

An A For Effort

"The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down in front of the altar of Hashem your G-d. (Devarim 26:4)

The Mishnah in Bikurim (3:8) tells us that the rich people brought their first fruits in baskets woven from gold and silver, while the poor people brought their first fruits in baskets woven from willow trees. The Mishnah adds that the baskets of the rich people were returned to them, but the baskets of the poor people were kept and given to the kohanim. Chazal tell us (Bava Kamma 92a) that from here comes the expression: "poverty follows the poor". Proverbs are wonderful, but we still must understand why this is so and how this is fair.

On a simple level, one may explain that a basket woven from willows is not worth very much – it is more or less disposable and might be similar to someone who willingly gives up his 30 agurot deposit, rather than return a bottle to the store. Whereas the basket of the rich person is made out of valuable materials and is a large loss to him, and therefore it must be returned to him.

Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Dunner (1913-2007) says that this explanation is insufficient. A gold basket has the same proportional value to a multi-billionaire as the wicker basket has to the poor person. So, we still can question why the Torah treats a rich man's and a poor man's baskets differently? Rabbi Dunner answers based on the Malbim, who explains that the poor person doesn't even have money to buy a wicker basket, and therefore uses the leftover aravos from his lulav to fashion his basket. He can't afford to hire someone to weave the basket for him, so he is forced to weave the basket himself. This basket – which the poor person wove with his blood, sweat, and tears, and with a strong desire to fulfill the mitzvah – itself becomes as an offering brought to Hashem. Therefore, the Kohanim keep it. Whereas the rich person can just walk into a store and purchase a golden basket off the shelf, without imbuing the basket with any effort or love.

In all mitzvos that we do, we must realize that there is a price versus value equation. A quick fix versus doing it oneself. For example, Is it preferable to

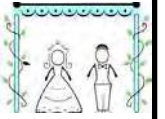
- Buy pre-made wicks and pre-measured oil for a Chanukah menorah, or to actually roll the wicks from cotton balls – just as the chasidishe Rebbes do?

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Lifecycles

On behalf of the entire Kehilla, we wish a heartfelt Mazel Tov to **R' Moshe Dovid and Soroh Cohen** and **R' Avishai and Shira Hill** on the engagement of their children **Yehuda Aryeh Cohen** to **Aviva Hill!**



Mazel Tov to **Pinchas and Toby Fader** on the birth of a grandson born to their children **Shoshi and Moshe Meystel** (Baltimore), and on the engagement of their daughter **Chana** (Baltimore) to **Brian Spenn** (Baltimore)



Don't Be Left Out!

When you have a simcha (or R"L a sad event), it is so easy to have it included in the next newsletter! Just send an email to lev@ahavasshalom.org! **Deadline is 11:00 Thurs.**



Reminder: Sending an instant message, an email, or speaking to anyone else will probably result in your announcement not making it to the newsletter!

Early No More

Reminder: The "Early Shabbos" minyon has been cancelled and will resume on Fri, Mar 28, 2025, when the clocks change for Summer Time.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Ki Savo

לוח שבת פרשת כי תבא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	*	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	*	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:01/18:21	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	18:23	מנחה ג'
Sunset	18:41	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:45	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:30	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	17:15	מנחה ב'
Pirkei Avos Shiur	17:39	פרקי אבות
Sunset	18:40	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	19:17	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	19:40	מעריב ב'

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With *hakaras hatov* to the Ahavas Shalom gabbaim who have been so amazing and accommodating to me during my 11 months of being *shaliach tzibbur* in *aveilus* for my mother **Shaina Riva bas Shmuel a"h**

Yomim Noraim Seder

Member Prices

- First Seat: 250₪
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Please contact Brad Rubenstein 054-237-0028 or brad@ahavasshalom.org to arrange seats.



Ahavas Shalom Community Kollel

The new Ahavas Shalom Kollel has opened in our Beis Medrash, and the sweet sounds of Torah learning can be heard each morning from a group of *Avreichim* learning *Gemora Be'iyun*. The *Avreichim* are also learning *b'chavrusa* with members of our kehilla during the first hour of the Seder (09:15-10:15).

For details and sponsorship opportunities, contact the Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen (052-762-4727)



GMACH SMACHOT

IF YOU SUFFER A LOSS CONTACT THE GMACH TO BORROW ITEMS NECESSARY FOR A SHIVA HOME, ahavasshalom.org/smachot Or call 054-566-5083 OR 050-203-0584

Rosh Hashanah Babysitting Rotation

The Ahavas Shalom Neshei is organizing a babysitting rotation in which mothers or their teens can take turns to supervise the children during the Rosh Hashanah davening. In exchange, mothers can drop off their kids while they daven at Ahavas Shalom.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Harris shuli@ahavasshalom.org.



