

HaRav Avrohom Baruch Zachariash, Sh'lita, Rav Oct 17-18, 2025 – כייו תשרי, התשפייו

שבת מברכין

Before and After

"Because you have done this..." (Bereishis 3:14)

Have you ever wondered why the snake, which began as an upright creature, was condemned crawling on its belly punishment? The Dubno Magid (Jacob ben Wolf Kranz of Dubno 1741–1804) explains with parable.



A wealthy man, passing through a town where he had family, encountered a young relative, who seemed deeply troubled. "What's weighing on you?" he asked. The young man sighed, "I've found a wonderful match, and would like to marry her, but her father demands a large sum to prove my financial stability. I have no way to gather such an amount, and I fear I will lose this shidduch forever". Touched, the rich relative promised, "Next time I visit, I'll bring the money that you need to get married."

Soon after, the wealthy relative returned with the money in hand, ready to fulfill his promise. To his surprise, he saw the young man as happy as can be. "What changed?" he inquired. The lad replied, "I told my future father-in-law that you would provide the funds. That assurance was enough for him, and he allowed me to marry his daughter, trusting that the money would be coming shortly." The shrewd businessman smiled and said, "If that's the case, I have no need to give you the money. Once you're married to his daughter, he won't break marriage over a financial shortfall." (Setting aside questions of business ethics for now.)

We humans are influenced by our peers, especially those who we admire or hold in high esteem, but rarely by those whom we deem inferior to us. A snake's natural posture should indeed be prone, slithering along the ground, however, in order to (Continued on page 2)

Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Shimon and Elisheva Goldwater on the birth of a Baby Boy!

The Shalom Zachor will take place on Friday night in their home (26/2 Nachal Maor) starting at 20:30.



The Bris is scheduled for Sunday (19 Oct/27 Tishrei) at Motza Mayim Hall, 33 Nachal Lachish, at 09:00.

Mazal tov to Yehuda and Tamara Rachel Nyssen on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Yakir Ephraim and Hanna.



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 17:10 on the topic יצר.



Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bereishis לוח שבת פרשת בראשית

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת		
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א׳		
Candle Lighting	17:28/17:48	הדלקת נרות		
Mincha 2	17:50	מנחה ב׳		
Sunset	18:08	שקיעה		
Shabbos Day		יום השבת		
Brachos	08:15	ברכות		
Shochein Ad	08:45	שוכן עד		
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:50	סוף זמן ק״ש למג״א		
Latest Shema – G'ra	09:35	סוף זמן ק״ש לגר״א		
Mincha 1	13:30	מנחה א׳		
Pele Yoetz Shiur	17:10	פלא יועץ		
Mincha 2	17:25	מנחה ב׳		
Sunset	18:07	שקיעה		
Ma'ariv 1	18:44	מעריב א'		
Ma'ariv 2	19:07	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; Binder Family: Cholent; Friedman Family: Kugel; Yehuda Sunshine: Fish (Dedicated to the *zichus* of Josefet Bas Bracha); Reuven Subar Family: Drinks; Steinberg Family: Mezonos; Rabbi Aharon and Beverly Simkin: Pekalach, Yerushalmi Kugel, Plastics, Chips, Nash, Pickles/Olives (In honor of the "Simchas Torah" birthday of their Grandson Moshe Wolff)
- **Shlomo Hollander** and family for managing the *pekelach* 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*.

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persuade Chava to sin, it needed a commanding, upright position for her to take him seriously. After the transgression, Hashem declared, "You have fulfilled your task with an unnatural, upright stance. Now, return to crawling as you were meant to."

This offers a lesson to prepare us for our own "yetzer hara".

Normally, after falling prey to the *yetzer hara* and committing the undesired act, the glamour fades, revealing the sin's true, lackluster nature. The reason for this is because Hashem strips away the false shine post-transgression. I suggest that we hold onto the clarity of the post-sin images and feelings in our minds to deflate the *yetzer hara's* allure when it challenges us. With this perspective, we can better resist its pull.



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. 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!

Kids Shabbos Programs

Boi B'Shalom (for boys & girls) 30 minutes before Mincha (17:20)



STORY TIME With Rabbi Seltzer

Friday Night & Erev Chag in the Hall while the Rav gives his Drasha. For boys up to Bar Mitzvah.

Sukkos 5786



































Did you know that the questions that appear in this news**letter come from the 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 for more information.

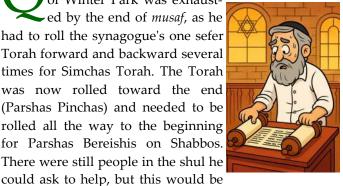
Q&A: Begin Again

Rabbi Cohen finished the after-brochos for his aliyah of "Choson Torah" — the last aliyah of the Torah cycle. But, after completing the Torah, they took out a different Torah and gave an aliyah to a different man and read from the very beginning of the Torah — Parshas Bereishis. Why is it so important that, after completing one cycle of reading the Torah, we immediately begin reading the Torah again from the beginning?

