

HOD Galil Newsletter

November 2019

Veahavtah Lereachah Kamoachah

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IMPORTANT announcement:

ALL evening meetings will start at 7:30 pm from now on unless noted otherwise.



HOD Galil - Monthly Update.

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President's Message:



Dear Brethren,

First of all, I want to thank those brethren who attended the Open Lodge meeting on October 17, when the Astros played the Yankees. About 30 brethren prioritized their HOD fellowship over watching the Yankees. They enjoyed a quick Open Lodge meeting and listened to a very interesting presentation by Brian Cororve on estate planning. Yasher koach to them for taking the time to attend.

Secondly, I am so pleased to report on our highly successful Gravestone Project. Again, thanks to Bro. Ivor Segall for suggesting this project and to Bro. Alan Lipman for taking this project on and making it happen. A very special yasher koach to our Scribe, Bro. Mark Katzenellenbogen, who was successful in getting articles in 3 consecutive editions of the Jewish Herald Voice and also a full-page article in the Houston Chronicle. This project has attracted already some new prospective members who will be installed in December and we are hopeful that more Jewish men will come forward to join. Also, the fundraising has started well and we look forward raising all the funds necessary for all 160+ gravestones. We have made a good start towards the total expected expenses of \$60,000 and I encourage all our members to talk to their friends to support this project. Remember, this is the highest level of mitzvah since the recipient is not able to thank the donor.

Finally, I look forward to seeing all of our brethren and guests at our quarterly Barbecue and Blood Drive on November 21 at the Merfish Center at 7:30. Please note that separate registrations need to be made for the BBQ and the Blood Drive. Registration is a must, since we don't want to run out of food because many attendees have not registered. Please take a few minutes to register on our website.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Upcoming Calendar:

All the exciting details can be found at www.hodgalil.org/events

Tuesday November 19th @ 7:30 pm * Potential New Member Coffee Meeting
Location: 5619 Valkeith, 77096 (Home of Bro. Shim Brookman)

[RSVP online](#), only if you bring any potential members. Please send information about potential members to Bro. Paul Wainstein at senorpaul@comcast.net and have the potential members complete the application form which can be found at : <https://www.hodgalil.org/MemberApplication>

Please note Nov. 21st - 3 events/meetings so RSVP to each

- 1) Chavershaft Members meeting.
- 2) **Table lodge with a speaker PLUS Kosher BBQ.**
- 3) [Blood Drive](#).

Three events are taking place at the same location so PLEASE RSVP for each one separately to assist with logistics and catering.

1) November "LODGE MEETING"

Thursday Nov.21st @ 7:30 pm

Location - Merfish at 9000 Rice St. off N. Braeswood

This will be an informal social Chavershaft meeting for Members ONLY.

Please come and get to know all of your brethren!!

[RSVP online](#)

2) November "TABLE LODGE" MEETING with guest speaker from HKA (Houston Kashruth Association) and Kosher (Grilled) BBQ.

- Thursday November 21st @ 8:30 pm

Location - Merfish at 9000 Rice St. off N. Braeswood

Please [RSVP online](#) (* *This is for BBQ*)

Table Lodge is the social meeting **AFTER** the members only formal or Chavershaft meeting.

uninitiated members, spouses &/or guests are very welcome to attend Table Lodge. This month it will include a guest speaker.

The **Kosher (Grilled) BBQ** is being sponsored by "**the Mitzvah Bro.**" **Bro. Scotty Gardner** BUT **tickets** are needed so please RSVP and make sure you include your guests. Anyone who has not RSVP'ed will not be assigned a ticket and might not be able to enjoy the food.

3) November - BLOOD drive is between 5 and 8 pm

- Thursday November 21st

Location - Merfish at 9000 Rice St. off N. Braeswood

* **Blood Drive is between 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm**

This will be open to ALL.

RSVP to Donate Blood

for anyone who wants to donate blood, please register **DIRECTLY** with Gulf Coast Regional BLOOD CENTER.

Click on: https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/297011

You MUST register directly with Gulf Coast NOT our HOD system.

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GIVE BLOOD.ORG

Hebrew Order of David

9000 South Rice Blvd
Houston, TX 77096

Thursday, November 21
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Merfish Teen Center
Conference Room

Contact Paul Wainstein
(713) 294-2033 for more information
sponsor code: S707



Artemio, blood recipient



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Share your
donation story



@commitforlife | #commitforlife

Future Events: * update ASAP

Fishing, boating/sailing and/or socializing at a Marina: on a Sunday - SOON.

HOD Galil is wondering which of our members have boats, what kind of boats and where located.

The idea is to arrange some kind of social gathering near the Greater Houston area for our members one Sunday this year. Fishing, sailing and/or meeting for a social gathering on or near a boat or marina. Bay fishing is easier but offshore is also an option for the hardy fisherman (3am to 10 pm). If you have a boat available please mention that with the Marina name when you reply.