Question from the Q&A book from RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: Late to Selichos

Q Yitzchak Tzvi woke up late and ran to the Beis Medrash, finding the Yeshiva 5 minutes into the saying of "selichos." He thought about going to another minyan, but the Rosh Yeshiva said that all students were expected to pray with the yeshiva — no exceptions. What should he do at this time?

- 1) Say *birkos hatorah* and then try to catch up to the Yeshiva (even skipping parts of *selichos* to do this).
- 2) Begin *selichos* immediately, try to catch up to the Yeshiva, and say *brochos* afterward.

A 1. Yitzchak Tzvi should say *birkos hatorah* first. Because there are passages of Torah said during *selichos*, one should first say *birkas hatorah*.

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אבות ובנים

Shabbos Afternoon:
16:15-17:15

Ages 3-7 learn ½ hour • 7+ 1 hour.

NOTE NEW TIME
CHOCOLATE CHASE

Come 3 Shabboses during Elul and get a Chocolate Bar!
בואו 3 שבתות בחדש אלול וקבלו חטיף שוקולד!



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New Mesechta. New Magid Shiur

The Ahavas Shalom Amud Yom Shiur has just begun learning *Meseches Shavuos* with a new *Magid Shiur* **Rabbi Shlomo Hollander!**

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

Sun-Thurs. mornings 09:25-10:25 in the *Ezras Nashim*. Also available LIVE via ZOOM. Shiurim are also recorded. Contact Shlomo Hollander at hollander22@gmail.com.



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- Buy a box of matzos off the shelf, or go to the factory and be involved in the baking oneself?
- Buy an esrog out of the box stamped with a reliable hechsher, or go on a scavenger hunt in the marketplace until one finds the perfect esrog?



I once heard a *psak* from Rav Elyashiv along the lines of this idea. A man went searching for his *lulav* and *esrog* and ended up with only average specimens. On Sukkos day, the person next to him in shul had a beautiful set of *daled minim*. The first man asked Rav Elyashiv, "What is the proper thing for me to do? To make a *brocho* on my own *daled minim*, or to 'borrow' my neighbor's beautiful set and make a *brocho* on it?" (In a normal case without an option of a more beautiful set, the *Mishnah Berurah* rules it is preferable to make a *brocho* on one's own set.) Rav Elyashiv responded that the primary *hiddur* is to use something that you yourself toiled to make or find.

Some people start a teshuva process in the month of Elul and the *yetzer hara* tells them, "Why bother!? How much *teshuva* do you think you will really be able to accomplish?!" To this we respond, "It is the exertion that goes into it, which in itself can be a *korbon leratzon laHashem* – a wanted offering to Hashem." Whatever you do during Elul, put all of your effort into it.

Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

Reminder: If you would like the Gabbai to read the name of a *choleh* on Shabbos during the *Mi SheBeirach*, you must submit it via Email to Mrs. Zakoo by Thursday!



Send your list of *Hebrew Names* using *Hebrew Letters* to Mrs. Zakoo at office@ahavasshalom.org. The list is erased each Rosh Chodesh, so you'll need to resubmit the names after a month if they are still relevant.

Thank you for following this procedure which enables us to have the Shabbos service run more smoothly!

Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim - Thank You!

Thank you to all the donors who made Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim Summer 5784 so successful:

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Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

TUESDAY 20:15: **HILCHOS YOM KIPPUR**



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

Past shiurim are archived at ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos



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Bar Mitzvah in 5785?

If your son having a Bar Mitzvah in 5785, make sure you schedule the date with us as soon as possible so as to avoid disappointment due to scheduling conflicts. Contact Naftali Kaplan Gabbai at AhavasShalom.org to schedule your son's Bar Mitzvah.



המשך מעמוד 4

הרב אלישיב ענה שההידור העיקרי הוא להשתמש במשהו שאתה עצמך עמלת בו כדי ליצור או למצוא.

יש אנשים שמתחילים תהליך תשובה שלהם בחודש אלול והיצר הרע אומר להם "למה להתעסק? כמה תשובה אתה חושב שבאמת תצליח להשיג?" על כך אנו מגיבים: "המאמץ עצמו יכול להיות קרבן לרצון לה" כל תשובה שתעשו במהלך אלול, תשקיעו בה את מירב המאמצים.

