Beis Tefillah Yonah Avraham

MEMBER GUIDE







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Please treat accordingly.

The Rav's Message

BS"D

This year was a pivotal one for our Kehillah. The passing of Horav Malinowitz zt"l closed a chapter in our lives, as individuals, and as a Kehillah. At this stage in the Kehillah's life, particularly having moved together through the loss of the Rav zt"l, mourning together, drawing chizuk together, and perpetuating his legacies together, we may say that this membership guide is, in a sense, a family album, with a family history. A family brought together through shared experience and growth.

On the one hand, every name in this guide is a unique עולם ומלואו with individual kochos and accomplishments, many of whom it has been a privilege, for me personally, to get to know and learn from. On the other hand, this is a unified body, a family joined in passionate and relentless pursuit of aliyah, sheleimus, and kirvas Hashem with a strong sense of achvah and achdus — providing every member with the sense that there is an entire Kehillah right there with them in whatever they may go through, smachos or otherwise, chas v'shalom.

This manifests in many ways, on many fronts. It is particularly inspiring to see such a collection of people who are on the one hand sophisticated intellectuals, highly successful in their various fields, while on the other hand full of youthful idealism and enthusiasm, with a fresh desire to grow and learn. Life in the Kehillah is very much characterized by the contributions of the many diverse talents and abilities extant in the shul, pooled together to create a rich, multi-faceted reality of Torah, avodah, and chessed. The diverse accomplishments over the years in these realms is all part of the effect of this unique contrast of high level sophistication, and sustained, never-tiring idealism and enthusiasm. We daven for the siyata d'Shmaya to maintain and enhance this very unique mikdash me'at, with the many mikdashim camping around it in the form of elevated Jewish homes.

On a note of its own, we thank Hashem for the continued zechus of having among us the mother of the Kehillah, Rebbetzin Malinowitz תלאוי"ט, as a teacher and as a role model. May we have the zechus to continue to learn from her stellar example for many years to come blessed with berachah and nachas.

Standing at the point between the memories, growth, and accomplishments of the last eighteen years, under the leadership of Horav Malinowitz zt"l, and looking out toward the future, we might express it first with a heartfelt expression of עד הַנָּה עֲזָרוּנוּ רַחֲמֶיךּ וְלֹא עֲזָבוּנוּ חֲסְדֶיךּ and then, a heartfelt cry of וְאֵל תִּטְשֹׁנוּ ה' אלקינו לָנֶצַח

עַל כֵּן אֵבָרִים שָׁפַלְּגָת בָּנוּ, וְרוּחַ וּלָשָׁמָה שֶׁנְּפַחָתָּ בְּאַפֵּינוּ, :Then, may we merit to embody the continuation: עַל כֵּן אֵבָרִים שַׁפְּלָּגְת בָּנוּ, וְרוּחַ וּלְשָׁמָה שֶׁנְּפַחְתָּ בְּאַפֵּינוּ, יְנַשְׁרִיצוּ וְיַקְדִּישׁוּ וְיַמְלִּיכוּ אֶת שִׁמְךּ מַלְבֵּנוּ. כִּי כָל פֶּה לְךְּ וְלָשׁוֹן אֲשֶׁר שַׂמְתָּ בְּפִינוּ, הֵן הָם יוֹדוּ וִיבָרְכוּ וִישַׁבְּחוּ וִיפָאָרוּ וְיַעֲרִיצוּ וְיַלְדִּישׁוּ וְיַלְּבוֹת יִירָאוּךּ וְכָל קָּרֶב וּכְלֵיוֹת יְזַמְרוּ יִזְמְרוּ וְכָל לְשׁוֹן לְךְּ תִשְּׁבַע וְכָל בֶּרֶךְ לְּךְּ תִּכְרֵע וְכָל קּוֹמָה לְפְנֶּיךְ תִשְׁתְחָשׁ, וֹיְלָל הָוֹלְיָה הֹי מִי כְמוֹךְּ. לִּישְׁנְחִינִי תּאִמֵּרְנָה ה' מִי כְמוֹךְ. לִשְׁמְחֹתִי תּאִמֵּרְנָה ה' מִי כְמוֹךְ.

