

All for the Boss

"And it came to pass at that time, that Avimelech and Pichol captain of his army spoke to Avraham, saying, G-d is with you in all that you do." (Bereishis 21:22)

In the Torah reading of Rosh Hashanah, we read about an encounter between Avraham and Avimelech, yet it seems to have nothing to do with the mood of this holy day!

The *Pri Megadim* asks a question about one of the *tefilos* that is unique to Rosh Hashanah: We say, Hashem is "*kovesha ca'aso* (suppresses His anger) in judgement" (Artscroll Machzor p. 330). What is the difference between not getting angry on Yom HaDin and not getting angry on a different day?

I recently heard a story about Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach ZTZ"l that I think is worth sharing. A friend of mine went in to discuss a *hashkafic* issue that had *halachic* ramifications. Reb Shlomo Zalman, for whatever reason it may be, did not really want to get involved in the question and tried to prevail on my friend to ask someone else. My friend insisted and Rav Shlomo Zalman eventually acquiesced. They came to a satisfactory conclusion for all parties involved. As my friend was leaving, he had the *chutzpah* to say to Reb Shlomo Zalman, "I see that I was right! It was good that we discussed this issue, because in the end it worked out well." Reb Shlomo Zalman looked at him in amazement and said, "I don't mind being wrong." I believe that this *mussar* is something that we could all use. To be selfless to the point that it doesn't bother us at all if we made a mistake, as long as we are doing the will of Hashem.

On Rosh Hashanah we accept upon ourselves Hashem's reign, and that may sometimes include being judged unfavorably. We accept this even though we understand that this could have a negative impact on us. The *Ohev Yisrael* tells us that this is the message of Avimelech and Avraham Avinu. Avimelech saw that Avraham was an embodiment of Hashem's presence in this world, and therefore he wanted to have a pact with him. Hence, we have the name "*Avi Melech*" – the Father who is King. And his servant's name was *Pichol*, meaning that everything (*Col*) Hashem says (*Pi*) happens.

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Rosh Hashanah 5784 Schedule

ראש השנה תשפ"ד

ערב ראש השנה Erev Rosh Hashanah			
Mincha	13:30		מנחה
Candle Lighting	18:09/18:29		הדלקת נרות
Mincha	18:31		מנחה
Sunset	18:49		שקיעה

ראש השנה Rosh Hashanah			
	יום א' Day 1	יום ב' Day 2	
Drasha	19:00	19:10	דרשה
Ma'ariv	19:19	*19:25	מעריב
Shacharis	06:55	06:55	שחרית
Hamelech	07:40	07:40	המלך
Break	09:50	09:50	הפסקה
Shofar	×	10:00	תקיעת שופר א'
EXTRA Shofar	×	~12:50	תקיעת שופר ב'
Mincha	13:06	13:05	מנחה
Avos uBanim	16:35	16:50	אבות ובנים
EXTRA Shofar	×	17:30	תקיעת שופר ג'
Mincha	17:35	17:50	מנחה
Tashlich	×	✓	תשליך
Sunset	18:48	18:46	שקיעה

מוצאי ראש השנה Motza'ei Rosh Hashanah			
Ma'ariv 1		19:23	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2		19:46	מעריב ב'

~will not be earlier than this estimated time.

*No preparation for Rosh Hashanah Day 2 permitted until 19:25, at which time candles can also be lit.

*אין לעשות מלאכה (כולל כל הכנה ליום ב' של ר"ה) לפני 19:25 ניתן להדליק נרות אחרי 19:25

Wishing you a Shanah Tovah U'mesuka!

The Ahavas Shalom Newsletter Crew!

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Mrs. Channah Miller



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The message from this Torah reading on Rosh Hashanah is that we must come to a recognition that we are wrong and make a new bond with Hashem just as the king Avimelech did. It is not a question of whether we will suffer or not; instead, it is about doing what is right and proper. This is perhaps our major service of this day. Hashem on this day does the exact opposite of what a king normally does. On this day of judgement for all, it seems inappropriate that Hashem be *mevater* when he is trying to assert himself as king. Yet Hashem's ultimate goal is for Klal Yisrael's good, and therefore He is *kovesh ca'aso* – restrains his anger – for the betterment of *klal Yisrael*.

