

## A Vacation to Remember

"...and you delve into them..."  
(Devarim 6:7)

Rashi tells us that most of one's speech should be in Torah and all else should be secondary. "Idle chatter" is known to us as "*bitul Torah*" and we are very familiar with its negative aspects. There is a question about Tisha B'Av (which just passed) that is discussed by the *poskim*. On Tisha B'Av one is not permitted to learn Torah, for learning Torah brings spiritual joy. On Tisha B'Av one is permitted to learn things which generally bring a person down. There is a question as to whether one is obligated to learn these topics (Rav Elyashiv in *Kovetz Teshuvos* 3:168), or if the day of Tisha B'Av itself suspends the obligation of learning Torah, however there is *heter* to learn these particular topics (*Kaf Hachayim* 554:10). But it's clear, that as one is not supposed to have a *hesech hadas* from the mourning of Tisha B'Av, idle conversation is certainly inappropriate. However, on regular days, most of us have difficulty not getting involved in things which could possibly be deemed *devarim beteilim*.

In Yiddish there is an expression "Mikvah news". It seems that many people, when they are undressed, lose their dignity and speak improperly. They seem to do this just to have a good time. Therefore, the value of such chatter is negligible. Rav Chaim Volozhoner's brother Rav Zalman, who was an amazing person, had an opposite approach. When he would be in the bathhouse, he would have conversations about politics or science, dazzling the people with whom he spoke. They found it hard to believe that this person who had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge of the world around us could also be such a great *masmid*. However, when they asked him for an explanation, they were shocked to find out that the exact opposite was the truth. His only real interest and passion was Torah. However, he came up with this great idea to pursue general knowledge, in order to find something to keep his mind busy in the places where

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## Lifecycles

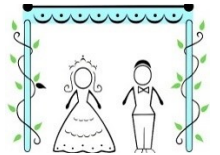
Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Aharon and Beverly Simkin** on the Bar mitzvah of their grandson **Yechiel Shlomo**. Mazel Tov to Parents **Rabbi David Yehuda and Shayna Simkin**. The Kehilla is invited to a Kiddush immediately after Shabbos morning davening next door at Motza Mayim.



The Kehilla is also invited to join the Simkins for Shacharis at the Kosel: 08:30 Mon. July 31, followed by a Bagel Breakfast.

Mazel Tov to **Binyomin and Karen Rubenstein** on the engagement of their daughter **Elisheva Rubenstein** to **Natan Abramson**, son of **Lance and Carin Abramson** from Johannesburg, South Africa. The kehilla is invited to celebrate the engagement at the home of the Rubenstein's 12/3 Nachal Luz this Sunday (July 30) from 20:30.

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## Shabbos Schedule Parshas Va'eschanan לוח שבת פרשת ואתחנן

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:53	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	18:13	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	19:02/19:22	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:24	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:42	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:28	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:20	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 3	18:00	מנחה ג'
<b>Pirkei Avos</b>	<b>18:24</b>	<b>פרקי אבות</b>
Mincha 4	19:00	מנחה ד'
Sunset	19:41	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:18	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:41	מעריב ב'

This week's newsletter is sponsored by the Simkin Family in honor of

# Yechiel Simkin's Bar Mitzvah

# Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving  
**ONE SHIUR** this coming  
week.



~~SUNDAY 21:15: Mishnayos. Canceled~~

**TUESDAY: 20:15 HILCHOS CHOL HAMOED**

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:  
[cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom](https://cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom)

Videos are also available on [ahavasshalom.org](http://ahavasshalom.org)

## 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](mailto: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 Shabbos service to remain consistent. The list was erased on Rosh Chodesh Av, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



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Rav Zachariash has begun learning the halachas of  
**Chol Hamoed**. See if you know the halachas with the  
questions below from [RBSsemicha.com](http://RBSsemicha.com)

## Q&A: Leaving the Holy Land

**Q** Yitzchak Tzvi had the entire month of Nissan off from Yeshiva. As he had a lot of free time, he thought of taking a vacation and flying to Greece. According to the M.B., may he fly from his home in Eretz Yisrael to Greece to tour?

**A** No. The M.B. says it is forbidden to leave Eretz Yisrael except for a mitzvah. OC 531; M.B. 14

## Q&A: Shave and a Haircut

**Q** Richard Kagan had his hair cut 2 days before Pesach but, by the first day of *chol hamoed* at the Boca Gateways Hotel, he looked a bit unkempt and wanted to improve his appearance in front of his elderly father. Is he permitted to cut his hair or shave his beard during *chol hamoed*? What do the M.B. and the A.H. say?

