





# Congregation Bais Tefilah Of Woodmere

## Shofar Blowing

If anyone requires a home visit for Shofar Blowing, please contact Moshe Kadry. Please be considerate and don't wait until the last minute.

## Plaques and Leaves

If you would like to order Yahrzeit plaques or Tree of Life leaves, please see Marvin Wertentheil.

## Bowling League

If you are interested in joining the shul's Bowling League, please contact Monica Glaubach at 524-4958.

## Sponsor Kiddush

If you are interested in sponsoring a hot or cold kiddush in shul, please contact Jay Fuchs.

## Arba Minim

If you are interested in ordering Arba Minim through the shul, please e-mail Rabbi Richmond at [rebshaya@juno.com](mailto:rebshaya@juno.com). Please put "esrog" in the subject line and indicate how many regular and chinuch sets you will need and whether you want with a Pitum or without.

## Succahs and Schach

Once again, the shul will have Succahs and Schach available for purchase. To order, please contact Aaron Goldstein at (516) 512-1733. The deadline is Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Show Your Support For Israel

From camera.org

Again and again, CAMERA has highlighted the media's repeated downplaying of and failure to cover Palestinian incitement advocating violence against Israelis. In the last few days, a particularly stark illustration of the media's double standard regarding Israeli versus Palestinian incitement was apparent in the intensive coverage of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's sermon Saturday (Aug. 28). The spiritual leader of the Shas party dubbed Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas "evil" and called on God to strike "these Ishmaelites and Palestinians with a plague, these evil haters of Israel," prompting a torrent of coverage in major media outlets such as the New York Times, Associated Press, Reuters, Agence France-Presse, Boston Globe, Daily Telegraph and Irish Times.

In contrast, a week and a half earlier, on Wednesday Aug. 18, Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad honored one of the planners of the Sept. 5, 1972 Munich Massacre in which 11 Israeli athletes were murdered, and not one of these media outlets had a word to say.

Of course, the cases are not completely parallel — Yosef does not hold any position in the Israeli government (although the party that he founded is in the coalition), and the Israeli Prime Minister rejected the cleric's remarks. In contrast, Abbas and Fayyad, frequently labeled "moderate" by the mainstream media outlets, are the top leaders of the Palestinian Authority.

News coverage of Rabbi Yosef's remarks is legitimate, but the media's failure to cover incitement on the part of Palestinian leaders is not.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Please use the information in the alert as background for your own letter. Do not copy and paste directly from the alert and do not forward it to the media.

- Contact foreign editors of national or local newspapers, whether or not they covered the Rabbi Yosef affair, to suggest that they cover instances of Palestinian incitement. Visit the Web sites of MEMRI ([www.memri.org](http://www.memri.org)) or Palestinian Media Watch ([http://jccconnected.com/tools/innova3/scripts/\(www.palwatch.org\)](http://jccconnected.com/tools/innova3/scripts/(www.palwatch.org))) to locate current examples. (Both of these important organizations have mailing lists that you can subscribe to.) If you are writing to a media outlet that did cover Rabbi Yosef's comments, you can use that story as a hook, pointing out that the Israeli is hardly the only party in the region spewing hatred. Indeed, Palestinian incitement is far more pervasive and institutionalized, and expressed at the most senior levels, and yet receives far less media attention.
- Likewise, submit a short letter-to-the-editor (for publication) highlighting Abbas and Fayyad's honoring of the Munich massacre terrorist (or other recent and egregious instances of Palestinian incitement). At media outlets that covered Yosef's statements, point out the discrepancy when it comes to reporting (or rather, lack thereof) on Palestinian incitement.

Contact information for newsdesks and letters-to-the-editor follow. And if there's an option for posting comments online, be sure to post useful facts for other readers.

ABC News: 212-456-7777; BBC America: 212-705-9300; CBS News: 212-975-4321; CNN: 404-827-1500; Fox News: 212-301-3000; MSNBC News: 212-664-4444; NPR: 202-513-2000

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- To reach the Rabbi for any questions or concerns: e-mail- rabbirichmond@gmail.com Home Phone- (516) 569-4809 Cell Phone- (347) 680-2609
- To put items in this bulletin, (*Deadline: 8 pm Wednesday*) contact Allan Mosak 374-6242 or [amosak@optonline.net](mailto:amosak@optonline.net)
- To check the eruv, please call 295-4242
- To sponsor Kiddush in shul please contact Jay Fuchs at 374-1268 (home), 313-6196 (cell) or [JayFuchs1@MSN.com](mailto:JayFuchs1@MSN.com)
- To sponsor Daf Yomi please contact Jay Fuchs, until further notice
- To sponsor Seudah Shlishit or to reserve the shul social hall for your next simcha please contact Marvin Wertentheil at 295-2593 or [mweyemd2@msn.com](mailto:mweyemd2@msn.com)
- To Layn in shul, contact: Hashkama Minyan- Jeff Bodoff (569-5842), Main Minyan or Downstairs- Benson Casden (792-1171)
- To sponsor the Sunday Morning Breakfast Shiur on Contemporary Issues in Halacha, contact Mel Grossman at [grossmanmel@optonline.net](mailto:grossmanmel@optonline.net) or (516) 374-1376
- To register your kids for the youth program, please contact Gordon Rich
- To be added to the Bais Tefilah e-mail list, send an email to David Stern at [dstern@pobox.com](mailto:dstern@pobox.com) or Jay Fuchs