

**From The Rav's Desk****To Face Truth**

אברהם הוליד את יצחק...לכז לחה, על ידי שכתה הכתוב יולקן צו הילמת, סזוקק לו ממר לילמת טוליך את יצחק, לפי קשו לילמי פלאו הומלייס מליחימלך נטעלה זלה, סאלוי כמא צניש צמטה עס הילמת ולו נטעלה זימה, מה עטת שקצ"ה, כל קלטת פניו כל יצחק דומה לילמת, וטעילו הכל הילמת טוליך את יצחק! (כך צי' גלעדי כת:מג)



Since the text wrote "Yitzchak the son of Avraham," it became necessary to state "Avraham begot Yitzchak," for the scorners of the generation were saying "From Avimelech did Sarah conceive, since for many years she tarried with Avraham and did not conceive from him." What did *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* do? He formed the features of Yitzchak's face similar to Avraham's, and there attested everyone "Avraham begot Yitzchak."

Question: Why does Rashi say "*leitzonei hador*" (jokesters, scorners, clowns, etc.).

It seems quite a natural conclusion that Avimelech was the father, as Avraham and Sarah were married for many years and did not have children, and as Rash explains, exactly nine months after Avimelech took Sarah, Sarah gave birth to Yitzchak!

The Kehillas Yitzchak explains that in truth, *everyone* knew that it was impossible for Avimelech to have fathered Yitzchak, for the entire world was aware of the great miracle of *Asher Otzar* (see Rashi on *pasuk* 20:9) making it impossible for Avimelech to have been the father.

However, this does not stop the *laytzonim*. They say what sounds good, regardless of how it jives with reality. With the passage of time, even the most sensational of miracles falls into the background. But a good piece of gossip will still be going strong many years after it is first said. Therefore, the *leitzonei hador*, who continued to say ludicrous things about Avraham, indeed "forced" *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* to make a lasting testament to the real truth.

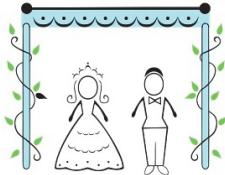
We can also suggest a different explanation, for it is

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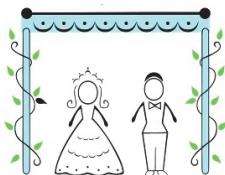
Life Cycles

Mazel Tov to Boruch and Sara Dina Golembo on the marriage of their daughter Racheli to Aron Kobre this past Thursday. Ahavas Shalom welcomes Uncle Shmuel and Aunt Sara Rosenberg from Boro Park and Aunt Leslie Hoeflich from Manhattan, N.Y. to the community.



Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Eyal Melamed on the engagement of their daughter Re'ut.

מזל טוב למשפחת מלמד לרוגל
אירוסי הבית רעות!

**Donations**

Thank you to the following people for their generous donations to Ahavas Shalom.

Avi Kehat for his donation of Seforim on Chumash, in memory of his father, Sandor Kovacs z"l.

Reuvain Mendlowitz: for his donation of seforim.

Shabbos Schedule Parshas Toldos

לוח שבת פרשת תולדות

לוד שבת		
Erev Shabbos		
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה
Candle Lighting	16:01/16:21	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:23	מנחה
Shekiyah	16:41	שקייה
Avos u'Banim	20:00	אבות ובנים
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Hashkafa - HaMabit	7:45	שיעור בהשכמה - המבイト
Brachos	8:00	ברכו
Shochein Ad	8:25	שוכן עד
Latest Shema - M. A.	8:03	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema - G'ra	8:50	סוף זמן ק"ש לנ"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Junior Avos Ubanim	15:00	צעירין אבות ובנים
Mincha 2	15:55	מנחה ב'
Shekiyah	16:40	שקייה
Ma'ariv 1	17:17	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:40	מעריב ב'
Avos u'Banim	19:00	אבות ובנים

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indeed a *laytzonos*, a foolishness, to say that Avimelech fathered Yitzchak, for a different reason. Obviously the problem with conceiving was with Sarah, and not Avraham. This can be seen quite clearly, by the fact that at the time of the episode with Avimelech, *Yishmael* was already 13 years old. So indeed Avraham was not the cause of the problem, and anyone saying so was indeed speaking *laytzonos*.