**A** Both the M.B. & A.H. **forbid** shaving and cutting hair on *chol hamoed*, even if a person had his hair cut immediately before YomTov, due to *mar'is ayin*: If other people were to see that it is permissible to shave on *chol hamoed*, they will then assume it may be done in **all** situations, even in a case where he did not have his hair cut before Yom Tov. This would lead to people not preparing their hair properly for Yom Tov as they would plan to take a haircut during *chol hamoed* when they would not be busy. Therefore, the Rabbis prohibited haircuts during *chol hamoed* in order to force people to do so before Yom Tov so that they would look well groomed. Note that while this is the generally accepted *halacha*, today there are several *poskim* who will permit a person who shaves every day to continue to do so during *chol hamoed*. OC 531; M.B. 4; A.H. 2

## Q&A: Haircut #1

**Q** Mr. & Mrs. Silverman let their son Chaim's hair grow until he was three years old, and now they wanted to invite all the relatives over during *chol hamoed* Pesach for his *upshirin* — a boys' first haircut. Are they permitted to cut his hair on *chol hamoed*?



**A** Yes. This is because the reason for Chaim's haircut is not to make his hair shorter or neater, but instead to teach Chaim the importance of the *mitzvah* of *payos*, as the parents will make sure to leave *payos* on the corners of his head when the haircut is finished.

OC 531; Be'er Hetiv 7, Shaarei Teshuva 7



## Lifecycles (continued)

Mazal Tov **Shlomo & Brocha Hollander** on the birth of a granddaughter to their children **Shuie and Ella Hollander** of Jerusalem.



Mazal Tov **Yisroel & Bella Helprin** on the birth of a great-granddaughter to their grandchildren **Miriam and Shlomo Eliyahu Warshavchik** of Lakewood



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it is forbidden to learn Torah. In order to make sure that he wouldn't have Torah thoughts in these places, he made sure to get very absorbed in these secular topics.

In recent years I heard from a student of Chacham Ben Tzion Abba Shaul Z"l that when he would go to relieve himself, he had two bochurim standing outside, each one reading aloud a different newspaper at the same time in order to keep his mind occupied and not learn. It seems that regarding newspapers there isn't enough intelligence in just one paper to keep one's mind occupied, and so he needed two!

Those ideas are very lofty and distant from many of us. But the issue is especially true at this time of year when many people go on vacation. I would like to offer a piece of advice which I heard in the name of Reb Hillel Zaks Z"l, from when he was the Rosh Yeshiva of the Chevron Yeshiva. He said that if you read a newspaper, make sure that the content is on an intellectual level that you will have something to repeat to someone, even tomorrow.

When we go on vacation, which is proper to do as we need to recharge our batteries, we too should ensure that we do things that we will be happy to remember at a later date and even want to share it with others.

*Have an enriching summer!*

## Times are Changing!

The first weekday Mincha returns to 13:20 on Tuesday, August 1. It will switch to 13:15 on August 23.



This is the last week for the 19:00 Shabbos Shabbos Mincha. Starting Parshas Eikev there will only be two minyonim for Shabbos Mincha: 13:30 and 18:00.

## Netziv Hayom

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## Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim



While most yeshivas shut down during the summer *Bein Hazmanim*, there is still learning going on in our Beis Medrash.

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Raffle to take place on Tu B'Av Night



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אבל הנושא נכון במיוחד בתקופה זו של השנה שבה אנשים רבים יוצאים לחופשה. ברצוני להציע עצה ששמעתי בשם הרב הלל זקס ז"ל, כשהיה ראש ישיבת חברון. הוא אמר שאם אתה קורא עיתון, תדאג שהתוכן יהיה ברמה שיהיה לך מה לספר למישהו בלי בושה, גם למחרת.

כשאנחנו יוצאים לחופשה, מה שנכון לעשות כדי להמריץ את עצמנו מחדש, גם אנחנו צריכים להבטיח שנעשה דברים שנשמח לזכור אחר כך ואפילו נרצה לספר לאחרים.

שיהיה לכולנו קיץ מעשי!