We follow this procedure whenever completing a topic of Jewish learning, be it a meseschta of gemora or a seder of mishnayos. As soon as a Jew finishes one topic, he should immediately begin a new (or perhaps the same) topic to show that our job is not done. The purpose of a Jew is to always learn Torah and, by starting a new topic, we show our love for Torah and that we always want to learn more. O.C. 668; A.H. 7

Q&A: Halachic Help for a Tired Gabbai

The Gabbai at the small synagogue in the Hamlet of Winter Park was exhausted by the end of *musaf*, as he had to roll the synagogue's one sefer Torah forward and backward several times for Simchas Torah. The Torah was now rolled toward the end (Parshas Pinchas) and needed to be rolled all the way to the beginning for Parshas Bereishis on Shabbos. There were still people in the shul he



preparation from Yom Tov to Shabbos, which is normally forbidden. According to the A.H., is there a permitted way to roll the Torah right now to the beginning, so that it will be ready for Shabbos?

The Gabbai should roll the Torah to the beginning and then, immediately read some of the verses from Parshas Bereishis. By doing this, his rolling will be classified for the purpose of learning **now** on Friday (which is permitted), and not as preparation for Shabbos. O.C. 667; A.H. 2



GMACH SMACHOT

IF YOU SUFFER A LOSS CONTACT THE GMACH TO BORROW ITEMS NECESSARY FOR A SHIVA HOME, ahavasshalom.org/smachot Or call 054-566-5083 or 050-203-0584

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

הַמּוֹלֶד יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם רְבִיעִי חֲמִישִׁים וְאַרְבָּע דַקות וְשְׁמוֹנָה חַלְקִים אַחֲרֵי שִׁתֵּים-עֵשָׂרֵה בַּלִילַה.



The Molad will be on Wednesday,

54 minutes and 8 *chalakim* after 12 in the night. (Israeli Clock Time 01:18).

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ מַרְחֶשְּוָן יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם רְבִּיעִי וּבְיוֹם חַמִּישִׁי עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְּׁרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh Marcheshvan will be on Wed and Thurs.

Fulfill Your Pledges!

Did you make a pledge for an *Aliyah* or other "*Kibud*" during the holidays? If so, the best place to go to fulfil your obligations is the new membership portal:

Members.ahavasshalom.org

You can also still use one of these other methods to fulfill your obligations:

- Nedarim Plus terminal next to the front door
- Nedarim Plus online 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**. *Thank you*!

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 **3000.**



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משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

לפני ואחרי

כי עשית זת...(בראשית ג:יד)

האם תהיתם פעם מדוע הנחש, שהתחיל עם קומה זקופה, נידון לזחול על גחונו כעונש! המגיד מדובנא מסביר זאת באמצעות משל. אדם עשיר, שעבר בעיירה שבה התגוררו קרובי משפחתו, פגש קרוב צעיר שנראה מוטרד מאוד. "מה מטריד אותך!" שאל. הצעיר נאנח, "מצאתי שידוך נפלא ואני חפץ לשאת אותה, אך אביה דורש סכום כסף ענק כדי להוכחת יציבותי הכלכלית. אין לי דרך לגייס סכום כזה, ואני חושש שאאבד את השידוך הזה לנצח." נרגש, הקרוב העשיר הבטיח, "בפעם הבאה שאבקר, אביא את הכסף הדרוש לנישואיך."

זמן קצר לאחר מכן, חזר הקרוב העשיר, כסף בידו, מוכן לקיים את הבטחתו. להפתעתו, הוא ראה את הצעיר שמח עד מאד. "מה השתנה?" שאל. הצעיר ענה, "סיפרתי לחמי לעתיד שתספק את הכסף. הבטחה זו הספיקה לו, והוא התיר לי לשאת את בתו, מתוך אמון שהכסף יגיע בקרוב." איש העסקים החכם חייך ואמר, "אם כך, אין לי צורך לתת לך את הכסף. ברגע שאתה נשוי לבתו, הוא לא יפרק את הנישואין בגלל מחסור כספי." (נניח בצד לעת עתה שאלות של יושר עסקי.)

אנו, בני האדם, מושפעים מחברינו, במיוחד מאלה שאנו מעריצים או מחשיבים כגדולים מאיתנו, אך לעיתים רחוקות מאלה שאנו רואים כפחותים מאיתנו. התנוחה הטבעית של נחש אמורה להיות שפופה, זוחלת על הקרקע. אולם, כדי לשכנע את חווה לחטוא, הוא נזקק לתנוחה מרשימה וזקופה כדי שתתייחס אליו ברצינות. לאחר החטא, הכריז ה', "מילאת את תפקידך בעמידה לא טבעית. כעת, חזור לזחול כפי שנועדת."

זהו לקח שיכול לסייע לנו להתכונן ל"יצר הרע" שלנו. לעיתים קרובות, לאחר שנופלים קורבן ליצר הרע ומבצעים את המעשה הלא רצוי, הקסם דוהה, והחטא מתגלה בטבעו האמיתי, חסר הברק. הסיבה לכך היא שה' מסיר את הברק הכוזב לאחר החטא. אני מציע שנשמור במוחנו את הבהירות של התחושות והתמונות שלאחר החטא, כדי להפחית את המשיכה של היצר הרע כאשר הוא מאתגר אותנו שוב. עם גישה זו, נוכל להתנגד לפיתוייו בצורה טובה יותר.

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	06:30 , 07:15, 08:15	06:29 , 07:15 *, 08:10	06:28 , 07:15* , 08:10	06:27 , 07:15, 08:10	06:26 , 07:15, 08:10	06:25 , 07:15, 08:10	שחרית	ונונ ם לימי חול
	13:30, 17:42	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	מנחה	עד פרשת
	*Hall	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	מעריב	נח

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