

ShaareiTefillah שערי תפילה News Rosh Hashanah 5775

Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message:



As we approach Rosh Hashanah and the Yomim Noraim we have many things that go through our minds. There is often a risk that when we are so busy and have so many details to focus on we miss out on looking at the big picture. These times of year bring us wonderful opportunity to reconnect with what is really important.

There is a well-known moshel told about a man travelling by foot from one village to another. In order to get to this village, he had to walk through a forest, in which he had to keep to a path which would lead him to his destination. The difficulty was that it was night-time, and there were no lights to illuminate the path. His only option was to try and keep as straight as possible and hope for the best. However, soon he strayed away from the path and found himself lost in the forest. With the rain pouring down and a storm approaching he was getting more and more distressed. Just then, there was a flash of lightning and for a split second the darkness was illuminated, with which he could view his path and scramble back onto it. But then there was darkness again and the challenge to keep to the path renewed itself.

Sure enough, not so long later when he had veered off course again, another lightning spark interrupted the darkness, with

the path being visible for those precious few moments. The man had found his 'natural lampposts;' he would direct himself via the sparks back to the path.

Rosh Hashanah and the Yomim Noraim time are these lightning sparks in our lives. They are days of light, in which we realign ourselves and our directions in life. It is a time where we can wholeheartedly declare Hashem as our King and us as His people, a day which we use to direct ourselves, back onto the path for the year to come.

This is also alluded to in the extra prayer that we add in at the end of our Shacharis and Maariv Tefillos throughout Elul and Yomim Noraim; "LeDovid Hashem Ori Veyishi – G-d is my light and my salvation". Chazal explain that Ori – my light, refers to Rosh Hashanah.

Over the last year, Klal Yisroel have come together. We have felt each other's pain. At times we really struggled to see the Yad Hashem behind events taking place and at others we saw it so openly. In some ways we experienced this bolt of lightning throughout the year.

Now that Rosh Hashanah is here and our destiny for the upcoming year is being decided, it's time to recommit ourselves to an even closer relationship with Him.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those at Shaarei who have put in much effort over the past year, helping continue to build our Kehillah into the wonderful place that it is. Our Youth director, Rabbi Fogelgarn together with the Madrichim for adding so much, our regular Ballei Tefillah who inspire us on a weekly basis, the Gabboim for all their efforts, all those who learn in our Beis Medrash throughout the week and of course all of our wonderful Mispalelim who each add so much in their own way.

May we all be granted with a Kesiva V'Chasima Tova for us, our families and all of Klal Yisroel.

Rabbi Arieh Berlin





INTRODUCING THE SHAAREI TEFILLAH LIBRARY FUND

We are delighted to announce that the Shaarei Tefillah Library has been granted tax deductibility status which means that all donations to the library are now tax deductible. Over the past few years, the Shaarei Tefillah library has grown significantly to include a considerable collection of Seforim on all topics. It also incorporates the Shaarei Tefillah Children's library which is well used on Shabbos by our kids.

A number of people have worked tirelessly over the past year to gain this tax deductibility status but special mention must go to Daniel Franck who has been instrumental in working with lawyers, advisors and the ATO throughout the process.

The library is core to the operations of our Shule and we encourage you all to get involved through donations and use of the facility. Donations can be made to the Shaarei Tefillah Library (BSB: 063-128 Account Number: 1050-0202) at any time.

Message from the Youth Director

To help appreciate the significance of Rosh Hashanah, the following moshel is told. A king once built a magnificent city complete with all necessary facilities and services. His wish was to take care of all the needs of the city's residents. In order to maintain their loyalty and to discern whether or not they would be deserving of his royal protection, he

established one day a year, on which he would visit the city Himself and observe each particular suburb. Every year, on the designated day, the King would come and travel around the city. He would even inspect

people's homes and check what kind of lifestyle they were living. If the people were obeying the laws and maintaining the city's buildings, parks and community centres, he would keep providing for their needs, as he so deeply desired.

This is what happens every year on Rosh Hashanah. Hashem judges the entire world, every individual, and decides if we are worthy of his kindness, love and divine protection. If we adhere to His laws, learn His Torah and do the Mitzvos, then yes, we will be deserving of Hashem's amazing world and all His blessings. Every year on Rosh Hashanah, our cities and our families are given a fresh start. As we reflect on the year that has past, we turn our attention to the New Year and daven to Hashem to bless us, our families and our cities with renewed divine protection.

