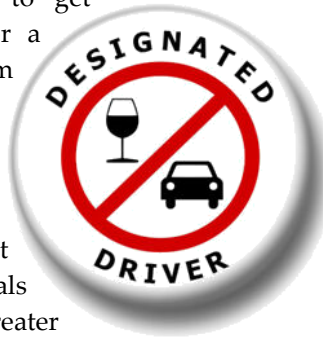


The Shortcut

"It is not in Heaven that you should say, 'Who shall go up for us to Heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it, and do it?'" (Devarim 30:12)

There are many people who look for the easy way to try to accomplish things that usually need blood, sweat and tears. We all know that when someone takes a shortcut, there is often going to be something that they will end up missing. However, there are certain things which by preparing in advance, can actually give us an advantage and improve our odds. As a simple example, a group of people who want to get intoxicated at the local bar or a party will first select one of them to be the "designated driver" who will not drink at all. For if they find themselves in a predicament in which everyone is drunk, the chances are that one of the drunken individuals will end up driving is much greater than if they designated the driver in advance. I would not call it a *segula* to make this designation, but instead just a practical way to avoid problems.



We call something a *segula* when it has some mystical or unknown (at least to the person doing it) aspect that puts a person in a position to beat the odds. In fact, this week I was at a wedding and after the *chuppah* I noticed something that I have never seen before: There were several girls under the *chuppah* davening *maariv* after the ceremony. I was a bit surprised, and I was also wondering if this was proper behavior for a modest Jewish girl. I asked someone, "What are these girls thinking?!" and I was told, "Don't you know that it is a *segula* for a *shidduch* to daven under the *chuppah*?!" In truth, I had never heard of this *segula* before, and as of now I still have not yet researched it. But my dry comment at the time was, "davening up there while everyone is watching you is definitely a 'segula' to daven 'as if' you have a great deal of *kavana* – and davening with *kavana* definitely could bring about the desired result of a *shidduch*."

Rabbi Yisroel Salanter writes in *Ohr L'Yisroel* that there is a *segula* involved in learning Torah. The area in which a person learns Torah will give him greater growth in that

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Jeffrey Bell on the birth of his granddaughter Devorah Shifra, born to his children Frayda Baila and Rafael Rubin of RBSG.



Mazel Tov to Shmuel and Marjorie Binder on the birth of a granddaughter.



The Kehilla offers its condolences to Larry Goldberg on the loss of his brother David. The Shiva ends on Shabbos.



המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

Building Update

The Building Committee has been working diligently with the architects, engineers and the Iriya for the past two and a half years, and we are happy that we finally have news we can report to you.



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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Nitzavim לוח שבת פרשת נצבים

| Erev Shabbos | | ערב שבת |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Mincha 1 | 13:30 | מנחה א' |
| "Early Mincha" | 17:00 | מנחה "מוקדמת" |
| Plag Hamincha | 17:20 | פלג המנחה |
| Candle Lighting | 17:58/18:18 | הדלקת נרות |
| Mincha 3 | 18:20 | מנחה ג' |
| Sunset | 18:38 | שקיעה |
| Shabbos Day | | יום השבת |
| Brachos | 8:15 | ברכות |
| Shochein Ad | 8:45 | שוכן עד |
| Latest Shema – M. A. | 8:46 | סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א |
| Latest Shema – G'ra | 9:31 | סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א |
| Mincha 1 | 13:30 | מנחה א' |
| Mincha 2 | 16:00 | מנחה ב' |
| Mincha 3 | 17:10 | מנחה ג' |
| Pirkei Avos | 17:34 | פרקי אבות |
| Sunset | 18:37 | שקיעה |
| Ma'ariv 1 | 19:14 | מעריב א' |
| Ma'ariv 2 | 19:37 | מעריב ב' |

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area. A recent famous *segula*, allegedly said by Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky ZT"l was for a man who was becoming bald because of some medical condition, the Rav told him to learn *Maseches Nazir*. A different time, a person was having a difficult time finding a *shidduch* and Rav Kanievsky told him to learn *Kiddushin*. Rabbi Yisroel Salanter says, "If a person has sinned and he wants to do *Teshuva*, he should learn the laws of *Teshuva*."

As we stand before Rosh Hashanah and we have the massive job of doing *teshuva*, we look for help and possibly a *segula* to ensure our success. Rav Chaim Kanievsky in *Derech Sichah* offers the following advice based on the passuk:

"For this commandment (of *teshuva*) which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. For it is very close to you and within your mouth and hearts to accomplish."

