

## Always A Winner

Aseres yemei teshuva, which culminates on Yom Kippur, brings hope to some, and despair to others. The optimists say, "This year will be the year that I, with Hashem's help, will turn things around!" The pessimists say, "It hasn't happened until now, so why should I be able to turn things around this year? In fact, doing teshuva is so hard that I can't believe that Hashem expects me to do it!"



The yetzer hara has many ways to keep us from doing the right thing. One of the ploys he uses is by making us feel that we are out of the race. I heard from a great educator the following approach. A Rebbe took his class on a trip to a 50-story building in the city and said, "The first one to climb the staircase to the top floor will get a special ice cream as a prize." Most of the class runs to try to be the first one to the top, but there is one kid who doesn't even try. The Rebbe asked him, "Why are you just standing in the lobby?" and he responds, "Why should I try? I know that I am not the fastest runner in the class, so there is no way I can win. If I start climbing the staircase, I will surely be a loser!" The Rebbe thought about his student's answer, and then responded, "It is still worth the climb! Even if you don't make it to the 50th floor, you still might make it to the 20th floor, and the view from there is still amazing!"



So too there are many pursuits: Even if we don't complete them, just starting and taking them as far as we can is still worthwhile.

In a similar vein, the *baalei mussar* tell us that there are many levels of *teshuvah*, and one should never be despondent and give up. This is because every level is a major accomplishment on its own, which brings a person to a completely different place.

However, there is also another approach that I saw in the

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## Yom Kippur Schedule 5785

### יום הכיפורים תשפ"ה

#### ערב יום הכיפורים Erev Yom Kippur

Selichos	06:05, 07:00, 08:00	סליחות
Shacharis	06:20, 07:15, 08:15	שחרית
Mincha	13:00, 14:00, 14:45	מנחה
Candle Lighting	17:34/17:54	הדלקת נרות
Tefilah Zaka	<b>17:45</b>	תפילה זכה
Kol Nidre	<b>18:00</b>	כל נדרי
Start of Fast	<b>18:12</b>	התחלת הצום
Sunset	<b>18:14</b>	שקיעה

#### יום הכיפורים Yom Kippur

Ma'ariv	<b>19:00</b>	מעריב
Shacharis— Brachos	<b>07:30</b>	שחרית - ברכות
Hamelech	<b>08:15</b>	המלך
Latest Shema – MA/GRA	<b>08:49/09:33</b>	סוף זמן קיש למנ"א לנר"א
Yizkor (not before)	<b>11:15</b>	יזכור (לא לפני)
Mincha	<b>15:30</b>	מנחה
Ne'ilah	<b>16:58</b>	נעילה
Sunset	<b>18:14</b>	שקיעה
Shofar	<b>18:34</b>	שופר
End of Fast	<b>°18:47</b>	סוף הצום
Avos u'Banim	<b>20:15</b>	אבות ובנים
Kiddush Levanah	<b>21:30</b>	קידוש לבנה

\*Please speak with Rav Zachariash ahead of time if you feel you need to end the fast earlier.

As per the Rav, the most important part of Yom Kippur is to fast—more important than davening in a minyon (and not fasting). Someone davening in an outdoor minyon who might become dehydrated and in need of water should instead consider davening not in a minyon and inside an air-conditioned space.

## Aliyos Auction רשימת עליות לימים נוראים

The Gabbaim are pleased to offer many kibbudim of Yom Kippur 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 Yom Kippur, 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.

### יום הכיפורים - מעריב

L'David Mizmor	למכירה Available	150	פתיחה "לדוד מזמור" (לילה)
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### יום הכיפורים - שחרית

Open/Close Ark	למכירה Available	150	הוצאה והכנסה
Kohen	יארצייט		כהן
Levi	למכירה Available	200	לוי
Shlishi	Rav Zachariash		שלישי
Revi'i	ר' יואל שטיינר בעל תפילה ובעל קורא		רביעי
Chamishi	למכירה Available	200	חמישי
Shishi	למכירה Available	200	שישי
Maftir	למכירה Available	300	מפטיר
Hagbah/Gelilah 1	למכירה Available	150	הגבהה גלילה א
Hagbah/Gelilah 2	למכירה Available	150	הגבהה גלילה ב

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Levi	למכירה Available	150	לוי
Maftir Yonah	למכירה Available	500	מפטיר יונה
Hagbah/Gelilah	למכירה Available	150	הגבהה גלילה

### יום הכיפורים - נעילה

Open for Neilah	למכירה Available	500	פתיחת נעילה
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### Pekalach Kiddush 600 ₪ 2200 ₪

Ice cream has been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Seltzer in honor of their son who will be scooping out the ice cream on Simchas Torah.

