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Becoming Partners in Creation

"…the sixth day. Thus were finished the Heavens…" (Bereishis 1:31-2:1)



Chazal (Shabbos 119) teach that one who says "*Vayechulu…*" on Friday night has his sins forgiven. It is interesting that in the very first week after the *yomim noraim*, we are already speaking again about forgiveness and repentance. What is the meaning of this?

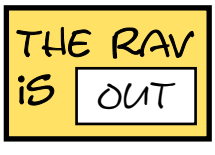
Rav Zalman Sorotzkin (The Lutzker Rav 1881–1966) explains the phrase in Kiddush, "*asher bara Elokim laasos*" – Hashem created man to ***do***. What does this mean? He explains that just as Hashem creates, so too, man has an obligation to create within the world in which he lives. *Chazal* tell us that on the first *motza'ei* Shabbos, Hashem gave *Adam Harishon* a gift of how to create fire, and *Adam Harishon* himself crossbred a donkey and a horse to create a mule. Rav Sorotzkin explains that these two creations illustrate the nature of human creativity.

When I was a child, there was a popular toy called a kaleidoscope. Looking through its tube, a child would see seemingly infinite patterns, yet all those patterns were formed from a small number of colored fragments sealed inside the casing. Turning the kaleidoscope would create something new and exciting, but the components were finite.

So too with human creativity. Hashem's creation during the six days was "*yesh me'ayin*" – something from absolute nothingness. Man's creations, however – whether fire or the mule – are formed by taking existing components and arranging them in a new way. These are not new substances, but new combinations, similar to the kalaidoscope.

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The Rav will be away this Shabbos



As such, the following changes will take place:

- Friday night *drasha* will be given by **Rabbi Tzvi Hyman (Rosh Kollel from RBS-G).**
- No *Beis Elokim* shiur or Shabbos morning *drasha.*
- No *Pele Yoetz* shiur—look for this shiur to begin next week.

Lifecycles



Mazel Tov to the **Cohen and Hill** families on the recent birth of their granddaughter, **Elisheva Malka**. Mazel Tov to the parents, **Yehuda and Aviva Cohen**, who invite the Kehila to a Kiddush this Shabbos after davening to celebrate this occasion.



Mazel Tov to **Aryeh and Rivka Beer** on their 65th Wedding Anniversary!



Mazel Tov to **Zev and Harriet Kornbluh** on the birth of a baby great grandson born to their grandchildren, **Efrat and Zacharia Schwartz** in Silver Spring, MD.

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Shabbos Schedule Parshas Bereishis
לוח שבת פרשת בראשית

Erev Shabbos		*ערב שבת*
Mincha 1	**13:30**	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	**17:37/17:57**	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	**17:59**	מנחה ב'
Sunset	**18:17**	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		***יום השבת***
Brachos	**08:15**	ברכות
Shochein Ad	**08:45**	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	**08:48**	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	**09:33**	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	**13:30**	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz Shiur	**X**	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	**17:30**	מנחה ב'
Sunset	**18:16**	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	**18:53**	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	**19:16**	מעריב ב'

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Shiurim with the Rav



The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos Parah*

TUESDAY 20:15: *Hilchos Netilas Yadayim*

All shiurim are given in shul and via ZOOM at this link:

ahavasshalom.org/zoom

All shiurim are available on the AhavasShalom.org homepage.

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The message that Hashem taught *Adam Harishon* was, "Yes, you are a *tzelem elokim* and you have the ability to create. But it is on a lower level than God's creation."

This idea is hinted at when we say kiddush on Friday night. We say two words of one verse, "*yom hashishi,*" and then jump into the next verse, "*vayechulu hashamim*". "*Yom hashishi*" refers to the six days of creation, while "*Vayechulu*" refers to Shabbos. On Shabbos, a Jew has the ability to be G-d-like by resting from work. Our cessation from work mirrors Hashem's rest on the seventh day of creation. That rest gives us a partnership with Hashem. During the week, we partner with Hashem by rearranging the world – combining and building. But by resting on Shabbos, we are emulating Hashem on a higher level, as our resting is similar to G-d's creation of rest. We acknowledge that the true creation of something from nothing can only be done by Hashem. Our resting expresses our appreciation for the world Hashem made, and our special connection with Him.