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MAIN list – For shul announcements to all members and hundreds of other subscribers. This list has the widest distribution. Send what you want to be seen to info@btya.org, and we'll send it out.

MEMBER list – For communication, announcements, *chesed* needs or offers among *all* members. Write **your own email** to

btya-members@googlegroups.com (for members only).

NESHEI list – For communication among women members only. Write **your own email** to btya-neshei@googlegroups.com (for women members only).

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To maintain and expand an open and tolerant קהילה that fosters and develops the 'חיבת ארץ ישראל) of English-speakers in ארץ, in order to help them grow in their עלייה רוחנית; and also one which assists them with the השמיות and of normal, everyday life. We consider the Kehillah חרדי in the sense of the acknowledgement and implementation of the centrality of תלמוד תורה and דקדוק במצוות bour lives. Through our success, we hope to influence Israeli society as well.

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BTYA offers a wide variety of *shiurim*, *chaburos*, and other learning opportunities. In addition, many of our *shiurim* help you learn ברוב עם and grow in Torah.

The following list describes many (though not all) of our shiurim. To keep up to date, see the **BTYA Learning Schedule** in the בית מדרש, visit our website at www.btya.org or better yet, just *ask* someone!

MORNING SHIURIM

Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Yechiel Nussbaum. Learn approximately one *daf* a week at "*Daf-yomi*" level, with built-in הזרה.

Mishnayos Chaburah with Rabbi Joel Padowitz. Finish *shas mishnayos* in just a few years. The *shiur* covers about a half *perek* each day, with an emphasis to ensure that participants really understand "how it all fits together."

Gemara Iyun with Rabbi Tzvi Avraham Maslin. Intermediate-level, pedagogic shiur for people looking for a deeper analysis of the Gemora and its sugyos - but are limited in time.

Gemara with Rabbi Moshe Goldstein. Following the unique methodology of Rav Avigdor Miller דצ"ל, which improves the minds, skills, and learning experience of everyone from beginners to advanced learners. Moving at a slow pace, allowing time to integrate the primary points, questions are answered and built-in review ensures mastery of the material.

Daf Yomi

Rabbi Eliezer Rosenblum, 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rabbi Zabrowsky, 12:00 noon until תפילת מנחה גדולה.

Additional shiurim: Chovos Halevavos for women, by Rav Jacobson; Mishlei for women and Mishlei for men, by R' Sklar. Parsha/Moadim, by R' Lubling.

AFTERNOON SHIURIM

Gemara (slower paced for older beginners), by R' Druksman and **Hilchos Shabbos** by R' Subotzky.

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Halacha and Hashkafa for women with Rebbitzen Malinowitz.

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EVENING SHIURIM

Chovos HaLevavos with Rav Jacobson. A daily injection of encouragement in our serving 'ה' through heartfelt emotions and attitudes, merging the *mitzvos* we do in action with an inner relationship coming from the לב (heart and mind). Right before the first ma'ariv.

Short D'var Halacha with Rav Jacobson. A short session of daily halachos. Right after the first ma'ariv.

Mishnayos for Boys, with Rabbi Nussbaum. A משנה *shiur* tailored for kids to learn and enjoy. Very interactive. Learning the "other half of Shas" (טהרות and זרעים, קדשים).

Daf Hashavua with R' David Leichter. Keep up the pace with the worldwide Daf Hashavua program.

Contemporary Cases of Monetary Law with Dayan Yitzchok Solomon. A lively, interactive *shiur* about everyday money matters, drawing on real-life cases from various בתי דין. After hearing Rabbi Solomon's presentation of the pertinent legal principles, join the "בית דין" and deliberate!

Nach—The Heritage of a Nation Hand-Crafted by Hashem, with Rabbi Jacobson. נ"ך, based on Chazal and the Mefarshim, studied through the lens of Rabbi Avigdor Miller "זצ"ל. Connect to the grandeur of our nation's past, and discover your place in its destiny! No books or preparation required.

