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Annual Melaveh Malkah

**Honoring
Mr. David Brown**

24 Feb 2024
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This year, we are delighted to honor

Mr. David Brown

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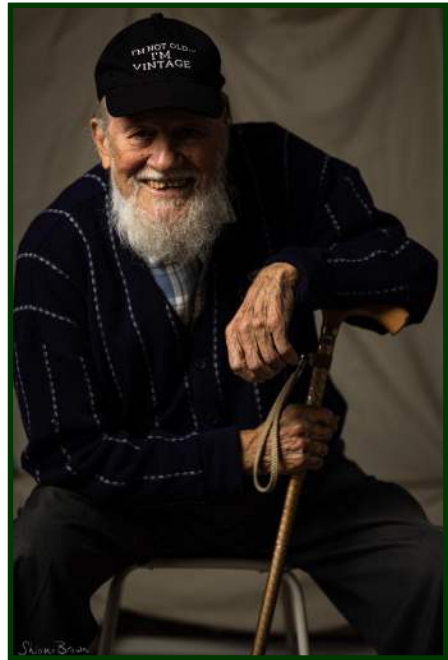
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AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. DAVID BROWN BY ELI WALDMAN

One of the first things someone recognizes about David Brown, aka Super Zaidy, is his zest for life. He (not so quietly) displays more energy than most men significantly younger his age. He always has a smile on his face and fondly speaks of his beloved wife, who passed away.



I've had many conversations with him, and one thing that consistently comes up in conversations is his search to help other Jews.

His love for his fellow Jews and daily involvement in his learning, community, and family are things of paramount importance to him. His personality is almost as big as his smile. He loves kids, and putting his best foot forward is something he practices daily. His never-ending enthusiasm for Jewish causes and his energy have found him raising funds for displaced families, visiting the wounded, and turning even to non-Jews to help with his causes. His smile and warmth are genuinely felt as he talks to people and always looks out for others.

He understands the responsibility and the stellar type of person who is to be honored tonight and takes this responsibility seriously.

During his long and illustrious life, he has met some amazing people, worked for some incredible causes, and now fondly calls Ahavas Shalom his home.

I sat down with R' David, going over some of the highlights of his life. Below is an excerpt:

Eli Waldman - Hi R' David, we're super excited to have you as our guest of honor for this year's *melava malka*!

David Brown - I am honored as well and humbled. Thank you for the opportunity.

Let's start at the beginning. Where did you grow up?

Brighton Beach, Brooklyn.

You were born before WWII and grew up in the 40's what was it like back then?

The war brought rationing and shortages, impacting daily life. There were also social issues, including segregation and discrimination, which affected the lives of many Brooklyn Jews.

Any siblings?

Yes. I have two older brothers, Irving and Sydney, both have passed away, may they rest in peace.



At the Bar Mitzvah of a Great-Grandson

You grew up in a non-frum world. How old were you when you became frum?

40 years old

Wow, like Rabbi Akiva!

lol yes!

What was the cause for you to become Frum?

Mostly my kids. My daughter Mindy became involved in NCSY, and that started the shift .

How old were you when you married ?

I met my late wife in public school in the 8th grade - she was valedictorian and saw something in me that most people turned away from. We dated through high school and married in 1956 at 21. But my future mother-in-law, may she rest in peace, would only let me marry her if I served in the army first. I served in the US Army for two years, which taught me discipline. When we finally married, my wife would push me - she would always be there for me and the kids even though I traveled the world a lot. She was—and her memory still is—my rock. Later, she would always be walking around with a *Tehillim*.

How many kids do you have?

3: Mindy, Yosef and Bitzalel.

How many grandkids?

20.

Great grandkids?

Yes, I have 79 great-grandkids—*knaina horah*—and one great-great-grandson BH.

You were involved in various jobs and sectors throughout your career. Can you share some history?

Sure, I did many things, including franchising; I owned a TV station and later entered investment banking. I still work on various projects for clients. I am currently working with an artist and sculptor to try to sell his artwork.

That's great. You mentioned you used to travel. Are there any noteworthy places you traveled to?

I've traveled quite a bit. But there were a few trips that made a significant impact on me and also on others.

Can you elaborate?

I met Baroness Rothschild in Paris, and once met with R' Moshe Reichman to help me raise funds for various Jewish causes. At another time, I found myself in Turkey working to release Jewish kids from Iran. I was BH successful in helping 50 kids escape.

How would you describe your personal evolution and beliefs?

Evolution from childhood to where I am today has been a tremendous experience. I love Jews—*all Jews*—because we're one nation. It is super important to do whatever we can for each other—just be there. If you go



through the chapters of my life, you can easily see the Hand of Hashem guiding me along the way. A very significant part for me is to love all Jews

You have a special place in your heart for Adelpia Yeshiva—and Rabbi Trenk specifically—let's talk about that.

Oh Rabbi Trenk was a real *tzaddik*. I have a picture of him in my bedroom. That man was unbelievable. His love for the Torah and for all Jews inspired me.

How did you come to be introduced?

LOL Well, it's an accident. R' Yeruchom Shain came to my house and delivered shaloch manos. But everything comes from Hashem! From that point, I became more and more involved. There was a fire in the Yeshiva dormitory, so I sold my TV station to raise funds to help rebuild. I worked as president for a year for no compensation to ensure that the yeshiva had a new building for the students who were displaced, along with Rabbi Shain. When the



The honoree with a Rolls Royce gifted to him!

yeshiva was rebuilding, I had nine *bochrim* living in my house for over a year. While working for the Yeshiva and the close relationship established with the entire Adelpia Rabbaim and their wives, those seven years were the best years of my and my wife's lives. We were so blessed.

R' Trenk was known to have tremendous love for his fellow Jew. Can you recall something that inspired you, or did you witness some interaction that impacted you?

