

A Message from the Rav

Morai veRabosaiy and Ladies of BTYA:

Shalom aleichem, peace unto you.

As for me, *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* has seen fit to give me a turbulent *tekufah* in life. That in itself is a *chessed haShem*, as I have had an extremely blessed life. To the degree that it worried me, in the stillness of night, if I were getting my *s'char* in *olom hazeh*. The current pain-filled *matzav* of confusion and lack of direction and clarity has calmed me down somewhat about that, though I could speak for hours about the *chasdei HaShem* which suffuses my present *matzav* as well.

I attribute this to your *tefillos*, your *berachos*, and your actions which are done in my *zechus*.

A major, perhaps THE major ramification of the present *matzav* is my inability to carry out fully my obligations vis-à-vis the *tzibur* at BTYA.

I juggled that for a few months, but as things dipped below a certain red line, and especially with the *Yomim Noraim* coming up, my inabilities, and the uncertainties,

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Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Dr. Ari and Rivka Stern on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Zevi and Chaya Bracha Stern.



See the back page for an important letter to the Kehilla from Rav Binyamin Jacobson

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

To the *Kehillah Hakedosha* Beis Tefillah Yonah Avraham:

The recent months have been very challenging for our Kehilla, it was very difficult to watch our beloved Rav Shlita suffer while at the same time push himself beyond human limits to be there for us. If the Rav's dedication was always legendary, these unfortunate circumstances brought it to new heights. The *mesiras nefesh* that the Rav and Rebbetzin have for our Kehilla has no bounds.

While we waited week by week, davening for a *yeshua* and a *refuah* that would return the Rav to us fully, with Elul now upon us and Tishrei right around the corner, the Rav and members of the board have been meeting to discuss how to approach the *Yamim Nora'im*. However, after suffering additional setbacks, the Rav reached the difficult decision that stepping back was necessary

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Shabbos Schedule לוח זמנים לשבת

Erev Shabbos		
ערב שבת	שעה	הערות
הדלקת נרות	6:03	
תפילת מנחה קטנה	6:23	
יש לקבל שבת לפני שקיעה	6:43	One should be mekabel Shabbos before Sh'kia
ערבית מאוחרת	9:00	"Late" Ma'ariv
Shabbos Day		
יום השבת	שעה	הערות
שחרית כותיקין	5:53	Shacharis - Vasikin
הנץ החמה	6:38:00	Hanetz HaChama
ברכות וקרבת	7:55	B'rachos and Korbanos
פסוקי דזמרה	8:05	Pesukei D'Zimrah
נשמת	8:25	Nishmas
מנין בחורים	8:45	Youth Minyan
סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א	9:30	Latest Shema - G'ra
תפילת מנחה גדולה	1:20	Tefillas Mincha Gedola
אבות ובנים	4:55	Avos u'Banim
תפילת מנחה קטנה	5:55	Tefillas Mincha Ketana
שקיעה	6:42	Sh'kia
מעריב	7:22	Ma'ariv
סליחות	12:33	Selichos
Next Shabbos		
שבת הבאה	שעה	הערות
הדלקת נרות	5:54	Candle Lighting
מנחה	6:14	Mincha

דף השבוע לשבוע הבא: מועד קטן כ"א

Shabbos Chaburah

R' Tully Bryks

will give this week's Chaburah on the topic

CRAZY CASES IN MONETARY HALACHA THE SEQUEL



There will be an **upgraded** Kiddush for men in the Beis Medrash immediately after davening on Shabbos before the 20 minute chaburah. The Kiddush is sponsored by **R' Moshe Lichtenstein**, who will be *mesayam Seder Nashim* to commemorate the *shloshim* of his father שמואל בן משה ז"ל

These z'manim are correct for תבא כי תבא

Shabbos Shiurim

- English Shabbos shiur for women: 4:45 pm at the home of **Heather Bloch, Nachal Achziv 8/5**. Speaker: **Rabbi Natanel Lebowitz**.
- Pirkei Avos with Rabbi Yehonasan Alpren 6:25pm upstairs.

- בית מדרש, R' Ari Stern 9:30pm ליל שבת: דף יומי
- בית מדרש 4:00pm Shabbos Afternoon: דף יומי with Rabbi Zabrowsky

Avos uBanim

AUB begins this Shabbos at **4:55**

(5 minutes earlier than usual)!

This Shabbos - **ELUL ZMAN AUB** - is sponsored by the entire Kehila as a *zechus* for a *refua shleyma* for our beloved Rav!



