



כ"ג אלול תשפ"ו
פרשת נצבים-וילך
SEPTEMBER 4-5

נפתלי

Nitzavim-Vayeilech



what's *in* shul



Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Chana and Moshe Flicker, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Levi Yitzchak Lewis, son of Rivkah and Eli Lewis, of Beitar illit.

Mazal Tov to Sara and Aharon Minkoff, on the birth of a grandson, to their children Sarah Rachel and Yoel Minkoff of Mishkafayim.

Mazal Tov to Judy and Manny Landau, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Elya Meir Lubarsky, son of Margalit and Rabbi Avraham Lubarsky, of RBS.

Mazal Tov to grandparents Louisa and Russell Schamroth, and Rochelle and Simon Sieff, and parents Aliza and Yoni Schamroth, on the engagement of Aharon Schamroth, to Simi Kunstler, daughter of Leah and Dani Kunstler, of Yerushalayim.

Kiddush

There will be a Shul-sponsored Kiddush in the Simcha Hall, following the Rav's Drasha.



Thank you to Aryeh Koenigsberg, for once again producing the painstakingly-detailed schedules for the Chagim and the Summer and Winter seasons.



Please see the separate insert for thank you's for the BBQ, too lengthy to list here!

Bruchim Haba'im!

We welcome our new rabbinic intern, Rabbi Akiva Prager, and his

wife, Leora, who joined us this past Shabbat.

We look forward to spending time with them in the course of this coming year!



Rebbetzin Smiles at Menorat Hamaor



We are honored to welcome Rebbetzin Shira Smiles, who will present her renowned and captivating ladies' Shiur in our Shul this Shabbat, 16:45-17:45, in the main sanctuary. As a result, Rabbi Myers' regular Shabbat afternoon shiurim will take place downstairs, in the Simcha Hall.

As Rosh Hashanah Approaches...



This Motzei Shabbat, September 5, we begin the week of Selichot leading up to Rosh Hashanah next Shabbat. The first night of Selichot will feature a Drasha by Rabbi Myers at 00:10, and the recitation of Selichot at 00:38. Watch for upcoming Yamim Nora'im schedules in Shul communications. See the mini-calendar below for the schedule of weekday Selichot.

Keil Malei in Tishrei



For those who commemorate yahrzeits during the month of Tishrei, please coordinate with the Gabbaim in advance, as this year, most Shabbatot during the month are not days during which the Keil Malei is recited.

MaorKidz!

Bring the little kids to Shul this year for Rosh Hashanah. See ad at left.

More news on separate insert inside

Rosh Hashanah in Shul

FOR KIDS 0-6

Menorat Hamaor Simcha Hall

Both Days of Rosh Hashanah | 9-11am

A Shofar blowing for kids and moms will take place on the second day in the Simcha Hall, some time between 10:30-11am. It will be a halachically-valid blowing, for those who want to fulfill their Mitzvah of Shofar.

UPCOMING									
schedule of tefillot									
כ"ד אלול	SU Sept 6	כ"ה אלול	MO Sept 7	כ"ו אלול	TU Sept 8	כ"ז אלול	WE Sept 9	כ"ח אלול	TH Sept 10
Sh:	6:15	Selichot/ Sh:	5:45	Selichot/ Sh:	5:45	Selichot/ Sh:	5:45	Selichot/ Sh:	5:45
Mi:	18:30	Mi:	18:30	Mi:	18:30	Mi:	18:30	Mi:	18:30
Ma:	21:00	Ma:	21:00	Ma:	21:00	Ma:	21:00	Ma:	21:00

כ"ב אלול	FRIDAY	Sept 4	כ"ג אלול	Shabbat	Sept 5
Shacharit:	7:00	Shacharit:	8:00	Latest Shema:	9:28
Early Minyan				Shiur before the Shiur:	16:15
Mincha:	17:25	Shiur:	17:00	Mincha:	18:00
Candles after:	17:41	Sunset:	18:58	Arvit/Tzet Shabbat:	19:36
Kiddush by:	19:08	Drasha:	00:10	Selichot:	00:38
Shema After:	19:38	Mincha:	18:40		
Regular Minyan					
Candles:	18:40	Sunset:	19:00		
Mincha:	18:40				
Sunset:	19:00				

פרשת נצבים-וילך

Love Your Learning!

