH FOR MEN AND WOMEN – 10:45 AM

**Rabbi Yaakov Yosef Buxbaum** - at the Kollel Simcha Hall

**Dedicated by:** David Lebor and Talia Eisenstein in memory of our parents for all they taught us and in honor of our children and grandchildren for all the nachat and pleasure they bring us.

## SHABBOS MORNING WOMEN'S SHIUR 11:15 – 11:45 AM

**WOMEN**

### TAKING THE HIGH ROAD: YIELDING THE RIGHT OF WAY

**REBBETZIN MIMI ELIAS**

At Aish Chaim, JFCS Building, 345 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd

## SEUDAS SHABBOS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES – 12:45 PM

By Reservation Only

Join in a Shabbos table experience, sharing Torah, zemiros, and delicious food in an atmosphere of camaraderie

**Seudas Shabbos Drasha – HoRav Michael Elias**

**TRAVELING UPSTREAM: NOT JUST DRIFTWOOD**

**Rebbetzin Elias** will address a special women's forum during dessert

**STURDY LOCKS: THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL CHINUCH HABANIM**

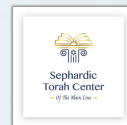
LMS Banquet Hall, 123 Old Lancaster Rd., Bala Cynwyd

**Dedicated by:** Hans Greenberg, Justin & Shaina Miller, Jared & Rivky Weiss

## SEUDAT SHABBAT SEPHARDIC COMMUNITY– 12:45 PM

**At The Future Home of STC (The Tavern)**

261 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd



**Join Rabbi Yaakov & Rebbetzin Levy for an uplifting Seuda and Divrei Torah.**

Experience the kedushat Shabbat through the beauty of the Sephardic tradition.

**Dedicated by:** Anonymous, Badush Family, Benamara Family

**WOMEN****SHABBOS AFTERNOON****AFTERNOON KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR WOMEN – 4:45 PM****SETTING THE TONE: THE WOMAN'S POWER TO ELEVATE THE JOURNEY**

By HoRav Michael Elias

At the home of Mrs. Cheryl Epstein, 271 Linden Lane, Merion Station

Dedicated by: **Ken and Malka Miller** in memory of their mothers,  
לע"נ ביילה שרה בת משה ע"ה ולע"נ לאה דבורה בת אברהם מאיר ע"הAnd by: **Herb and Karen Berkowitz** in memory of their mothers,  
לע"נ פרומה ביילה בת אברהם ע"ה ולע"נ טשערנא גיטל בת מלך ע"ה**MEN****AFTERNOON SHIUR FOR MEN – 6:00-6:45 PM – AT THE KOLLEL****בענין עירוב תבשילין דאורייתא****RABBI YAAKOV LEVY – VISITING SEPHARDIC RABBI**Dedicated by: **Mr. Natan and Dr. Rachael Matityahu**

לע"נ מרדכי בן נתן וכרמלה ז"ל ודוריט רבקה בת לאה ע"ה

**BOYS****BOY'S K-6 ONEG SHABBOS – 6:00-6:45 pm – at the Kollel Lower Level**

Boys K-6 come together on Shabbos afternoon for meaningful parsha, stories and nosh, while the men enjoy the shiur in the Beis Medrash.

Dedicated by: **Dovid and Anna Leora Felix**in memory of **Stanley E. Jacobs, z"l****MEN****Mincha – 6:45 PM – at the Kollel****SHALOSH SEUDOS FOR THE YOUNG “BEN TORAH”****PATHWAY AND PITFALLS: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES ALONG THE WAY****HoRav Michael Elias**

In conjunction with Kehillas Kol Torah

**At the Kollel Simcha Hall – 7:15 PM**Dedicated by: **David & Cyndilee Kosloff** in honor of **Ted & Phyllis Kosloff****Maariv – 9:05 PM at the Kollel**

**MINCHA – AT THE SEPHARDIC TORAH CENTER – 7:25 PM**

129 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd

**SEUDA SHLISHIT – 7:50 PM**

Divrei Torah with Rabbi YAAKOV LEVY Shilt”a



## **MOTZAEI SHABBOS**

**KOLLEL ALUMNI MELAVE MALKA**

10:30 pm – at the Kollel Simcha Hall with HoRav Michael Elias

Dedicated by: A Proud Member of the Chevra

## **SUNDAY**

Shacharis – 7:30 AM at the Kollel

### **DR. DAVID E. EPSTEIN Z”I MEMORIAL LECTURE & BRUNCH**

**PERPETUAL MOTION:**

**REACHING NEW VISTAS ON THE JOURNEY OF GROWTH**

Keynote Culmination Address

At JFGS Building, 345 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd

The Elevate Shabbos comes to its climax with the Dr. David Epstein z”I Memorial Lecture, where HoRav Elias will build upon the weekend’s growth and present powerful inspiration for Chag HaShavuos.

Join us to cap off this amazing Shabbos of Kavod HaTorah and personal growth!

**10:00 AM: Brunch**

**10:30 AM: Greetings, HoRav Yechiel Biberfeld**

**10:35 AM: Lecture, HoRav Michael Elias**

Dedicated by: Mrs. Cheryl Epstein and Family, and by Adam and Tamar Fleischer

**Concurrent Children’s Groups – 10:00 – 11:30 AM**

JOIN IN SPECIAL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS WHILE PARENTS ENJOY THE LECTURE AND BRUNCH.

Girls: (K-5) come together for learning, crafts, brunch and a workshop

Babysitting available for boys and girls up to age 5.

At JFGS Building, 345 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd

Dedicated by: Shalom & Tova Lichtenstein / Reva Health

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## **RABBI MICHOEL & REBBETZIN MIMI ELIAS**

**Rav Michoel Elias** shlita, serves as the beloved Rav of Congregation Kehilas Visroel in Spring Valley, New York, and is a sought-after maggid shiur in Yeshivas Ohr Hachaim in Queens.

Rabbi Elias grew up in Monsey and learned for many years in Telz Yeshiva in Cleveland under Rav Mordechai Gifter, zt”l and his rebbe muvhak, Rav Yitzchok Sorotzkin, shlita. He also learned in Yeshivas Brisk for seven years and then joined the Brisker Kollel for five years. He has authored a number of widely acclaimed seforim, including the highly regarded Minchas Mordechai on Seder Kodshim, Maseches Yuma, and Parsha. A compelling and engaging speaker, Rabbi Elias is frequently invited to lecture across the United States and Canada.

**Rebbetzin Mimi Elias** is a dedicated high school morah at Baïs Vaakov of Monsey. In addition to her role as Rebbetzin, she teaches both Limudei Kodesh and Limudei Chol and is an accomplished public speaker.

## **RABBI YAAKOV LEVY**

**VISITING SEPHARDIC RABBI**

Rabbi Yaakov Levy was born and raised in France. He attended yeshiva in Gateshead, England, and later studied at Yeshivas Be’er Vaakov under Rav Moshe Shmuel Shapiro zt”l. After marrying his wife, Sarah, who hails from Brooklyn, New York, they settled in Yerushalayim, where Rabbi Levy spent four years studying in Yeshivas Brisk, followed by eight years in the Agudah Kollel in Vienna, Austria.

Rabbi Levy currently serves as a distinguished rosh chaburah in Beth Medrash Govoha and also teaches adults in the Bukharian community in Queens, New York.