To give the boys a little extra encouragement to come and learn and maximize the *zechus*, everyone will get a bag of DORITOS!



Also, each boy who comes will get one week closer to earning his personal PRIZE in **Mivtza Matana** - week 2 of 4!



**BE PART OF AUB LIKE
YEHUDA SIMCHA AND
MOSHE MATISYAHU
GHERMAN!
DON'T MISS OUT!**



GIMMEL Daled Minim Shuk

The Shul will be facilitating its annual 3-minim sale again this year. The Shul provides this as a service to its members, and earns no money from it. The quality of each *sug* is very high for that *sug*—just ask people who have been there, done that. This has been going on for many years, and B"H virtually everyone has been satisfied. Each *min* has been checked meticulously already, and assigned its level. When in doubt, they gave it the lower level. Once again, you just come (Thursday night after Yom Kippur), pick up, pay (**please pay in cash**), and go. Rav Malinowitz (probably son Nechemya) will be there as well to answer questions and to check out any complaints or issues.



The following will be the prices:

- Alef alef—450₪
- Bais—220₪
- Alef-330₪
- Gimel (kosher)-150₪

As usual, *aravot* are not included.

Ordering (e-mailing to rav@btya.org) starts Sunday, and ends *Tzom Gedalya*.

Shul Setup

Shul setup for Erev Shabbos Parshas Nitzavim (27 September): Ari Gruen, David Kallus

Shul setup for Erev Rosh HaShana 5780 (29 September): Mordechai Bernstein, Eliyahu Gherman, Tzvi Gherman, Beinish Ginsburg, Yitzchak Glickstein, Shmuel Helig, Hillel Horowitz, Yehuda Leib Joelson, Jack Kalla, Jon Nicoll

We try to avoid asking people to help with *Yomim Noraim* setup if you did it already within the last year or two, hence the non-alphabetic order. If you were skipped but would like to take part, please contact Daniel Michaels.

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for both him and for the long term benefit of the Kehilla, to be able to focus his *kochos* on healing, and to *bezras Hashem* be back with us speedily with renewed health and *kochos*.

The Rav and the board approached Rabbi Binyamin Jacobson to step in as the "interim Rav". Rav Jacobson is a very talented *talmid chacham*, with many *kishronos* that he has already made available to our Kehilla. He gives many *shirim* in BTYA already, he is an editor for *Ohr Olam* publishers and worked with *Artscroll* in the past. He brings to us a particular background in *chinuch* having just translated the *sefer* "Spare the Child" by his Rebbe, R' Yechiel Yaakovson. He has a very close relationship with the Rav Shlita. Rav Jacobson, on very short notice, was asked to lead us through the *Yomim Noraim* and until the Rav is able to return to full function.

I want to thank Rav Jacobson for accepting this task. We should all appreciate that it is not easy to jump into the responsibility of leading a Kehilla in the middle of Elul, but Rav Jacobson recognized our needs and graciously accepted the role. **Please note that Rav Jacobson will not be answering halachik Shailos.** The Rav Shlita will still be available through email and phone for Shailos as in the past.

At this point I want to request that the members of the Kehilla step up and have more personal involvement in the shul. Please daven with us as often as possible, participate in our programs, and look for opportunities to volunteer and become involved. The morale of the *tzibbur* is certainly raised when more people give themselves to the *tzibbur* and we need a morale booster. The shul has many needs we have Rav Jacobson stepping in, a new secretary and as such more people need to take an active role in helping. The *nshai* would be the address for the women of the kehilla to get involved.

I am recommitting myself to the shul and agree to stay another year (*bli neder*) as president. I want to thank my partners in this transition Aryeh Sonnenberg and David Blass. Their efforts have been outstanding.

The absence of the Rav and Rebbetzin especially during the *Yomim Noraim* and *Simchas Torah* will be painful for our kehilla. It is a glaring hole that can't be filled by any temporary measures. May the Rav Shlita have a *refuah shlaimah bekarov*.

May we all have a *Ksiva vChasima Tova* and may Hashem answer all of our *tfillos l'tovah*.

Dr. David Kallus

President of BTYA

BTYA Minhag Morsel

Although one person at a time saying *kaddish* is the preferred way, it is felt to be unworkable in a *minyán* which has a public flow of different people. Hence, *kaddish* is said together by many people; Since it is wrong to just say "extra" *kaddeishim*, many *kaddeishim* are skipped.

