

ROSH HASHANA GREETINGS

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MONDAY
CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS

At Olympic Ice Skating Centre,
1080 Centre Road, Oakleigh South.

Boys Session: 11:30am – 1:00pm (fathers welcome)
Girls Session: 1:00pm – 2:30pm (mothers welcome)



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The year in review...



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From the Rabbi's desk...

Every Yom Tov has its particular observances. Most of them have clear and finite Mitzvos and Minhogim. On Pesach we don't eat Chometz, we make a Seder, drink the four cups of wine etc. On Sukkos we take the Lulav and Esrog and sit in the Sukkah.

However, the Yomim Noroim period is very different. In addition to the blowing of the shofar and the various customs of eating certain foods on Rosh Hashana, the following days are filled with a variety of nuances that seem to pop up at different hours of the day and affect us in different ways. Morning, afternoon and night there are activities that keep the spirit of the Yomim Noroim sustained until Yom Kippur and beyond.

Walk into shul, it looks different, it is adorned in white. We get up at least a half hour earlier for Selichos. We add in extra parts to our Tefillos that refer to Hashem as our King. Kaddish is changed with seemingly subtle amendments that bear the weight of fundamental change. Our foods are different as well; we abstain from sharp and sour substances, replacing them with sweet ones.

We become very used to all these changes, however we need to ask ourselves, what is the purpose of all these nuances? Will they really change our attitude towards life?

Rav Mordechai Kamenetzky brings the following story to answer this question:

In the mid 1920s a chossid once approached the Imrei Emes, "Rebbe, I am travelling to Paris on a ten day business trip. Would the Rebbe give me a brocha that I be successful in my venture?"

After a warm blessing the Rebbe continued to make his own request. "In Paris they sell an exclusive cigar brand that is reputed to be the best in all of Western Europe. I would appreciate if you would find that brand and bring me back a box."

The chossid was puzzled by the request, but responded enthusiastically.

"Of course Rebbe! No problem. I will find out which is the best brand in all of France and bring you back two boxes!"

The man went on his trip and indeed returned two weeks later. He visited the Rebbe to thank him for his blessing.

"Do you have the cigars?" asked the Rebbe. The man blushed. "Rebbe, you have to forgive me. When I was in Paris, I was so immersed in business that I totally forgot about your request. But do not worry. On the way back I made a special stop in Belgium and got you the best Belgium cigar available. I was assured that it is of equal quality to the French cigar if not better!"

The Rebbe shook his head. "My dear chossid, I did not need cigars. The reason I asked you to get me the cigars while you were in France is because I wanted those cigars to be on your mind. In that manner you would remember during your stay there that you have a Rebbe."

Explained Rav Kamenetzky, of course each one of these nuances may represent an important symbolism, but that there is something more. During these days we must keep on inserting tiny wake up calls that shout out to us, "Remember the Rebbe!"

Switching words, opening the Aron Kodesh, watching our foods all may be minor acts but in the greater picture they are reminders that we are living in a very spiritual and holy period and Our King is waiting for us to remember Him.

We live in a world that is filled with distractions. We become immersed in our world and often forget about the bigger picture. During the Yomim Noroim we have the opportunity to come close to Hakodosh Boruch Hu. He is here, close to us! Let's make the most of it!

Wishing you and your family a Kesiva V'Chasima Tova

Rabbi Ariele Berlin



Youth Program

As Shaarei Youth nears the end of its second year, we reflect upon a busy twelve months of exciting developments. Rabbi Fogelgarn and the team of dedicated madrichim have coordinated many programs and events, ensuring there is something for all our Youth. With the support of several other mothers who have volunteered their valuable time and efforts, Mrs. Chalk has led the organizing for some incredible events for the girls. We are deeply appreciative for everyone's support and the shul is surely proud of the young members who are learning to get involved and contribute to our community.

Below is a quick summary of many of the events of 5773:

Chanukah BBQ: A fun family BBQ together with an adult and youth soccer game took place at Alma Road Park.

Purim Party at the Rabbi's House: Great food, music and dancing kept the purim spirit going late into the night. The highlight of the evening was certainly the Gabbai singing some of his originals.

Shabbos lunch for Madrichim with Ronnie Halibard.

Pesach Clean-a-thon: The youth raised close to \$3000 and helped their parents clean for Pesach at the same time!

Lag Baomer Fire: Two functions were held; one for the boys at family Y. Kraemer with special entertainment from a magician/ fire juggler. The girl's bonfire was held at family Kass where they were treated to a drumfire circle coordinated by Mr. Moshel.



Madrichim Purim Group: The madrichim raised several thousand dollars by visiting homes and entertaining at Purim Seudahs.

Shaarei Youth launches its theme song.

Weekly Shabbos groups during the Winter.

Madrichim Shabbaton: The madrichim spend Shabbos away focusing on the essential elements of true leadership. Young Leaders Shabbaton: Grades 4-7 visit Emunah Farm for an inspirational Shabbaton

S.H.M.O.P: Shaarei Madrichim Only Party. The Madrichim enjoy get togethers with the aim of building the comradeship amongst the group.

Motzei Shabbos Soccer

Games: Held at Family C. Goldberg's tennis court.

Laser tag at Sidetracked.

Wednesday Night Learning

Adventure Trip: The regular participants enjoy a thrilling afternoon of downstream kayaking in the Yarra River.

Youth Newsletters: Shaarei Youth begins publishing newsletters updating the community on recent and upcoming events.

Structured Summer Learning

Program: A youth minyan, breakfast and learning seder were held consistently throughout the six week summer break. Boys monitored their progress by filling in charts and received vouchers to either, Golds, Office Works or Rebel Sports.



As we enter 5774 with renewed commitment to constantly grow and progress in all areas of our lives, we reflect upon the achievements and experiences of the past year, 5773. It has truly been an uplifting year. Below is a summary of many of the major events.

Guest Speakers:

Shaarei has been extremely fortunate to have the opportunity of hearing different guest speakers throughout the year. Some of the speakers that stand out were Rabbi Mordechai Becher, Rabbi James Kennard and Ronnie Halibard.

Daf Yomi Shiur:

Another year has transpired and it is with much pride that we still have more than a *minyan* of regulars. The next *siyum* will IY'H be on *meseches pesachim*, shortly after the *yomim tovim*.

Women's Shiur:

A recent initiative of the women has been to incorporate a shiur during the Kiddush on Shabbos morning. The shiurim have been very meaningful and we look forward to this becoming a regular feature.

Learning:

Recently the Shul began a short *seider* in *shmiras halashon* which takes place after *shacharis* each morning. The shul also initiated a 40 day program emphasizing no talking during *Kaddish* and *Chazaras Hashatz*, in attempt to increase *zechusim* and to *merit yeshuas* for those in need. Together with the nightly *gemoro shiurim*, *halocho shiur*, *morning daf yomi shiur* and the various other *chavrusas* etc, the year has been full of growth in Torah and *we daven* that Shaarei only continues to go from strength to strength.

Some of the other highlights were:

- An incredible week of summer day camp
- Pesach and winter holidays morning program
- Fondant icing melava malka for girls
- Shabbos nachmu kumzits