But yet again, we see that *laytzonim* only see things and say things as they wish, but not as common sense would demand.

How do *we* perceive things?

מחולחן של הרב אברהם ברוך זכרייש
תורגם לעברית על ידי רב יואב דרויאן

Nיתן לשאול שאלה בסיסית על פירשו של רשי"י – למה יוחסן השמועות המשמיצות ל"לייצני הדור"? הרי המסקנה היא טבעית ו אף מתבקשת – שנים רבות אברاهם ושרה נשואים ללא בניים ותשעה חודשים לאחר שנלקחה שרה בשבי – הרי לה בן!

ההgilת יצחק מסביר שאכן כולם באמת ידעו שלא ייתכן שאבימלך אכן הוליד את יצחק – כי הרי כולם שמעו על העונש האדיר שהקב"ה הטיל על ביתו של אבימלך ("אשר עצר" בראשית כ:ט ורש"י שם).

אמנם, העובדות הם לא מעזר בשביב "לייצני הדור". כרכלים ממולחים, הם יגידו ויפרנסמו מה ששמעו טוב – מה שיוכלו "למכור" בהכי הרבה. אפילו ניסים נורא מרשימים ירדו לאט לאט מהפרק אבל דבה מופרכת ועסיסית – תאריך ימים ו特斯ופר שוב ושוב. אז בעצם, לייצני הדור – ונטיותם להוציא דבה – "הכיריעו את ידו" של הקב"ה לחותם על יהוסו של יצחק.

ኖכל גם להבין את דבריו ה"לייצנות" בדבריו שנות מסוימים. הרי בזמן הליכת שרה לשבי היה אברהム כבר אב לבן (ישמעאל שהיה בן 13) אז סיבת העקרות התבררה כשותנה עם שרה אמנו – וכל אמירה כנגד היא אכן לייצנות.

אבל שוב, נראה כי מהות הליצן היא התבאות כפי פרי דמיונם הדזוני ולא כפי המציאות.

וأنו? איך העולם נראה ממבטינו?

Calling all Young Men!

YOU are invited to a special

Seudah Shelishis



סעודה שלישית עם הרב

**In commemoration of the 4th
Yarhtzeit Of
Yitzchak Meir Seltzer**

- Food & Drinks**
- Divrei Torah**
- Zemirots**
- NO ADULTS** (except the Rav)

**Open to all young men
from (about) age 13 to 18.**

**Starting immediately after the 15:55
mincha, and lasting until Maariv
In the Ahavas Shalom
"New Room"**

**- פרשת תולדות - פתוחה
לבחורים מגיל 13 עד 18.**

More Audio Online

The Rav's Shmitta shiur and his new "Mishmeres Chaim" shiur are online in MP3 format, ready for you to download and listen while you are on the go. All shiurim are free. Just go to store.ahavasshalom.org.



Bulding Update

Progress on the extension continues and you probably noticed that six massive windows were installed during the past few days. This greatly increases usability of the room as it allows air circulation and natural light.

Our engineer discovered that the berm of dirt behind the shul (Nachshon side) was in danger of collapsing, and so we have hired a contractor to construct a retaining wall to prevent further collapse. There were several large boulders that were removed, including one seen in the photograph next to Yehuda Baruch Glickman.