During 5774 we introduced some new exciting initiatives. I will list a few of them. The Shabbos groups and learning groups ran as usual, however this year saw the addition of the much enjoyed youth Kiddush. I am still trying to figure out who likes it more, the youth or the adults! The Young Leaders Challenge was introduced for the first time. This is an informal educational program, in which the youth voluntarily contribute to the community and the shul, learning how to be good role models and leaders. Boys who complete the challenge earn themselves a spot on the much anticipated Young Leaders Shabbaton! This year also saw the transition from some of the experienced senior Madrichim to a younger group of boys, who have all stepped up to the plate with much enthusiasm and endeavour. We congratulate and extend our appreciation to all the Madrichim for their commitment and dedication.

The girls program also saw some real development with several programs taking place, including the Lag B'omer bonfire and various Motzei Shabbos activities. We extend our appreciation to all the mothers and Madrichot who were instrumental in getting these events off the ground. The Madrichot's most recent initiative is a nature photography competition, inspired by Rabbi Jung, as a way to teach emunah in our children through Hashem's remarkable creations. We look forward to seeing the pictures! There are several upcoming events for both the girls and the boys, so make sure you have a copy of the calendar which lists the events taking place over the chagim and school holidays.

We turn our attention to the coming year, 5775, in which I am confident we will see even more young members join along in our programs as we saw this past year. I hope you all remember the incredible experiences we had last summer: the concert at Emmy Monash, the trip to Rayner's Orchards and all the fun activities run by the Madrichim. It's time to get excited once again! Summer is approaching and Shaarei Youth is busy planning an amazing Day Camp experience.

We look forward to the many events throughout the year which the dynamic team of Madrichim will run for the boys and the Madrichot for the girls. It is with much passion that we look forward to developing the youth programs over the coming months, as we try to engage all ages, creating a true sense of belonging within each precious boy and girl, to the shul, the community, and ultimately our special family, Am Yisrael.

Wishing you all a Kesiva V'Chasima Tova,

Rabbi Binny Fogelgarn



NEWS

Communal **Avos Ubonim**

Melbourne hosted its second annual communal Avos Ubonim at the beginning of Elul. Shaarei Tefillah's presence was well felt at the inspiring event, with all of our regular participants joining. Rabbi Berlin shared some words of Torah with the over 600 participants and Rabbi Fogelgarn and the Madrichim gave out the prizes





Modim DeRabonon

Shaarei Tefillah would like to thank Ivan & Shirley Cohen for the beautiful Modim DeRabonon board that they recently donated to the Shul. Modim is such an important tefillah and this board gives us the opportunity to have even more concentration while saying it.



Elul Chaburah

Due to the initiative of a number of Mispalelim Shaarei Tefillah has hosted a morning Chaburah throughout Elul. Every morning there has been learning from 8:30-9:30am, this learning has been focused on the Rambam in Hilchos Teshuva as well as some of the Halochos of Rosh Hashanah.

We thank Rabbi Moshe Schreck (member of Kollel Beth HaTalmud) for his involvement in this program. His Shiurim have been very inspirational.



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Daf Hayomi Shiur Boruch Hashem the Daf Hayomi Shiur has

continued with much strength over the past year. We look forward to the exciting milestone of completing Seder Moed shortly after Yom Kippur. The next Mesechta will be Yevomos.

Annual Melaya Melka

We were honoured to have Rabbi Smukler, principal of Yeshiva Beth Rivka, as the guest speaker at Shaarei's annual Melave Malka. Rabbi Smukler delivered a topical Dvar Torah on Chodesh Elul which was both inspiring and entertaining. Hosted at Sidewalk Cafe, everyone was treated to an enjoyable evening of great food and entertainment. A hi-tech twist on the traditional trivia quiz provided some interactive fun enjoyed by all.













Rosh Hashanah Greeting

We extend our sincere good wishes for a Kesiva V'Chasima Tova, a happy and healthy year, to Shaarei Tefillah and the entire Jewish community.