At Menorat Hamaor



Shiur	Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Shab
All Shiurim are given by Rabbi Myers in the main Shul unless noted. Some times are approximate.							
Gemara Ketuvoth	05:30	05:30	05:30	05:30	05:30		
Dvar Halacha	After Shacharit R' Shimon Cohen	After Shacharit R' Shimon Cohen	After Shacharit R' Shimon Cohen	After Shacharit R' Shimon Cohen	After Shacharit R' Shimon Cohen	After Shacharit R' Shimon Cohen	
Mishna Yomit	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00	07:00		
Love Your Learning	09:00 Zoom	09:00 Zoom	09:00 Zoom	09:00 Zoom			
Halacha			10:00 Harmony				
Parsha					10:00 Harmony		
Halacha/Parsha	17:25 Zoom	17:25 Zoom	16:35 Zoom	17:25 Zoom	15:35 Zoom		
Sugyot from Gemara to Psak			20:00				
Quick Vort	After Maariv	After Maariv	After Maariv	After Maariv R' Aryeh Koenigsberg	After Maariv		
Topical Topics	21:15	21:15	21:15		21:15		
Daf Yomi	21:20 Rabbi Learman	21:20 Rabbi Learman	21:20 Rabbi Learman	21:20 Rabbi Learman	21:20 Rabbi Learman		Motza"sh Rabbi Learman
Mishna Berura							07:30 Rabbi Boruch Joffe
Gemara Masechet Shabbat							After Kiddush Rabbi Boruch Joffe
Shiur Before the Shiur							1 Hour & 45 Min. Before Mincha
Afternoon Shiur							1 Hour Before Mincha
Dvar Torah							5 Min. Before Maariv
Avot U'Banim							45 Min. After Shabbat

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Sending our love and prayers on behalf of our Menorat Hamaor soldiers and security personnel. May HaShem bring all of them – and all of their buddies – home safely, quickly, and victoriously!

Yedidya Eliyahu Ben Ilana Michal

שיר בן אפרת כהן

גילה ריבקה בת תמימה

חגי יעקב בן אסתר חוה

Liel Refael ben Daniella

Eitan Levy ben Tzippora

Yaacov ben Efrat

Naftali Mordechai ben Yocheved

Mordechai ben Ruti

שושנה ריזל בת ברכה שולמית

רפאל לוי יצחק בן ברכה שולמית

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Chananya Mordechai Ben Batya

טל בן אילנה

Naftali Yehoshua Ben Rivka

Daniella

אהרן בן רחל ברכה

יהודה מאיר בן הינדא ברכה

שמחה בן הינדא ברכה

עדי ניסה בת תמימה



THE righttime

Q: What is the ideal time for reciting Selichot?

A: The Shulchan Aruch writes that the proper time is *Ashmoret Haboker*, which is the end of the night. These days, that is approximately 4:30 a.m.! Many of our holy Sephardic brothers still rise at 4 a.m. for the entire month of Elul to recite these prayers at their ideal time. Kol

Hakavod to them! Others are lenient with the Zeman, maintaining that one may recite Selichot even after daybreak, or after Chatzot (halachic midnight) the night before.

May Hashem accept our Tefilot whenever we cry out to Him!



ראה נתתי לפניכם היום את החיים ואת הטוב (דברים ל:טו)

The Responsibility of Teshuvah

Toward the end of our parshah, G-d informs the Jewish people that He has given them a choice between life and good on the one hand, and death and evil on the other.

Life and good follow the path of Torah and Mitzvot, and the alternative is the result if we neglect that path.

Earlier in Parshat Re'ei, the choice was between *ברכה וקללה* – blessing and curse. If we follow G-d, we receive the blessing, and if we do not, we will be cursed. Now the terminology has changed to *חיים ומות* – life and death, which seems more severe. Why the change in terminology?

The **Meshech Chochma** writes that in Re'ei the Torah refers to the Mitzvot and the sins themselves. In our parshah, we are introduced to the Mitzvah of Teshuvah. Teshuvah is the opportunity to change ourselves and to change our past and future actions. Misdeeds that we performed in the past can be transformed into merits. Activities for which we deserved to be punished are forgiven. Not taking that opportunity is worse than sinning itself! If G-d has given us a "get out of jail free" card, then not using it is worse than being in jail!

Therefore, whereas the sin may lead to a curse, not grabbing the opportunity to fix that sin through Teshuvah leads to something even worse!

Parshat Nitzavim is read during the time of year when we should be concentrating on doing Teshuvah for our actions. During the period spanning the month of Elul, Rosh HaShanah, the Ten days of repentance and Yom Kippur, Teshuvah is a central theme in our service of G-d.

We must ensure that we do not just pay lip service to this beautiful opportunity gifted to us by G-d.

We need to realize that Teshuvah itself is the difference between life and the alternative!



Q: This parsha begins with a description of the Jewish people "standing" (nitzavim) before Hashem. What four other places in the Torah are people described as "standing" (nitzavim)? See next issue for answers.

