



Shaarei News

ROSH HASHANAH 5777



Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah Message

The Mitzva of Tekiyas Shofar is one of the central themes of our Avodah on Rosh Hashanah. Rav Gedalia Schorr zt"l points out, that if we look at the Gemorah in Meseches Rosh Hashanah, many of the laws concerning the blowing of the Shofar are derived from the laws of blowing the Shofar during the Yovel year. In the 50th year, all land was returned to the family that originally inherited it and slaves were sent free.

The call of the Shofar blast of the Yovel signified freedom, just like the great shofar at the end of exile will proclaim our freedom. The same is true when it comes to Rosh Hashanah, the Shofar is calling for freedom - freedom from the evil inclination.

The Rambam writes in his Laws of Teshuvah, 3:4: "Although the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a decree of the Torah, there is a hint [of meaning] within it, as if it were saying, 'awake, sleeping ones, from your slumber, and those napping arise from your naps, examine your actions and return sincerely to G-d, and remember your Creator.'" The Shofar cries out: Wake up! You are free! You can set aside all that came before, and break the chains – break the patterns of misbehavior and self-destruction which have dogged your path. This is the message of the Shofar - to awaken a person to this freedom, to the promise which awaits every one of us.

As we enter the Yomim Noraim, these are days that are filled with so much opportunity - let's make sure we grasp it. Let us remove those chains that hold us back so that we can connect with our Creator over these special days.

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. In particular to Rabbi Schreck who has already had such a great impact on the Kehillah.

A special thank you to Boruch & Michal Chalk together with the Madrichim and Madrichot for all the effort and time they have put into Shaarei Youth over the past year. It is their continued devotion that has helped Shaarei Youth grow to where it is today.

Thank you to 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

Message from Rabbi Schreck

Another year has almost past and we find ourselves again with the Yomim Nora'im around the corner. At one of our recent Shiurim someone asked the following question regarding the role that Rosh Hashanah plays in our lives.

Chazal say that on Rosh Hashanah Hashem issues a judgement for each individual for the coming year. It is decreed who will live, who become wealthy, who will be healthy and so on. This idea is reflected in much of the Rosh Hashanah liturgy which is replete with this theme. On the other hand, we also know that it is possible to change the decree. The Gemorah in Rosh Hashanah 16a states "דא"ר יצחק יפה צעקה לאדם בין קודם גזר דין" "בין לאחר גזר דין" Rav Yitzchok said calling out [to Hashem in prayer] is effective both before and after the judgement has been issued. It is apparent that the Rosh Hashanah judgement is not completely sealed. If one was issued chas veshalom a bad ruling it is possible later in the year to have that overturned. Being that the Rosh Hashanah judgement can be changed, what then is the significance of this judgement?

There are a number of answers to this question. I would like to suggest the following approach. We all know that life is full of 'phases'. With the passing of every year we are forced to go through four phases, the four seasons. People, throughout their lives, often live in different places, have different jobs, family dynamics change. These changes are a very healthy aspect of human existence. The transitions periods between the phases of life naturally place a person in a reflective state. Anyone who is serious about growth needs to reflect, from time to time, on one's progress. Were it to have been that life was one continuous experience a person could live seventy years without ever taking time out to think about where he or she is headed. In these reflective periods people often ask themselves the following questions; what was my starting point? What were my goals? Where am I now? Does this match my goals and if not, how do I make it happen? When life changes and a new phase begins a person is placed in a state where these questions will, almost automatically, enter one's conscious.

It is true that we can overturn the Rosh Hashanah judgement, but it is still the annual judgement and the benefit of this 'annual' judgement is that it forces to realize that a phase in our lives is coming to an end. It forces us to take stock of the past year, make assessments, changes, and improvements. It makes us rethink our approach to relationships, our dedication to religion, family and work. As Rosh Hashanah rapidly approaches we become aware the year 5776 phase is coming to an end. How did we fair? Are we better people today than we were when the year started?