KADDISH

All of these *kaddeishim* are printed in the *siddur* for the shul lucky enough to have one person at a time say *kaddish* (as is the case in the BTYA *Vasikin Minyan*!)

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are clearly preventing me from fully giving the *olom* what they deserve.

That, and the reality that my focus on the Shul had the potential to hinder my healing, brought me to the decision that it would be best for all if I take a limited medical leave of absence from my duties at BTYA. **Rabbi Binyamin Jacobson**, known to most of the *olom* through his *shiurim* and *va'adim* and talks, will be "stepping up to the plate."

President Dr. Kallus will explain all the ramifications of that decision, and the totality of what the *Shul* will be doing to fill the gap.

I remain ready to meet with people by appointment, and to answer most *shaylos* by e-mail or phone...But being a Rav of a *Kehillah Kedasha* is so much more, so much more....and *HKBH* has seen fit to remove me hopefully temporarily from that awesome-yet-zechus-filled position.

Kesivah vaChasimaah Tovah-and who knows? *Yeshu'as HaShem k'heref ayin!*

Thank you all

Rabbi Chaim Zev Malinowitz

Vasikin News

If you missed "Sonnenberg and Son" *leining* at last year's Bar Mitzvah in Hebron, you have a chance to catch them again at the BTYA Vasikin minyon this Shabbos!



CREMBOs have returned! Now participants (16 and under) in the Vasikin Minyon have a choice of a **Crempo** or an **Ice Pop** during the Shabbos Kiddush. Get yours this Shabbos!

**This year:
Be the first ones to
Greet the
King!**



Rosh Hashanah **Vasikin** Schedule (in the main Beis Medrash)

- B'rachos 5:39 AM
- HaMelech 6:24 AM
- HaNetz 6:43:30/6:44:15 AM

This minyan is being offered to the Tzibbur for the express purpose of enabling one to say *K'rias Shema* and daven the Amidah at the most appropriate time. The minyan will NOT be having *Chazzoras HaSha"tz*. The pace is similar to the main minyan.

For your scheduling needs:

- 7:00 main minyan - B'rachos
- 7:45 main minyan - HaMelech
- 8:20 main minyan - Chazzoras HaSha"tz (approx.)

Keeping The Flame Of Torah Burning Brightly!

The following days of learning were dedicated by **Parnessei HaYom**:

16 Elul: Loring Family on the Yahrzeit of their son:

שלמה בן נחום דוב בער



For details and to make a donation, contact **Moshe Lichtenstein** at 052-952-7936 or parness@btya.org. The donations are used to perpetuate BTYA's Torah learning programs. Donations to **Parnessei HaYom** are listed on the board at the front of the shul, in addition to being listed in the newsletter.

BTYA Neshei Presents

ANNUAL WOMEN'S ELUL MELAVA MALKA

THIS MOTZA'EI SHABBOS
P' KI SAVO—OHR L'22 ELUL—SEPT 1
9:15PM

PRE-ROSH HASHANA INSPIRATION

**SETTING OUR FOCUS
ON ROSH HASHANA**
REBBETZIN MALINOWITZ

PLUS

**SOME BRIEF WORDS FROM
THE NEW INTERIM RAV OF BTYA**

RAV BINYAMIN JACOBSON



**Making the
Aseres Yemei Teshuva
Meaningful**

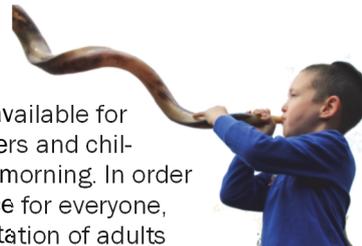
Part Two of the series from
Mrs. Bracha Markovitz

NEW DATE: Sun. Oct 6th
11:00am @ 11/2 Nachal Raziel



Rosh Hashanah and Kids

This year there will not be formal babysitting groups as there were in past years. We would like to make the *ulam* available for the *tzibur* as a place for mothers and children to spend Rosh Hashana morning. In order to ensure a positive experience for everyone, we would like to organize a rotation of adults (mothers/teens) to supervise in the *ulam* and ensure that the children are safe and do not cause any damage. Children under the age of 6 will not be allowed downstairs without an older sibling or adult. All parents will be responsible for the behavior of their children.



Please contact Mrs. Michal Rubin if you can volunteer one hour. michalrubinot@gmail.com 058-762-4983

End of Early Shabbos

Reminder: Last Shabbos was the last "Early Shabbos" of the season. Look for "Early Shabbos" to resume next year after Pesach.



