

## Building on the Rubble

*You shall love Hashem your G-d with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Devarim 6:5)*

The Torah tells us that we are obligated to serve Hashem with our hearts and our souls. This mitzvah is referred to in general as "*Ahavas Hashem*". Aside from this mitzvah there is another mitzvah called "*Yiras Shamayim*" which refers to fearing G-d. Why don't we say "*Yiras Hashem*" and/or "*Ahavas Shamayim*"? Why is it that the word "*Ahava*" goes with "*Hashem*" and while the word "*Shamayim*" is used in regard to "*Yira*"?



To preface the answer, I would point out that often in the vernacular of the Jewish people's language, there are concealed messages in our choice of words to express things. "Love" implies a closeness. One who works on becoming closer to someone, will love them more and more. The Rambam (*Hilchos Teshuva* 10:6) says that through getting greater knowledge and understanding of Hashem and His ways, the love of Hashem increases. On the other hand, regarding "fear", we naturally distance ourselves from what makes us tremble. Therefore, we allude to our fear of Hashem as fear of the heavens, because our awe of Him causes us to feel distant.

This long exile has a bit of both in it. The fear of Hashem is instilled in us, and the yearning to become close is kindled within. We have both of these emotions: closeness of love and fear of the Omnipresent in our bones.

I believe with Tisha B'Av behind us and an appraisal of our situation (through the historical lens and our current situation) both of these phrases seem to fall into place. The fact that the Jewish people have survived throughout history and are still around is probably the closest proof that Hashem loves us and does not let us disappear. This is seen time and time again by direct intervention of Hashem in our lives.

Even in the present situation, when we see Hashem's strong hand upon us, it is still cushioned with miracle after miracle. Yes, we have at this time an unbelievable closeness and feelings of *Ahavas Hashem*. And, at the same time, we have a feeling of distance expressed as *Yiras Shamayim*, afraid to even **think** of coming closer.

During the *sheva denechemta* – the seven weeks of

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## Lifecycles

The Kehilla offers its condolences to **Rabbi Reuvain Mendlowitz** on the loss of his brother **Simcha**. The *levaya* was Thursday in Boro Park, and the *shiva* will be at 1414 East 22nd St. Reb Reuvain is expected to return to RBS to sit *shiva* in his home (Nachshon 1/12) from 17:00 Monday until Wednesday morning after Shacharis.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים



Mazel Tov to Hananiah Lasker on his *siyum*. Hananiah and Merav Lasker invite the Kehilla for the *siyum* and *kumzitz* this *Motza'ei Shabbos* from 21:45 at their home at Nachal Micha 18.



## 09:00 Shacharis!

With the start of *Bein Hazmanim*, we are happy to offer a new *shacharis minyon* at **09:00**. This *minyon* has already started and will meet every day through *Erev Rosh Chodesh Elul* (Mon, Sep 2). NOTE: The *minyon* meets in the **HALL** and the entrance to the hall is **only** via the main double-door. **Please do not go through the ezras nashim to gain access.**

### Shabbos Schedule Parshas Va'eschanan

#### לוח שבת פרשת ואתחנן

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
"Early Mincha"	17:39	מנחה "מוקדמת"
Plag Hamincha	17:59	פלג המנחה
Candle Lighting	18:44/19:04	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 3	19:06	מנחה ג'
Sunset	19:24	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:37	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:25	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	18:00	מנחה ב'
<b>Pirkei Avos Shiur</b>	<b>18:24</b>	<b>פרקי אבות</b>
Sunset	19:23	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:00	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:23	מעריב ב'

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consolation – we try to create feelings of love and closeness. Despite the war and rubble that surrounds us, and other obligations pulling us in every direction, we try to have our love of Hashem pronounced in all of our actions.

In the introduction to his Siddur Bais Yaakov, Rav Yaakov Emden (1697-1776) writes, "How can the heretic in G-d's Providence not be ashamed? Simply analyze our situation in this world. We are the exiled people, the scattered sheep. Despite all that has happened to us over thousands of years, we are still here. I swear that when I marvel at this wonder, it is much greater to me than all the miracles that Hashem performed for our ancestors in Egypt, in the desert, and In Eretz Yisrael."

I believe that this year in particular many of us have been tested with all three aspects described in the above passuk from *Shema*. Probably every Jew knows someone who was lost in this war; someone who had great financial losses; and others whose true love of Hashem was put to a test. This year too, after Tisha b'Av, we express a resurgence of our allegiance to Hashem, which is expressed in this passuk in this week's parsha.