## Tisha B'Av 5783

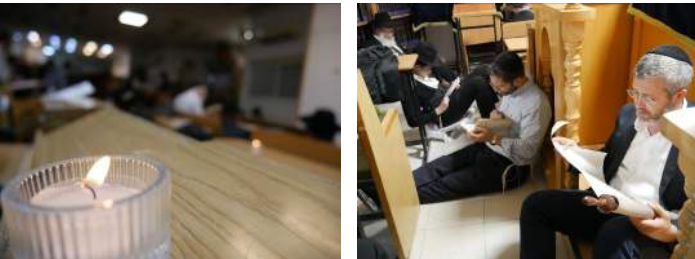
On behalf of the Kehilla, we would like to thank all the people who were involved in making Tisha B'Av so meaningful this year, including:

Peretz Dissen for organizing all the participants during the Kinos.

The Rav, Rabbi Naftali Kaplan and Rabbi Rafi Brodie for giving over the afternoon shiurim.

A special thanks to all the members who introduced a *Kina*. As one member said, *"I got more out of the introductions than from the Kinos themselves!"*

The **videos** of the Tisha B'Av Afternoon shiurim should be available at [www.ahavasshalom.org](http://www.ahavasshalom.org).



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

## חופשה לזכור

"... וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם..." (דברים ו:ז)

רש"י אומר לנו " (ספרי) שלא יהא עיקר דבורך אלא במ עשם עיקר ואל תעשם טפל" (שם). "פטפט סרק" מוכר לנו כביטול תורה ואנו מכירים היטב את הצד השלילי שלו. ישנה שאלה לגבי תשעה באב (שזה עתה חלף) בה דנים הפוסקים. בתשעה באב אסור ללמוד תורה, כי לימוד תורה מביא שמחה רוחנית. בתשעה באב מותר ללמוד דברים שבדרך כלל מצערים אדם. ישנה שאלה האם חייבים ללמוד נושאים אלו (הרב אלישיב בקובץ תשובות ג:קסח), או שיום תשעה באב עצמו דוחה את חובת לימוד התורה, אולם יש התר ללמוד את הנושאים המסוימים הללו (כף החיים תשד:י). אבל ברור, שכיוון שאסור לעשות הסחת הדעת מהאבלות של תשעה באב, שיחה בטלה בהחלט אינה ראויה. עם זאת, בימים רגילים, רובנו מתקשים שלא להסתבך בדברים שעלולים להיחשב לדברים בטלים.

בידיש יש ביטוי "מקווה נייעס". נראה שיש אנשים, כשהם לבושים פחות, מאבדים את כבודם ומדברים בצורה לא ראויה. סביר להניח שהם עושים את זה רק כדי להנות מהשיחה. לכן, הערך של פטפט כזה הוא זניח. לאחיו של הרב חיים וולוז'ינר, הרב זלמן, שהיה אדם מדהים, הייתה גישה הפוכה. כשהוא היה בבית המרחץ, היה מנהל שיחות על פוליטיקה או מדע, והרשים את האנשים שאיתם דיבר. הם התקשו להאמין שהאדם הזה, שהייתה לו תשוקה בלתי ניתנת לכיבוי לדעת את העולם שסביבנו, יכול להיות גם מתמיד כל כך גדול. אולם כשביקשו ממנו הסבר, נדהמו לגלות שההפך הגמור הוא האמת. העניין והתשוקה האמיתית היחידה שלו הייתה תורה. עם זאת, הוא הגה את הרעיון הגדול הזה להתעניין בידע כללי, כדי למצוא משהו שיעסיק את דעתו במקומות שאסור ללמוד תורה. כדי לוודא שלא יהיו לו מחשבות תורניות במקומות האלה, הוא דאג להיספג מאוד בנושאים החילוניים.

בשנים האחרונות שמעתי מתלמיד של החכם בן ציון אבא שאול ז"ל שכשהיה הולך לשירותים, עמדו בחוץ שני בחורים, וכל אחד קרא בקול מעיתון אחר בו זמנית כדי להעסיק את דעתו בדברים שאינם לימוד תורה. (נראה שאין מספיק שכל רק בעיתון אחד כדי להעסיק את דעתו, ולכן הוא היה צריך שניים!) הרעיונות האלה מאוד גבוהים ומרוחקים מאיתנו.

המשך בעמוד 3

Weekday times until Parshas Eikev	יום (Fri)	יום (Thu)	יום (Wed)	יום (Tue)	יום (Mon)	יום (Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת ואתחנן
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	13:30, 17:49, 19:19	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:21, 15:15	13:21, 15:15	מנחה	
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