R' Trenk was a *malach* in a human body. His love for all Jews, all kids, was amazing to watch. He never gave up on a child; he never said this was too challenging. He once came to me and said "David, I need a favor." I said sure, and he told me, "The boys want to watch the Super Bowl. I don't want them to watch it in Yeshiva, but if I say no, they will watch it anyway but not in a frum environment." He asked me if I could host the Super Bowl for the Yeshiva guys. He was so relatable—indeed, an outstanding human.

Once, he urged me to come with him on a bus from the Yeshiva with all the *bochorim* to Madison Square Garden. It was a huge, packed event. It was the *Siyum Hashas*. and participating was very memorable for me.



Mr. Beer and Mr. Brown at the Lag B'Omer Event

How long ago did you make Aliyah?

34 years ago, in 1990—at 54 years old.!

Did you move directly from the States to RBS?

No. After *aliyah*, we were in Har Nof, then spent ten years in Raanana and lived in Nachliel on two separate occasions. The last place I lived was Kedumim, where I lived with Bubby z”l for a while before she passed away four years ago in Kedumim. I moved to Beit Shemesh a little over two years ago and love it here.

How did you come to choose Ahavas Shalom?

I chose to live with my son and daughter (in-law), and they live right across the street, so great proximity.

What are the main things you like about the shul?

Being together means a sense of camaraderie and unity—which is the unity that Hashem is looking for. When we are unified, have a *l’chaim* together and celebrate. It is another home, another place where I can be comfortable—I can be who I am and be loved. I am surrounded by people who are good people with shared values. *I love the people!* I enjoy the Rabbi’s *Divrei Torah* in English. I feel the spirit of Judaism in the shul.

What changes would you like to see at Ahavas Shalom?

Increase the size of the shul and build the new building. Outside maintenance. Someone to come in and change the seat covers (I mean, you wanted me to be honest, right).

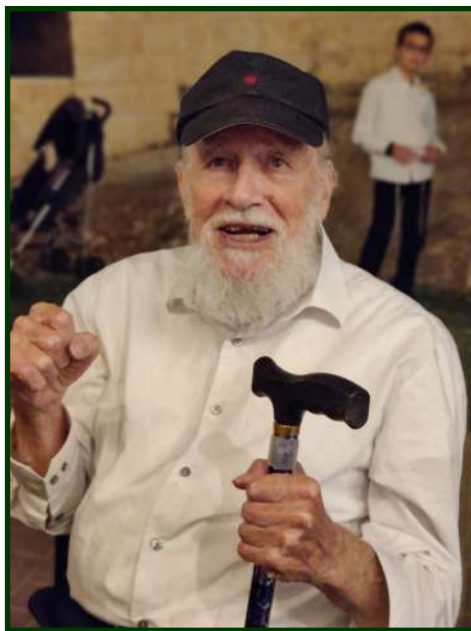
When you are not working on a project for Klal Yisroel, what else are you busy with?

I have written and published five novels, mainly in the crime drama genre but with poetic license; it is a life story. A lot of what I have experienced in my world travels has found its way into the books. They’re on Amazon and whatever funds I receive I am donating to the soldiers.

In one of your novels, you have a character with a cane who has a single bullet in his cane. Do you depict that as well? Do you have a single bullet chamber in your cane?

I plead the 5th!

If you could give your 20-year-old self





At the Simchas Beis Hashoeva



Visiting an injured soldier in the hospital

some advice, what would it be?

As soon as you can, wherever you are, come to live in Israel and learn as much Torah as you can.

What words of wisdom can you share with the kehillah?

Strengthen our *emunah* to new heights. As a people, we are being tested like never before—we must strive to work on our *emunah* and resolve to love each other unconditionally.

Thank you for taking the time with me and mazal tov on being honored may you continue to inspire others and do for others—be blessed from all your family and we really appreciate you at the shul.

Thank you—its an honor!



Dancing at the Simchas Beis Hashoeva



Above: Buying a horse with Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters

Left: Reb Dovid always puts a happy face on anyone he visits!



Rav Avrohom Baruch
Zachariash

Rav of Beis Medrash Ahavas Shalom

RAV'S OPENING WORDS

כִּי תִשָּׂא אֶת־רֹאשׁ בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל...זֶה יִתְּנוּ...מַחְצִית הַשֶּׁקֶל...
(שמות ל:יג)

"When you [wish to] take [a count of] the heads of the children of Israel...This is what they shall give...half a shekel..." (Shemos 30:12-13)

The Torah tells us – when the *Bnei Yisroel* are counted, it must be done with a *machatzis hashekel* – a half shekel coin. If done otherwise, there is the danger of a plague coming to the Jews. Rav Yaakov Yitzchok Ruderman (1900-1987) explains the connection between the danger of being counted and the defense mechanism of the *machatzis hashekel*. *Rabbeinu Bechaya* (1255-1340) tells us that there is a danger in being evaluated as an

individual, for whenever someone stands out, he is examined from head to toe. Wearing flamboyant clothing causes people to look at one's physical attributes (or the lack thereof). This is sometimes true even in the realm of spirituality. In fact, the gemora in *Brachos* 55a tells us that if a person goes to a dangerous place, such as near a wall that might collapse, if it collapses on him and kills him it is basically his own fault! For when one puts oneself in danger, the record books are taken out to determine if he has the merits to be saved – or not (see *Rashi*). Meaning, if he would not have gone there, he would not have to have been evaluated in Heaven to see if he has the merits to remain alive. So, staying in the pack is a valuable defense mechanism against danger.

This can be seen even on the good side. The *isha hashunamis* told Elisha that she would rather not have a special tefilla said for her, even if it would be at the expense of her not having a child. She said this in order not to be separated from the rest of *Klal Yisroel* on Rosh Hashanah day.

In more recent times, when the *Ohr Somayach* (Meir Simcha of Dvinsk 1843-1926) was afflicted with his final illness, Rav Elchanan Wasserman asked him if he would like to have a telegram sent to all the yeshivas in order that they pray for him. The *Ohr Somayach* replied that the tefilla of the masses "...amongst all the other sick people in *Klal Yisrael*" is more potent than a personal prayer.

