

Sleepless Nights

As we know, Shavuos is the time that we celebrate receiving the Torah. The *luchos habris* were the physical expression of our bond with Hashem. However, that original article of our connection was destroyed by Moshe Rabbeinu shortly thereafter. It took us a few months to receive a second set. The *Shelah HaKaddosh* (Rabbi Yeshayahu ben Avraham Ha-Levi Horowitz 1555-1630) tells us that the second *luchos* were exactly the same: A perfect replica of the original. The only difference between the first and second *luchos* were that the originals were made by Hashem Himself, while the second set were hewed out by Moshe Rabbeinu.



What is the significance of this difference – what are we supposed to learn from the difference in who the sculptor was? I would like to suggest a parallel, found in the Yom Tov of Shavuos itself. Our rabbis teach us that at the Exodus from Egypt, *Klal Yisrael* ascended to a great height of spiritual understanding. However, during the time of *sefira*, they were obligated to grow in order to deserve those high levels. This was achieved on Shavuos, after we climbed the 49 steps. First, we were elevated to spiritual heights, as a gift from Hashem. Shavuos culminates our own spiritual success and achievement.

Reb Gedaliah Schorr (1910–1979) points out that *klal Yisrael* sinned by making the golden calf, transgressing via an act of “*assiyah*” (making). Measure for measure, Moshe Rabbeinu had to hew out the stones himself, an action of *assiyah* to mend our relationship with Hashem. This is why the second *luchos* had to be made by Moshe, for we had to rectify the transgression that was done with our hands, in order to bring about a complete *teshuva*.

It seems that the custom of staying up all night learning also has to do with making up for past errors. *Klal Yisrael* slept in the morning of *Kabbalas Hatorah*, and therefore we stay up the entire night to rectify this wrong.

There is a second aspect of *teshuva* which we accomplish by staying up all night on Shavuos. The Gemara in *Pesachim* 68b tells us that everyone agrees that on the Holiday of Shavuos, one must spend some of the day enjoying the holiday through physical enjoyment. Rashi explains that this is to show that we are happy with the Torah which Hashem gave us today. Rashi uses a strange word – “*Noach*” – meaning it is comfortable for us. Rashi is

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Shavuos Schedule

ערב שבועות Erev Shavuos

Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	19:03/19:23	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	19:25	מנחה ב'
Sunset	19:43	שקיעה

שבועות Shavuos

Drasha	20:00	דרשה
Ma'ariv (not before)	20:13	מעריב (לא לפני)
Dawn	04:09	עמוד השחר
Tallis	04:36	זמן ציצית
Aliyah Auction	04:45	מכירת עליות
Morning Brocho	04:55	ברכות השחר
Ha-Kel	05:33	הא-ל
Sunrise	05:46	הנץ החמה
Brachos	08:25	ברכות
Ha-Kel	08:55	הא-ל
Latest Shema – M. A. / GRA	08:12/09:06	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א/לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א'
Mincha 2	19:15	מנחה ב'
Neilas HaChag	19:35	נעילת החג
“leftovers” from Shavuos night will be served and the Rav will speak For men and boys only		
Sunset	19:43	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	20:20	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	20:43	מעריב ב'

THE AHAVAS SHALOM KOLLEL PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF INSPIRATION SHAVUOS 5785

FEATURING

SHIURIM TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL

00:15 RABBI ABA WAGENSBERG
RUTH-LESS, NOT A CHANCE!

TASTE OF KINYAN HAMASECHTA
COME START THE EIGHTH PEREK OF SOTAH
IN THE STYLE OF *KINYAN HAMASECHTA*
LED BY RABBI ELIAHU JACOBS
EACH INDEPENDENT 45-MINUTE SESSION
WILL INCLUDE:
SHIUR • CHEVRUSA LEARNING • CHAZARO

01:15 KINYAN HAMESECHTA SESSION 1

02:15 KINYAN HAMESECHTA SESSION 2

03:15 RAV AVROHOM BARUCH ZACHARIASH
EARLY SHAVUOS

MISHNA LEARNING PROGRAM AND QUESTIONS FOR BOYS

Pick up your packets after Rabbi Teichtal's Quiz
Treats for those who are able to answer the questions

חידון לילדים על משניות

Aliyos Auction on Shavuos

At Ahavas Shalom, we want EVERYONE to have the ability to merit a *Kibud* on Yom Tov. That is why we auction off all the *kibudim* (5 *aliyos**, *maftir*, *pesicha*, *hagbah* and *gellilah*) for Shavuos at both the Sunrise and 08:20 Minyonim. The Auctions will take place at 04:45 and before *leining*.

*one Aliyah is reserved for the Rav at the sunrise minyon.

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explaining that the *simcha* of the day is that we don't experience Torah as a burden or stress, rather it is congruent with our physical needs and existence. Though there are many times that we may feel that a Torah life is unnatural, after staying up a whole night and learning with zeal, there is a satisfaction that is unparalleled. This night of sleep deprivation actually gives us physical enjoyment. This idea is found in the *Mishna* in *Pirkei Avos* 6:4, which says that those who eat plain bread and only drink water will be happy in this world. So too, we who stay up all night learning (usually, people who stay up all night feel miserable), yet feel exuberant in the morning, are also returning to our Jewish essence.

May we all merit to feel the *simcha* of *Kabalas Hatorah*.

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Tehillim

On Shavuos Night

AT 24/10 LACHISH (LINKS FAMILY)

WORDS OF INSPIRATION
FROM RABBI YOSEF BROWN AT 22:30
FOLLOWED BY TEHILLIM (FOR WOMEN ONLY)

Thank you to our Shavuos Sponsors

All food and drinks during Shavuos night are sponsored by **Shimon Young and Family**

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Rav Zachariash: Refuah Shelayma for Aviva Malka bas Sarah Rivkeh

Rabbi Wagensberg: Zechus for besuros tovot for Am Yisrael

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Masmidim sponsored by **Bentzi Back and Family**



אבות ובנים

22:45-23:45

DAIRY ICE CREAM CONES!

A few parve cones will also be available

18:15-19:15 Shavuos Day-Treats and Nosh!

QUIZ FOR KIDS

חידון לילדים עם הרב טייכטל

כמובן מאתקים מיוחדים למשתתפים.

00:15 - 23:50 באולם

03:30-04:30 MASMIDIM FOR BOYS 11 TO 14 WITH R' DONNIEL KARL!

כמו בשנים קודמות תוכנית ה'מתמידים'.

ילדים מגיל 14 מוזמנים ללימוד מהנה עם ר' דניאל קרל.

ממתק משתלם למשתתפים.

בשעה: 03:30-04:30