Meaning that doing *Teshuva* is really "very far off" and difficult. But if we learn about the mitzvah of *teshuva* and understand it in our hearts, then it will seem much easier than it originally did. The verse is therefore telling us that it is indeed far away, but if one uses the "*segula*" of learning the laws of repentance, one can close the gap on what would have seemed almost impossible and turn it into a simple task.

May we merit to learn *hilchos teshuva* and through our learning, access this "*segula*" and accomplish *teshuva shelayma bekarov*.

Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

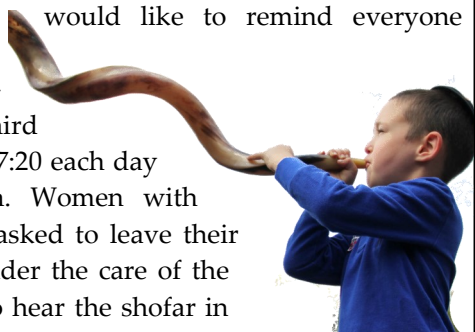
Each Shabbos, the Gabbai reads a list of names for the "*mi shebeirach for cholim*".

If you would like to add a name to this list, please send an email to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org by Thursday at 12:00. Please write the **Hebrew names** using **Hebrew letters**. Reminder: **The current list will be erased on Rosh Hashanah!**



Rosh Hashanah & Kids

Many women daven all morning on Rosh Hashanah, but several have told us that they have difficulty hearing the Shofar due to the small children who are brought into the room at 10:00. We would like to remind everyone that we will have a second shofar blowing at 12:45 and a third shofar blowing at 17:20 each day of Rosh Hashanah. Women with small children are asked to leave their children home** under the care of the fathers and come to hear the shofar in afternoon. *Kesiva v'Chasima Tova!*



A "small child" is any child who cannot stand by themselves. A child in a **stroller or **held by the mother** must remain outside the room at the 10:00 shofar blowing.

(BUILDING UPDATE—Continued from page 1)

There were two major hurdles to pass with the Iriya, and we are thrilled to report that we have passed the first one: **The Land Contract**. We have passed all the city's requirements and expect that they will award us a 25-year land contract momentarily.

Included in the above approval was a document from the Iriya with the exact dimensions of our property and the exact area on which we can build. This will enable the architect to finalize the building plans, submit them to the Iriya, and then wait about half a year for the city to approve them. These architectural plans will encompass all of our wishes, including:

- A larger men's Beis Midrash to seat approx. 180 men, up from the current 115.
- An upstairs Ezras Nashim to seat approx. 100 women
- A small Simcha Hall (similar to the size we currently have) with new kitchen and storage facilities.
- A second (upstairs) Beis Medrash
- A children's room
- An office for the Rav

During our Campaign in January 2020, members and friends pledged 1.86m\$. The expenses so far have totaled approximately 160k\$, including CauseMatch fees, The Dinner, Marketing, Architect fees, Government Consultant fees, and Engineer fees. There is currently approximately 1.2m\$ in the bank and outstanding pledges of just under 500k\$.

While we planned to move forward with lightning speed, we received a very interesting offer during the past month from a potential investor who would like to build a large hall on the basement level (-1). On top of that, he would also build our two-story 'concrete' Beis Medrash in exchange for the rights to use the hall for a (yet to be specified) number of years. This would mean we would still have our wish list (bullet points above) except the building would be on 3 levels. The Vaad and the Building Committee are seriously considering this offer and are investigating the details to determine if it would be viable for our Kehilla.

Therefore, the current status is that we are waiting a bit longer before submitting the plans to the Beit Shemesh Building Department, as we might be asking the architect to develop different plans for us.

The Building Committee will keep the Kehilla informed of the progress of this decision. In the meantime, we wish the Kehilla a *Kesiva v'Kesima Tova!*

Daled Minim Guide

The Rav gave two intensive *shiurim* in 2017 on the *Daled Minim* which are available for viewing here: ahavasshalom.org/4m-guide



אבות ובנים AuB Shabbos Afternoon

16:10-17:10

Boys Ages 3-7 learn $\frac{1}{2}$ Hour
7+ learn 1 hour.