This idea was played out by the leaders of each tribe when the *Mishkan* was being dedicated. Each *Nasi* brought the offering of a calf together with another *Nasi* to accentuate this idea that it is better to be

part of a joint effort.

Therefore, we can understand that being counted individually could have a negative effect and the census is therefore done in a way that everyone must give the exact same half shekel coin. The idea behind this is that we are all part of the same group, without anyone standing out as special.

I feel honored to be involved with the *kehilla* that not only embraces the concepts of “*ahavas shalom*”, but also looks to ensure that each and every person feels that he is an equal part of the community. As we are taught in this upcoming week’s *parsha*, such a stance causes the Divine Presence to dwell amongst us. I believe that our holy *kehilla* will also be blessed to have the *Divine Presence* among us, hearing our tefillos and our Torah.

Yasher Koach on letting me be a part of this unit!



Above (l) The Rav inspects a lulav before Pesach; (r) The Rav inspects a roller to ensure it is free of *chometz*.

Right column top to bottom: Listening to the megillah; Selling *chometz*; Participating in a *Mishmar*; giving shiur with several recording devices; speaking at the Yom

Iyun.



MESSAGE FROM BINYOMIN RUBENSTEIN AHAVAS SHALOM VAAD CHAIRMAN



This year we find ourselves amid a traumatic and troublesome time for *Klal Yisroel*. Despite our reliance on the *Melava Malka* as our yearly fundraiser, the Vaad was unsure whether to go ahead. Can we really dance, eat, drink, laugh and celebrate? Undoubtedly a *Melava Malka* is a *mitzvah*, but should we be so overt when our brothers and sisters are on the front line fighting for our safety and whilst we witness the rapid rise of antisemitism threatening world Jewry?



The truth is that we are all soldiers fighting for the cause; our Kehilla does so on a spiritual level. **Reb Dovid Brown** has shown us all that age doesn't matter when it comes to making a difference. He, along with so many in our *Kehilla*, are a constant source of inspiration. The *tzinus* stories of *mesiras hanefesh* I have personally heard from our members in terms of their 'war effort' is very humbling. It is an honor to serve on the *Vaad* for Kehillas Ahavas Shalom. More than ever, we are experiencing a sense of *achdus*, warmth, bonding, and spiritual growth among our members.



It takes a 'mini-army' to run a successful shul and that's what we are celebrating tonight. Not that we



should rest upon our laurels, but neither should our achievements go unrecognized because our continued efforts can and will make a difference to the success of *Klal Yisroel*. The Vaad would like to express its Hakoras HaTov to certain individuals and families who have voluntarily and relentlessly dedicated their time to enable our Kehilla to continue to thrive in Torah, Tefilla, and Chessed throughout 5784. Thank you to...

- **HaRav and Rebbetzin Zachariash** for leading and guiding our Kehilla in ensuring that we all individually continue to grow in our *ruchni* and *dveykus l'Hashem*. May their passion for Torah and love of our Kehilla continue *m'choyel l'choyel*.

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Ahavas Shalom Vaad

Left column: Binyomin Rubenstein (Chairman), Yosef Richards (Vice Chairman), Aryeh Beer (Treasurer), Eli Waldman. Right column: Yisroel Harris, Hananiah Laszker, Lev Seltzer, Shimon Young

- Our Gabbaim **Reb Naftali Kaplan, Reb Ari Waldman, Reb Shlomo Dickman, Reb Gedaliah Spira, and Reb Jonny Links** for ensuring our services run smoothly and on time.
- **Reb Yoel Steiner** for his impeccable Shabbos leining.
- **Rabbi Akiva Teichtal** for the Ahavas Shalom Kollel learning programs and for giving us numerous shiurim.
- **Rabbi Eliyahu Jacobs**, our '*Kinyan Mesechta*' and '*Ohr HaChaim Kiddush*' Maggid shiur.
- **Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen** for his Shavuot and Mishmar night program, and daily morning shiurim.
- **Rabbi Avishai Hill** for arranging the Bein Hazmanim program, sponsors and Oneg Shabbos shiurim.
- **Reb Shlomo Hollander** for organizing the weekly Avos uBanim learning program and all the treats that go with it.
- **Reb Lev Seltzer** for the copious amounts of hours he invests in editing our weekly newsletter and schedules, as well as the proofreaders and translators: **Peretz Dissen, Larry Goldberg, and Mrs. Miller.**
- **Reb Yisroel Harris** for arranging the new and very successful Oneg Shabbos Program.
- **Reb Naftali Kaplin, Reb Shimon Solway and Reb Aitan Zacharin** for their time and energy helping to push forward the building project.
- **Reb Peretz Dissen** for arranging the Pesach Matzah bake and Kehilla speakers for the Tisha B'Av program.
- **The Lasker family** for catering our scrumptious *kiddushim* among many other things!
- The Ahavas Shalom Neshei: **Shuli Harris, Merav Lasker, Elisheva Goldwater, Malka Garalnik, Aliza Back and Karen Rubenstein** for arranging our fabulous Kids Chanukah Program, Purim Mishloach Manos Project, Lag B'Omer in the Park Program, Growth Through The Parsha Shiur as well as many other initiatives.
- **Reb Reuvain Mendlowitz** for his Shabbos morning Chofetz Chaim shiur.
- **Shira Young** for providing us with stunning event lighting.
- **Reb Yitzzy Berlin** for his leining and event photos.
- **Reb Ari Goldwag** for his beautiful singing at our events.
- **Reb Yehuda Nyssen and Reb Yisroel Harris** for maintaining the Otzer.
- **Reb Peretz Katz** for heading up the Ahavas Shalom Gemach loan service.
- The weekly contributors to the Ohr HaChaim Kiddush including **Chava Jacobs** for her cakes, the *shmottl*-makers, and the drink-bringers.
- **Mrs Miriam Zakoo** our shul administrator for her flexibility, attentiveness and taking so much pride in her work.
- And...a special 'behind-the-scenes' thank you to **Rabbi Simkin, Reb Zev Kornbluh, Reb Yossi Benjamin, Reb Yoni Korin, Reb Mordechai Americus and Reb Gil Garalnik.**
- Lastly and of course by no means least, thank you to all of **our members** who add their special unique flavor to help make our Kehilla so special.