Last issue's riddle: Q. What item is mentioned in this parsha four times, but nowhere else in the Torah? A. A fruit basket (teneh) is mentioned four times in this parsha: (1) Pilgrims place their first-fruits in a basket, and bring it to the Holy Temple. (2) The priest then takes the basket and places it near the Altar (Devarim 26:2, 4). (3-4) In the list of blessings and curses, the fruit basket is mentioned twice, as an indicator whether the Jewish people are following the Torah (Devarim 28:5, 17).

refuah shleima

Argyeh Shmuel ben Itka
(Larry Goldstein)

Avraham Mordechai ben Yael
(Avraham Ansbacher, neighborhood Chaya)

Avraham Shabtai Ben Golda Miriam
(Avraham Myers)

Baruch Ber halevi ben Ekka
(brother of Ruth Cropp)

Bina Yocheved bat Chaya Sara Chaim Gershon ben Rachel Leah
(Harold Kandler)

Chaim Natan ben Toba Tirtza
(The Staimans' mechutan)

Chanoch Leib ben Gittel
(Chanoch Taub)

Dafna Devorah bat Rivka Baila
(Vickie Lecy)

David Netanel ben Ayala Ahuva
(Jeremy Finn's nephew)

Devora bat Ruth Mindel
(Debby Lazarus)

Dov Tsvi Yaacov ben Nechama

Dovid Ben Esther
(Jeff Feldstein's brother-in-law)

Elana Bracha bas Malka
(the Goodmans' friend's child)

Eldar Ben Tikva
(Louisa Shamroth's relative)

Eliezer Eliyahu ben Golda Zissel
(Eliezer Entel)

Esther bat Devora
(The Lazarus' daughter)

Fayga Bleema Hinda bat Sarah Duvsha
(The Staimans' mechutenet)

Freyda Minna bat Shulamit
(Freyda Lemkus)

Gavriel ben Sarah
(Gavriel Glenney)

Kineret Yamit bat Bruria Minucha
(Nuchi Draiman's daughter)

Leah bat Rivka Baila
(Vickie Lecy's sister)

Leah Devorah bat Sarah

Liba bat Rivka
(Laurie Sussman)

Libby Chava Leah bat Sharonne Rifka

Meira bat Adele
(The Daltons' Cousin)

Miriam Pessa bat Devorah
(Margot Shapiro)

Mordecai Ben Sarah
(Mitch Marcus' father)

Moshe ben Yetta

Nachman Ben Devora
(Debbie Lazarus' brother-in-law)

Nechama Gittel Dina bat Sorah Yaffah She'erah
(Chana Flicker's great niece)

Chaya Liba
(a Shul member)

Noach Meir ben Reva Ruth
(Noach Grafstein)

Ron Tzvi Avigdor ben Rachel Bina
(Ron Balofsky)

Rut bat Rivka
(Gillian Isaacs)

Sarah bat Leeba
(Sandy Nussbaum)

Sarah Chana bat Anat
(the Talmuds' daughter)

Sarah Raizel bas Esther Leah
(Mitch Marcus' sister)

Shaul ben Esther
(Saul Plen)

Shlomo ben Rivka Baila
(Vickie Lecy's brother)

Shlomo Lazar ben Daphna Devorah
(Vickie Lecy's son)

Shmaryahu ben Itka
(Cyril Levy)

Sholom ben Ruda
(Colin Samuel)

Shoshana bat Sima
(Sandra Braude)

Shoshana Bayle Roize bat Ester Blume
(Shoshana Milavsky)

Shoshanna Gila bat Rivka Baila
(Vickie Lecy's sister)

Shoshana Malka bat Brenda Basha
(Nachum Lemkus' daughter)

Stefanie bat Alexis
(Edie Barr's cousin)

Tikva bat Chaya Devorah Mussa
(Nadine Yawich)

HaRav Yechiel Michel ben HaRabanit Devora Leah
(The Goodmans' rebbi)

Yehuda Ben Sheindl
(Yehuda Lazarus)

Yocheved Rivka bat Chaya
(The Staimans' friend)

Yoel Meir ben Leah Telza
(Nosson Sachs' brother)

Yonatan Ben Antonia

Yoseph Moshe ben Rachel Leah
(Harold Kandler's brother)

Birth? Engagement? Yahrzeit? Anniversary?



Any Occasion!

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- 27** Saul Glasser's Father, Meir Shimshon ben Yitzchak



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Our New Shul's First Wedding

This past week marked another special landmark occasion for our Shul, as we hosted the first wedding to take place in our new sanctuary.

May it be the first of many!

Scenes from Our Annual Shul BBQ

Thank you to the many volunteers who made our annual BBQ such a rousing success! To Edie Barr, for expertly managing the entire project; to Claire Kandler, for handling the reservations, with help from Rivka Itzhaky; to Edie Barr, Cindy Borell, Ilene Feldstein, Allan Heres, Marcelle Nathan, Mavis Rosenstein, Nosson Sachs, Sara Sachs and Bina Zukerman, for the food purchasing, preparation and setup; to grillmaster Jeff Feldstein, with assistance from Jeff Borell and Chayim Stern; to Rabbi Myers for the Dvar Torah; to Mort Barr for all-around support, setting up the tables and chairs, and being MC; to the spontaneous cleanup crew of Helen Benporath, Ilene



Feldstein, Mavis Rosenstein, Nosson Sachs, and Rochelle and Colin Samuel. Our profound thanks to Hashem for providing perfect weather, and helping everything to come together so beautifully.

Did we leave anyone out? Let us know and we'll make sure to include it next time.

Photos below, courtesy of Chayim Stern.