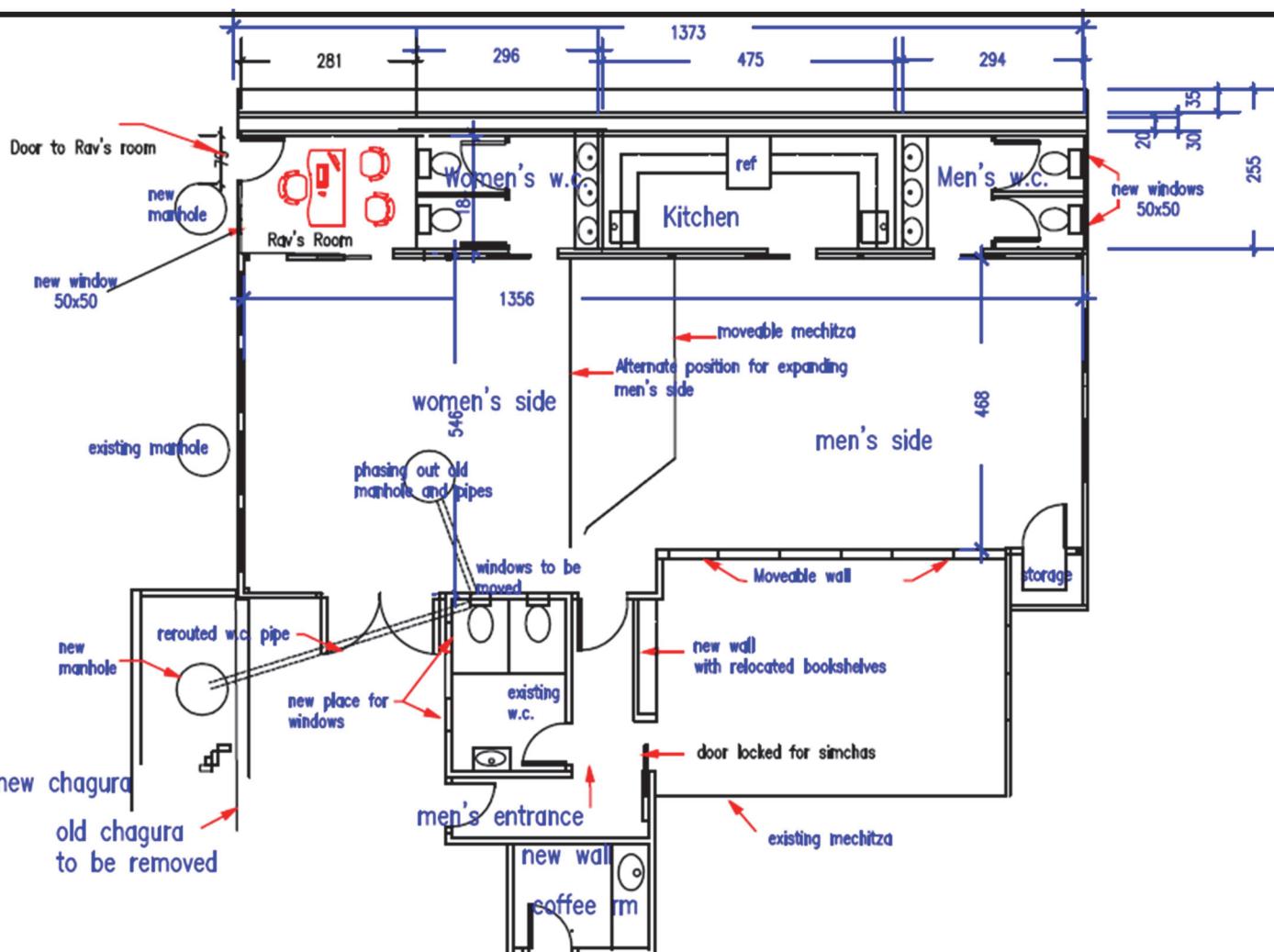
The current plan envisions using this retaining wall and adding four rooms, including an office for the Rav. At this time, we are pleased to offer **dedication opportunities** to the kehilla for this new space. For example, for 75,000nis you dedicate the Rav's new office in memory of a loved one. A plaque will be placed within this room—which will surely be used by many people. Unlike other building campaigns,

you will actually see the fruit of your donation in an extremely short time, as we are hoping to complete this building within the next few weeks.

Become a Partner in the New Ahavas Shalom

We invite you to be a partner in our new extension. Your donation will help us complete the room, making it into a space of *Torah*—through **shiurim**, **private learning**, and **Tefillah**—as well as a space of *Simcha*—as we host our own **kiddushim**, **shalosh seudos** and other events. Please speak with a vaad member for details.