Yeshivas Keter HaTorah, Smicha Program. Keter HaTorah offers courses catering to the beginner as well as the experienced *halachah* learner, including Issur V'Heter and Niddah.

Gemara Iyun with Rabbi Barak Saffer. Guided, in-depth study of *sugyos* based on provided מראי מקומות. In the twice-a-week *shiur*, Rabbi Saffer expands your horizons via step-by-step, *lomdushe* analysis. Nightly preparation with *shiur* on Mon and Thurs.

Additional shiurim: Daas Tevunos with Rabbi Lubling, Shulchan Aruch with R' Shmuel Katz, Daf Yomi with R' Simon Baum. Hebrew Daf Yomi with R' Ilan Grilus, Mussar Vaad with Rav Jacobson. Derech Hashem with Rav Jacobson. Mishna Berura with R' Yechiel Nussbaum.

FRIDAY SHIURIM

Hilchos Shabbos with Rabbi Yitzchak Subotzky. Learn all of חבלכות שבח (not just the don'ts, but also the dos) thoroughly with Rabbi Subotzky's proven method of learning, understanding, and retaining the material. From שולחן ערוך down to modern-day applications.

Parshah Gems with Rabbi Dovid Learman. An uplifting shiur on the ברשה consisting of selected ideas of inspiration and השקפה. This *shiur* will empower you to conduct your *Shabbos* table with a collection of ideas that will enable you and your family to grow from the lessons of the פרשה.

Additional shiurim: Daf Yomi in English and Hebrew, Halachic Topics from the Parsha with Rabbi Dovid Learman.

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Learning Schedule

TIME	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
		N	lorning Seder			
25 minutes before Netz			acharis K'Vasikin			
6:00 - 6:55	Gemar	a (~1 daf/week; daf yomi le		gemara) - R' Yechiel Nussbo	ıum	
6:55		Shacharis				
8:00			Shacharis			
9:00 - 9:45		Daf Y	' omi - R' Eliezer Rosenblun	n		
9:00 - 10:00	G	emara - Rabbi Avigdor Mille	er zt"l methodology (all le	vels) - R' Moshe Goldstein		
9:00 - 10:00		Gemara Iyun (Intermediate/Advanced-level) - R'Tzvi Avraham Maslin				
9:05 - 10:00		Mishnayos (~3 mishnayos	per day; now in Seder Mo	ped) - R' Joel Padowitz		
11:00 - 12:00		Women's Mishley R' Matls Sklar			Men's Mishley R' Matis Sklar	
12:00 - 1:00		Daf Yo	mi - R' Nechemia Zabrow	sky I		
11:00 - 12:00						
12:00 - 1:00					Parsha/Moadim R' Aharon Lubling	
12:15 - 1:00	Women's Chovos HaLevavos Rav Jacobson					
1:00			Mincha			
1:20 - 3:00		Gemara - Slow paced	l, for older beginners R'	Michoel Druksman		
1:30 - 2:00			Hilchos Shabbos R' Yitzchak Subotzky			
15 minutes before Sh'kia		Mincha				
	Evening Seder					
7:40 - 8:00	Chovos Halevavos - Rav Binyamin Jacobson					
8:00 - 8:15	Maariv					
8:15 - 8:25		Short D'var H	l alacha - Rav Binyamin Jo	acobson		
8:25 - 9:00		Mishnayos	For Boys - R' Yechiel Nuss	baum		
8:25 - 9:10		Daf Hashavua Program: 2 ni		sday)- R' David Leichter		
8:25 - 9:10			Da'As Tevunos R' Aharon Lubling			
8:25 - 9:15		Even Hal	zer Chelek #1 - R' Shmue	Katz		
8:25 - 9:15					Dayanus R' Yitzchok Solomon	
8:25 - 9:15		Navi R' Binyamin Jacobson				
8:30 - 10:00	RBS Semicha Issur V'Heter	RBS Semicha Issur V'Heter (Ta'aruvos) Smicha Program; 2 nights shiur (Monday & Thursday), 3 nights chavrusah - R' Don Channen				
8:45 - 10:15	RBS Semicha Nido	dah Smicha Program; 2 nigh	ts shiur (Monday & Thursd	ay), 3 nights chavrusah - R' .	Aharon Jacob	
9:15 - 10:15	Gemara Iyun (inten	se, but very guided iyun); 2		ursday), 3 nights chavrusah	- R' Barak Saffer	
9:15 - 10:15			af Yomi- R' Simon Baum			
9:15 - 10:15		Hebi	rew Daf Yomi- R' llan Grilu	Vaad		
9:30 - 10:00				R' Binyamin Jacobson		
9:30 - 10:15	Derech Hashem R' Binyamin Jacobson					
9:30 - 10:15		Mishna	Berura - R' Yechiel Nussbo	ıum		
10:15 - 10:30	10:15 - 10:30 Maariv					
	Friday Seder					
9:00 - 10:00 9:10 - 10:00	Daf Yomi - R' Nechemia Zabrowsky and R' Eliezer Rosenblum					
9:30 - 10:30		Hilchos Shabbos - R' Yitzchak Subotzky Hebrew Daf Yomi- R' Illan Grillus				
10:00 - 10:45			Gems - R' Dovid Learma			
10:50 - 11:30			ppics from the Parsha - R'	Dovid Learman		
	Avn Yo	31 aakov-with cholent! - Friday	nabbos Seder nights: 9:15pm - 10:15pm-	R' Shmuel Katz		
		Daf Yomi - Friday nights: 20-Minute Chaburah (v	9:15pm - 10:15pm - R' Ar v/small kiddush): After Mu	Stern issaf		
Winter: Motzael Shabbos: Summer: 5:00pm - 6:00pm - Avos U'Banim Questions & Answers in Halachah : 5:00pm - 6:00pm - R' Shmuel Katz						

