

Make it Profitable

"And Hashem said to Kayin, why are you angry? And why are you crestfallen?" (Bereishis 4:6)

I feel that through the *Chag* of *Sukkos*, most of us were in a state of *zman simchaseinu*, but then on *Simchas Torah* suddenly a cloud of devastation and sadness enveloped us. We may feel forlorn, lost, and perhaps even cheated out of our holiday. One who had those feelings may feel proud that they cherished their connection to Hashem. When that connection is abruptly interrupted, they are saddened.



The *Sforno* addresses an obvious question about the verse above. Kayin – who himself invented the idea of serving Hashem through an offering – gives an offering to Hashem, but Hashem rejects it. Would not that be a legitimate reason to be crestfallen? What is the message that Hashem is imparting to Kayin by questioning his seemingly noble reaction? The *Sforno* explains that the lesson was that Kayin should look forward and work on not repeating his mistake, instead of dwelling in the past.

About a month ago I had a conversation about the following famous story: A Rebbe didn't have enough money to purchase food for Yom Tov, and his only worldly possession of value was a pair of tefillin from a Rebbe of the previous generations. On Erev Sukkos he sold those tefillin and bought a beautiful Esrog. His wife, upon realizing that they had nothing to eat, and that her husband no longer had his most precious tefillin, became enraged and bit off the pitom. The Rebbe looked heavenward and said to Hashem, "Tefillin I don't have; food for Yom Tov I don't have; now even an esrog I don't have! However, I will not let my *shalom bayis* also be taken away from me!"

The person who brought up this story then asked, "What is the point of this story? Did the Rebbe act properly or not? Does the Esrog come before his other needs or not?" To which I responded, "Your question is valid, but I think you missed the point of the story, which is that when everything looks like failure, don't throw in the towel; salvage what you can and move forward."

I heard a parable from my Rosh Yeshiva concerning the bad days which we all have from time to time. He said, "Imagine a stockbroker who is watching his screen and

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi and Mrs. Aharon Simkin** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Yaakov and Adina Wolff**. There will be a Shalom Zachor at Nachal Nachshon 6/13 (Entrance 2 Floor 2). The Bris will take place on Shabbos morning at Ahavas Shalom, followed by a Kiddush.



The Kehilla offers condolences to **Reb Naftali Lubetzki** on the loss of his brother **Henri Lubetzki**. The *shiva* has ended.



הַמָּקוֹם יִנְחָם אֶתְכֶם בְּתוֹךְ שְׁאַר אֲבְלֵי צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם

Pele Yoetz Shiur

Starting this Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will resume his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. The shiur will meet each week in the hall, starting 15 MINUTES before the last *mincha*. This week, the shiur will begin at **17:10** on the topic **חלוש**.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bereishis לוח שבת פרשת בראשית

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:33/17:53	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:55	מנחה ב'
Sunset	18:13	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:49	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:34	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	17:10	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	17:25	מנחה ב'
Sunset	18:12	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:49	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	19:12	מעריב ב'

Scenes from the Simchas Beis Hashoeva

Mazel Tov to the winners of the *Split The Pot*: **Peretz Katz** and **Mrs. Phyllis Perl**



New Mesechta Amud Yomi

On **Alef Cheshvan**
(Monday, October 16th) we
will start learning
Maseches Kiddushin
IY"H

Amud Yomi is given over in a reasonable speed, allowing time for questions and answers. It's your chance to learn Kiddushin and know it!

Sun-Thurs. mornings 09:25-10:25 in the Ezras Nashim. Too busy? Watch it on TorahAnytime.com or ZOOM!

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every stock in his portfolio is plummeting. Half an hour before the market closes he gives up, closes his briefcase with a loud bang, and goes home in a huff." My Rosh Yeshiva said that this man is not a savvy broker. A broker will stay until the moment the market closes to try to salvage something from the day's trading. So too, in our service of Hashem, even when things are not going well, we should try to salvage what we can.