NOTE
NEW TIME

TREATS
FOR ALL
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Start Rosh Hashanah with a Clean Slate

Before you "dip the apple in the honey", please consider dipping into your wallet to pay off any outstanding pledges and dues you might still have from 5782.

The easiest way to pay is to use the NEDARIM plus terminal or Nedarim Plus online at ahavasshalom.org/nedarim

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See Mr. Beer if you have any questions about your account.



Rosh Hashanah 5783 Schedule

ערב ראש השנה Erev Rosh Hashanah

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--|------------|
| Mincha | 13:30 | | מנחה |
| Candle Lighting | 17:56/18:16/ | | הדלקת נרות |
| Mincha | 18:18 | | מנחה |
| Sunset | 18:36 | | שקיעה |

ראש השנה Rosh Hashanah

| | יום א' Day 1 | יום ב' Day 2 | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Drasha | 18:45 | 18:45 | דרשה |
| Ma'ariv | 19:05 | *19:05 | מעריב |
| Shacharis | 06:55 | 06:55 | שחרית |
| Hamelech | 07:40 | 07:40 | המלך |
| Break | 09:50 | 09:50 | הפסקה |
| Shofar | 10:00 | 10:00 | תקיעת שופר א' |
| EXTRA Shofar | ~12:45 | ~12:45 | תקיעת שופר ב' |
| Mincha | 13:01 | 13:01 | מנחה |
| Avos uBanim | 16:40 | 16:40 | אבות ובנים |
| EXTRA Shofar | 17:20 | 17:20 | תקיעת שופר ג' |
| Mincha | 17:45 | 17:45 | מנחה |
| Tashlich | ✓ | ✗ | תשליך |
| Sunset | 18:34 | 18:33 | שקיעה |

מוצאי ראש השנה Motza'ei Rosh Hashanah

| | | | |
|-----------|--|-------|----------|
| Ma'ariv 1 | | 19:10 | מעריב א' |
| Ma'ariv 2 | | 19:33 | מעריב ב' |

~will not be earlier than this estimated time.

*No preparation for Rosh Hashanah Day 2 permitted until 19:05, at which time candles can also be lit.

Shiurim with the Rav



The next Sunday night *Mishnayos* shiur will be on **October 2**; the shiur will then go on hiatus until October 23.

The Tuesday night *Halacha* shiur is already on hiatus until October 18.

המשך מעמוד 4

ובלבבך לעשותו" (דברים ל:יג-יד). כלומר: באמת, עשיית תשובה היא "רחוקה מאוד" וקשה. אבל, אם נלמד את מצוות התשובה ונבין אותה בליבנו, אז זה ייראה הרבה יותר קל ממה שנראה בתחילה. לכן הפסוק מדגיש שהיא אמנם רחוקה, אבל אם משתמשים ב"סגולה" של לימוד הלכות תשובה, אפשר לסגור את הפער בעשיית מה שהיתה נראה כמעט בלתי אפשרי ולהפוך אותה למשימה פשוטה. שנזכה ללמוד הלכות תשובה ובאמצעות לימודנו להביא את ה"סגולה" הזו ולהשיג תשובה שלימה בקרוב.

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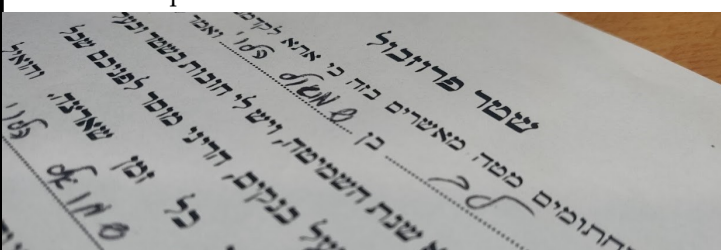
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ZACHARIASH
17:34 Shabbos Afternoon. Ezras Nashim will be open.

LAST SHIUR OF THE SEASON!

Keeping up with the Times!

