

## Resolve or Dissolve

"...but as for the tree of knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat of it; for as soon as you eat of it, you shall surely die." (Bereishis 2:17)

The source verse above was said by Hashem to Adam Harishon. To me, this seems to indicate that the punishment would be **immediate** – if Adam would take a bite he would drop dead right then and there.



The question is obvious: While HaKadosh Baruch Hu gave Adam Harishon a list of curses on that day, he lived for nearly a thousand years after this incident!

The Vilna Gaon answers this question by explaining that there are two kinds of punishments. There are punishments which are consequences of the act itself, and punishments unrelated to the action that was perpetrated, but are for disobeying.

Examples of punishments which are consequences are: If a mother tells her child "Avramele, don't stick your finger in the electrical socket, because you will get a severe shock!" If Avramele doesn't listen, the "punishment" of being shocked is a direct and immediate outcome of his action. Or, if a mother tells her child, "Avramele, put on your coat before you go outside, otherwise you'll catch a cold!" While not as direct, if Avramele doesn't listen and catches a cold shortly thereafter, it is also a direct result of his action.

An example of punishment which is not a direct consequence, would be: If a mother tells her child "Avramale, if you listen to Mummy and clean your room like the good little boy that you are, then I will allow you to go on your class trip tomorrow. However, if you ignore your Mummy and leave your room a mess, I will not permit you to go." This punishment, though *inspired* by the failure to clean his room, is a **result** of not following the mother's instructions.

When Adam Harishon ate from the *etz hadas*, he disobeyed a commandment from Hashem, and he also caused his body to have to die. The *pasuk* saying "*mos yamus*," does not necessarily mean "You will die as a punishment." Rather, it means that you have introduced "death" to your body, and your body will eventually die because of your action.

Many of us have made certain resolutions to travel on a particular path during the year 5785. It is now, at the beginning of our journey, that we need to be most vigilant

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## Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to **Baruch and Tammy Labinsky** on the birth of a Grandson to their children **Rafael and Rena Labinsky** this past Shabbos.

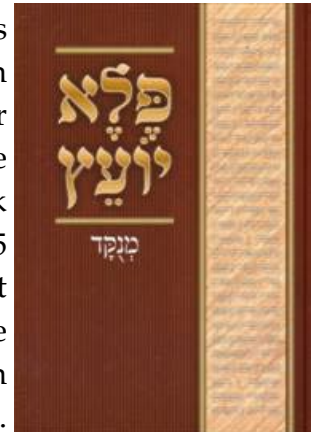


Mazel Tov to **Shmuel and Marge Binder** on the birth of their grandson in Baltimore!



## 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 17:00 on the topic **חשיבות**.



### Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bereishis

#### לוח שבת פרשת בראשית

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	17:19/17:39	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	17:41	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:59	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:15	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:52	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:37	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
<b>Pele Yoetz Shiur</b>	<b>17:00</b>	<b>פלא יועץ</b>
Mincha 2	17:15	מנחה ב'
Sunset	17:58	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	18:35	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	18:58	מעריב ב'

## 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, Mrs. Merav Lasker** and the rest of their **team** for setting up the Simchas Torah Kiddush so beautifully.
- Simchas Torah Kiddush sponsors: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Seltzer: Kids' Ice cream; Goldwater Family: Kids' Pekelech; Fern Family: Potato Kugel; Binder Family: Cholent; Hill Family: Fish; Dissen Family: Yerushalmi Kugel.
- **Shlomo Hollander** and family for managing the *pekelach* and ice cream for the kids.
- **Shiru L'Melech (Akiva Katz, Akiva Schwartz, Uri Katz, and Yehuda Baruch Rubenstein)** 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*.