**Sponsorships can be dedicated, and if paid for in time, will also be announced in the Sukkos newsletter!**

**Contact a Vaad member NOW!**

### Bein Hazmanim Minyomin

Join the special 09:00 Shacharis in the Hall during Chol Hamoed and Friday Isru Chag. There is also a special Mincha at 20 minutes before sunset through the end of Chol Hamoed.

### 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 below. Non-members are asked to wait until the times that are "open to All."



Date	MEMBERS ONLY	Open to ALL
Sun Oct 13	19:15-19:30	19:30-19:45
Tues Oct 15	21:15-21:30	21:30-22:00

### 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 Yom Kippur—as the Gabboim will not be obligated to assign an aliya to a "chiyuv" once the bidding starts. Instead, please tell the Gabbai *now*, before Yom Tov.



### COMMUNITY CARE

Do you know someone in our Kehilla who is unwell?

Please let us know so that we can arrange home/hospital visits and meals.

Contact: Alan Rubenstein 054-398-8570

You can also inform the Ahavas Shalom Vaad.





Question from the Q&A book from RBSsemicha.com

### Q&A: A Tallis Brocho—or not?

**Q** Congregation Shaarei Shamayim finished *musaf* on Yom Kippur and let everyone out for a 2-hour break until *mincha*. Reuven took off his *tallis gadol*, left his *tallis katan* on, and went home for a nap. According to the M.B., when Reuven returns to shul, is he required to make a new *brocho* on the *tallis*?



**A** Yes. According to the M.B., he must make a new *brocho* on the *tallis gadol*, even though he was still wearing his *tzitzis* (*tallis katan*). It should be noted that according to Rav Moshe Feinstein, he does not need to make a new *brocho* since he you kept his *tzitzis* on.

OC 8; M.B. 37

### Q&A: A Well-Rested Yahrzeit Candle

**Q** On erev Yom Kippur, Moe Shapiro lit a Yahrzeit candle for his older brother Bernie, who died during the *neila* service of Yom Kippur of the previous year. At the end of Yom Kippur, the candle was still lit. May Moe use this Yahrzeit candle for *havdalah* of Yom Kippur and make the *brocho* of *borei morei ha'eish* on it?



**A** No. Moe is not permitted to use this candle because the purpose of the Yahrzeit candle is to memorialize a loved one, and not for illumination. Even though this candle was lit before Yom Kippur and “rested” the entire day, it does not help in this situation. However, if Moe would take an identical Yahrzeit candle and light it for **illumination** on erev Shabbos or erev Yom Kippur, then he would be permitted to use that particular candle for *havdalah*.

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name of the *Sefer Haikarim*. We say in Tehillim (130:4) *כי-עִמָּךְ הַסְלִיחָה לְמַעַן תִּגְדָּל*—For with You is forgiveness, so that You be feared. The difficulty with this is obvious: The fact that Hashem will forgive us should not bring us to fear Him, but rather to **love** Him! The *Sefer Haikarim* responds that without the possibility of *teshuva* in the wings, we would consider ourselves a lost cause and even our fear of Hashem would suffer. But now, in *aseres yimei teshuva*, Hashem is close to us because he wants to forgive us (as the verse says, “*bi'hiyoso karov*”, “when he is close to us”). Since we know that Hashem is waiting to forgive us, this motivates us to do *Teshuva*, which will cause us to fear Hashem.

Hence, *Aseres Yimei Teshuva*, culminating with Yom Kippur, should be the most encouraging time of year. Hashem is here saying, “*I am not giving up on you!*” Let us do our part and stay in the game, so that we can reach greater levels of *yiras Hashem*.

*Gmar chasima tova.*

## Netziv Hayom

Sponsor *Netziv Hayom* in memory of your loved ones or in honor of a special occasion, and all the learning and davening that take place in our shul during that day will to your merit. 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).



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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 SUKKOS**



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)

## Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim

We are gearing up to the **Sukkos Yeshivas Bein HaZmanim**, starting the day after Yom Kippur and lasting until Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan. There are only 16 days of learning, and you can grab the mitzvah of sponsoring one of these days for just **300¢**.



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## Simchas Beis Hashoeva

20:45 Motza'ei Yom Tov (17 Oct)

שמחת בית  
השואבה  
מוצאי יום טוב  
20:45



Featuring the Shiru L'Melech Band

## Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Yonason and Chava Serle on the birth of a baby boy last week.