... וכל מי שעוסק עם בצרכי ציבור ...

The Kehillas Ahavas Shalom Vaad



TZALASH

Ahavas Shalom has selected **Tzalash.org** to receive a portion of the advertising profits to help their efforts.

Tzalash provides a comprehensive range of programs from pre-army (*mechina*) to lone soldiers, wives of soldiers and of course the soldiers themselves (both *sadir* and *miluyim*)

The purpose of these programs is to assist soldiers in maintaining and increasing their religious commitment and emotional well-being throughout the duration of their military service.

Since its founding in 2010, Tzalash has carried out over 6,000 Shabbos/Chagim learning programs. In addition Tzalash has distributed over 200,000 *mishnayos*, *gemaros* and other *seforim* made in a user-friendly format, taking into account circumstances and conditions specific to soldiers. Tzalash works under the halachic guidance of Harav Osher Weiss. Many of the Rav's works (e.g. *Minchat Osher*) have been published in a format specifically made for soldiers.



Most recently, Tzalash set up a *Beit Knesset* with *seforim* for the soldiers doing duty in and around Gaza. The shul hosts multiple *minyanim* every day (approx. 70-100 *mispallelim*), as well as guest speakers from time to time. Some *bochrim* from the south sometimes use the *Beit Knesset* as a place of learning.



Soldiers learning in the *Tzalash* Beit Knesset



Soldiers attending a shiur in the *Tzalash* Beit Knesset



Sefarim shrank set up by *Tzalash*



FROM THE ROSH KOLLEL

Rabbi Akiva Teichtal

Rosh Kollel, Ahavas Shalom Kollel

When asked to write about **David Brown**, I didn't know where to start from...

In spite of our age differences (David is a bit younger than me, in case you haven't noticed) I see him as a close friend, a role model, and a very dear neighbor of mine. And - above all - a respected member of my *Amud Yomi*'s email list.

David is one of the most remarkable people I have ever met.

He used to come to our *Amud Yomi* shiur for a while. He was an involved and active member, asking pointed questions, and enjoying the *p'shat*. The joy with which he used to come to learn was a pleasure to see.

David is a devout Jew, who adheres to Torah and mitzvos with passion and dedication. Seeing him coming and going to shul, come what may, weathering storms and sometimes difficult health situations is a real *chizuk* for me, and I am sure the same goes for many others. When I enter shul, the first thing I see is his trademark, cheerful baseball cap and cane. That already sets my davening off to a good start.

A highly respected member of Ahavas Shalom, he is always ready to lend a hand, share some wisdom, help with a donation and - above all - crack a hearty joke. He is a true source of inspiration for so many of us.

It is hard to count how many "grand-grand-grand (did I miss a "grand" or two?) children David has, but we can count on him to let

us know whenever another one comes into the world...the pride David takes in his wonderful family is heartwarming, and we wish him continued nachas from every one of them.

A special shoutout goes to his son and daughter-in-law, who are people of exceptional middos and tremendous *kibbud av*. Way to go!

In truth, David is an inspiration to us all, and we are grateful for his friendship, guidance, and personal example. He is a man of honor, integrity, and faith; a man who deserves our recognition, appreciation, and hearty applause.

David, we love you, and we wish you only good health and abundant blessing!!!

Mazel tov!

Below: Rabbi Teichtal giving his morning *Amud Yomi* shiur





Rabbi Eliyahu Jacobs

ACQUIRING A MESECHTA

By Rabbi Eliyahu Jacobs

I heard a great explanation about Kinyan Masechta. Imagine every tractate of Gemara is a steep, almost vertical, cliff, and you want to climb to the top. Initially, the cliff is bare like every page is clean and freshly printed. Just as someone takes a pencil and starts writing notes, a climber must use a drill and put anchors in place. Installing bolts in the rock is complicated, strenuous, and requires going up and down many times.

Once the anchors are in place, the climbing gets easier, especially if you do it with a group. A lead climber takes a rope and attaches it to the anchors. The climb is still difficult, but with the anchors in place and a team working together it's easier.

After going up the cliff many times with ropes, an experienced climber starts spotting natural handholds in the side of the cliff. He doesn't rely as much on the ropes and permanent protections. The more times he ascends, the easier and faster it gets. After a while, the cliff no longer feels daunting, and the climber feels like he owns it.

If you feel like you're staring at an impossible and steep cliff when you think about learning Gemara, come and join our crew. We'll help you with placing anchors, throwing ropes, and finding the hidden cracks. With consistency and dedication, you will eventually feel like you own the tractate.



YOM IYUN



At our annual Yom Iyun, Rav Avrohom Baruch Zachariash, Rabbi Akiva Teichtal, and Rabbi Avraham Jacobovitz spoke to a very large crowd—many of whom had the day off. All participants enjoyed a “continental breakfast” while listening to the shiurim—which are also available from the Ahavas Shalom home page: www.ahavasshalom.org.

LEARNING

There are many daily and weekly shiurim given in our Beis Medrash, including the daily *halacha shiur* from **Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen**.



עול שמחת מצוות - AVOS UBANIM



Gadi, Hananiah and Yair
Lasker



Rabbi Moshe Dovid and
Benzi Cohen

The Avos U Banim program here at Ahavas Shalom has been going strong for many years. Each Motzai Shabbos (and Shabbos Afternoon in the summer) fathers and sons learn together here in shul. It is a wonderful opportunity for fathers to learn with their sons and to bond in the warm atmosphere of the bais medrash. Each week there are treats and incentives for those that come. There is always room for additional fathers and sons and if you have been thinking of joining there is no time like the present.

