



4-5 SEP 2015 / 21 ELUL 5775

CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 5.38PM  
EREV SHABOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 5.40PM  
SHABOS MINCHA: 5.20PM  
SHABOS ENDS: 6.28PM

SHABOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 5.38PM  
EREV SHABOS MINCHA NEXT WEEK: 5.40PM

LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 9.06AM  
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 6.27PM



## OVERVIEW

When Bnei Yisrael dwell in the Land of Israel, its first fruits are to be taken to the Temple and given to the kohen in a ceremony expressing recognition that it is G-d who guides the history of the Jewish People throughout all ages. This passage forms one of the central parts of the Haggadah that we read at the Passover Seder. On the last day of Pesach of the fourth and seventh years of the seven-year shemitta cycle, a person must recite a disclosure stating that he has indeed distributed the tithes to the appropriate people in the prescribed manner. With this mitzvah Moshe concludes the commandments that G-d has told him to give to the Jewish People. Moshe exhorts them to walk in G-d's ways, because they are set aside as a treasured people to G-d. When Bnei Yisrael cross the Jordan River they are to make a new commitment to the Torah. Huge stones are to be erected and the Torah is to be written on them in the world's seventy primary languages, after which they are to be covered over with a thin layer of plaster. Half the tribes will stand on Mount Gerizim, and half on Mount Eval, and the levi'im will stand in a valley between the two mountains. There the levi'im will recite 12 commandments and all the people will answer "amen" to the blessings and the curses. Moshe then details the blessings that will be bestowed upon Bnei Yisrael. These blessings are both physical and spiritual. However if the Jewish People do not keep the Torah, Moshe details a chilling picture of destruction, resulting in exile and wandering among the nations.



## NOT BEING AN INGRATE IS NOT QUITE THE SAME AS BEING A 'MAKIR TOV'

Parshas Ki Savo begins with the mitzvah of Hav'as Bikkurim [bringing the first fruits to the Bais HaMikdash] and Mikra Bikkurim [reciting the Biblical passage associated with that ritual]. The farmer brings his first fruits to the Bais HaMikdash in Jerusalem, hands them over to the Kohen, and then recites a passage telling the story of all the kindnesses the Almighty has performed. He places this story of personal Divine Kindness within the historical context of the entire development of the Jewish nation. Under most circumstances, a person not only brings the Bikkurim, he also recites the associated passage.

As we have said many times, this passage is the prototype of Hakaras haTov – verbal expression of gratitude and indebtedness. The Medrash states regarding the words "Bereishis Bara Elokim" [In the beginning G-d created...] that the world was created for the sake of 3 entities that were called "Reishis" [first]: Israel was called Reishis; Torah was called Reishis; and Bikkurim were called Reishis. The Alshich wonders at the inclusion of the mitzvah of the First Fruits in the list of the top 3 reasons the world was created. The Alshich explains that this mitzvah symbolizes "Hakaras HaTov" [gratitude], which is such a fundamental idea in Judaism that it is listed along with Israel and Torah as one of the 3 reasons for creation of the world!

Rashi himself quotes [Devarim 26:3] a Sifrei on the words "And you shall say to him (i.e. – the Kohen): She'aincha kafui tova – to show that you are not unappreciative." The Sefer Avir Yosef from Rav Yakov Yosef Rineman, shlit"a asks a question: Why doesn't the Sifrei use a positive expression "to show I acknowledge favors" rather than the negative expression "to show I am not ungrateful"? Rav Rineman answers that when a person acknowledges kindness to the best of his ability, he expresses the full length and breadth of his sense of appreciation. A mere thank-you does not suffice. The five or six pasukim mentioned in the Mikra Bikkurim passage do suffice to meet the minimum requirement for fulfillment of the obligation to recognize favors in the positive sense. However, the best we can say regarding someone saying Mikra Bikkurim is that he no longer falls into the category of an ingrate. He has still not expressed the full length and breadth of his sense of appreciation.

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## MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH

This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly co-sponsored by **Barry & Betty Blumenfeld** in honour of Betty's *refuah shleima* and in appreciation of being well enough to come to shul and by **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Auerbach** in honor of Betty's good health, as well as the recent Barmitzvah of their grandson **Chaimi** in Israel.

## OHR CHODOSH KIDDUSH

This week's Ohr Chodosh Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Ariel & Gina Webber** in honour of the Ohr Somayach Rabbonim & Rebbetzins who give tirelessly to our beautiful Kehillah.

**LADIES SPECIAL ELUL PROGRAMME**  
SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER | RABBI AUERBACH  
**ROSH HASHONAH DAVENING**  
8.00PM-9.00PM IN THE SMALL SHUL

Please note that a **"Pruzbul"** has been attached to the "Weekly Newsletter" email

## LADIES SHALOSH SEUDOS

Ohr Somayach & Ohr Chodosh invites you to a Shalosh Seudos at the home of Nathalie Kirsh, 3 Park Glen Estate, 5:00 pm this Shabbos.

**Rebbitzen Mandi Kauffman**  
**"Flowing with the Energy of Elu"**

Kids welcome for a special program and **Bnos** is just next door at 6 Park Glen Estate!

## WEDDING



Mazel tov to **Chad & Shayna Posner** on the occasion of their recent wedding. Mazel tov to proud parents **Bernie & Dana Slasky** and **Gary & Lorraine Posner**. Mazel tov to proud grandparents **Bella Slasky** and **Avril Froom**.

Mazel tov to **Chaim Moshe & Miriam Ayala Fox** on the occasion of their recent wedding.