In short, Hashem is looking out for us. It is as if He goes against what He *should* be doing as King and holds back His anger. In turn, we are supposed to go against human nature and subjugate ourselves to Hashem, even if there may be negative consequences for us (by Hashem looking at our record). This is because we are looking out for Hashem's honor. The idea of making a resolution for the new year is not just to avoid punishment. It is actually for a loftier cause, which is to show Hashem that we are willing to take on resolutions to invigorate our service to Him.

Simchas Beis Hashoeva

20:45 Motza'ei Yom Tov (30 Sep)

שמחת בית השואבה
מוצאי יום טוב 20:45



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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 Hashanah, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.

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

Start 5784 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 5783.



The easiest way to pay is to use the NE-DARIM 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.

CHIYUV?

The Ahavas Shalom Gabboim do their best to evenly distribute aliyos to the membership, as well as give aliyos to those with a "chiyuv". If you have a *chiyuv*, please do not wait until the last minute to inform the Gabbai—especially on Rosh Hashanah—as the Gabboim will not be obligated to assign an aliya to a "chiyuv" once the bidding starts. Instead, please tell the Gabbai *before* Yom Tov.



המשך ממדור 8

כלל. ביום הדין הזה לכולם, זה נראה בלתי הולם שה' יותר כשהוא מכריז על עצמו כמלך. עם זאת, המטרה הסופית של ה' היא לטובת כלל ישראל, ולכן הוא כובש כעסו לטובת כלל ישראל.

בקיצור, ה' שומר עלינו, וכביכול, פועל נגד מה שהוא אמור לעשות כמלך וכובש את כעסו. בתגובה, אנו אמורים לצאת נגד הטבע האנושי שלנו ולהכפיף את עצמנו לה', גם אם עלולות להיות השלכות שליליות עבורנו ועל ידי שה' חוקר את מעשינו. זה בגלל שאנחנו רוצים להגדיל את כבודו של ה'. הרעיון של קבלת החלטות לשנה החדשה הוא לא רק כדי למנוע עונשים. זה למעשה למען מטרה נעלה יותר, שהיא להראות לה' שאנו מוכנים לקבל החלטות ולחזק את עבודת ה' שלנו.

English Library

The Ahavas Shalom English Lending Library has *several hundred* English-language books. See the bookshelves in the Hall and check out a book and bring it home to read.

Please contact **Yehuda Nyssen** or **Yisroel Harris** if you want more information.



Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving **one shiur** this coming week.



SUNDAY 21:15: CANCELLED

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

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

Videos are also available on ahavasshalom.org

אבות ובנים

RH Day 1: 16:35-17:35
RH Day 2: 16:50-17:50

Boys Ages 3-7 learn 30 minutes; 7+ 1 hour.

NOTE NEW TIMES FOR RH



TREATS FOR ALL BOYS!



YOU can Sponsor AuB:

Treats: 100₪ • Chocolate Bars: 150₪

Ice Cream: 180₪

Some questions for Rosh Hashanah! From RBSsemicha.com

Q&A: Bracha Before Blowing

Q After a stellar performance blowing shofar in the morning, Aharon Deer came back to Kehillas Shaarei Shamayim in the afternoon before *mincha* on the first day of Rosh Hashanah to blow the shofar for the women. Who should say the 2 *brochos* of *shofar* and *shehecheyanu* on behalf of these Ashkenazi women?

1. Aharon Deer, the *baal tokea*; or 2. one of the women.

A 2. A woman should say the *brochos* and not the *baal tokea*. This is because the *baal tokea* already said the *brochos* in the morning, and because his Biblical obligation to hear the shofar is not the same as the women's "obligation" (they are exempt from hearing shofar). (In a Sefardi congregation, neither the *baal tokea* nor any of the women would say any *brochos*. OC 585 A.H. 5

Q&A: Rosh Hashanah Fast

Q The Gabbai at Kehillas Shaarei Shamayim calculated that on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the *davening* would end at 1:30pm on Thursday afternoon, while *halachic* noon would be at 12:45pm, 45 minutes earlier. This schedule would result in the congregation fasting for half a day! Should he ask Rabbi Cohen if he may schedule a kiddush before the first shofar blasts to prevent this "half-day fast" on the festive holiday of Rosh Hashanah?

A No. Even though Rosh Hashanah is a holiday, one is permitted to fast until after *halachic* noon. The reason for this is that there are, in fact, *poskim* who hold that one *should* fast on Rosh Hashanah. While the standard *halacha* does not follow these *poskim*, we do not hold that it is a sin to fast. Note that it is not permitted to fast on Shabbos, so if Rosh Hashanah fell on a Shabbos, one would not be permitted to fast for half a day. OC 597 M.B. 2

Q&A: Shofar or Shatz: Choose One!