Item	Price in ₪
Main Room	150,000
Rabbi's office	75,000
Kitchen	100,000
Air Conditioners	20,000
Acoustic wall	50,000



Rosh Chodesh Kislev

המולד היה הבודק, שבת
קצש, ארבעים ושש דקות
ושבעה-עשרה מלקיים אחרי
תשע.

The Molad was on Shabbos Kodesh, at 46 minutes and 17 chalakim after 9 (Clock Time 9:27am).



**ראש חנוך בסלו יהי מחר ביום ראשון
הבא עליינו ועל כל ישראל לטובה.**

Rosh Chodesh Kislev will be tomorrow, Sunday.

The Kehilla is invited to the annual

AHAVAS SHALOM GENERAL MEETING

to take place on Motza'ei Shabbos Parshas Vayetzei (29-Nov-14) Starting at 20:15

Agenda:

- Summary and update of activities
- Building update
- Elections for new Vaad

If you would like to get more involved in Ahavas Shalom activities, please consider running for the Vaad. Contact Aryeh Beer to submit your candidacy. Deadline to submit your candidacy: 21:30 27-Nov-14.

There are currently 6 candidates for the 7 positions on the Vaad.



Ahavas Shalom Annual

MELAVEH MALKAH

Motza'ei Shabbos Parshas

Mishpatim

In the Beis Tefillah Ulam Shabsai

14-Feb-15

Honoring

Rabbi and Mrs. Ari

Waldman



Mishna Shiur Starting Pe'ah



The Rav's Sunday Mishnayos shiur is about to begin Mesechta Pe'ah this Sunday. This is a perfect time to start—or just to check out the shiur. Wondering what the shiurim are like? Several of the shiurim from Mesechta Orlah are online at the Ahavas Shalom audio store: store.ahavasshalom.org

Avos uBanim

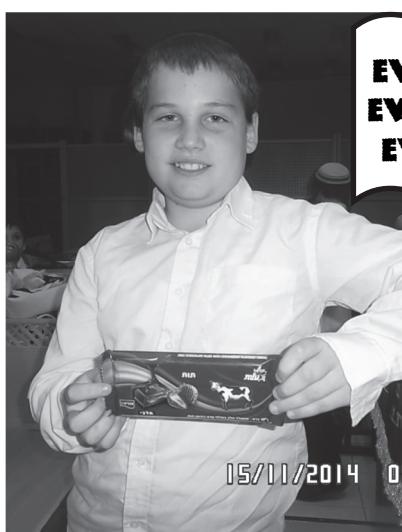
Avos uBanim during the Winter Zman, for boys ages 7+. Learn for a full hour either:

- Friday Night 20:00-21:00
- Motza'ei Shabbos 19:00-20:00



הגרלה שבועית בМОץ"ש ללימודים!!

(כולל אלה שלמדו בליל שבת)



**EVERYONE COMES!!
EVERYONE LEARNS!!
EVERYONE WINS!!**

Weekly raffle on
Motza'ei Shabbos!!
(including for those who
learned Leil Shabbos).

Congratulations to
Yaakov Meir Jacobs
who won the raffle on
Parshas Chayeis Sarah.

Junior Avos uBanim

Boys ages 3 to 7 come to the Beis Midrash on Shabbos afternoon from 15:00 to 16:00. Treats for everyone that learns for 30 minutes.



האיינו פרסים ראשונים!!

Prizes have arrived!!

פנס אופניים, רוביה מים, זוג מתקות, פנס גלאליים



Weekday times until Parshas Vayetzei	'ו'(Fri)	'ה'(Thu)	'ד'(Wed)	'ג'(Tue)	'ב'(Mon)	'א'(Sun)	'ו'(Sat)	זמינים לימי חול עד שבת פרשת ויצא
	06:20,07:15, 08:15	06:20,07:15, 08:05	06:20,07:15, 08:05	06:20,07:15, 08:05	06:20,07:15, 08:05	06:10,07:15, 08:05	שחרית	
	12:30,16:21	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	12:45, 15:15	מנחה	

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