Shlomo Hollander



Aitan and Yosef Chaim
Zacharin



Tehillim from Yona
Rubenstein



Benny, Yehudah and Aryeh
Sunshine



Ashi and Yitzchak Frohlich



Yehuda and Shimon Goldwater



Shimon and Daniel Young



Aryeh, Rabbi Yitzchak and
Yaakov Rubin



Avraham Yona and Yisroel
Harris



Yitzchak Tzvi and Rabbi
Akiva Teichtal



Yaakov and Aaron Schlesinger



Peretz and Yehudah Benveniste



Meir and Tzvi Broker



Mordechai, Yitzchak and
Michael Weinblatt



Yosef Yehudah and Gavriel
Weiner



Aryeh, Raanan and Yehudah
Bodzin

Ice Cream Cones and Cups for All Learners!



MEGILLA WITH THE KEHILLA



What is there to do on Purim night after hearing the megilla? Now in its SIXTH year, about 20 men got together to learn all of *Mesechta Megillah* in about an hour. Rav Zachariash was *mesayam* just before 23:00.

Look for another *Megilla with the Kehilla* event this Purim!



Row 1: Full Beis Medrash; Ari Waldman & Jeffrey Bell

Row 2: Binyomin & Mordechai Rubenstein; Yitzy & Naftali Kaplan

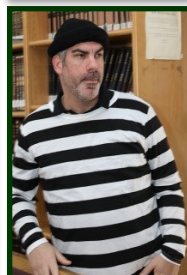
Row 3: Yummy Brownies

Row 4: The Rav leading the *Hadran*.

Row 5: ; Dancing at 23:00 at night!



PURIM & YESHIVAS MORDECHAI HATZADIK



The Rav follows along with his son and grandson

Yoel Steiner leans the Megillah at night.

Neshei's delicious Shalach Manos



Shlomo and Bentzi Hollander

Yehuda and Shimon Goldwater

R' Naftali and Yitzki Kaplan

MATZAH BAKING

Every year our Kehillah gets together to bake our own hand-made matzos, supervised by the Rav. Thank you to Peretz Dissen who arranged it last year—and every year!



Benzi and Yosi Benjamin



Peretz Dissen with the finished product



Aaron Schlesinger is ready to roll!



Rabbi Simkin preparing the dough



Shimon and Daniel Young



Aaron Richards seals a box



Yehuda Goldwater takes a bite!



Avraham Yona Harris takes a bite!



Eli Simkin gets some warmth from the oven



Yosef and Binyomin Richards clean the tools

YESHIVAS BEIN HAZMANIM



A Full Beis Medrash

During the breaks in Nissan, Av and Tishrei, dozens of *bochrim* learn in our Beis Medrash. Each boy receives a stipend generously provided for by sponsors in our Kehilla.

Thank you to all for keeping our Beis Medrash active - even during the "vacation" periods.



Shlomo Muriel learning with his *chevrusa*



Akiva Solway learning with his *chevrusa*



Looking up a source



Rabbi Akiva Teichtal gives a shiur



LAG B'OMER

Bigger and better! The Ahavas Shalom Lag B'Omer event now requires the massive space afforded to us across the street in the Ayalon Park. Hundreds of people turned up to hear Ari Goldwag sing, buy some food, and dance in front of the fire!



Hananiah Lasker whips up some Candy Floss



Rabbi Teichtal lights the Lag B'Omer fire



The Rav speaks



Ari Goldwag under the LED lights



TISHA B'AV KINNOIS

To make Tisha B'Av more meaningful at a personal level, many members of kehilla volunteer to introduce a *kinah*, sharing their own insights—or those of a commentator. While the kehilla appreciates this program very much, we look forward to the day when we stop saying *Kinos* and Tisha B'Av becomes a festive day!



SIMCHAS BEIS HASHOEVA



KIDS CHANUKAH PARTY



Another successful
event organized by
the Ahavas Shalom
Neishei



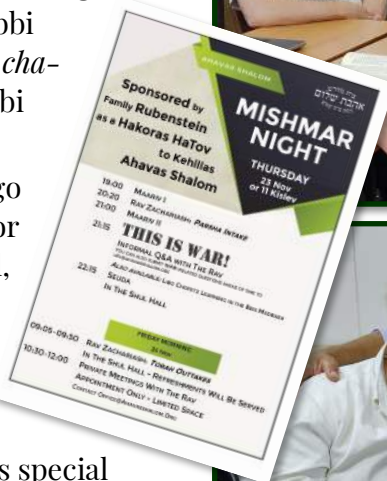
MISHMAR



Mishmar is a popular evening activity amongst the Kehilla. After a shiur from the Rav, there are three options of learning, including a shiur from Rabbi Teichtal and a *chabura* from Rabbi Cohen.

Finally we all go into the Hall for a catered meal, thanks to the various sponsors.

Don't forget about the Rav's special Parsha shiur on Friday morning!



אם נָסֵף תִּלְוֶה אֶת עַמִּי, אֶת הָעָנִי עִמָּךְ

THE AHAVAS SHALOM LOAN GEMACH

Hidden away among all the programs and services at Ahavas Shalom is a loan gemach, managed by dedicated volunteers and funded by members of our own kehilla. During the past two years alone, over twenty members benefited from loans ranging from a few hundred to a maximum of eight-thousand shekels.



Loans are given for a maximum of six months, and require a guarantor. No questions are asked as to the purpose of the loan, but we can imagine that they are for various emergency needs, bridging a difficult—sometimes frightening—time between when a payment is due and when expected funds are supposed to arrive.

To help fund the Gemach, or if you need a loan, please speak with Peretz Katz.