Please reply directly to Bro. Mark K. via e-mail (mark@kjis.com) with the subject line: **BOAT**

If you already replied earlier this year then there is no need to reply again unless you have more to add.

Gravestone Project - next unveiling at one cemetery - date and details to follow ASAP.

Please continue to promote and share information with the community. More info towards the end of this newsletter.

* **Houston Chronicle Newspaper** - article posted online. Click on link

-- <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/life/houston-belief/article/REL-jewish-graves-14579182.php>

The original was on page 4 in the "OUTLOOK/BELIEF Section" Sunday 10-20-2019.

Last Lodge Meeting Summary:

This can be [reviewed online](#)

Recent Events:

This can be reviewed online in our previous newsletters:

<https://www.hodgalil.org/Newsletters>

Aishel House - "Food for Friends Volunteer Program"

Sunday November 3, 2019

Once again HOD volunteered and our services were greatly appreciated.







Book Fair & JCC - Bro. Gerald

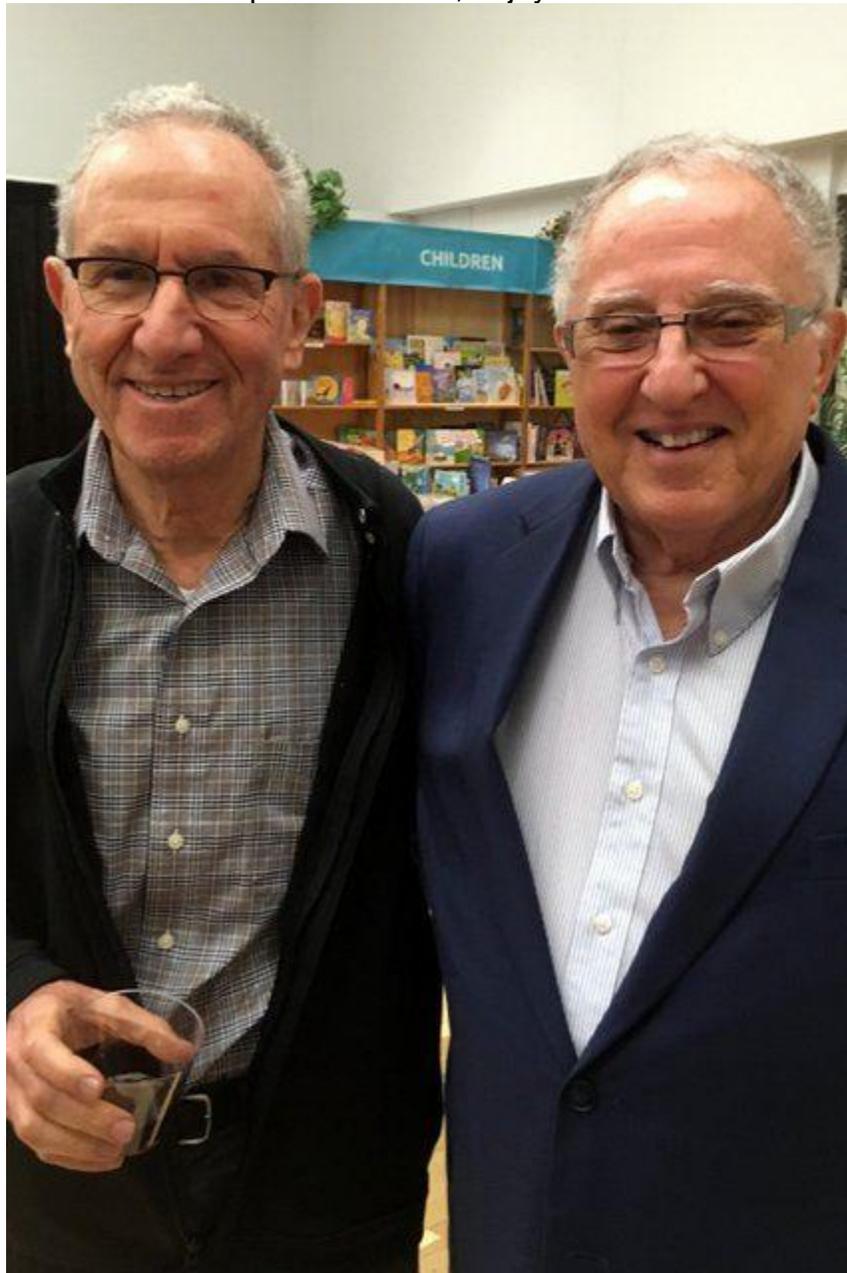
HOD - Social at Book Fair with Local Literati at the JCC



Presenting for the 9th successive year and a few days before his 80th birthday, Bro. Gerald Blumenthal entertained the crowd with his infectious good humor.

He has chaired the Local Literati at the JCCBook fair. As such he has introduced over 200 emerging authors. Some of them have gone on to achieve wonders in the literary world.