For instance, if you didn't daven the first half of *shemoneh esrei* with proper *kavana*, don't give up! Instead, try to have proper *kavana* during the second half!

The *Sforno* tells us that even though Hashem didn't accept Kayin's initial offering, He was still willing to accept further service from Kayin. Kayin just had to find a new way to get closer to Hashem.

Perhaps Hashem is similarly telling us, that though we would have liked to have served Hashem through the joy of *Shemini Atzeres*, we should salvage what we can from the present and turn our situation of despair into a profitable one. We can come closer to Hashem and attain greater *emunah* by strengthening our *tefillos* and aiding our fellow Jews who are in difficult situations all around Israel.

המשך מעמוד 4

שאנו יכולים בהווה ולהפוך את מצב הייאוש שלנו למצב מועיל. נוכל להתקרב לה' ולהשיג אמונה גדולה יותר על ידי חיזוק התפילות שלנו ולסייע לאחינו שנמצאים במצבים קשים בכל רחבי ישראל.

Netziv Hayom

Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special occasion, and all the learning and davening that take place in our shul during that day will be to your merit. Just 120₪ per sponsorship, which is announced via a notice on the "Netziv Hayom" board in the shul, as well as an announcement in this newsletter. To sponsor a day please contact Mrs. Zakoo Netziv@ahavasshalom.org.

27 Tishrei sponsored by the Albert Family

לע"ג גיטל לאה בת אהרון יוסף ע"ה



Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

TUESDAY: 20:15 *Hilchos Chol Hamoed* (534)

Both shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link: cutt.ly/AhavasShalomZoom

Shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/youtube



Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim

The Sukkos Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim, just finished, and dozens of boys kept the learning going strong every day in our Beis Medrash.

There are still a few days of sponsorship you can grab for just

280₪.



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 Shabbos service to remain consistent. The list will be erased for Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.

אבות ובנים

Avos Ubanim
16:25-17:25

Boys aged 3-7 learn for 30 minutes
Boys aged 7+ learn for 60 minutes

Pictures from the post-Yom Kippur learning



Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

הַמֹּלַד יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם רִאשׁוֹן
שְׁלוֹשִׁים וְשָׁלוֹשׁ דְּקוֹת
וְחֶלֶק אֶחָד אַחֲרֵי שֵׁשׁ
בְּעֶרְבּ. חֶשְׁוֹן

The Molad will be on Saturday
night, 33 minutes and 1 cheilak after 6 in the evening.
(Israeli Clock Time 18:58).

רִאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ מַרְחֶשְׁוֹן יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם רִאשׁוֹן וּבַיּוֹם
שְׁנֵי הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.
Rosh Chodesh Marcheshvan will be on Sunday and Monday.

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** for setting up the Simchas Torah Kiddush so beautifully. Also to **Mrs. Shuli Harris and Mrs. Malka Garalnick** for all their help with the Simchas Torah Kiddush as well!
- Simchas Torah Kiddush sponsors: Anonymous (l'ilui nishmas Nachum Aryeh Ben Moshe Dovid Zelig z"l), The Hill Family, The Binder Family, The Fern Family, The Dissen Family and the Rosmarin Family
- **Shlomo Hollander** and family for managing the kids *pekelach*.
- **Reb Peretz Dissen, Reb Yitzzy Rubin and Reb Pesach Woznica** for providing the music at our Simchas Beis Hashoeva as well as **Shimon and Shira Young** for setting up the lighting and providing the vibe.
- **Gabbaim**, including **Gabbai Rishon Naftali Kaplan** and **Gabbai Sheini** (and auctioneer par excellence) **Jonny Links** who worked hard assigning and tracking all the aliyos starting with Rosh Hashanah.
- **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 29 when the clocks are set back.

משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריה

להפוך המצב לרווחי

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-קַיִן, לָמָּה חָרָה לְךָ וְלָמָּה נָפְלוּ פָנֶיךָ: (בראשית ד:ו)
אני מרגיש שבמשך חג הסוכות רובנו היינו במצב של זמן שמחתנו, אבל אז בשמחת תורה פתאום עטף אותנו ענן של חורבן ועצב. אנו עלולים להרגיש עזובים, אבודים, ואולי אפילו מרומים. מי שחש כך יכול להרגיש גאה על כך שהוא מייקר כל כך את הקשר שלו לה', וכאשר זה נקטע בפתאומיות, הוא כ"כ נעצב.

הספורנו מתייחס לשאלה ברורה לגבי הפסוק הנ"ל. קין - זה שהמציא את הרעיון להקריב קרבן לה' - מביא מנחה לה' אבל ה' דוחה אותה. האם זו לא סיבה לגיטימית שיפלו פניו? מהו המסר שה' מעביר לקין? הספורנו מסביר שהלקח היה שקין צריך להסתכל קדימה ולעבוד על עצמו שלא יחזור על טעותו, במקום להתעכב על העבר.

לפני כחודש ניהלתי שיחה על הסיפור המפורסם הבא: היה אדמו"ר שלא היה לו מספיק כסף לרכוש אוכל ליום טוב, והחפץ היחיד בעל הערך שהיה לו היה זוג תפילין שקיבל מהאדמו"ר הקודם. בערב סוכות vrch ממכר את התפילין האלה וקנה אתרוג מהודר. אשתו, כשראתה שאין להם מה לאכול, ושאלו לבעלה יותר את התפילין היקרות ביותר שלו, התרגזה ונשכה את הפיתום. הרבי הסתכל לשמים ואמר לה: "תפילין אין לי; אוכל ליום טוב אין לי; עכשיו אפילו אתרוג אין לי! אולם לא אתן לקחת ממני גם את השלום בית שלי!"

מי שהעלה את הסיפור הזה שאל אז, "האם הרבי פעל כראוי או לא? האם לאתרוג יש עדיפות?" על כך השבתי "השאלה שלך סבירה, אבל אני חושב שפספסת את הלקח של הסיפור, שהוא שכשהכל נראה כמו כישלון, אל תתיאש; אלא תציל את מה שאתה יכול ותתקדם."

שמעתי מראש הישיבה שלי משל על הימים הרעים שיש לכולנו מדי פעם. לדבריו, "דמיין לעצמך סוכן מניות שצופה בטיק, וכל מניה בתיק שלו יורדת. חצי שעה לפני סגירת השוק הוא מתיאש, והולך הביתה מאוכזב". ראש הישיבה שלי אמר שהאיש הזה אינו סוכן מתמצא. סוכן טוב יישאר עד לרגע סגירת השוק כדי לנסות להציל משהו מהמסחר של היום. כך גם, בעבודת ה' שלנו, אפילו כשהדברים לא הולכים כשורה, עלינו לנסות להציל את מה שביכולתנו.

לדוגמה, אם לא התפללת במחצית הראשונה של שמונה עשרה בכוונה מתאימה, אל תוותר! במקום זאת, נסה לכוון בחלק הנשאר!

הספורנו אומר לנו שלמרות שה' לא קיבל את המנחה הראשונה של קין, הוא עדיין היה מוכן לקבל קרבן אחר ממנו. קין רק היה צריך למצוא דרך נכונה להתקרב לה'.

אולי ה' אומר לנו באופן דומה, שלמרות שהיינו רוצים לעבוד את ה' בשמחה בשמיני עצרת, עלינו להציל את מה

המשך בעמוד 3

Weekday times until Parshas Noach	ו' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת נח
	06:25, 07:15, 08:15	06:24, 07:15, 08:10	06:23, 07:15, 08:10	06:23, 07:15, 08:10	06:22, 07:15, 08:10	06:21, 07:15, 08:10	מנחה	
	13:30, 17:40	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	מעריב	
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00		

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