OHR HACHAIM KIDDUSH CHEVRA

Our **Ohr HaChaim Kiddush Chevra** has entered its 8th year and is becoming ever more popular among our members. At the end of davening on almost every Shabbos morning, a group of men, children (and some ladies) get together in the Hall for a Kiddush and Torah, featuring commentary by the *Ohr HaChaim* given by Reb Eliyahu Jacobs. HaRav Zachariash often attends and gives over *divrei Torah* along with many others who contribute with

their own *parsha* ideas. It has become 'the' forum

for our members to celebrate a *siyum*, birthday, anniversary, or to dedicate the Kiddush to a loved one. The Kiddush is sponsored by everyone who attends, whether it be with schnapps, shmotlz herring, cakes, drinks, plastics goods, and even gravlax. Everyone in our Kehilla is welcome to attend - no "chevra membership card" is required. We look forward to seeing you next Shabbos!



MELAVEH MALKA 5783



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Rabbi Aharon Simkin



Rav Zachariash



Guest speaker:
Rabbi Yitzchok Shurin



Music from Ari Goldwag



MC Jonny Links



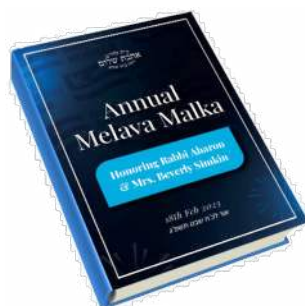
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My Wife My Life

Chava Brown Z"L had many qualities of a diamond.

She was radiant, majestic, and strong.

Her Emunah taught our children and grandchildren how to weather the storms of life.

Her presence is missed so deeply. I try to carry on her legacy of kindness.

I feel so blessed for the life we built together in Eretz Yisroel.

May she continue to watch over us and lead us in her ways.

David Brown



Yasher Koach to
Rav and Mrs. Zachariash
and the shul Vaad members and
gabaim for all their efforts to
maintain and grow our shul and
Kehilla.

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In grateful recognition to our esteemed

Rav, Harav Zacharish, shlita,

for his continued spiritual leadership and unlimited dedication to the Kehilla. Thank you to the Rebbitzin and the entire Zacharish family for allowing the Rav to give so much of his time for which we all benefit both individually and as a kehilla.

Mazal Tov to

Reb David Brown

on this very fitting honor for the incredible work he has done for the war effort.

As always a special thank you to **Binyomin Rubenstein**
and the rest of the **Vaad**
as well as **Rabbi Naftali Kaplan** for keeping things going.

May you all be blessed with continued *hatzlocha* in all your endeavors.

Bezrat Hashem all our soldiers and the hostages should return home speedily and
in good health.

PERETZ AND SHELLEY KATZ



Thank you to the
Rav, Vaad,
and members of the shul

and Mazal Tov to
Mr. Brown

Thank you to all of the brave soldiers who are risking their
lives to protect us and our families.



Please consider learning more in their merit.

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Dear David,

**We from the Chevras Ohr-HaChaim are
delighted that you are getting honored this
year! You bring light and happiness to our
Kiddush's and we always look forward to
what you have to say because we know it's
coming from your heart!!**

(After all, you wear your heart on your sleeve!!)

**We bless you to continue to bring
happiness and light to our shul and our
kiddushes in good health for many more
years to come!**

L'Chayim Tovim U'LeSholom!!!

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In honor of

Zadie Brown

who always teaches us that the sky is the limit.

And liluy nishmas

Bubby Brown

(Chava Bas Yisrael)

Our beloved grandmother

We will never forget!

**SHLOMO AND ESTI SHAPIRO
MORDECHAI YEHOShUA, SHIRA DVORA,
AHUVA, AND TOIBA ADINA**



For my dear friend

David Brown

Congratulations
for all your good deeds!

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Raising a Toast to David

*You are an inspirational
family man*

*Best wishes
for many healthy years ahead.*

Mike Doherty



"Every experience of anguish is a note that we weave together to make a song that no one else can sing."

Kind David did this through Tehillim the Sefer, which is so beloved by our family. Like his namesake, King David, our father is wholehearted and dedicated to whatever task is set before him.

“וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וּשְׁכֹנָתִי בְּתוֹכּוֹ”

**"MAKE FOR ME A SANCTUARY THAT I MAY
DWELL WITHIN THEM."**

Our family legacy, as taught by our parents, is to build the world through kindness so Hashem's presence will rest amongst the Jewish Nation.

We wish our father many years of good health and abundant nachas from his beautiful family.

With love and respect,

**Mindy, Yosef and Julie,
Bitzalel and Renee**

Congratulations!
Mr. David Brown

A true enthusiast

**Young at heart,
Wise with years.**

**Moving us all forward,
together.**

**Thank you for being an
inspiration!**

An Admirer

**Mazel Tov to my dear
friend Dovid Brown.**

**Dovid is a true
warrior on behalf of
Am Yisroel.**

**We wish you and your
family good health
and Nachas**

***"Ad Meah V'esrim
Shana"***

Aryeh and Rivka Beer

Wishing Mr. Dovid Brown and the whole Brown family הצלחה בכל מעשי ידיכם

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Hakaras hatov to

Rabbi and Rebbetzin

Zachariash

for all they do for our *kehila* and
especially for our family.

Shimon and Shalhevet Solway and family

Thank you to
the Rov and Rebbitzin
for all they do for the Kehillah

and Mazel Tov to
Mr. David Brown
on this well deserved honor.

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Mazal Tov to
Mr. David Brown
on receiving this well deserved Honor.

May he merit continued
spiritual growth
in Torah and Mitzvos.

With much **הכרת הטוב** to
the Rav, Vaad, Gabboim,
and to all those who contribute to the
smooth running of the Shul.

The Dissen Family

Mazel Tov to
Rav Zachariash

And the honoree
Mr. David Brown

The Fialkoff Family

Dear David,

There's a saying that says:

“Hashem wanted the world to know what unconditional love is so he made grandparents.”

As our adopted Zaidy we know that you love us and we love you and that the honor you are getting is well deserved!

May you have good health and much nachas from your family!

Ari & Rochel Waldman

Mazel Tov to this year's honoree:

David Brown

Many thanks for the entire Kehillah beginning with

The Rov, *Shlita*,

followed by the **Shul Board**

and many wonderful neighbors for warmly
welcoming us.

May we all be *zoche* to see the Kehillah
continue to grow and the new building
become a reality soon, *be"H*.

