

**From The Rav's Desk****Making It Better**

As we move forward from Yom Kippur to Sukkos, from that *angelic high* to being practical people having human *Simchas hachag*, we find it difficult to find the way to do it. As we look back at the *yomim hanora'im* that just passed, probably the most outstanding idea that becomes clear every year is that *Ha Kadosh Baruch Hu* is indeed our King, and we stand humbly before Him.

Chazal tell us that one of the reasons we go into the Sukkah is in case we were obligated to go into *golus* (exile), our leaving our home – our stronghold – to a mere shack, should suffice to fulfill that obligation.

In the Tefillah that we say upon entering the sukkah, it is stated וַתִּטְבִּיל לְנוּ אֶת הַחִתִּימָה meaning “*Ha Kadosh Baruch Hu* should improve the way we have already been sealed in the book of life.”

How does one make a “sealing” better after it has been sealed? Possibly the answer is that when one understands the awesomeness of *Ha Kadosh Baruch Hu*, that He takes *everything* into account, and whatever is done for us is eventually for our good, we understand that moving into *golus* is actually for our betterment, and we are able to go there with *simcha*. We do not have a sour attitude and bare walls, but we beautify our Sukkah and are happy to be where *Ha Kadosh Baruch Hu* has put us. We can make our *chasima* better to us. This is indeed our *simchas hachag*.



**How can
we
improve
our lot if
it has
already
been
sealed?**

Sukkos Day Shiur

From Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen.

Mincha 18:00 (*note new time*)Shiur begins immediately
after Mincha

Maariv 18:55



מהשולchan של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

”וַתִּטְבִּיל לְנוּ אֶת הַחִתִּימָה“

המעבר מהימים הנוראים המרוממים להג הסוכות עם שמחת החג הגשמית שלו, הוא מעבר קשה לעיתים. מבט לאחר על הימים הנוראים – רעיון אחד נותר חוק בלבינו – הקב”ה הוא אכן מלכנו, ואנחנו עומדים, קטנים, לפניו.

וז”ל למדנו אותנו שאחת הסיבות לשיבתינו בסוכה היא לפטור אותנו מஹובת הגלות – אם אכן נתחייבו בה.

אחד מהדברים אשר אנחנו מבקשים ממהקב”ה בכניסתנו לסוכה הוא “וַתִּטְבִּיל לְנוּ אֶת הַחִתִּימָה” – ככלומר, לחתימה בספר החיים.

ניתן לשאול – איך ניתן להטיב החתימה שכבר התבצעה?! מסתבר שעלי ידי הכרה בעומק ההשגחה הפרטית של הקב”ה, בעצם העובדה שהוא לוקח את הכל בחשבון, וכל מה שנעשה הוא לטובתינו – וכך להבין שגם נפסק علينا לצאת לגלות זה אכן לטובתנו.

אפשר לא רק לקבל את זה, אלא לקבל את זה בשמחה! אין לנו מבט חמוץ וקריאות ריקים – אלא סוכה מיופהبنيו, עם אושר עמוק בלב! אם הסוכה היא המקום בו שם אותנו הקב”ה, מסתבר שזו הדבר הנכון עבורנו. וזה הדרך להטיב את החתימה – לקבללה באהבה ושמחה.

חג שמח!

חג דסוכות Sukkos

מנחה	13:30	מנחה
הדלקת נרות	17:39 / 17:59	מנחה
מנחה	18:03	שקיעה
Sheki'a	18:19	דרשה
Guest Drasha		מעריב
Ma'ariv	18:39	שחרירית
Shacharis	08:00	סוכות צוון קיש למנייאו לניראי
Latest Shema – MA/GRA	08:48/09:33	מנחה א'
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה ב'
Mincha 2	16:00	מנחה ג'
Mincha 3	18:00	שקיעה
Sheki'a	18:18	שיעור
Shiur from Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen	18:18	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 1	18:55	מעריב ב'
Ma'ariv 2	19:18	

Sukkah March 5775

The younger children of the Kehilah are invited to the annual Sukkah March which will take place on the first day of Sukkos starting at 16:25.

Boys (aged 5-10): Meet at the Shul Sukkah at 16:25.

Girls (aged 5-11): Meet at the lobby of Lachish 40 at 16:25.



Thank you for not sending children outside of the above age ranges.

Thank You!

Many people are responsible for making our Yomim Nora'im and Sukkos at Ahavas Shalom so special:

Ari Waldman for spending countless hours managing the completion of the new extension and the new sukkah. His helpers included **Alan Rubenstein, Shaul and Naftali Glickman, Gabi Weiner and Eliyahu Jacobs**—all of whom worked hard in the heat, lifting digging, drilling and cutting.

Yitzchak Reichenberg for his never-ending help, including putting the sukkah together, with the schach, lights and all the decorations (along with a few helpers, including **Golan Tsubari**—seen in the picture—and Shaul and Naftali Glickman and Shaul Plen).

Baalei Tefilah and Gabbaim from Yomim Noraim, who made these days so special, including **Naftali Kaplan, Gedaliah Spira, Jonny Links, Yoel Steiner, Dovid Yudkovsky, Refael Brodie**, and many others!



Building Update

The new building continues to move forward. The concrete was poured for the floor, but due to time constraints we were unable to install the air conditioners. Lights have been installed and we hope to complete this first stage shortly after Yom Tov. In the meantime, we will try to use to room during Sukkos—depending upon the number of people and how well we can ventilate it with the current exhaust fan. Thank you all for your patience—we will soon enjoy the benefits from this new space.

שבת חול המועד Shabbos Chol Hamoed

Shacharis (Friday)	06:35, 07:30, 09:00	שחרית
Mincha	13:30 & 18:00	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:37 17:57	הדלקת נרות
Ma'ariv	18:37	מעריב
Shacharis	08:00	שחרית
Mincha 12 &	13:30 & 16:00	מנחה א' ב'
Avos u'Banim	16:30-17:30	אבות ובנים
Mincha 3	17:30	מנחה ג'
Ma'ariv 1 & 2	18:52 & 19:15	מעריב א' ב'

Summer Raffle הגרלת הקיץ

This is your last chance for the Ahavas Shalom Summer Raffle. The drawings for all the prizes will be during the Simchas Beis Hashoeva on Motza'ei Shabbos (11-Oct-14). Tickets are just 20₪ for one, or a book of 14 for 200₪ (4 free).



Grand Prize
5000 ₪

Davening Changes

Note that during Sukkos, the first minyon will step into Shemoneh Esrei at sunrise, which is quite late. The time on the schedule for sunrise is correct, but the starting time for the first minyon during Chol Hamoed will be approximately 06:35 each day (about 22 minutes before sunrise).

Also, each day of Chol Hamoed, the first minyon is scheduled to meet in the new building. The second minyon at 07:30 will meet in the main Beis Medrash.

Avos uBanim

Avos uBanim on Shabbos chol Hamoed
16:30-17:30



15th Annual Simchas Beis Hashoeva

21:00

Motza'ei Shabbos

**Raffle Drawing will be
during the festivities**



נחתת פית הרים

21:00 סנת' k3in