On a personal note the year 5776 has been an exciting one. It has been a big honor for me to have become part of the Shaarei team for the launch of our Beis Hamedrash program. The Kehillah has been very warm and welcoming. Baruch Hashem we have a very special Kehillah of Bnei Aliyah, people who want to grow in their yidishkeit, and have a serious commitment to Talmud Torah. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi and Rebbitzin Berlin for all they have done for the Kehillah as well as my family. They are true role models and their dedication to the Kehillah is unparalleled. Be'ezras Hashem, I look forward to the future at Shaarei Tefillah, may we continue to grow and reach new heights in our Avodas Hashem together.

Wishing everyone a כתיבה וחתימה טובה and a happy and healthy new year.

Rabbi Moshe Schreck



News at Shaarei

Each year we say the same thing about Shaarei Tefillah...What a year it has been...and this year is no exception. Rabbi Moshe Schreck was appointed earlier this year as Rosh Beis Medrash and what an impact this has made. We are now not only a Shul with Minyonim but we now have a fully functioning Beis Hamedrash – with new tables and lighting to create a genuine learning environment. Shaarei Tefillah is now open day and night with an array of Shiurim, Chavrusa learning and Minyonim.

Daily learning:

Shaarei Tefillah's Daf Hayomi Shiur, taking place in the early hours of the morning, has continued to make good progress - now well over half way through Shas. Over the last year there was a Siyum held at the home of Family Berlin to celebrate the completion of Seder Nezikin. The Shiur recently completed Meseches Bava Kama.

The daily learning after Shacharis and Maariv is an important part of our day. Every morning we have been learning the Chofetz Chaim's Sefer Ahavas Chesed – a collection of the Halochos and Hashkafa relating to the Mitzva of Chesed. After Maariv we have covered many of the key Halochos brought down in Kitzur Shulchan Aruch.

Daily Mishne Brurah Shiur: This year we completed Chelek Alef and started Chelek Beis. Shaarei had the Zechus of hosting the Melbourne Dirshu Siyum.

Ladies Shiurim:

Shaarei Tefillah takes much pride in offering quality Shiurim to the ladies and girls of our Kehillah. Over the past year we have organized a variety of Shiurim and we would like to thank all those who have given Shiurim: Rabbi Schreck, Rabbi Kennard, Mrs Sara Schreck, Mrs Ariella Lew, Mrs Yael Schneier, Mrs Adina Bankier-Karp, Mrs Michal Kaufman, Mrs Anna Bankier, Mrs Miri Merel, Mrs Riva Cohen, Mrs Bruria Tenenbaum & Mrs Sarit Lebovitz. There was also a well-attended Bug-checking shiur given by Rabbi Schreck.

24-hour learning

During the Summer Holidays, Shaarei once again ran a successful 24 hour non-stop learning program. It was concluded with a well-deserved and enjoyable BBQ. Thank you to all those who made it happen.

Social functions

Shaarei Tefillah takes great pride in being a community Shul. A key part of Shaarei's success has been their social events. Besides for the weekly kiddushim where both men and women are able to chat with their friends as well as meet new members of the community, Shaarei has also hosted many successful social activities. They include: Glaze It, Cooking Demo for women given by our very own Galit Ben-David, Ladies Melava Malka, Family Simchas Beis HaShoeva, successful Chanukah & Lag BaOmer functions for the whole family

Shaarei Youth

Shaarei Youth Boys has continued this year with amazing functions, camps and weekly programs. Motzei Shabbos Soccer is always a well-attended event together with Wednesday Night Learning and our annual Friday Night youth Dinner. This year we also held an awesome winter camp as well as a Madrichim training Shabbaton.

This year also saw the strong growth of Shaarei Youth Girls. Special Purim and Chanukah functions were held and regular girls kiddushim are part of our calendar. We look forward to continued growth in this area of our Kehillah.

Shaarei Tefillah wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to Boruch and Michal Chalk for their dedication to the youth over the past year.

Avos U'Bonim

One of our weekly events enjoyed by the boys and fathers is Avos U'Bonim. It is wonderful to hear the Kol Torah of boys learning with their fathers. There is great excitement to see who wins the raffle prizes and we love the weeks that are sponsored with hot chips, pizzas or hot dogs. Thank you to all the families who sponsored this year and we look forward to even more exciting surprises next year.