Gershon and Batsheva Fern

Mazel Tov to

Mr. Brown

and your entire family

On this fitting honor. Since you have come into this community, the whole shul has felt your infectious joy, which is very much appreciated. Your love and admiration for Torah and growth is a lesson to us all. In addition to all this, your efforts since the war helping soldiers and their families are a testament to how much you care.

May you be blessed with many more years of health and happiness and may we as a community continue to learn and be inspired by you.

We also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge our tremendous gratitude to

Rabbi and Rebbetzen Zachariash

for all your guidance and inspiration.

Thank you also to Brad and Karen Rubenstein for all you do for our community.

Thank you to the dedicated Ladies committee and to the Laskers, for their constant hard work.

And finally thank you to all the volunteers who are working so hard behind the scenes

The Richards Family

Congratulations
to my good friend
Mr. David Brown

Danny White

Zaidy!

You are such an incredible, larger than
life person.

You have such a generous and passionate
soul and it brings light through days of
darkness.

Keep being your amazing self filled with
love, belief, and happiness.

We love you so much!

Your grandchildren and great grandchildren

Mazel Tov to the Honoree

Mr. David Brown

Hakaras Hatov to

Rav Zacharish

Yitzchak Rubin & Family

Yasher Koyach to

HaRav and Rebbetzin Zachariash

for their unwavering love, care, time and
advice toward each and every one of us.

Mazel Tov to

Mr. Dovid Brown

on this well-deserved honor.

Your personality, energy and passion give
us all so much *chizuk*. We are honored to have you
as a member of our Kehilla.

May you and your family be
blessed with good health and *hatzlocho* for the future.

Thank you to

Reb Lev Seltzer

for his time and dedication in producing
this year's fabulous Journal!

Binyomin and Karen Rubenstein

Mazel Tov to

Mr. Brown

on this well-earned honor.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to
our Kehilla.

May you always be blessed with much health, simcha and
nachas from your family.

...וכל מי שעוסק עם בצרכי ציבור...

**HaRav & Rebbetzin Zachariash
The Vaad • The Gabbaim • The Neshei**

The concept of bitachon [that Hashem will provide for all the needs of one who truly trusts and relies on Him] is not dependent on merit. For even if he is a person who does not act properly, since he strengthened his bitachon in Hashem the power of bitachon protects him, and Hashem will act kindly towards him.

– Rabbi Yisroel Meir Kagan (Sefer Shem Olam 2:8)

If I had to encapsulate

R' David

in two words it would be a true "**Baal Bitachon**". May Hashem continue to shower you with **ברכה ושפע עד בלי די** in the zechus of your **בטחון** and the great things you do for Klal Yisroel **בתמימות**.

We wish to extend our *hakaras hatov* to the

Rav and Rebbetzin

for everything they have done and continue to do for our kehillah and our family. Thank you. May you go **מחיל אל חיל** and be blessed with **שנים רבות** and **ברכה ושפע** in all that you do.

Zacharin Family

Thank you to the
Rav and Rebbetzin
for always inspiring the *tzibur*.

Thank you
Super Zeidy Brown
for all you do for the *klal*, and for your
presence at our shul! It has greatly
enhanced the *tzibur*. Your devotion to *Klal*
Yisrael is inspiring for all of us to see,
young and old alike.

**Hananiah, Merav,
Tuvia, Yossi, Yair, Gadi, Adina, Shua and Chagai Lasker**

Mazel Tov to

Mr Dovid Brown

for his wonderful contributions on behalf of
the shul and our soldiers.

May you continue from strength to strength!

Together with

Rav Zachariash, the Gabbaim

and the Va'ad,

may you continue to merit being able to serve
the klal.

Shimon and Shira Young

David, it is our *zechus* to join with you to acknowledge the exceptional efforts you make on behalf of Ahavas Shalom. In the challenging times in which we find ourselves it is particularly uplifting to partake of your wonderful sense of humor.
BE'H until 120 B'Simcha!

Yaacov and Shira Gitstein

Mazel Tov to
David Brown
On this well-deserved honor

Yaacov Baruchov

Wishing Ahavas Shalom continued success,
with thanks to the
Rav, Rebbetzin and the Vaad.

Mazel Tov to Mr Brown!
Best wishes,

Shimon and Elisheva Goldwater

Dearest **R' Brown** aka **Doc Brown** aka **Zaidy Brown**,

May you continue to inspire other people with your devotion to
Klal Yisrael.

May you continue to have the *koach* to always do for others.

Continue growing and showing the zest for life

Much *nachas* from your family.

Your friend, Eli Waldman

לע"נ

ציפורה בת בן ציון

Joseph Beer

Hatzlocho

in all the shool's endeavours!

Alan and Gina Freedman



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אופטיקה עינית

MAZEL TOV TO

MR. DAVID BROWN

MAY HASHEM GRANT YOU CONTINUOUS
BRACHA V'HATZLACHA

With much gratitude and appreciation for your untiring efforts for all that
you do for the Kehillah, the Community and Klal Yisrael.

May you continue to go **חיל אל חיל**



Together with HaRav Zachariash, the gabbaim and the va'ad, may we all
merit being able to serve the Klal and see Ahavas Shalom continue to grow
both spiritually and physically.

Pinchas and Toby Fader

A big Congrats to our amazing friend and brother,

David Brown!

He deserves many blessings with all of the compassion and actions he gives to Israel and mankind in general!

HK Holland

David,
There is literally no one like you in the world. Behind that beard is one of Hashem's greatest creations.
We love you!

Rabbi Stewart and Susie Weiss

Thank you to

The Laskers

For all you do for our shul!

Anonymous

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Lev Seltzer

For producing another awesome Journal!

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Mazel Tov to

**Mr. David
Brown**

May Hashem grant you
continuous
Bracha V'Hatzlacha

Shmuel & Elisheva Kovacs

Wishing the Ahavas Shalom Kehilla

הצלחה רבה!