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Morning Seder:

Naftali Rischall (neil.rischall@gmail.com or 052-768-7013)

Evening Seder:

Ayton Lefkowitz (aalefkowitz@gmail.com or 054-569-6255)

We look forward to your joining us!

"Adopt-a-Shiur-or-Program"

If an idea (whether for a *shiur* or for *any* Shul program) in Torah, Avodah, or Chesed strikes you as a worthwhile one, become its "father" -- be the one to put together a group of people who are interested in making it happen. The Rav or someone else will take it from there, בע"ה.

YOU have no responsibility after that point (except for participating!).

A few examples of ideas that have "made it":

- A youth minyan, Carlebach minyan, late Leil Shabbos minyan,
- Learning and reviewing Maseches Tamid
- Learning Tehillim *b'iyun*
- Women's trips to the Kotel and to Kever Rochel
- Kiddush Committee
- Shir HaShirim for boys after Kabbalas Shabbos
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- 1. Kosher Shaver Service: You just brought back a new Norelco lift and cut Close shave? you betlets fix that by removing the lifters. I use specially designed tools (for dentistry of course). David Kallus kallusdmd@gmail.com
- 2. Electronic Simcha InvitationsEvites: It's 5779 and time to get with the times. Save money on printing and postage, and track your RSVPs easily. I can help you set it up using Paperless Post- a service that if you use correctly is absolutely free. All you need to do is send me the invitation you designed and your list with emails and it's done. David Kallus kallusdmd@gmail.com
- 3. Non-Toiveling New Keilim G'mach:
 Purchased a new toaster, sandwich
 maker, or nespresso and don't want
 to dunk it in the mikvah? Don't have an
 extra bag of rice on
 hand to dry out the
 electronics? I will take
 apart your new appliance in a professional matter and put

- it back together. Baruch Tenenbaum
- baruchtenenbaum@gmail.com
- 4. Floor Plans: Offering to help people who want to design extensions/ remodeling of current floor plans. I am not an architect or an engineer, nor do I handle any ishurim required by the iriya. If you want to get some ideas, send me your current floor plans and what you want to change. Nir Kedarnir@hydrocore.biz
- Poster Design: Offering flyer/poster design, and general proofreading. Ayton Lefkowitz aalefkowitz@gmail.com
- 6. Health and Fitness Consulting: It's time to get into shape! Learn how to improve your overall health, wellness, strength and stamina with complimentary introductory consulting sessions on proper diet and eating, including exercise routines that incorporate weight lifting, cardio and HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) techniques.(limit 2 "clients" at a time first come first serve). Ari Rosenstein arirosenstein@gmail.com
- 7. Battery Consultancy Service (not car batteries): Want to know if it's the battery or the appliance that's failing? Want to know if it's charging? Want to know how to get

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the maximum out of your computer battery? Etc. etc.