**Please join us for
a special Kiddush
THIS Shabbos,
Parshas Ki Savo,
in honor of:**

- 1. The 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Kehilla**
- 2. Wishing Farewell to Rabbi Teichtal as he moves on to a new position.**
- 3. Welcome to Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen and the new Ahavas Shalom Kollel.**



Daled Minim Guide

The Rav gave two intensive shiurim in 2017 on the Daled Minim which are available on YouTube and the Shul's OneDrive account. View them here:



ahavasshalom.org/4m-guide

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 5784.

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

You can also use PayPal at ahavasshalom.org/donate or use USD at ahavasshalom.com/donate

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



Times are Changing!

The first weekday Mincha will switch to 13:05 on Sunday, Sep 22, and then switch to 13:00 on Sep 29. It will remain at 13:00 for the rest of the winter.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

על המאמץ

יִלְקַח הַכֹּהֵן הַטָּהוֹר מִיָּדְךָ וְהִנִּיחוֹ לִפְנֵי מִזְבֵּחַ ה' אֱלֹקֶיךָ: (דברים כו:ד)

המשנה אומרת, "העשירים מביאים ביכוריהם בקלות (קופות) של כסף ושל זהב. והעניים מביאים אותם בסלי נצרים של ערבה קלופה" (ביכורים ג:ח) המשנה ממשיכה, "והסלים והביכורים ניתנים לכהנים" אבל לא הקלות של העשירים. חז"ל אומרים על זה "מכאן אמרו בטר עניא אזלא עניותא" (בבא קמא צב.) או כמו שאומרים, "כסף נדבק לכסף". ביטויים הם נפלאים, אבל עדיין עלינו להבין מדוע זה כך וכיצד זה הוגן.

ברמה הפשוטה, אפשר להסביר שכל ערבה הוא בעצם חסר ערך, ואולי דומה למי שמוותר על 30 אגורות החזר על הבקבוק שלו. ואילו סל הזהב של העשיר יקר מאוד ויהיה לו הפסד גדול, ולכן אנו מחזירים אותו לו.

הרב יוסף צבי דונר אומר שההסבר הזה אינו מספיק. לסל זהב יש את אותו ערך יחסי לעשיר המופלא כמו שיש לסל הנצרים של העני. אז אנחנו עדיין יכולים לשאול מדוע התורה מתייחסת אחרת לסלים של העשיר והעני? הרב דונר עונה על סמך המלבי"ם, שמסביר שלעני אין אפילו כסף לקנות סל נצרים, ולכן משתמש בערבות שנותרו מהלולב שלו. ואין לו כסף לשלם למישהו שיארוג עבורו את הסל, אז הוא נאלץ לארוג את הסל בעצמו. הסל הזה - שהעני ארג בדמו, יזע ודמעות, אך מתוך רצון עז לקיים את המצווה - הופך להיות כמנחה לה'. לכן הכהנים מחזיקים בו. ואילו העשיר, יכול פשוט להיכנס לחנות ולרכוש סל זהב מהמדף, מבלי להחדיר לסל מאמץ או אהבה.

בכל המצוות שאנו עושים, עלינו להבין שיש משוואת מחיר מול ערך. קל ומהיר לעומת עבודה קשה שלו. למשל, האם עדיף:

- לקנות פתילות מוכנות ושמן שנמדד מראש, או לגלגל את הפתילות ממש מצמר גפן - בדיוק כפי שעושים האדמו"רים החסידים?
- לקנות קופסת מצות מהמדף, או ללכת למאפיית מצות ולהיות מעורב באפייה בעצמו?
- לקנות אתרוג בקופסה עם חותמת של הכשר טוב, או ללכת לחפש בשוק עד שמוצאים את האתרוג המושלם?

שמעתי פעם פסקה מהרב אלישיב בנוסח הרעיון הזה. אדם הלך לחפש את הלולב והאתרוג שלו ובסופו של דבר מה שקנה היה רק בינוני. בחג הסוכות, לאדם שלידו בבית הכנסת היה סט מהודר ויפה של ארבעה מינים. הוא שאל את הרב אלישיב, "מה ראוי לי לעשות? לברך על המינים הבינוניים שלי, או "לשאול" את הסט היפה של השכן שלי ולברך עליו." (שהמשנה ברורה אומרת שהיא בדרך כלל הסט המועדף לעשות עליה את הברכה).

המשך בעמוד 3

זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת נצבים-ויילך	יום	'א(Sun)	'ב(Mon)	'ג(Tue)	'ד(Wed)	'ה(Thu)	'ו(Fri)
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מנחה	13:05, 15:15	13:05, 15:15	13:05, 15:15	13:05, 15:15	13:05, 15:15	13:05, 15:15	13:30, *, 18:14
מעריב	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	*Hall

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