Teshuva means returning to Hashem, drawing closer to Him. When saying Kiddush with the proper thoughts and *kavana*, our *teshuva* is one where our imitation of Hashem brings us as close to Him as a human being can come.

May we merit each and every week to appreciate Hashem's world anew, and through proclaiming it in Kiddush, merit the ultimate connection with Him.

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan



הַמּוֹלָד יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם רִאשׁוֹן אַרְבָּעִים וְשָׁלֹשׁ דַּקוֹת וְשִׁתֵּי חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי תֵּשַׁע בַּבֹּקֶר.

The Molad will be on Sunday, 43 minutes and 2 *chalakim* after 9 in the morning. (Israeli Clock Time 10:09).

רֹאשׁ חֹדֶשׁ **מַרְחֶשְׁוָן** יִהְיֶה בְּיוֹם **רִאשׁוֹן** וּבְיוֹם **שֵׁנִי** עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה.

Rosh Chodesh **Marcheshvan** will be on **Sun** and **Mon**.

Some questions and answers from the RBSsemicha.com website.

Q&A: Two Washes, One Smooth Flow



Q After the beautiful *chupah* for Esther Shehebar's daughter, Reuven entered the opulent men's room of the Lakeville Country Club to use the facilities. He wanted to wash his hands both for cleaning them after the toilet and for bread. According to the M.B., what is the preferred order for washing and saying the *brochos* of "*asher yatzar*" and "*al netilas yadayim*"?

A Reuven should first wash his hands after using the facilities **not using a cup,** followed by "*asher yatzar*". Then, he should wash his hands with a cup and, finally, he should say the *brocho* of "*al netilas yadayim*". Reuven should then make his way to the magnificent main dining room overlooking the 18th green and say "*hamotzi*" on one of the delicious rolls already on the table. *O.C. 165; M.B. 2*

Q&A: When "Yes" Doesn't Break Anything

Q After washing for bread in the opulent men's room of the Lakeville Country Club for the wedding of Esther Shehebar's daughter, Reuven made his way to his seat in the dining room. But, before Reuven could say *hamotzi* on one of the hand-made rolls, a tuxedoed waiter asked him if he would like to have a glass of chilled Perrier. Reuven politely answered "yes." According to the Magen Avraham, does Reuven now have to go back and wash his hands again?

A No. According to the Magen Avraham, if Reuven says one or two words (and the Magen Avraham specifically gives the examples of saying "yes" or "no" before *hamotzie*), it is not considered a *hefsek* between washing and the *brocho* of *hamotzie*. Reuven may now say *hamotzie* without rewashing and then enjoy his Perrier. *O.C. 165; Be'er Hativ 3*

Thank You!

Many people helped to prepare our shul for Sukkos. The Rav, the Vaad, and the entire Kehilla offer their thanks to:

- **Reb Hananiah, Mrs. Merav Lasker, the rest of the Lasker family,** and the their **team** for setting up the Simchas Torah Kiddush so beautifully.
- Simchas Torah Kiddush sponsors
  - **Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Seltzer**: Kids' Ice cream
  - **Shmuel Binder**: Cholent
  - **Shmuel Thompson**: Pekalech (In honor of the Rav and the Ahavas Shalom kehilah, for making us feel so welcome over the last few years)
  - **Gershon Fern**: Potato Kugel
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  - **Steinberg Family**: Mezonos
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  - **Avrohom Winer**: Plastics & Drinks
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  - **Akiva Broker** for providing the music.
  - **Isaac & Rubenstein** for the kumzitz
  - **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.
- **Reb Binyomin Rubenstein** for his hard work during the *chagim*.

Netziv Hayom



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27 Tishrei sponsored by the Albert Family

לע"נ **גיטל לאה בת אהרן יוסף** ע"ה

אבות ובנים

16:30-17:30

30 minutes for Junior AuB

NOTE EARLIER TIME



Treats for All Participants

Kids Shabbos Programs



Boi B'Shalom (for boys & girls)
CANCELLED THIS WEEK.
Look for the return next week.

STORY TIME With Rabbi Seltzer

Friday Night in the Hall while the Rav gives his Drasha. For boys (not girls) up to Bar Mitzvah.



New Online Community

Join one or both of our new groups **Shul Announcements** and **Member Discussion.**

Visit **Ahavasshalom.org/list**
to subscribe to our email list and WhatsApp group.