- First weekday *mincha* is now fixed at 13:00.
- First weekday *maariv* is now fixed at 19:00.
- *Maariv* at 20:15 is cancelled
- **This week** is the last Early Shabbos. Look for Early Shabbos to resume on Friday, March 24, 2023, when the clocks change again for Daylight Saving Time.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

קיצור הדר

"לא בשמים הוא" (דברים ל:יב) ... "כי-קרוב אליך הדר מֵאֵד בְּפִיךָ וּבִלְבָבְךָ לְעִשְׁתּוֹ" (שם ל:יד)

יש הרבה אנשים שרוצים

למצוא את הדרך הקלה כדי להשיג

דברים שבדרך כלל דורשים מאמץ רב. אבל כשמישהו עושה קיצור דרך, בסוף בדרך כלל יהיה חסר לו משהו. עם זאת, ישנן דרכים מסוימות להתכונן מראש, שיכולות למעשה לתת יתרון ולשפר את הסיכויים להצלחה. כדוגמה נפוצה, אנשים שמצפים להשתכר קובעים מראש נהג תורן, שכן אם מוצאים את עצמם במצב בו כולם שיכורים, הסיכויים שאחד מהשיכורים בסופו של דבר ינהג הוא הרבה יותר גדול אם לא קבעו את הנהג מראש. לא הייתי קורא לזה 'סגולה', אלא דרך הגיונית להימנע מבעיות.

אנו קוראים למשהו סגולה כאשר יש לו היבט רוחני או הסבר לא ידוע (לפחות לאדם שעושה אותו) שעוזר לאדם לנצח נגד כל הסיכויים. למעשה, השבוע הייתי בחתונה ואחרי החופה שמתי לב לתופעה שמעולם לא ראיתי קודם: היו כמה בנות מתחת לחופה שמתפללות מעריב אחרי שהטקס הסתיים. קצת הופתעתי, וגם תהיתי אם זו הנהגה ראויה לבת ישראל צנועה. שאלתי מישהו, "מה הבנות האלה חושבות?!" והוא ענה: "האם אתה לא יודע שלהתפלל מתחת לחופה היא סגולה לשידוך?!" למען האמת, מעולם לא שמעתי על הסגולה הזו, ונכון לעכשיו עדיין לא חקרתי את מקורה. אבל ההערה היבשה שלי אז הייתה, "להתפלל שם בזמן שכולם צופים בכן, זו בהחלט סגולה כדי להראות 'כאילו' יש להן מידה רבה של כוונה - ותפילה בכוונה אמיתית בהחלט יכולה להביא לתוצאה הרצויה של שידוך".

רבי ישראל סלנטר כותב ב"אור לישראל" שיש סגולה הקשורה ללימוד תורה בכך שהתחום בו אדם לומד תורה יתן לו צמיחה גדולה יותר באותו תחום. סגולה מפורסמת שנאמרה לאחרונה על ידי רבי חיים קנייבסקי זצ"ל הייתה לאדם שהתקרח בגלל מצב רפואי כלשהו, והרב אמר לו ללמוד מסכת נזיר. פעם אחרת, למישהו שהתקשה למצוא שידוך הרב קנייבסקי אמר ללמוד מסכת קידושין. רבי ישראל סלנטר אומר, "אם אדם חטא והוא רוצה לעשות תשובה, ילמד הלכות תשובה".

כשאנחנו עומדים לפני ראש השנה ויש לנו את העבודה העצומה לעשות תשובה, אנו מחפשים עזרה ואפילו סגולה כדי להבטיח את הצלחתנו. הרב חיים קנייבסקי ב"דרך שיחה" מציע את העצה הבאה על סמך הפסוק: **"כִּי הַמִּצְוָה הַזֹּאת (לעשות תשובה) אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מִצְוֶה הַיּוֹם--לֹא-נִפְלְאת הוּא מִמֶּךָ, וְלֹא רִחָק הוּא. כִּי-קָרוֹב אֵלֶיךָ הַדָּבָר מֵאֵד בְּפִיךָ**

המשך בעמוד 3

| Weekday times until Parshas Vayeilech | י'(Fri) | ה'(Thu) | ד'(Wed) | ג'(Tue) | ב'(Mon) | א'(Sun) | יום | זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת וילך |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| | 05:40, 06:40*, 07:30 | 05:40, 06:40*, 07:30 | 05:40, 06:35*, 07:25 | See Rosh Hashanah Schedule | See Rosh Hashanah Schedule | 05:50, 07:15* | סליחות | |
| | 06:20, 07:15*, 08:15 | 06:20, 07:15*, 08:05 | 06:20, 07:15*, 08:05 | | | 06:55, 08:15 | שחרית | |
| | 13:30, 18:11 | 13:01, 15:15 | 13:01, 17:45 | | | 13:30, 18:18 | מנחה | |
| | * Hall | 19:00, 21:00 | 18:51 | | | 19:05 | מעריב | |

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