

**SHABBOS
CHOL HAMOED
SHEMINI ATZERES
SIMCHAS TORAH**
5776

3-6 Oct 2015 / 20-23 TISHREI 5776

CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 5:50PM
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 5:55PM
SHABBOS MINCHA: 5:30PM
SHABBOS ENDS: 6:39PM

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 5:53PM
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA NEXT WEEK: 5:55PM

LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 8:46AM
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 6:39PM

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If You Think You're Done, You're Done!

The holiday of Sukkos make for yourself... Devarim 16:13)

And the first one emerged ruddy; he was completely like a coat of hair, and they named him Essau. (Breishis 25:25)
...ruddy: That is a sign that he will be a person who sheds blood (Rashi).

...and they named him Esau: They all called him this because he was complete (**מִשְׁפָּט** [lit., made,] and fully developed with hair, like one many years old. (Rashi)

We have to approach the life of Eisav like a forensic scientist approaches a crime scene. We need to search carefully for the delicate clues to figure out what went so terribly wrong with Eisav. Yes, he was born with a rugged nature, ruddy and ready to shed blood. He had from a prenatal predilection for idolatry. All those could have been cured. Dovid HaMelech too was naturally inclined to spill blood. He became a warrior and a savior of the Jewish People. One can become a Mohel, or a Shochet, or a surgeon.

Passions can be directed and sublimated. That was not his fatal flaw. Just the opposite is true. The Talmud, (Sukkah 52A) tells us that one who is greater than his friend actually has a greater negative inclination. How about that!! Eisav had potential and plenty of it to rise to the stature of a patriarch. What was his primary problem?

We are commanded by HASHEM in the Torah to make a Sukkah. Nice! When making a Sukkah is important that it is made and not that it is already done. How is that done? If one digs out of a haystack, for example, the dimensions of a Sukkah, the Sukkah is done but not made. The main part of the Sukkah is the Sechach, the flimsy thatched roof! It must be applied last, after the walls are in legally in place. If when the walls are established the Sechach is already there, the ref calls a foul. The Sukkah is invalid. It was not produced, rather it was already done.

There's a philosophy of life coded and embedded into these laws and all the laws of Torah. The Sukkah is like our life. Sechach is resting minimally at 10 tefachim which represents Olam Haba, the Next World which was made with the letter YUD (numerical value 10). The Walls make up minimally the letter Heh (from a bird's eye view). The walls refer to this world which was made with the letter Heh, so say our sages. The walls lead us through the gauntlet of this world to the next world. It is not a gift. It must be earned and acquired through toil. It must be made.

If one does not struggle he does not earn. The whole world was created to avoid what the Zohar calls the "bread of shame". HASHEM could have granted us the reward of the "world to come" without the effort of this world but for the "bread of shame". Why? Freebees leave us feeling empty! The taste of success is in the flavor of effortful accomplishment. Nothing is done already! There is no such beast!

Betty Crocker made a mint on this notion. When women began to enter the work force en masse the time they needed to make a decent dinner for their families was drastically reduced. Ready-made foods were plentiful but an important ingredient was missing. Betty Crocker cakes tapped into that part the psyche that says, "Something, I need to do!" So they created a cake mix that lets the preparer mix some ingredients and then feel the exhilaration of doing!

Eisav came out completely mature! He saw himself as done! He looked in the mirror and he felt very satisfied. He was complete in his mind, a finished product from birth. His failure to see the need to improve blinded him from seeing faults that were obvious to others. When G-d made man He evoked the famous phrase, "Let us make man in our image!" To whom was He addressing these words? Is there, was there a partner? The answer is "yes!" emphatically. Man is to be the partner in completing himself. The Vilna Gaon asserted, "If a person does not improve his character then, why is he alive?!" The Sukkah reminds us that we are here to do, because if a person thinks he's done, then he's done!

Rabbi Label Lam

The Shabbos Project
KEEPING IT TOGETHER




SAVE THE DATES

 Kids Program "Colour Me Shabbos" SUNDAY 18 OCT	Communal Catered Luncheon SHABBOS 24 OCT
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SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH
IS **SHEMINI ATZERES** PART OF
SUKKOS OR NOT?

Shabbos afternoon at 4.55pm



SHEMINI ATZERES - SIMCHAS TORAH SCHEDULE 2015 / 5776

Dear Friends,

It really has been a wonderful season of yomim tovim and we thank the entire Kehilla for their tremendous effort and participation in making it so meaningful. The pinnacle of Tishrei is Simchas Torah and we are looking forward to once again having an inspiring and uplifting simcha with everyone's involvement.

This year we intend to make every effort to end our simchas torah celebration earlier than we have done in the past.

Below is a schedule of how we intend for the day to proceed. It will take everyone's cooperation to ensure that we adhere to the below schedule.

We hope that there should be a true simcha shel Torah which expresses our close connection to Hakadosh Baruch Hu and our heartfelt appreciation of His Torah that he has given us. We therefore strongly urge all parents to ensure that no children below the age of 18 consume any alcohol over Simchas Torah.

SHEMINI ATZERES - Sunday 4 October 2015

Mincha	1.05 pm, 6.00 pm
Between Mincha/Ma'ariv: CHIEF RABBI GOLDSTEIN	
Candle Lighting	5.51 pm

SHEMINI ATZERES - Monday 5 October 2015

Shachris	Neitz (5.42am) 4.50 am
Main Shul	8.00 am
Ohr Chodosh	8.15 am
Yizkor (Main Shul)	± 9.40 am
Shiur	5.25 pm
Mincha	5.55 pm
CANDLE LIGHTING NOT BEFORE	6.40PM

SIMCHAS TORAH - Tuesday 6 October 2015

Shachris	Neitz (5.41am) 4.50 am
Main Shul	7.30 am
Breakfast - Mens	9.00 am
During which an auction of the Chosan Torah, Chosan Bereishis and Kol Hanearim aliyos.	
Breakfast - Ladies	10.30 am
Hakofas	10:45am
Leining	12:00pm
Due to our large numbers aliyas will only be given to those above barmitzvah. All those under barmitzvah to join for Kol Haneirim.	
Kol Haneirim, Chosan Torah & Chosan Bereishis Approx	1:15pm
Mincha	5.55 pm
Yom Tov ends	6.41 pm

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Moshe Elimelech Port
Michal Batya Newman
Adina Hockman

Happy Birthday!

SHABBOS KIDDUSH

This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly part sponsored by **Daniel & Bianca Carless** in appreciation to Hashem for the birth of their daughter **Tehillah Batya** who was born in Israel and are visiting SA for the chagim.

SHEMINI ATZERES KIDDUSH

The Shemini Atzeres Kiddush is kindly co-sponsored by:

- **Rabbi Avi & Sarah Perelman** in honour of their daughter **Ayelet Naomi** Mazeltov to proud grandparents **Harold & Denese Perelman** and **Maurice & Cathy Goodman**
- The trustees of the "**Shoshana Foundation**" for their deep appreciation of the Ohr Somayach Ladies Yom Tov Chesed Initiative

GRANDPARENTS

Mazeltov to **Ari & Lana Slasky** and **Michael & Dalia Rappoport** on the birth of a granddaughter born to **Yehuda & Rivka Slasky** in Israel. Mazeltov to proud great-grandmothers **Bella Slasky** and **Ruth Rappoport**.

Mazeltov to **Brian & Rochelle Swaine** on the birth of a grandson born to **Kevin & Jude Swaine** in Israel.

ENGAGEMENT

Mazeltov to **Chevi Auerbach & Rafi Stemmer** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazeltov to **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Auerbach and Dr. & Mrs. Phil Stemmer**

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