The kehilla offers condolences to Mr. Norman Crow on the loss of his wife, Mrs. Linda Crow.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

## אבות ובנים



Special Motza'ei Yom Kippur  
Avos uBanim from 20:15 to 21:15

Any child 7 and up who learns  
for one hour will be entered into a  
Raffle for prizes and treats!

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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

## תמיד מנצחים

עשרת ימי תשובה, המסתיים ביום כיפור, מביא תקווה לחלקנו, ויאווש לאחרים. האופטימיים אומרים, "השנה הזו תהיה השנה שבה אני, בע"ה, אצליח לשנות את המצב!" הפסימיסטים אומרים, "לא הצלחתי עד עכשיו, אז למה שאצליח לתקן דברים השנה? למעשה, לעשות תשובה זה כל כך קשה שאני לא יודע איך ה' מצפה ממני לעשות זאת!"

ליצר הרע יש דרכים רבות למנוע מאיתנו לעשות את הדבר הנכון. אחת התכסיסים היא לגרום לנו להרגיש שאין לנו סיכוי. שמעתי ממחנך מוסמך את הגישה הבאה. הרבי לקח את כיתתו לטיול בבניין בן 50 קומות בעיר ואמר, "הראשון לטפס במדרגות לקומה העליונה יקבל פרס של גלידה מיוחדת". רוב הכיתה מהרו לנסות להיות הראשון, אבל ילד אחד לא זז. הרבי שאל אותו: "למה אתה סתם עומד בלובי?" והוא עונה, "למה לי לנסות? אני יודע שאני לא הכי מהיר בכיתה, אז אין סיכוי שאוכל לנצח. אם אתחיל לטפס במדרגות, בטוח שאהיה לוזר!" הרבי חשב על תשובתו של תלמידו, ואז השיב, "עדיין שווה את המאמץ! גם אם לא תגיע לקומה ה-50, אתה עדיין עלול להגיע לקומה ה-20, והנוף משם גם מדהים!"

כך גם יש הרבה עיסוקים: גם אם אנחנו לא משלימים אותם, פשוט להתחיל ולקחת אותם הכי רחוק שאנחנו יכולים עדיין כדאי.

ברוח דומה, בעלי המוסר אומרים לנו שיש הרבה רמות של תשובה, ולעולם אין להתיימש ולהרים ידיים. הסיבה לכך היא שכל רמה שנגיעה אליה היא הישג גדול בפני עצמו, שמביא אותנו למקום אחר לגמרי.

אולם ישנה גישה נוספת שראיתי בשם ספר העקרים. אנו אומרים בתהילים (קלד) "פִּי-עֲמֹד הַסִּלְיָה לְמַעַן תִּנָּרָא". השאלה ברורה. זה שה' יסלח לנו לא צריכה להביא אותנו ליראה אותו, אלא לאהוב אותו! ספר העקרים עונה שללא אפשרות של תשובה ברקע, היינו רואים את עצמנו כאבודים ואפילו היראת ה' ייפגע. אבל עכשיו, בעשרת ימי תשובה, ה' קרוב אלינו כי הוא רוצה לסלוח לנו (כפי שאומר הפסוק "בהיותו קרוב"). עם הידיעה שה' מצפה לסלוח לנו, זה מעודד אותנו לעשות תשובה, שתגרום לנו יראת ה'.

לפיכך, עשרת ימי תשובה, כולל יום כיפור, אמורה להיות התקופה המעודדת ביותר בשנה. ה' אומר, "אני לא מוותר עליכם!" בואו נעשה את שלנו ו"נשאר במשחק", כדי שנוכל להגיע לרמות גבוהות יותר של יראת ה'.

גמר חתימה טובה!

Weekday times until Shabbos Chol Hamoad	’ו(Fri)	’ה(Thu)	’ד(Wed)	’ג(Tue)	’ב(Mon)	’א(Sun)	יום	זמנים לימי חול עד שבת חול המועד
	06:34, 07:15*, 08:15, 09:00*	08:30	06:23, 07:15, 08:15	06:22, 07:15, 08:15	06:22, 07:15, 08:15	06:21, 07:15, 08:15	שחרית	
	13:30, 17:48	13:30, 17:45	13:30, 17:50	13:00, 15:15, 17:50	13:00, 15:15, 17:51	13:00, 15:15, 17:52	מנחה	
	*Hall	18:45, 19:08	18:38	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	מערב	

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