Bro. Ian Kavin pictured below, enjoyed the social event.



To read more:

www.hodgalil.org

New members in the last 3 months:

Cecil Chait, David Fishman, Adam Jacob, Gary Jaffe, Michael Lemeshev, Reuven (Rob) Linzer, Gadi Pour and David Silberman

Proposed members approved: Lou Diamond, Eddie Grosman, James McInvale.

Featured Brother: * Bro. Steve Plumb



Steven and his sister Marcia, were born in Hermann Hospital in Houston. They are first generation Americans on their father's side and 4th generation Texans on their mother's side. Steven and his wife Tammy, a Sabra, met as youth

group advisors at a shabbaton at Greene Family Camp. Steven is a CPA and serial entrepreneur. He is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin.

Steven and Tammy have three children, Nathan, Jacob and Sarah. Nathan is a graduate of Robert M. Beren Academy and is enjoying his second year of studying in Israel at Yeshivat Har Etzion. Jacob and Sarah are currently students at Beren. They are active members of United Orthodox Synagogues.

Steven has been actively involved in Scouting for many years. He is the immediate past Scoutmaster of Troop 806, chartered by the Brotherhood of Congregation Beth Israel and serves on the Orthodox advisory subcommittee of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting.

He is currently the treasurer of HOD Galil lodge and the Robert M. Beren Academy and is the president of Houston Kashrut Association.

In his spare time, Steven enjoys photography and making some of the best Kosher smoked brisket that you will have ever tasted.

Good Work of the Lodge:

The Mitzvah of Helping out at Funerals

HOD Galil brethren have been called on numerous occasions to help make a minyan, at a funeral over the past few years.

This has truly met one of our pillars of Ahava, Love of our fellow man.

To participate in helping to make a minyan at a funeral, is considered even more of a mitzvah because the act of kindness can never be repaid.

We have also been asked to assist at shiva minyans and even making a minyan at a yorzheit shacharit, mincha or maariv.

Kol Hakavod to those brethren who have been willing to help our fellow Jews during these difficult occasions.

Gravestone Project

The lodge will continue our impressive mitzvah project.

Houston Gravestone Project





There are too many of these in Houston.

Lodge Galil is looking for interested parties to help fund this project. We do not have the funds to see this project to completion. If interested in helping with this project or discussing further, please do not hesitate to contact Bro. Ivor Segall or **Bro. Alan Lipman, HOD Galil's "Gravestone Project Chairman"** at GravestoneProject@hodgalil.org, or donate directly at www.hodgalil.org/GravestoneProject



Bro Manny M. wants to remind us of this feature to our members.

Always looking to put people to work and places to offer them work.

Prison Chaplaincy:

Bro. Manny M. & Bro. Dovid G. are looking for volunteers to assist.

If you are interested please email rabbi@rabbired.com ASAP.

Video of what HOD Galil has done during the last year:

Here's where to see the **video** of our activities through 2018.

<https://youtu.be/MGRz1xheEgg>



This video was "Premiered" at the wonderful Spouse Appreciation Brunch held on 1-27-2019 at the ERJCC.

HOD Lodge Galil - Executive Committee:

Joe Blog - President

Shim Brookman - Vice-President

Steve Plumb - Treasurer

Eric Bishop - Secretary

Mark Katzenellenbogen - Scribe

Marc Passy - Immediate Past President & Registrar

Lawrence Barris - Trustee

Alan Lipman - Trustee

Paul Wainstein - Trustee

Nat Levy - Honorary Trustee

HOD Lodge Galil - Management Committee:

- All Members of the Executive Committee

Ed Teitel - Preceptor

Zally Lazarus - Chaplain

Andrew Toubin - Inner Guard

Isaac Johary - Inner Guard (Alt.)

Raymond Sass - Master of Ceremonies

Steven Meyer - HOD SW Lodge

Ivor Segal - HOD SW Lodge

Steven Levine - Speakers

HOD Podcast !!!

A Jewish radio station in South Africa has a weekly radio show/podcast on HOD with a former HOD International Grand President, Stan Klaff . You can listen here: <http://www.chaifm.com/the-hod/>

UPDATE: see below as the one saved - (Thursday 31 January 2019) includes Houston WB Lawrence Barris, our founding President !!... :



Thursday 31 January 2019

6 to 7 pm

Why Our Service Organizations Are Dying (and how to fix them)

Michael Brand from Portland, Oregon

Wor Bro Lawrence Barris founder of Lodge Galil in Houston

ChaiFM is not only Live on Air it has live streaming as well

<http://www.chaifm.com/>

Recordings of the show will be available on the site and we will distribute regularly

We are also selling Advertising during the show in 30 second slots - reasonable rates - just ask - the revenue is part of a fundraising exercise for the Order

for any queries or suggestions (most welcome)

Wor Bro Stan Klaff

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