New developments at the **Shaarei Beis Medrash**

Meseches Kehillah: Sunday Morning 8:50am – 9:20am

Breakfast is served (bagels and smoked salmon) and the shiur begins. This shiur studies Meseches Berachos. Meseches Berachos has a thrilling combination of practical Halacha as well as many esoteric but fundamental sugyos. Participation is encouraged and thought provoking discussions usually ensue. Later on that day between Mincha and Maariv there is a 5 minute summary of the Halachos that came out of the morning's learning.

Hashkafa Shiur: Monday Evening 8:30pm-9:15pm

The Monday night Shiur has looked at a number of topics over the past year. Rabbi Berlin completed a series on Tefillah, based on the insights of Rabbi Schwab. It was a real opportunity to see the depths in some of our Tefillos. The next series of Shiurim explored the teachings and philosophy of the Rambam. Over recent months the shiur has learnt Hilchos Talmud Torah, De'os and Teshuvah. All of these topics have been full of insight and discussion. Jewish Philosophy: Tuesday Evening 8:30pm – 9:15pm

This interactive shiur given by Rabbi Schreck bases itself on the revolutionary sefer "alei Shur" written by Rav Shlomo Wolbe zt"l. The shiur focuses on self-introspection and actualization. Rav Wolbe walks his readers through the complexities of the human cognitive self. Questions from the audience are greatly encouraged and therefore the shiur often takes unexpected turns. We have explored topics like the dilemma of Hashem's knowledge vs free choice, why do bad things happen to good people, nature vs nurture, human potential and other topics.

The Kosher Shmooze: Thursday Evening 8:30pm – 9:15pm

Every Thursday night from 8:30 – 9:15 PM Rabbi Schreck gives an inside look into the exciting world of Kashrus. The goal of these Shiurim is twofold; to expose the attendees to the complexities and challenges of kashrus certification in today's environment. The Shiurim also attempt to present an objective explanation of the two sides of controversial kashrus topics. Since its inception, there have been over 25 Shiurim on a wide variance of topics including a hands on demonstration of how to check vegetables and herbs for insect infestation, the halachic basis of kosher certification, cholov Yisroel, bishul Yisroel, dairy bread, what could be wrong with duck eggs among others.





Afternoon Chaburah: Monday - Thursday 3pm – 6pm

The afternoon at Shaarei begins with a 3 pm Mincha. There is then a 20 minute Mishna Berura shiur following the Dirshu Amud Yomi program. Then begins an in depth study of Meseches Shabbos. The Chaburah began with the famous Mishna in the 7th Perek of Shabbos that lists the 39 Melachos. Packed in the ensuing two blatt, the Chaburah studies the Melachos of Me'amer, Dosh, Borer, Zoreh, Meraked, Tochein and Losh. The Chaburah then studied the 12th Perek, HaBoneh and studied the Melachos of Boneh, Kosev, and Mochek, as well as delving into the intricate sugyos of dovor she'eino miskaven and melacha she'ein tzericha legufa. The Chaburah is fortunate to receive regular lectures from Dayan Chaim Heimlich at the Shaarei Beis Medrash. The lecture is open and attended by other members of the Kehillah and outsiders as well.

Nighttime at the Shaarei Beis Medrash: Sunday - Thursday 7:30 pm - late

In addition to the nightly Shiurim that take place in the Shaarei Beis Medrash there are also individuals who come and learn in the warm and inviting atmosphere. There are many opportunities to come in and join a shiur or pick up a chavrusa. In order to inquire about Shiurim and to set up chavrusas please contact Rabbi Schreck or Rabbi Berlin.

Elul Program

Shaarei Tefillah launched a successful Elul Inspiration Program this year. Every Sunday between Mincha and Maariv we had a 10 minute boost of inspiration. These four talks were delivered by Rabbi Lior Broh, Rabbi Aryeh Goldman, Reb Doodie Bankier, and Rabbi Myron Sacher. Each speaker, in his unique style, analyzed a different aspect of our Avodah in Elul.

The Kehillah had the zechus of having a breakfast and Shiur with Rabbi Danny Mirvis who delivered an insightful analysis of the 'leDovid Hashem' chapter in Tehillim that we say during this period of the year.