Q Michael was not sure where to daven this year for Rosh Hashanah. He could go back to the Finchley Road Shul, where Rabbi Lew was going to lead the congregation in prayer. However, one of the non-religious members, Allan Shalet, was going to blow the shofar again. Alternatively, he could go to the Alexandra Road shul, where they brought in Cantor Schlossberg out of retirement to lead the services (he had a beautiful operatic voice, but was not *shomer Shabbos*), but opposite him would be Len Sober, one of the religious members, who was going to blow the shofar. Both shuls consider themselves "orthodox" — though the membership was "not so religious." Which shul should Michael pick for Rosh Hashanah?

1. Finchley Road, with a religious *shaliach tzibur* and a non-religious *baal tokeah*.
2. Alexandra Road, with a non-religious *shaliach tzibur* and a religious *baal tokeah*.

A 2. Since there is a Biblical obligation to hear the shofar, and we will fulfill this obligation through the person who is blowing it, it is more important that the *baal tokeah* be religious. Additionally, since we all pray from a siddur, we do not rely on the chazan to fulfill our obligation to pray.

OC 595 M.B. 3

5783 in Pictures

Sukkos



Chanukah Party



Melaveh Malkah



Purim



Matzah Baking



Yom Iyun



Lag B'Omer



Tisha B'Av



Mishmar

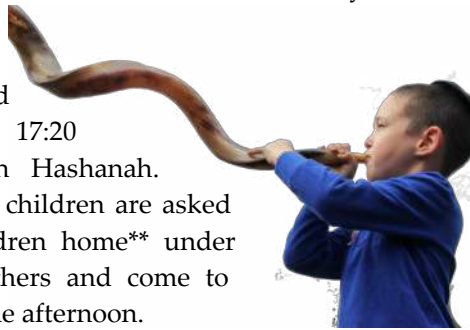


Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim



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 the 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.

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.



Bar Mitzvah in 5784?

If your son is having a Bar Mitzvah in 5784, 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@AhavasShalom.org to schedule your son's Bar Mitzvah.



שיעור דף יומי בעברית!

עם הרב יהודה לייב
ליכטמן שליט"א!

השיעור מתקיים 7 ימים בשבוע:
ימים א'-ה': 19:15-20:15
שישי: 12:30-13:30
שבת: אחרי מעריב השני.



Aliyos Auction

רשימת עליות לימים נוראים

The Gabbaim are pleased to offer many kibbudim of Rosh Hashanah to the kehilla. 100% of your winning bid will go towards Beis Midrash Ahavas Shalom, and is deductible from Maaser. Since it is considered meritorious to be called to the Torah on Rosh Hashanah, one should extend himself to purchase an Aliyah. We have provided the chart below to help you select your bids, and to hopefully speed up the bidding process.

NOTE: In order to speed bidding and not inconvenience the Kehilla, new bids must be at least 50₪ more than the previous bid. Once bids reach 500₪, new bids must be 100₪ more than the previous bid.

ראש השנה – יום א'

Kibud	Status	Bid	
Open for "L'david..."	Rav Zachariash		פתיחה "לדוד" (לילה)
Open/Close Ark	למכירה-Available	150	הוצאה והכנסה
Kohen	נפתלי קפלן (בעל תפילה)		כהן
Levi	למכירה-Available	150	לוי
Shlishi	Rav Zachariash		שלישי
Revi'i	הר"ר גדליה שפירא (בעל תפילה)		רביעי
Chamishi	למכירה-Available	150	חמישי
Shishi	למכירה-Available	150	שישי
Shiv'i	למכירה-Available	150	שביעי
Maftir	למכירה-Available	200	מפטיר
Hagbah/Gelilah 1	למכירה-Available	150	הגבהה גלילה א
Hagbah/Gelilah 2	למכירה-Available	150	הגבהה גלילה ב

ראש השנה – יום ב'