The 9:00pm Maariv will continue this week and next week, but will not continue after Rosh Hashanah.

NEXT SHABBOS

Shabbos Tefillah

Learn how to connect, benefit and enrich your tefillos during these auspicious days of awe and throughout the year.



Rise and Shine!

With Rabbi Menachem Nissel

Program

Friday Night

6:40 PM Rabbi Nissel will "set the stage" (after Kabbolas Shabbos)

9:30 PM For women and teenage girls, "Wake Up Call". Brand new content, never given in Eretz Yisroel! In the Ulam.

Shabbos Day

10:00 D'rosha from Rabbi Nissel

4:45 Rabbi Nissel Lecture

5:45 Mincha

6:10 For men and teenage boys, Seuda Shlishis "Q&A" with Rabbi Nissel, in the Ezras Nashim.

Selichos

Selichos begin this Motza'ei Shabbos at 12:33am, preceded by a short schmooze from Rav Binjamin Jacobson at 12:15am.

During the week, selichos begin 25 minutes before the vasikin minyon, and 30 minutes before the other two minyonim. The full schedule is on the bottom of the last page. Note that the 8:00 minyon will say selichos at 7:30am in the Vasikin room and then move downstairs.



A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM RAV

אחי ורעי האהובים, בני הקהילה הקדושה

On the one hand, attempting to step in to assume even a fraction of our Rav's role — even temporarily, and even only in part — is unspeakably daunting. On the other hand, I am not really venturing into something new. I am warmly ensconced in a place that I know and love, and among people that I know and love, with years behind us of growing together and learning from each other. I sincerely hope that the coming period, while challenging, will be an opportunity to discover more of the quality of this beautiful kehillah, to get to know more of you, to become acquainted with your children — the beautiful *dor* that is sprouting up among us — and to deepen the relationships that already exist.

Hashem is imposing upon the kehillah to go into the Yamim Nora'im without the fatherly guidance of the Rav. Apparently, Hashem is challenging us to find it within ourselves to join together, and to draw on the *ruach* of driven and enthusiastic *avodas Hashem*, that the Rav has instilled in the shul. This, enhanced by the unique *kochos* and qualities of each individual.

But the truth is that it is essential that we realize that Hashem's call to the kehillah carries much greater and deeper significance. The Rav's state is not about the Rav as an individual. It is a *tzarah* for the shul. And it reached a head exactly on the threshold of the Yamim Nora'im. *Rambam (Hilchos Taaniyos 1)* tells us that when a *tzarah* comes upon a *tzibbur*, they are obligated to interpret it as a call for *teshuvah* and *tefillah*. Precisely on the days of *teshuvah* and *tefillah*, Hashem is singling out our kehillah with a direct, personalized call for *teshuvah* and *tefillah*. Does this mean that there is a flaw in the kehillah as a kehillah? Not necessarily. This is a kehillah of *bonei aliyah* and *mevakshei Hashem* that has demonstrated, and constantly demonstrates, ability and willingness to grow and progress. It is quite plausible that Hashem is saying, "There's more growth, greatness, closeness with Me, that this kehillah is capable of." And He — the Master *Mechanech*, as the Alter of Kelm expressed it — is urging us to bring out that potential that we might not even be aware of, but which He knows is there. Apparently, He is confident that we are capable of hearing His call. May we be *zocheh* to achieve that added growth and closeness, and to see Hashem award our efforts by accepting our tefillos, granting the Rav a *refuah sheleimah*. בישועת הכלל והפרט.

I will greatly appreciate anyone who puts in one *tefillah* for me that I be given the *siyata d'Shmaya* to optimally do my share in navigating together a Yamim Nora'im that will bring us that much closer to Hashem; and to serve this *shelichus* in a way that will be pleasing to Hashem and His children, for the time that Hashem sees fit, until I can hand back to the Rav shlit" a the precious *pikadon* that Hashem entrusted him with.

In addition, I am deeply grateful to the *bonei hachaburah* who spared no effort to facilitate this transition in the best way possible, in every respect, with great dedication.

ישלם ה' פעלם, ותהי משכורתם שלמה מאת ה' אלקי ישראל, איש על שמו הטוב. ויהי נועם ה' אלקינו עלינו, ומעשה ידינו כוננה עלינו, ומעשה ידינו כוננהו

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