During Seudah Shlishis throughout Elul, we had a number of Teshuvah themed Droshas. They included guest speakers: Rabbi Kenig (Principal of Adass Israel School) and Dr. David Sacks (one of the members of the afternoon Chaburah)

The women had an uplifting Melava Malka where they heard inspiring talks by Mrs. Mindy Weisner and Mrs Ariella Lew. There have been a number of special Elul themed Shiurim at the Shaarei Beis Hamedrash throughout the nights as well. Rabbi Berlin has delivered a number of Shiurim focused around the Rambam's approach to Teshuvah. Rabbi Shreck's Tuesday night philosophy shiur took a break from the usual text and examined how the Divine judgement operates.

The Kehillah would like to thank all the organizers and lecturers as well as all those who participated in this important program.

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

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

Merv and Leah Adler

Justin and Galit Ben-David

Family Bensky

Family Berlin

Family Braun

Michael and Stacy Budlender

Family Casen

Family Chalk

Family G Cohen

Mannie and Masha Cohen and Family

Avreme and Bracha and Family

Family B Creighton

Sruli and Chana Deutsch and family

Family Faraday

Family Fleischmann

Family R Fogelgarn

Daniel and Chumi Franck and Family

Mark and Chana Franck and family

Yossi and Sara Franck

Yossi and Lisa Frenkel and Family

Vivienne Fried and Family

Family Gampel

Craig and Dina Goldberg and Family

Adam and Lanie Goldberger and Family

Gavi and Chavi Grossman and Family

Family F Grossman

Family C 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

Danny Karp, Adina Bankier-Karp and Family

Esther and Zalmy Kass and Family

Family Lang

Family Leigh

Family Luftig

Family Luntz

Clive and Shelly Massel

Aaron and Michelle Max

Family Milder

Alan and Naomi Moss and Family

Family New

Eli and Tammy Nossbaum and Family

Family Ossip

Shmuel and Samara Rosenblum and Family

Saul and Isabela Rothman

Colin and Andy Sacher

Monty Sacher

Family Schreck

Family D Teller

Michael and Amanda Tenne

Mr & Mrs Ari Traurig

Family Urban

Family Widmonte

Family Zuckerberg

SHAAREI YOUTH

TISHREI

5777



OCTOBER 3RD – NOVEMBER 1ST 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBOS
החל שנה וברכותיה GIRLS' SUKKAH DECORATING!	ראש השנה GIRLS' TASHLICH!	ראש השנה	צום גדליה			VAYELECH שבת שובה
OCT 9	OCT 10	OCT 11	OCT 12 יום כפור	OCT 13 SHACHARIS 8:00 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 14 SHACHARIS 8:30 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 15 HAAZINU AVOS UVANIM
OCT 16	OCT 17 סוכות	OCT 18 סוכות ב' GIRLS' SUKKAH HOPPING!	OCT 19 SHACHARIS 8:15 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 20 SHACHARIS 8:15 BREAKFAST & LEARNING BOYS' ICE SKATING!! SIMCHAS BEIS HASHOEVA!!	OCT 21 SHACHARIS 8:15 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 22 שבת חול המועד BOYS' SUKKAH HOPPING!
OCT 23 SHACHARIS 8:00 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 24 שמיני עצרת	OCT 25 שמיני תורה	OCT 26 SHACHARIS 8:30 BREAKFAST & LEARNING GIRLS' ROLLER-BLADING!!	OCT 27 SHACHARIS 8:30 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 28 SHACHARIS 8:30 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 29 BEREISHIS AVOS UVANIM
OCT 30 SHACHARIS 8:00 BREAKFAST & LEARNING	OCT 31	NOV 1				

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ZVI BERLIN ON 0455-720-361 OR YUDI ZUCKERBERG ON 0421-196-713

Sukkah Hopping

Second Day
Yom Tov

Girls meet at shule @ 5:00pm

Shabbos
Chol Hamoed

Boys meet at shule @ 5:30pm



Simchas Beis
Hashoeva

Thursday Night

18 Lynedoch Ave

7:30pm

Everyone welcome



Shaarei
YOUTH
Be Part of It