"L'David..."	למכירה-Available	150	פתיחה "לדוד מזמור"
Open/Close Ark	למכירה-Available	150	הוצאה והכנסה
Kohen	למכירה-Available	150	כהן
Levi	למכירה-Available	150	לוי
Shlishi	למכירה-Available	150	שלישי
Revi'i	יארצייט-Yahrzeit		רביעי
Chamishi	יארצייט-Yahrzeit		חמישי
Maftir	למכירה-Available	200	מפטיר
Hagbah/Gelilah 1	למכירה-Available	150	הגבהה גלילה א
Hagbah/Gelilah 2	למכירה-Available	150	הגבהה גלילה ב

Remember that after *Havdalah*, you can quickly and easily pay for your pledges:

- Nedarim Plus terminal next to the front door
- Online at ahavasshalom.org/NEDARIM
- [PayPal.me/ahavasshalom](https://www.paypal.com/ahavasshalom)



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Dirshu's

Mishnah Berurah Halacha Yomi

Meeting Sun-Thu 09:10-09:30 in the Beis Medrash

Maggid Shiur: **Rabbi Moshe Dovid Cohen**

The shiur is partially sponsored L'ilui Nishmas

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(Father of Peretz Katz)

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Ahavas Shalom Kinyan Mesechta

With Rabbi Eliyahu Jacobs

The *chabura* will be completing
Mesechta Beitza in the next few days,
and then will start

Mesechta Sota after Sukkos.

This will be a perfect time to join!

8:15-9:05 Su-Th mornings

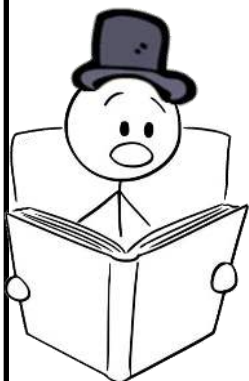
Free Gemora for all participants



Shabbos Kids' Challenge

Kids can get a treat if they can beat this challenge!

1. Come to shul
2. Daven nicely
3. Don't disturb others



Story Time!

- ☺ Treats
- ☺ Great Stories
- ☺ Lots of Fun

Every *Leil Shabbos* in the hall
while the Rav gives his *drasha*.

Chosson Bereishis

Mazel Tov to **Reb Gil Garalnick**, who
will be honored this year as our *Chosson
Bereishis*. Mazel Tov also to **Mrs. Malka
Garalnick** who is also deserving of this
honor due to her work and commitment as part of
the Ahavas Shalom *Neshei*. We look forward to cele-
brating together at Simchas Torah!



Lulav Checking

This year, the Rav will
be available three
nights to check your
Lulav and Esrog. Each
night, priority will be
given to members of
Ahavas Shalom, as
per the schedule be-
low. Non-members
are asked to wait until
the times that are
"open to All."



Date	MEMBERS ONLY	Open to ALL
Motz. Shabbos 23 Sep	20:30-20:45	20:45-21:00
Tuesday Sep 26	19:20-20:10	21:15-21:45
Wed Sep 27	20:30-20:45	20:45-21:00

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



Memorial Shiur

The annual memorial shiur for

ZAHAVA FRIEDMAN א"ה

will be given this coming Thur., Sept 21,
in the shul hall, from 20:00-21:00.

Speakers:

Mrs. Fayge Grossman

from the community

Rav Yitzhak Shurin

from Midreshet Rachel

The shiur is open to all women of the community

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Gedalia and Ettie Spira** on the birth of a grandson to their children **Meir and Liba Greenberg!** The Shalom Zachor will take place on Leil Shabbos/Rosh Hashanah at the Spira Home (Lachish 40/2) from 21:30 to 22:30 only. The Bris will take place IY"H at 17:15 Monday, Tzom Gedalia, at Ahavas Shalom.



לבני הקהילה הקדושה הי"ו:

במשך השנה אנו משתדלים ומתאמצים לשרת ולפעול לטובת קהילתנו הקדושה כמיטב יכולתנו, מתוך שיקול דעת ועל מנת שכולם יהיו מרוצים.

אם בכל זאת מישהו רואה את עצמו כנפגע מאיזה שהוא ענין או סיבה, מבקשים אנו בזאת את מחילתו.

בברכת כתיבה וחתומה טובה

הועד, הגבאים, וצוות המשרד

To the Esteemed members of Kehillas Ahavas Shalom:

During the year we try to work for the benefit of the community and to satisfy everyone, as best we can.

If you feel that you have been hurt or offended by one of us, we are hereby requesting forgiveness.