With Heartfelt Gratitude to a Helper



Thank you to **Yaakov Brody**, the locksmith (phone 054-566-5378) and fellow neighbor on Nachal Lachish, who came with true dedication to repair our broken *aron hakodesh*, which we were unable to open on Simchas Torah afternoon.

Scenes from Sukkos 5787

















משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

להיות שותפים בבריאה

יוֹם הַשִּׁשִּׁי: וַיְכֻלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם (בראשית א:לא–ב:א)

חז״ל (שבת קיט) מלמדים שמי שאומר ״ויכולו״ בליל שבת—נמחלים לו עוונותיו. מעניין שבשבוע הראשון שלאחר ימי הדין ,אנו כבר חוזרים לדבר על מחילה ועל תשובה. מה משמעות הדבר?

רבי זלמן סורוצקין מסביר את המילים בקידוש :״אשר ברא אלוקים לעשות״—הקב״ה ברא את האדם לעשות .מה פירוש הדבר? הוא מבאר שכשם שהקב״ה יוצר, כך גם האדם מחויב ליצור בתוך העולם שבו הוא חי. חז״ל אומרים שבמוצאי שבת נתן הקב״ה לאדם הראשון שני דברים שבאמצעותם יוכל לייצר: את האש ,ואת הפרד—כלאיים של חמור וסוס. הרב סורוצקין מסביר ששני הדברים הללו מבטאים את מהות היצירה האנושית.

בילדותי היה צעצוע פופולרי שנקרא קליידוסקופ. כשמביטים דרך הצינור שלו, רואים דפוסים אינסופיים לכאורה, אך כולם נוצרים ממספר קטן של רסיסים צבעוניים הכלואים בתוך המתקן. סיבוב הקליידוסקופ יוצר משהו חדש ומרתק, אך המרכיבים עצמם מוגבלים.

כך גם ביצירה האנושית. בריאת ה׳ בששת ימי בראשית הייתה יש מאין. יצירת האדם, לעומת זאת—בין לגבי האש ובין לגבי הפרד—נעשית על ידי לקיחת מרכיבים קיימים וסידורם בצורה חדשה. אין זו יצירת חומר חדש, אלא צירוף חדש של מרכיבים קיימים.

המסר שהקב״ה לימד את אדם הראשון היה: ״אכן, אתה צלם אלוקים ויש בך יכולת ליצור. אך יצירתך היא בדרגה נמוכה יותר מבריאתו של הקב״ה.״

רעיון זה מרומז בקידוש בליל שבת. אנו אומרים שתי מילים מפסוק אחד—״יום הששי״—ומיד עוברים לפסוק הבא—״ויכולו השמים״. ״יום הששי״ מתייחס לששת ימי הבריאה, ואילו ״ויכולו״ מתייחס לשבת. בשבת יש לאדם יכולת להיות דומה לקב״ה דווקא על ידי מנוחה. שביתתנו ממלאכה משקפת את שביתתו של הקב״ה ביום השביעי. מנוחה זו מעניקה לנו שותפות עם הקב״ה.

בימות החול אנו נעשים שותפים לקב״ה על ידי עיצוב העולם—חיבור, בנייה ויצירה. אך בשבת, דווקא על ידי מנוחה, אנו מדמים את עצמנו לקב״ה בדרגה גבוהה יותר, שכן מנוחתנו דומה ליצירת המנוחה של הקב״ה. אנו מכירים בכך שבריאה אמיתית—יש מאין—יכולה להיעשות רק על ידי הקב״ה. מנוחתנו מבטאת את הערכתנו לעולם שהקב״ה ברא ואת הקשר המיוחד שיש לנו עמו.

תשובה פירושה לשוב אל הקב״ה ולהתקרב אליו. כאשר אומרים קידוש במחשבה נכונה ובכוונה, התשובה שלנו היא כזו שבה ההידמות לקב״ה מקרבת אותנו אליו ככל שבן אדם יכול להתקרב.

יהי רצון שנזכה בכל שבוע ושבוע להעריך מחדש את עולמו של הקב״ה, ובכך—ובהכרזתנו בקידוש—נזכה לקשר העליון עמו.

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	הנץ החמה	06:41:45	06:42:30	**6:43:00**	**6:43:30**	**6:44:15**	**6:45:15**
	מנחה	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	**13:30, 17:51**
	מעריב	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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