With Hashem's help, may we merit that the first verse of *Shema Yisrael* be fulfilled as well. All of *klal Yisrael* should announce in unison: "*Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echad*." I believe deeply that if we do that **together**, we will feel the manifestation of Hashem's presence in our midst.

Question from the Q&A book from *RBSsemicha.com*

### Q&A: Amongst All Sick Jews

**Q** During Shacharis at Kehillas Shaarei Shamayim, as Andy was saying his silent *shemoneh esrei* prayer, he added a special prayer for Bernie Shapiro, reading it directly from his ArtScroll prayerbook. After inserting the name "*Dov Behr Ben Lena*," the prayer states "*b'toch shaar cholei Yisroel*" – amongst all the other sick Jews. What is the reason for this statement?

1) It is important for Andy to also pray for all sick Jews in the world, not just Bernie Shapiro.

2) By including other Jews, Andy's prayer for Bernie Shapiro will be more readily accepted by Hashem.

**A** 2. Hashem is more inclined to accept prayers that include **all** His children, and respond appropriately. Without this line, Hashem would judge the Jew individually, and it is quite possible that this individual Jew will not be deserving of a *refuah*.

YD 335:6; Shach 4

### Don't Be Left Out!

When you have a simcha (or R"L a sad event) to have it included in the next newsletter! Just email to [lev@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:lev@ahavasshalom.org)! *Deadline is 1 day.*

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

## Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim

### שיבת בין הזמנים

Be part of the mitzvah!

Sponsor one of 17 days of learning of our Yeshivas Bein Hazmanim, running between Motza'ei Tisha B'Av and Rosh Chodesh Elul.

Support a day of Kol Torah in our Beis Medrash for only

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## אבות ובנים

17:00-18:00

SHABBOS AFTERNOON!

17:30-18:00 Junior Avos uBanim

Treats for all boys!

YOU can also Sponsor AuB!

Treats: 50 ₪ Chocolates: 150 ₪



## Tisha B'Av 5784

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).



## GMACH SMACHOT

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

## Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 1 shiur this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*—Now Learning *Mikvaos!*

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)

Past shiurim are archived at [ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos](http://ahavasshalom.org/yt-videos)

## Netziv Hayom

Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones, a *refuah*, or in honor of a special occasion. All the learning and davening in our shul during that day will be the merit of your choosing. 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](mailto:Netziv@ahavasshalom.org).

7 Av sponsored by the Lasker Family  
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לע"נ שרה בת פרץ ע"ה

## 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](mailto: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!*

המשך מעמוד 4

בהקדמה לסידורו "בית יעקב", כתב הרב יעקב עמדין, "כיצד הכופר בהשגחת ה' לא מתבייש? פשוט נתח את המצב שלנו בעולם הזה. אנחנו העם הגולה, הכבשים המפוזרות. למרות כל מה שקרה לנו במשך אלפי שנים, אנחנו עדיין כאן. אני נשבע שכאשר אני מתפעל מהפלא הזה, הוא נראה לי הרבה יותר גדול מכל הניסים שעשה ה' לאבותינו במצרים, במדבר ובכניסתם לארץ ישראל".

אני מאמין שהשנה במיוחד רבים מאיתנו נבחנו בכל שלושת ההיבטים המתוארים בפסוק לעיל מפרשת שמע. כנראה שכולנו מכירים נפגעים במלחמה הזו, אלה שהיו להם הפסדים כלכליים גדולים, ואלה שאהבתם האמיתית לה' הועמדה למבחן. גם השנה, לאחר תשעה באב, אנו מביעים התחדשות של נאמנותנו לה', המתבטאת בפסוק זה בפרשת השבוע.

בעזרת ה', נזכה ויתקיים גם הפסוק הראשון של שמע ישראל, וכל כלל ישראל יכריזו יחדיו: "ה' אלוהינו, ה' אחד". אני מאמין עמוקות שאם נעשה זאת יחד, נרגיש את השראת השכינה בקרבנו.