Ezra and Ruchi Abrahams

Mery and Leah Adler

Dov Bartak

Family Berlin

Family Bensky

Family Berkovitz

Yechezkel and Esther Braun and Family

Michael and Stacy Budlender

Family Casen

Family Chalk

Family G Cohen

Family Mannie Cohen

Avreme, Bracha and Levana Cohney

Family D Cohney

Family B Creighton

Andrew and Haya Davis

Sruli and Chana Deutsch

Family Faraday

Family Feldman

Family Felman

Family Fisher

Family Fleischmann

Family B Fogelgarn

Daniel and Chumi Franck and Family

Mark and Chana Franck and family

Yossi and Sara Franck

Yossi and Lisa Frenkel and Family

Mrs Viveinne Fried and Family

Family Gampel

Family Garfield

Craig and Dina Goldberg and Family

Michi and Sora Frayda Goldberg and Family

Adam and Lanie Goldberger and Family

Gavi and Chavi Grossman

Family Grossman

Peta and Geoffrey Heimann and Family

Brocha, Dovy, Shlomy and Tzipora Hurwitz

Avi, Rina, Naftoli and Asher Jacobs

Yosef Chaim and Chana Holzer

Family Janet

Family Josephsohn

Danny Karp, Adina Bankier-Karp and Family

Esther and Zalmy Kass and Family

Susan and Marty Kraemer

Yossi and Hadassah Kraemer and Family

Family Lang

Family Lawrence

Family Levy

Aaron and Michelle Max

Family Meyerowitz

Family Milder

Gavin and Jolene Milner and Family

Alan and Naomi Moss and Family

Family Ossip

Jarrod and Sarah Phillips and family

Yigal and Shana Reuben and Family

Shmuel and Samara Rosenblum and Family

Saul and Isabela Rothman

Alan and Vicki Sharfman and Family

D and A Teller

Isaac and Natalie Teller

Michael and Amanda Tenne

Family Tugendhaft

Family Zuckerberg

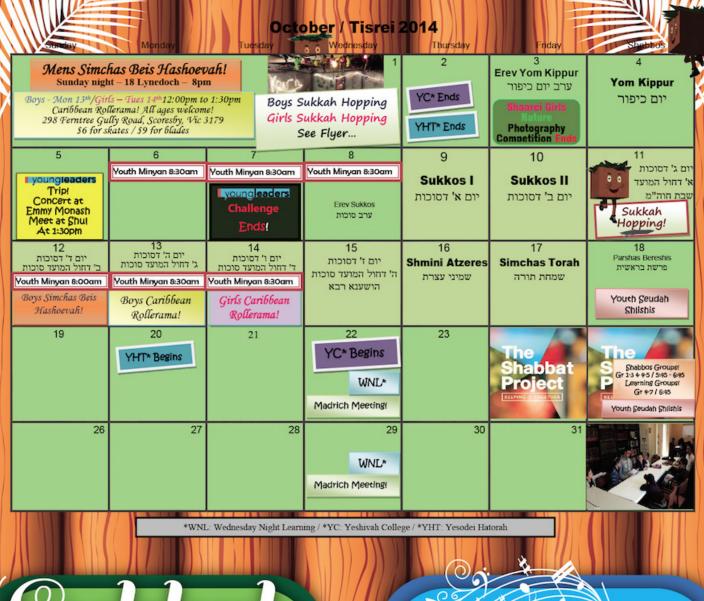


Heter Iska Shiur

During Elul Shaarei Tefillah was privileged to host a Shiur by Dayan Heimlich Shlita. The Dayan spoke about the topic of Heter Iska and explained the mechanics of how it works in Halacha. The Shiur was well attended with those present being able to ask questions. We look forward to having a follow on Shiur in the near future.











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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 24 th September	Erev Rosh Hashanah Eruv Tavshilin
Selichos	5:45am
Candle Lighting & Mincha	6:00pm
Maariv	6:52pm
Thursday 25 th September	First Day
Shacharis	7:45am
Torah Reading	9:30am
Kiddush	10:15am
Drasha followed by	
Shofar not before	10:25am
Mussaf	11:00am – 1:15pm approx
Daf Hayomi Shiur	5:00pm
Mincha	5:50pm
Maariv	6:52pm
Candle Lighting not before	6:59pm
Friday 26 th September	Second Day
Shacharis	7:45am
Torah Reading	9:30am
Kiddush	10:15am
Drasha followed by	
Shofar not before	10:25am
Mussaf	11:00am – 1:15pm approx
Daf Hayomi Shiur	5:00pm
Mincha	5:50pm
Candle lighting	6:02pm

Sunday 28 th September	Tzom Gedalya
Fast Starts	4:49am
Selichos	7:30am
Mincha	5:40pm
Fast Ends	6:55pm
Aseres Yemei Teshuva	Monday – Friday
Selichos	
Monday & Thursday	6:05am
Tuesday & Wednesday	6:15am
Friday	6:30am
Maariv	8:15pm

Friday 3 th October	Erev Yom Kippur
Mincha	3:40pm
Candle lighting/Fast begins	6:08pm
Kol Nidrei	6:15pm
Shabbos 4 th October	Yom Kippur
Shacharis	8:00am
Torah Reading	10:30am
Yizkor approx.	11:20am
Mussaf	11:30am
Break	2:40pm approx
Mincha	4:20pm
Neilah	5:40pm
Fast Ends	7:08pm

Shabbos 27 th September	Parshas Haazinu Shabbos Shuva
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:07am
Shabbos Shuva Drosha	5:00pm
Mincha Followed by Seudah	5:50pm
Shlishis	
Maariv and Motzei Shabbos	7:02pm

Wishing the Kehillah a כתיבה וחתימה טובה