

The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts

Chazal tell us that part of *Simchas HaChag* is that we have an obligation to be worried about those less fortunate than ourselves. Some people may assume that Chazal were letting us know that this is just an important time to give *tzedakah*. However, the *Rambam* tells us that no one can have full joy without giving to others. The *Chofetz Chaim* discusses another dimension of this *Mitzvah* in his *sefer Ahavas Chesed* (Chelek 2, Perek 2): He tells us that in order for a Jew to celebrate his own *simcha*, he needs to share it with others. One reason is that these are just quirks of human makeup in that we are "social beings" and need to reinvigorate ourselves via social interactions. However, this is not the only reason we feel this need.



While learning chemistry as a young boy, I was taught about the many different elements that are organized in the Periodic Table. These elements can combine with each other in different ways: Some with stronger bonds and some with weaker bonds. But it seemed clear to me that all of these were made by Hashem in order to create the dazzling world in which we live.

The *Ran* in *Drashot Alef* discusses the basic components of Creation and explains that each component on its own, without being able to attach themselves to other components, would be virtually useless. It is only when joined together that these components create something that is astounding. For example, hydrogen and oxygen each have certain properties. But together, in the right proportion, they form the wonderful creation of water. (A similar concept is also found in the *melacha* of *koseiv* – writing – on Shabbos. One letter alone is not a Torah transgression, punishable by death; there needs to be at least two letters written together. Creating this combination of two or more letters is what obligates someone to bring a sin offering.)

As I was writing these words, a friend of mine visited me and gave me a *sefer* that he authored. Included in the inscription were his feelings describing our close relationship, which became deepened through the gesture. Our relationship with Hashem is deepened greatly during the special month of Tishrei, when we are full of thoughts of Hashem and gratitude for the wonderful life that He has

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The Ahavas Shalom Kehilla is invited to a
Kiddush

this Shabbos in honor our two Chossonim:

Rav Avrohom Baruch

Zachariash

Chosson Torah

Shimon

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Chosson Bereishis

The Kiddush is sponsored by the
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to thank the kehilla for honouring Shimon
with Chosson Bereshis, and also in honour of
Rav Zachariash shlita as Chosson Torah.

Pele Yoetz Shiur

Starting this Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will resume his shiur on **Pele Yoetz**. The shiur will meet each week in the hall, starting 15 MINUTES before the last *mincha*. It is open to both men and women. This week, the shiur will begin at 17:00 on the topic *Zechirah*.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bereishis

לוח שבת פרשת בראשית

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:24/17:44	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:46	מנחה ב'
Sunset	18:05	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:51	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:36	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	16:00	מנחה ב'
Pele Yoetz	17:00	פלא יועץ
Mincha 3	17:15	מנחה ג'
Sunset	18:03	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:40	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	19:03	מעריב ב'

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

הַמּוֹלָד יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי
אַרְבָּעִים וְאַרְבָּע דְּקוֹת
וְשֶׁבַע חֳלָקִים אַחֲרֵי תִשַּׁע
בַּבּוֹקֶר.



The Molad will be on Tuesday,
44 minutes and 7 *chalakim* after 9 in the morning.
(Israeli Clock Time 10:08).

רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ מַרְחֶשְׁוֹן יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם
שְׁלִישִׁי וּבַיּוֹם רְבִיעִי הֵבֵא עֲלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh **Marcheshvan** will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

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- Credit card terminal via Mr. Beer
- American Friends of Ahavas Shalom at
ahavasshalom.com/donate (donations in USD)
- PayPal Giving Fund (via above URL)

Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

If you have *cholim* that you would like
the Gabbai to mention during Shabbos
day davening, please submit these
names via email to Mrs.
Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org by



Thursday at 12:00 (Please write the *Hebrew*
names using Hebrew letters). This will help to save some
time and enable the flow of the service to
remain consistent.

The names will remain on the list until the end of
the Hebrew month, at which time they will be erased and a
new list will be created. You'll see a reminder to resubmit
names each month in the newsletter.

Thank you and Refuah Shelaimah!

Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2
shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 *Hilchos Beis Haknesses*

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:
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Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube



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Buying Plants After Shemita

From Rabbi Rosenberg of bhl.org.il via the Rav:

"We have no information about specific nurse-
ries for flowers. You can buy from a G-d-fearing
person who says he planted in a covered place or
in a detached substrate, as well as from a gentile if
the products are not marked as coming from a Jew."



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gifted us.

As we start a new cycle from *Bereishis*, I believe it is
worthwhile to look back in time. We all understand that
our prayers would not have been the same on the *Yomim*
Noraim if we would have had to daven alone (as some of
us did back in 5781). How many of us suffered having to
eat Yom Tov meals alone, without the joys of having our
children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents with
us. The joy of our Sukkah, *Simchas Beis Hashoeva*, and
Hallel "betzibur" all came together this year to give us a
higher level of personal fulfillment. Through our sharing
the Yom Tov experiences together, we all personally
grew to become greater people. As newly developed
individuals, we should now be looking forward more
than ever to working together with our neighbors and
friends, in order to improve ourselves and create a better
community.

May this Shabbos Bereishis be a true Genesis.