## Fulfill Your Pledges!

Did you make a pledge for an *Aliyah* or other "*Kibud*" during the holidays? If so, you can fulfill your obligations quickly and easily using any of the following methods:

- **Nedarim Plus** terminal next to the front door
- **Nedarim Plus** online [ahavasshalom.org/nedarim](http://ahavasshalom.org/nedarim)
- **PayPal.me/ahavasshalom**
- **Ahavasshalom.com/donate** (US Dollars)

Please help our secretary track your payment by either including a note which indicates the purpose of your donation, or sending an email directly to the secretary [office@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:office@ahavasshalom.org). *Thank you!*



## 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](mailto: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!



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in preventing even one small infraction, as that could set the stage for our entire resolution to collapse, which would necessitate finding a new path towards *teshuva* — if not immediately, then certainly by the end of the year.

I once heard someone ask, "If you have a box filled with 100 identical chocolate cream cookies, which cookie is the most fattening?" He answered in jest, "The *first one* you eat, as once you break your diet, the rest of the cookies will soon be gone!"



*Shabbos Bereishis* is the first week in 5785 when we return to our "non-Yom Tov" routine. May we be strong in our resolve so that we complete this year as we committed to during the recently completed *Yomim Nora'im*.

## 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!*

## Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:



SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos - Mikvaos*

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

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

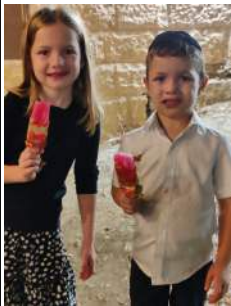
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## GMACH SMACHOT

IF YOU SUFFER A LOSS CONTACT THE GMACH TO BORROW ITEMS NECESSARY FOR A *SHIVA* HOME,  
[ahavasshalom.org/smachot](http://ahavasshalom.org/smachot)  
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## Sukkos 5785



Did you know that the questions that appear in this newsletter come from the [RBSsemicha.com](http://RBSsemicha.com) website, and that the third book in the Mishnah Berurah series is now available? This book covers the laws of Shabbos, and can be purchased from Amazon. See [rbssemicha.com/books](http://rbssemicha.com/books) for more information.



## Q&A: The First Aliyah

**Q** The winner of the 30th annual auction for the first *aliyah* of the year at The Boca Shul was Solly Wertheimer, who won with an astronomical (for Boca) bid of \$50,000! On *Parshas Bereishis*, may Solly be called up for the first *aliyah*, even though he is a Yisrael, or must he give it to a Kohen, since the first *aliyah* is always meant for a Kohen?

**A** Solly is permitted to be called up for this *aliyah* even though he is a Yisrael. This is because when the shul's *minhag* of auctioning off this *aliyah* was established 30 years ago, the Kohanim were *mochel* their *kavod* and permitted *anyone* — including a Yisrael — to get this coveted first *aliyah* of *parshas Bereishis*. It is preferred that the Kohanim leave the shul when the *brocho* is made, but even if the Kohanim do not leave, Solly may still take the *aliyah* and make the *brocho*. OC 135; M.B. 18

## Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim

We have one more week of the **Sukkos Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim**, There are only 16 days of learning, and some of these days are still available for sponsorship. Grab the mitzvah for just **300₪**.



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at Ahavas Shalom, and all the learning in our Beis Medrash for one day will be in the merit of your choosing.

**Sponsorship is just 120₪.**

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## Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

הַמֹּלַד יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם שְׁשִׁי  
חֲמֵשׁ דְּקוֹת וְאַרְבָּעָה-עָשָׂר  
חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי אֲרָבַע  
בְּצִהְרִים.



The Molad will be on Friday, 5 minutes and 14 *chalakim* after 4 in the afternoon. (Israeli Clock Time 15:28).

רֵאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ מַרְחֶשְׁוֹן יִהְיֶה בַּיּוֹם שְׁשִׁי וּבַיּוֹם  
שַׁבָּת קֹדֶשׁ עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.  
Rosh Chodesh Marcheshvan will be on Friday and Shabbos.

## אבות ובנים

Avos Ubanim

16:15-17:15 Shabbos Afternoon  
Boys Ages 3-7 learn 30 minutes; 7+ 1 hour.