## בונים על ההריסות

וְאֶהְבֶּתְּ אֶת ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל - לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל - נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל - מְאֹדְךָ: (דברים ו:ה)

התורה אומרת לנו שאנו מחויבים ל"אהבה את ה' בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך". מצווה זו מכונה באופן כללי "אהבת ה'". ישנה מצווה נוספת הנקראת "יראת שמים" המתייחסת ליראת ה'. למה שלא נגיד "יראת ה'" ו/או "אהבת שמים"? מדוע "אהבה" הולכת עם ה'" ו"אילו המילה "שמים" עם "יראה"?

כהקדמה לתשובה, אציין שבלשון הקודש יש מסרים סמויים בבחירת המילים שלנו להבעת דברים.

"אהבה" רומזת לקרבה. מי שעובד על התקרבות למישהו, יאהב אותו יותר ויותר. הרמב"ם (הלכות תשובה יו:) אומר שעל ידי השגת יותר ידע והבנה של ה' ודרכיו, אהבת ה' מתגברת. מצד שני, לגבי "יראה", אנו מתרחקים באופן טבעי ממה שגורם לנו לפחד. לכן, אנו מתייחסים ליראת ה' כ"יראת שמים", מכיוון שהיראה שלנו מה' גורמת לנו להרגיש מרוחקים.

הגלות הארוכה הזו מכילה את שתי הרגשות הללו. גם יראת ה', וגם הכמיהה להתקרב, של אהבת ה' מוטבעות בנו.

אני מאמין שאחרי תשעה באב ועם הערכה של מצבנו והן מהשקפה היסטורית והן מהמצב הנוכחי נראה ששני המאפיינים הללו נכנסים למקומם. העובדה שהעם היהודי שרדו לאורך ההיסטוריה ועדיין קיימים היא כנראה ההוכחה החזקה ביותר לכך שה' אוהב אותנו ולא ייתן לנו להיעלם. אנו רואים זאת שוב ושוב על ידי התערבות ישירה של ה' בחיינו.

אפילו במצב הנוכחי, כאשר אנו רואים את ידו החזקה של ה' עלינו, היא עדיין מתמתנת באמצעות נס אחר נס. כן, יש לנו בזמן הזה קרבה ורגשות שלא יאומנו של אהבת ה'. ויחד עם זאת, יש לנו תחושת ריחוק שמתבטאת ביראת שמים, ומפחדים אפילו לחשוב להתקרב יותר.

במהלך השבעה דנחמתא - שבעת שבתות הנחמה - אנו מנסים ליצור רגשות של אהבה וקרבה. למרות המלחמה וההריסות שמקיפות אותנו, ומחויבויות אחרות המושכות אותנו לכל כיוון, אנו מנסים שאהבתנו לה' תבטא בכל מעשינו.

המשך בעמוד 3

## מניין חדש לתפילת שחרית ב9:00

מניין זה יתקיים אי"ה מדי יום בימי בין הזמנים, עד ערב ראש חדש אלול, יום שני 2 בספטמבר.

**שימו לב!** המניין מתקיים **באולם**. הכניסה לאולם הינה אך ורק דרך הדלת החיצונית. **נא לא לעבור דרך עזרת הנשים**.

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	FULL	Early Bird
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Each Seat*	500 ₪	X
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To receive the member price:

- You must be a full member (not an associate member).
- Outstanding financial obligations must be paid in full.
- You must have a standing order to pay via "horaat keva" or credit card, or must pay dues (190 ₪ per month.) for Sept, Oct, and Nov 2024 in full.

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\*Non-members can begin purchasing seats on 07-Sep-24.

Hardship cases will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

## Times are Changing!

The first weekday Mincha returns to 13:15 on Thu -Aug, and will remain at this time until 05-Sep. Sunday 08-Sep the time will change to 13:10 as Gedola gets earlier and earlier.

The second Shabbos Mincha is also changing NEXT WEEK, and each week it will get 5 or 10 minutes earlier than the prior week. Pirkei Avos will also change, starting 24 minutes after the second Shabbos Mincha. Look for another reminder and this change next week!



Weekday times until Parshas Eikev	ה' (Fri)	ה' (Thu)	ד' (Wed)	ג' (Tue)	ב' (Mon)	א' (Sun)	יום שחרית	זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת עקב
	06:20, 07:15, 08:15, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:10, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:10, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:10, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:10, 09:00*	06:20, 07:15, 08:10, 09:00*	שחרית	
	13:30, 17:32, 18:59	13:15, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	13:20, 15:15	נחה	
	*Hall	20:15, 21:00	20:15, 21:00	19:48	20:00	20:15, 21:00	מערב	

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