Garalicks

Thank you to the
Rov, Binyomin, and others
who contribute to the
operation of the Shul.

Mazal tov to the honoree.

Mishpachat Escovitz

...וכל מי שעוסקים
בצרכי ציבור
באמונה, הקדוש ברוך
הוא, ישלם שכרם,
ויסיר מהם כל
מחלה...

Yehuda and Judy Gross

Sending love & good
wishes for the great job
that the shul does.

Hatzlacha in all future
endeavours. May the
already great success
only get better.

Yaakov Freedman

**Can you add on 1 hour of
Torah learning for the
protection of the soldiers?**

**Aside from their personal
danger, they are protecting
us and our families.**

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Mazal tov on this
wonderful honor!

May Hashem bless
you in all ways.

David and Staci Margulis

Reb Dovid

Your good cheer and
positive energy are an
inspiration for all.
May you see health and
nachas for many more
years to come.

Avishai and Shira Hill

May The Rov,
all honorees and
all Vaad members
continue to be

מקדש שם שמיים

Reuvain and Yitta Mendlowitz

In honor of
Rav Zachariash
who inspires and
encourages us to
grow in
לימוד ואהבת התורה

Messinger Family

It is a privilege to call David,
Uncle David
He is my family, my friend and
my mentor. Uncle David works
selflessly to ensure others have
what they need and at 89, this is
simply amazing.
Congratulations Uncle David,
much love to you.

**Char, Jacob, Nick and Valeria
Faussette & Faussette, PLLC**

ר' דוד היקר
I draw a lot of חיזוק from you,
Your firm אמונה,
And your kind words.

May you have many more
beautiful, healthy, and good
years!

נפתלי קפלן

Mazel Tov to the honoree
Mr. David Brown

Thank you to the
Rav
For inspiring us all to grow
Thank you to the
new Vaad
for managing the shul every day!

Yonah Kaufman and Family

David,

Thank you for the
good work you are
doing.

Michael Sosnow



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May Hashem continue to bless you

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YitzY Berlin & Family

GREETINGS

Congrats on a well-deserved honor
- *The Epsteins*

Best wishes to our Kehilla Ahavas Shalom,
many thanks—*Yosef and Esther Lubliner*

Mazel Tov to
David Brown and Family

Zev & Harriet Kornbluh

Mazel Tov to
Mr. Dovid Brown.

A Well-Deserved Honour
Wishing you and your family much
health and *nachos*

Alan and Elaine Rubenstein

Mr. Brown,
You're an inspiration to all of us. May
the Almighty continue to bless you with
all things good.

Jack and Stacey Kalla

With appreciation for the Rav Shlit"a
and the entire amazing kehilla.

Congrats to Mr. Brown, who we're
blessed to have in the shul.

Yehoshua & Liz Frohlich

Best wishes to
Ahavas Shalom
for its continued success and growth
May you go from strength to strength

Aaron & Miriam Zakoo

David, your good, happy, friendly atti-
tude is appreciated and wonderful to
be around. You are a shining example
for others to follow. **Rav Jacobowitz**,
thank you for your tremendous contri-
butions to Klal Yisrael.

Mazel Tov from the Bodzins

David, Mazal Tov!
May HASHEM continue to give you the
strength to keep doing all the Mitzvot
that you and your family do for many
many years to come.

Yechiel and Michelle Aaron

To the Esteemed & Honorable
Mr. David Brown
Congratulations on the well deserved honor.
Wishing you many more years of health, bro-
cha and nachas from your entire family! May
you continue to lead by example.

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RABBI AVRAHAM JACOBOVITZ SPEAKER

Rabbi Avraham Jacobovitz, a native of Tel Aviv, Israel, studied at Slobodka Rabbinical College and received his ordination from the Mirrer Yeshiva Central Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Upon moving to Detroit in 1977, he continued his postgraduate Rabbinical studies.

Rabbi Jacobovitz founded the **Jewish Learning Network** of Michigan (*Machon L'torah*), in 1980 to expose Jews of all walks of life to the beauty and depth of the Jewish heritage, the Torah, and its teachings. In the fall of 1996, the Jewish Learning Network established the Jewish Resource Center at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Center serves the university's nearly 6,000 Jewish students, its Jewish faculty and the members of Ann Arbor's Jewish community.

In 2001, Rabbi Jacobovitz launched The Maimonides Jewish Leaders Fellowship which is the fastest growing Jewish leadership training project in N. America.

Rabbi Jacobovitz is the author of "Perfect Strangers" on marriage (Feldheim) and "Torah; Beauty Beyond Belief" (Menucha) on Challenging Hashkafah subjects.

In 2012 *Machon L'torah* established its Israeli center in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel. It serves the needs of both American and Israeli students. Rabbi Jacobovitz lectures @ Outreach and In-reach programs for soldiers of Israel's Defense Force. Rabbi Jacobovitz and his family, currently reside in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel.



PROGRAM: MELAVEH MALKAH

- 20:15 Doors open
- 20:40 Opening Dvar Torah from **Rav Zachariash** *shlit"a* followed by Communal Siyum
- 21:00 **Binyomin Rubenstein**, Chairman
Beis Medrash Ahavas Shalom
- First Course
- 21:20 **Peretz Katz** on the work of Tzalach and Introduction of the Guest of Honor
- Guest of Honor: **Mr David Brown**
- 21:35 Music interlude—Isaac & Rubenstein
- Main Course
- 22:00 Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Avraham Jacobovitz**
Squaring The Circle Successfully In Our Times Of Challenge
- 22:30 Dessert & Kumzitz
- 22:50 Bentching/Birkas Hamazon

MENU

Starters

Bread
Selection of Salads

First course

Blintzes filled with mock liver in gravy
Potato blintzes with mushroom sauce
Pastry filled with sautéed vegetables in
gravy

Main course

Chinese style stuffed chicken breast
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Side dishes

Baked potatoes
White rice
Stir fried vegetables

Dessert

Apple strudel with vanilla ice cream



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