Wishing you all a *Kesiva v'chasima tova!*

Ahavas Shalom Vaad: Binyomin Rubenstein (Vaad Chairman), Aryeh Beer (Treasurer), Yona Kaufman, Hanania Lasker, Yosef Richards, Eli Waldman, and Shimon Young.

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Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Miriam Zakoo

Newsletter Editor: Lev Seltzer

Tzom Gedaliah Times

Start of Fast	05:13	תחילת הצום
Selichos	5:40, 6:35*, 7:30	סליחות
Shacharis	6:20, 7:15*, 8:10	שחרית
Mincha	13:05, 15:15, 17:50	מנחה
Sunset	18:45	שקיעה
End of Fast	19:00	סוף הצום
Maariv	19:05	מנחה

Weekday times until Parshas Haazinu	י'(Fri)	ה'(Thu)	ד'(Wed)	ג'(Tue)	ב'(Mon)	א'(Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת האזינו
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	06:20, 07:15*, 08:15	06:20, 07:15*, 08:10	06:20, 07:15*, 08:10	06:20, 07:15*, 08:10	06:20, 07:15*, 08:10	06:55	שחרית	
	13:30, 18:22	13:03, 15:15	13:04, 15:15	13:04, 15:15	13:05, 15:15, 17:50	13:05, 17:50	מנחה	
	* Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	20:15*, 21:00	19:05	19:23, 19:46	מעריב	

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הכול למען המלך

וְהָיָה בְּעֵת הַהִוא וַיֵּאמֶר אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וַיִּכְלֹךְ שָׂרֵצְבָאוּ אֶל־אֲבִרְהָם לֵאמֹר אֲלֵקִים עִמָּךְ
בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה עֹשֶׂה: (בראשית כא:כב)

בקריאת התורה של ראש השנה,

אנו קוראים על שיחה בין אברהם לאבימלך, אם כי נראה שאין לה שום קשר לרגשות של היום הקדוש הזה!

הפרי מגדים שואל שאלה על אחת מהתפילות המיוחדות של ראש השנה: אנו אומרים, "לכובש כעסו בדין". מה ההבדל בין כעס ביום דין לעומת כעס ביום אחר?

לאחרונה שמעתי סיפור על הרב שלמה זלמן אוירבך זצ"ל שלדעתי שווה לשמוע. חבר שלי נכנס אליו לדון בסוגיה השקפתית שהיו לה גם השלכות הלכתיות. ר' שלמה זלמן, מאיזו סיבה שהיא, לא ממש רצה לדון בשאלה וניסה לשכנע את חברי לשאול מישהו אחר. חבר שלי התעקש והרב שלמה זלמן בסופו של דבר הסכים. הם הגיעו למסקנה משביעת רצון עבור כל הצדדים המעורבים. כשחבר שלי עזב, הייתה לו החוצפה לומר לרבי שלמה זלמן: "אני רואה שצדקתי! טוב שדיברנו על הנושא הזה, כי בסופו של דבר זה הצליח". ר' שלמה זלמן הביט בו בתמיהה ואמר: "לא מפריע לי שטעיתי". אני מאמין שזהו מוסר שכולנו יכולים ללמוד ממנו. להיות ענוים עד כדי כך שזה לא מפריע לנו בכלל אם טעינו, כל עוד אנחנו מקיימים את רצון ה'.

בראש השנה אנו מקבלים על עצמנו את מלכותו של ה', וזה עשוי לכלול לפעמים את השפיטה שלנו לרעה. אנו מקבלים זאת למרות שאנו מבינים שאז עלולות להיות לנו תוצאות שליליות. ה"אוהב ישראל" אומר לנו שזהו המסר של המעשה עם אבימלך ואברהם אבינו. אבימלך ראה שאברהם הוא התגלמות של נוכחותו של ה' בעולם הזה, ולכן הוא רצה לכרות איתו ברית. אם נתבונן בשמות האנשים, יש לנו את השם "אבימלך" - האב המלך. ושמו של עבדו היה "פיכול", כלומר "כל" היוצא מ"פיו" של ה' יקרה.

המסר מקריאת התורה הזו של ראש השנה הוא שעלינו להכיר בכך שטעינו, וליצור קשר חדש עם ה', בדיוק כפי שעשה המלך אבימלך. השאלה היא לא אם נפגע או לא; אלא, אם נעשה מה שנכון וראוי. זו אולי העבודה העיקרית שלנו בראש השנה. ביום זה ה' עושה בדיוק ההפך ממה שמלך עושה בדרך

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