

## From The Rav's Desk

### A Thought on Erev Tisha B'Av

**A**s we approach Tisha B'Av, we become concerned about our shallow connection to Hashem: The lack of the Beis Hamikdash, **THE** place to express our love to him; **THE** place that Hashem shows us his love for us.

We are also tense about the situation in the Negev, and beyond. Where do we turn to gather strength: Gaza the UN or the US? The eternal answer is to Hashem, through His Torah.

Moshe Rabbeinu in this week's Parsha gives rebuke to us as we are about to enter *Eretz Yisroel*. Why now? (see Rashi) Perhaps before going forward we must take a real honest look at ourselves! Indeed *klal Yisroel* accepted the lesson and went into *Eretz Yisroel*.

May we take their example to heart and examine and improve ourselves and merit our next step.



In light of the situation, as the Rambam explains, there is a special obligation to daven. Aside from all of the *tehillim* said after each *Tefillah* here in shul, **this Motza'ei Shabbos Parshas Devarim**, we will, with the help of Hashem, expand our effort by having a **public Tehillim** at 21:00 for 30 minutes. *Ezras Nashim* will be open.



HaRav Avraham Baruch Zachariash, Shlita,  
Rav of Beis Midrash Ahavas Shalom

## Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to members of our kehilla on their simchas:

- **Mr. & Mrs. Shalom Woodrow** on the Bar Mitzvah of Yonah.
- **Rabbi & Mrs. Aaron Kaplan** and family on the birth of their daughter **Tamar**, as well as to the grandparents **Mr. & Mrs. Yisroel Helprin**.

**Condolences** to the following members on the loss of a loved one:

- **Mrs. Marla (Wilson) Americus** on the death of her father, Meir Reuven ben Tuvia HaLevi (Mitchell Wilson) of Springfield Mass.
- **Chaim Rosenberg** on the death of his brother.
- **Mrs. Zahava Friedman** on the death of her father, David Jacobson.
- **Chaim Stepelman** on the death of his father, Jay Stepelman,
- **Shaul Glickman** on the death of his mother.
- **Rabbi Aharon Simkin** on the death of his father, Raymond (Yosef Reuven ben Aharon z'l) Simkin.
- **Reuven Mendlowitz's** on the passing of his grandmother,
- **Miriam Stahler** on the death of her husband Rabbi Moshe Stahler.
- **Jonny Links** on the death of his father, Allen Links.
- **Ephraim Friedman** on the death of his father, Pesach Ben Fishel.

We apologize in advance, but sometimes we inadvertently leave out someone from the list of Simchas. Please send your lifecycle events to [lifecycle@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:lifecycle@ahavasshalom.org) for inclusion in future emails and newsletters.

## Shabbos Shmooze

By Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen

One of the latest weekly events in Ahavas Shalom is the Shabbos afternoon 'Shabbos Shmooze'. Each week we discuss a topic in *Hilchos Shabbos*, starting from the basics of the *Melacha* and ending with some very practical Halachos to take home. Shabbos Shmooze is given in a relaxed atmosphere with loads of refreshments and with a chance to asked questions and speak your mind. Baruch Hashem, the number of attendees is growing and growing – come and join us!

Last week, we discussed the topic of writing and erasing on Shabbos. Here are some of the Halachos that we mentioned...

One may not write with one's finger on a steamed up window.

If one wishes to eat a cake that is iced in the form of lettering (or a picture), one should either bite through

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### Shabbos Schedule לוח שבת

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
"Early" Mincha	17:51	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:11	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:59/19:19	הדלקת נרות
Mincha	19:22	מנחה
Sh'kia	19:39	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	8:00	ברכות
Shochane Ad	8:25	שוכן עד
Latest Shema - G'ra	9:21	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha א'	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha ב'	16:00	מנחה ב'
Avos u'Banim	16:30-17:45	אבות ובנים
Shabbos Shmooze	17:30-18:00	שבת שמוז
Mincha ג'	18:00	מנחה ג'
Pirkei Avos Shiur	18:23	שיעור פרקי אבות (אנגלית)
Sh'kia	19:39	שקיעה
Ma'ariv א'	20:16	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv ב'	20:39	מעריב ב'

## From The Chairman

**W**elcome to the **Ahavas Shalom Newsletter**. Our Kehilla actually used to distribute newsletters on a semi-regular basis, and I hope we can resume distributing newsletters on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.



Lev Seltzer, Vaad Chairman

For over a decade we have been trying to build a proper structure for our kehilla (the "kick off"



event was actually in the Seltzer Family home 11 years ago, with Rav Dovid Orlovsky giving the *divrei chizuk*). It may have seemed exceedingly quiet for the past few months, but the Vaad has been working to develop a viable plan that is within the budget of our kehilla. We think we have now found a solution that

has many advantages over the previous construction methodology. Hopefully we will be able to give the kehilla more information in the next week or two.

Even without the building, I would still like to personally invite you to join the Ahavas Shalom kehilla **by becoming a member**. You'll get a fixed seat for the year, priority for davening from the amud, and a dedicated line to Rav Zachariash. Full membership is 190₪ per month, and can be paid with a *horaat kevah* or credit card. No one is turned away due to financial problems.

I hope to continue next week in our newsletter with more exciting news about our Kehilla.

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the lettering or cut with a knife between the letters.

Concerning a book that has writing along its side, there is an issue of erasing when opening it and writing when closing it. If one has an alternative book to use, one should use it. If not, it is permitted to use the book.

It is permitted to play a game that involves forming words etc., provided that

1. The letters will not be fixed in place or put into a frame.
2. One does not usually write down the score during the game.

Consider **sponsoring** a Shabbos Shmooze shiur for just 100₪. Imagine the *zechusim* you'll get for spreading Torah on a Shabbos afternoon—not to mention the thanks you'll get from your friends for all the nice nosh! Contact a vaad member to sponsor.

# Summer Raffle

## הגרלת הקיץ

Look for the Ahavas Shalom Summer Raffle to begin in just a few days. This year there is a grand prize of 5000₪, plus other great prizes from local merchants. Tickets are just 20₪ each or 14 tickets for 200₪.

Tickets are being printed now, and should be available for sale immediately after Tisha B'Av. Drawing will be held at this year's Simchas Beis Hashoevah. Winner need not be present.

## Avos uBanim

Avos uBanim on Shabbos 16:30-18:00.

- Boys aged 3-7 learn for 30 minutes.
- Boys aged 7+ learn for 60 minutes.

For Sponsorships, contact Micha Kushner at 054-248-7883.



# Tisha B'Av Schedule

זמני תפילה ט' באב  
(4/5-Aug-14)



Mincha 1	13:20	מנחה 1
Mincha 2	15:15	מנחה 2
Mincha 3	18:00	מנחה 3
Fast Begins	19:37	התחלת הצום
Maariv	20:15	מעריב
Sunrise	06:12	הנץ החמה
Shema (MA)	08:31	סוף זמן ק"ש (מג"א)
Shacharis	08:30	שחרית
Shema (GRA)	09:22	סוף זמן ק"ש (גר"א)
Noon	12:46	חצות
Mincha 1	13:20	מנחה 1
Mincha 2	15:15	מנחה 2
Shiur from Rav Zacharish	17:45-18:15	In English
Shiur from Rabbi Larry Shayn	18:15-18:45	In English
Mincha 3	18:50	מנחה 3
Sunset	19:36	שקיעה
Shiur from Reb Tzvi Broker	Between Mincha and Maariv	
Maariv	19:56	מעריב
Taanis Ends	20:02	סוף תענית
Kiddush Levanah	21:30	קידוש לבנה