



NEW LIGHT NEWS

January - February 2026

Tevet - Adar 5786

CONGREGATION OHR CHADASH
A MESSIANIC SNAGOGUE

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The Man Who Graduated From Learning

Morris Kaplan announced, one fine Tuesday, that he had officially graduated from learning.

"I've done it," he told anyone within range. "Torah, history, a little Hebrew, and enough opinions to last me until the Messiah comes. Why keep studying? At my age, I don't need new ideas. I need new knees."

On Thursday nights, the study group met in the social hall. Morris would stroll past like a man touring a museum he'd already reviewed.

The rabbi finally asked, "Morris, why don't you ever come in?"

Morris sighed. "Rabbi, the mind is like a closet. You keep adding things, pretty soon you can't close the door."

The rabbi nodded. "Yes. But if you never open it, everything inside starts to smell like 1974."

A few weeks later, Morris got into a disagreement with a neighbor that became... communal. Emails were written. Phone calls were made. One person said, "Let's be biblical," which is usually a sign it's about to get worse.

That Thursday, Morris slipped into class and sat in the back.

They studied a passage he "already knew," and within ten minutes he realized something horrifying: he had been quoting it confidently... and slightly wrong. Not heresy, just enough wrong to be dangerous.

Afterward Morris stood up and said, "I want to apologize. I didn't graduate. I just stopped showing up."

Moral: Learning doesn't just add knowledge, it subtracts nonsense. And if you want less nonsense (and more joy), come join our spring yeshiva classes.

Dive into the Bible and Judaism at Ohr Chadash!

St. Petersburg Seminary & Yeshiva offers exceptional courses taught by expert professors. Enhance your understanding of the rich traditions and teachings of the Bible and Judaism.



Courses Offered:

● **Former Prophets** continues investigating the Tenach after Deuteronomy: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, and Kings. Life, death, war, and interpersonal drama are included here, which covers over 800 years of history and intrigue. Special attention is given to Joshua, Judges, and the life of David.

Starts: Tuesday, January 20th 6:45PM

● **Introduction to Rabbinic Literature**

Starts: Monday, January 26th 7:00PM

● **Biblical/Messianic Apologetics** (Answering questions about and defending your faith)

Starts: Thursday, January 22nd 7:00PM

● **Ketuvim** (The poetic and wisdom books of the Writings: Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, and Ecclesiastes)

Starts: Wednesday, January 21st 7:00PM

Special Offer:

• **Free Class Sessions:** First two weeks of any course are free, with no obligation. Open to local and out-of-town participants via Webex.

Register Today:

Phone: 727-669-0276

Email: office.stpeteseminary@gmail.com

This is an excellent chance to join a supportive learning community and expand your knowledge!

Join us for Shabbat service, every Friday evening at 7:30 PM.

We livestream our services to YouTube and upload them to Vimeo.

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Stump the Stars, Jewish Style meets here at the synagogue at 7:00 PM; see reverse for calendar. You can also join us by Webex,

ohrchadash.my.webex.com/join/ohrchadash, or watch live on YouTube, youtube.com/c/CongregationOhrChadash.

Email your questions to stumpthestars@gmail.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 / 12 Tevet	2 / 13 Tevet Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	3 / 14 Tevet Vayechi
4 / 15 Tevet	5 / 16 Tevet	6 / 17 Tevet	7 / 18 Tevet	8 / 19 Tevet	9 / 20 Tevet Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	10 / 21 Tevet Shemot
11 / 22 Tevet	12 / 23 Tevet	13 / 24 Tevet	14 / 25 Tevet	15 / 26 Tevet	16 / 27 Tevet Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	17 / 28 Tevet Vaera Stump the Stars, 7 PM
18 / 29 Tevet	19 / 1 Sh’vat Rosh Chodesh Sh’vat	20 / 2 Sh’vat	21 / 3 Sh’vat	22 / 4 Sh’vat	23 / 5 Sh’vat Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	24 / 6 Sh’vat Bo
25 / 7 Sh’vat	26 / 8 Sh’vat	27 / 9 Sh’vat	28 / 10 Sh’vat	29 / 11 Sh’vat	30 / 12 Sh’vat Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	31 / 13 Sh’vat Beshalach Shabbat Shirah

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1 / 14 Sh’vat	2 / 15 Sh’vat	3 / 16 Sh’vat	4 / 17 Sh’vat	5 / 18 Sh’vat	6 / 19 Sh’vat Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	7 / 20 Sh’vat Yitro
8 / 21 Sh’vat	9 / 22 Sh’vat	10 / 23 Sh’vat	11 / 24 Sh’vat	12 / 25 Sh’vat	13 / 26 Sh’vat Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	14 / 27 Sh’vat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim
15 / 28 Sh’vat	16 / 29 Sh’vat	17 / 30 Sh’vat Rosh Chodesh Adar	18 / 1 Adar Rosh Chodesh Adar	19 / 2 Adar	20 / 3 Adar Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	21 / 4 Adar Terumah Stump the Stars, 7 PM
22 / 5 Adar	23 / 6 Adar	24 / 7 Adar	25 / 8 Adar	26 / 9 Adar	27 / 10 Adar Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	28 / 11 Adar Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor
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