Mazel tov to proud parents **Philip & Sandy Berk** and grandmother **Ethel Welcher**.

## SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

**RABBI AUERBACH**  
LAWS OF

## ROSH HASHONAH DAVENING

*Shabbos afternoon at 4.45pm*

## SELICHOS

THIS Motzei Shabbos - 5 Sep 2015

Shiur: 11.40 pm

"PREPARATION FOR SELICHOS"

Selichos: 12.00 midnight

Weekday Selichos:

Half an hour before usual Shacharis times

## YORTZEITS

- **Judy Sher** for her late husband **Rabbi Mosh Sher z'l**
- **David Aronovitz** for his late father

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Eli Freeman  
Yitzchak Shor

Raphael Dovid Kaempff  
*Happy Birthday!*

## JOIN THOUSANDS OF WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD IN A MOMENT OF TEHILIM & LEARNING



On the Yahrzeit of the Chofetz Chaim this coming Tuesday September 8th, a delegation of Gedolei Rabbonim, Poskim and senior members of Dirshu will be traveling to Radin to daven for Klal Yisrael and for the success of Daf HaYomi B'Halacha participants.

Simultaneously, thousands of women around the world will join in Tefila and will study a section of the Chofetz Chaim's teachings. Take part in this powerful event as we beseech Hashem for a sweet new year for all of Klal Yisrael, in the merit of the Chafetz Chaim whose Torah continues to guide our generation nearly a decade after his passing.

**TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 10am, Ohr Somayach Seminary**



[www.dirshu.co.za](http://www.dirshu.co.za)

## Yom Kippur & Simchas Torah Appeal

**A huge thank you** to all those who have honored their Yom Kippur and Simchas Torah pledges. If you have not done so already, kindly remember to make your payments as soon as possible.

## RABBI TZVI SCHWARTZ

**MUSSAR FOR ROSH HASHANA**  
THIS THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

**MUSSAR FOR YOM KIPPUR**  
NEXT THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

**Thursday Nights, 8.30-9.10 PM**  
In Classroom near Small, Side Shul  
**Men and Women**

Recordings of classes available at [www.avtzvi.com](http://www.avtzvi.com)

## ENGLISH LIBRARY

B"H the English Library (in the top class room) is slowly filling up. If you have any **English Seforim** on your book shelves at home that are not being used, let the community use them by **lending them to our English library**. You can then take them back whenever you want. For more info contact Richard Hochstadter

# ROSH HASHANA YOM YUN

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

9.05-10.00

RABBI PERETZ  
**SEGAL**

**CONNECTING TO  
ROSH HASHONA**

10.05-11.00

REBBETZIN TAMAR  
**TABACK**

**FREEDOM YOUR  
CAPTIVE SOUL**

11.05-11.55

RABBI SHIMON  
**WOLPE**

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ALWAYS HOPE**

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## LADIES YOM TOV CHESED INITIATIVE

THE SHOSHANA FOUNDATION

This year Ohr Somayach has the opportunity and privilege to support **The Shoshana Foundation**. The Shoshana Foundation is a modestly run initiative that discreetly provides **support to single mothers** in our community.

Our intention is to collect **Yom Tov gifts** which will be distributed to the women who are beneficiaries of the Shoshana Foundation. With this, we hope to demonstrate our **care and moral support of our sisters in need**.

These gifts can be **any gift that you as a woman would appreciate receiving**.

We want our sisters to feel cherished and honored! Examples could be **accessories, something beautiful for one's home, jewelry, gift vouchers...** You get to choose. Financial donations are most welcome too!!!

We would appreciate it if these gifts would be of the value of approximately R100.

**Feel free to join up with a friend in order to share a gift, if that is easier for you.**

Please take a few moments to gift wrap or package the gift, add a **note of encouragement and good yom tov wishes** and sign the note off "From the Ohr Somayach Ladies!" (Please make sure your gift remains anonymous)



GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE **OHR SOMAYACH OFFICE** OR HOME OF **RUTHIE ABRAMSON - 30 CHILTON AVE**  
THESE GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE ANNUAL SHOSHANA FOUNDATION SUCCOS GATHERING

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SPECIAL MITZVAH!**

Rabbi Peretz  
**Segal**



PREPARING FOR  
**ROSH  
HASHANA**



OHR CHODOSH MINYAN

## RECLAIMING OUR INDIVIDUALITY

SHABBOS MORNING 5 SEPTEMBER

SEDER 1: MORNINGS 8-9AM

## 5 WAYS TO MAKE CHANGE LAST

Shacharis Mon & Thurs: 5.55, 6.15, 7.00 Tues & Wed: 5.55, 6.25, 7.10  
SELICHOS STARTS 30 MINS BEFORE EACH MINYAN

MON 7 - THURS 10 SEPTEMBER

SEDER 2: BETWEEN MINCHA/MAARIV

## THE ART OF MUSSAR, THE JOY OF GROWTH

SUN 6 - WED 9 SEPTEMBER

BUSINESSMEN'S MORNING SESSION 9:15- 12:30

## AN OVERVIEW OF ELUL, ROSH HASHANA AND YOM KIPPUR MAKING IT REAL

Shacharis 5.55, 6.25, 7.10, 8.00  
SELICHOS STARTS 30 MINS BEFORE EACH MINYAN

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

ALL SHIURIM TAKING PLACE AT 10 KINGSWOOD ROAD GLENHAZEL

**RAV SEGAL IS AVAILABLE ONE ON ONE - YAMIM NORAIM PREPARATION SESSIONS**  
TO BOOK A SESSION/FOR ANY QUERIES: CALL BRAD CLINE :083 414 7888