Some of the winners from the post-Yom Kippur Learning

## Fall Back

Israel returns to Standard Time Motza'ei Shabbos at 02:00. The change in time results in the following *changes* to the davening schedule:

- Mincha Gedolah Erev Shabbos: 12:30
- Shabbos Shacharis 08:00 (*Yishtabach* at 08:30)
- Shabbos Mincha Gedolah: 13:00
- Last Shabbos Mincha is approximately 45 minutes before sunset.



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריה

## נחישות או התלבטות

וּמִעֵץ הַדֶּעַת טוֹב וְרָע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בַּיּוֹם אֶכְלָךְ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת: (בראשית ב:יז)

את הפסוק הנ"ל אמר ה' לאדם הראשון. לדעתי זה מעיד שהעונש יהיה מיידי - אם אדם יאכל אותו הוא ימות מיד.

אך במקום זאת, אנו מוצאים שהקב"ה קילל את אדם הראשון באותו יום, אך הוא חי קרוב לאלף שנים!

הגאון מוילנא מסביר שיש שני סוגי עונשים. יש עונשים שהם תוצאות של המעשים עצמם, ועונשים שאינם קשורים למעשים שנעשו, אלא הם על אי ציות.

דוגמאות לעונשים שהם השלכות, אם אמא אומרת לבנה, "אברמלה, אל תכניס את האצבע לשקע החשמל, כי אתה תקבל מכת חשמל קשה!" אם אברמלה לא מקשיב, "העונש" של התחשמלות הוא תוצאה ישירה ומיידית של פעולתו. או, אם אמא אומרת לבנה, "אברמלה, תלבש את המעיל שלך לפני שאתה יוצא החוצה, אחרת אתה תצטנן!" התוצאה אמנם לא ישירה, אבל אם אברמלה לא מקשיב ומצטנן זמן קצר לאחר מכן, זו גם תוצאה ישירה של הפעולה שלו.

דוגמה לענישה שאינה תוצאה ישירה, היא אמא שאומרת לבנה, "אברמלה, אם תנקה את החדר שלך כמו הילד הטוב שאתה, אז אני ארשה לך לצאת לטיול הכיתתי שלך מחר. אבל אם תתעלם מאמא ותשאיר את החדר שלך מבולגן, אני לא ארשה לך ללכת." עונש זה, על אף שנגרם מאי ניקוי חדר, הוא כתוצאה מאי ציות להוראות אמו.

כשאדם הראשון אכל מהעץ הדעת, הוא לא ציית למצוות ה', וגם גרם לגופו הכרח למות. הפסוק "מות תמות", לא אומרת "אתה תמות כעונש", אלא זה אומר שהכנסת "מוות" לגוף שלך, וגופך ימות בסופו של דבר בגלל המעשה שלך.

רבים מאיתנו קיבלנו החלטות מסוימות לנסוע בנתיב מסוים במהלך שנת 5785. כעת, בתחילת דרכנו, עלינו להיות ערניים ביותר במניעת ולו הפרה קטנה אחת, שכן זה יכול לסלול את הדרך עבור כל הנחישות שלנו להתמוטט, מה שתחייב אותנו למצוא דרך חדשה לתשובה - אם לא מיד, אז בוודאי עד סוף השנה.

פעם שמעתי מישהו שואל, "אם יש לך קופסה מלאה ב-100 עוגיות קרם שוקולד, איזו עוגייה הכי משמינה?" הוא ענה בצחוק, "הראשונה שאתה אוכל, כי ברגע שאתה שובר את הידאטה שלך, שאר העוגיות ת יעלמו מהר!"

שבת בראשית הוא השבוע הראשון בשנת תשמ"ה שאין בו חג וחוזרים לשגרה. יהי רצון שנהיה חזקים בנחישות שלנו כדי שנשלים את השנה הזו כפי שהתחייבנו לה במהלך הימים הנוראים.

זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת נח	יום	א(Sun)	ב(Mon)	ג(Tue)	ד(Wed)	ה(Thu)	ו(Fri)
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מנחה	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	12:30, 16:35
מעריב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	*Hall

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