Scenes from Sukkos 5783

Thank you to YitzY Berlin for taking the wonderful pictures.
Many more pictures are online at ahavasshalom.org/sukkos-5783-gallery



השלם יותר גדול מסכום חלקיו

חז"ל אומרים לנו שחלק משמחת החג הוא שחובה עלינו לדאוג לאלו שמצליחים פחות מאיתנו. יש המניחים שחז"ל בעיקר מודיעים לנו שזה זמן חשוב לתרום לצדקה. אולם הרמב"ם אומר לנו שאי אפשר לשמוח באמת, בלי לתת לאחרים. החפץ חיים דן בהיבט נוסף של מצווה זו בספרו אהבת חסד (חלק ב, פרק ב) שם הוא אומר לנו שכדי לחגוג את השמחה שלנו, צריכים לשתף את השמחה עם אחרים. אחת הסיבות היא שזו רק תכונה אנושית בכך שאנחנו "חברתיים", וזקוקים לקשרים חברתיים כדי לרענן אותנו. עם זאת, זו לא הסיבה היחידה שאנו מרגישים צורך זה.

כשלמדתי כימיה כאדם צעיר, לימדו אותי על האלמנטים שמאורגנים בטבלה המחזורית. אלמנטים אלה יכולים להיקשר זה עם זה בצורות שונות: חלקם עם קשרים חזקים יותר וחלקם עם קשרים חלשים יותר. אבל נראה לי ברור שכל אלו נעשו על ידי ה', כדי ליצור את העולם המדהים שבו אנו חיים.

הר"ן בדרשות א' דן ביסודות הבסיסיים של הבריאה ומסביר שכל יסוד בפני עצמו, מבלי חיבור עם יסודות אחרים, יהיה למעשה חסר תועלת. רק כאשר מרכיבים את היסודות יחד יוצרים דברים מדהימים. לדוגמה, למימן ולחמצן יש תכונות מסוימות. אבל ביחד, בפרופורציה הנכונה, הם הופכים ליצירה המופלאה - מים. (מושג דומה מצוי גם במלאכת הכתיבה בשבת. אות אחת לבדה אינה עבירה מדאורייתא, עם חיוב מיתה; רק אם נכתבות לפחות שתי אותיות יחד, היוצרות צירוף, מתחייבים להביא קרבן חטאת.)

כשכתבתי את המילים האלה, חבר שלי ביקר אותי ונתן לי ספר שהוא חיבר. בהקדשה נכללו רגשותי המתארים את מערכת היחסים הקרובה בינינו, אשר העמיקה באמצעות מחווה זו. הקשר שלנו עם ה', העמיק מאוד במהלך חודש תשרי המיוחד, כאשר אנו מלאים במחשבות על ה' והכרת הטוב על החיים הנפלאים שהוא העניק לנו.

כשאנחנו מתחילים מחזור חדש מבראשית, אני מאמין שכדאי להסתכל אחורה. כולנו מבינים שתפילותינו בימים הנוראים לא היו כפי שהיו כשהתפללנו לבד (כפי שחלקנו עשו בשנים האחרונות). כמה מאיתנו סבלו מהצורך לאכול לבד את סעודות יום טוב, בלי להינות מהצטרפות של ילדינו, נכדינו, ההורים והסבים. שמחת הסוכה שלנו, שמחה בית השואבה, והלל "בציבור" השנה, עם כולם ביחד הביאה אותנו לרמות גבוהות יותר של הגשמה אישית. עם היותנו ביחד במהלך יום טוב כולנו השתפרנו באופן אישי והפכנו לאנשים גדולים יותר. אנחנו, כאנשים שפותחנו מחדש, צריכים כעת לצפות יותר מתמיד לעבוד יחד עם שכנינו וחברינו, כדי לשפר את עצמנו וליצור קהילה טובה יותר.

שהשבת בראשית זו תהיה התחלה חדשה אמיתית.

אבות ובנים

Ages 3-7 learn $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; 7+ 1 Hour
Shabbos Afternoon 16:15-17:15



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Thank You!

Many people helped to prepare our shul for Sukkos, and if you were one of them, we offer thanks for your work. We would especially like to mention the following people:

- Reb Hananiah and Mrs. Merav Lasker, as well as Tuvia and Yossi Lasker for constructing the Sukkah and for setting up the Simchas Torah Kiddush so beautifully. Also to Mrs. Shuli Harris and Mrs. Aliza Back for all their help with the Simchas Torah Kiddush as well!
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- R' Eliyahu Jacobs for helping to set-up the shul seating throughout the *Chagim*.
- R' Lev Seltzer for providing us with our davening time schedules and bumper *Chagim* newsletters.

The Rav and the entire Kehilla offer their thanks to our chairman, Reb Binyomin Rubenstein, for his hard work during the *chagim*.

Keeping up with the Times!

Because sunrise is so late, the time for the first shacharis has been adjusted by a few minutes. This will continue until Sunday Oct 30 when the clocks are set back.

Weekday times until	ה' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת נח
Parshas Noach	06:31, 07:15, 08:15 06:53 13:30, 17:39 * Hall	06:30, 07:15, 08:05 06:52 13:00, 15:15 19:00, 21:00	06:30, 07:15, 08:05 06:52 13:00, 15:15 19:00, 21:00	06:29, 07:15, 08:05 06:51 13:00, 15:15 19:00, 21:00	06:28, 07:15, 08:05 06:50 13:00, 15:15 19:00, 21:00	06:27, 07:15, 08:05 06:49 13:00, 15:15 19:00, 21:00	שחרית Sunrise מנחה מעריב	

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