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8. Stamp Gemach: We have American stamps available for anyone who needs - No charge! Sponsored by Rabbi Yehuda and Reizy Shmulewitz. Sanders family dvorasanders@gmail.com



9. Mashkanta Service: My nonprofit offers a high-level professional, fullservice Mortgage Broker service for a fraction of the cost (below break-even), saving time and hassles, and a lot of money.



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- 10. Chair and table Gemach: We have about 40 chairs and 4 tables. Shmuel Bisk - sbisk@joinisrael.org
- 11.English Seforim Gemach: Over 100 English Seforim are available - Translations of classic seforim, Biographies, Psychology, Philosophy, Halachah, Mitzyos and more. The list will be on the BTYA website. Simon Baum sbbaum@inter.net.il
- 12. Tefillin Shel Rosh Tying: Rav Hillel Horovitz hillelahorovitz@gmail.com
- 13.Sim Card Cutting: If you

get a new phone that needs a micro or nano SIM card, you can easily cut your sim card yourself to the correct size. The device is in the office. If you need help, email David Kallus - kallusdmd@gmail.com

14. Medical Information Translation: If you want help translating a medical letter or document (this is not an offer for medical advice). Drs. David & Malka Blass dmblass6@gmail.com

15. Maareh Mekomos Pro: Got a chaburah to give? Want to go pro? You send in a list of mareh mekomos and get them all back in a word file. Rav Hillel Horovitz -

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16. Short-term rentals: Anytime you need a short-term vacation rental, post it on

www.rbsarentalsgemach.com There is no better way to find

a vacation rental.

Do you have a useful talent that you can offer to share with the kehilla?

We have a unique group of people in the shul so it's pretty likely that there is a lot of untapped chesed waiting to be put at the service of the tzibbur. Email David Kallus at president@btya.org to sign up.

Chesed Opportunities

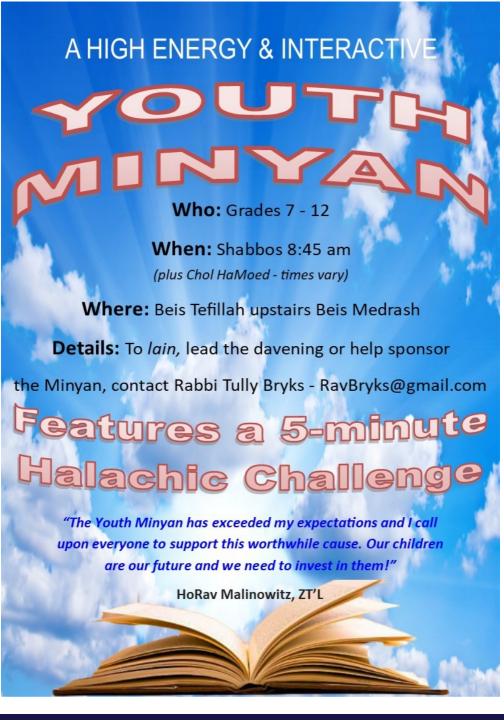
Sometimes we get so involved with our daily routine, that we don't notice the people among us, old or new, who could benefit from our help or a friendly gesture.

Here are some suggestions to help all our members, both old and new, everyone, really, and to make them feel the warmth and support of our community.

- Take note of new faces in shul and **introduce yourself**. Ask if they are visiting or if they are new in town. Ask about their well-being, if they need anything, or if you could **help them in any way**. Say, "Shalom aleichem, my name is..."
- When you sit down in shul, look around your *arba amos* and **see if anyone needs your assistance**, or maybe just a friendly, "*Gut Shabbos*." Does your neighbor seem unsure, bewildered, or lost? Offer to help.
- Make a point to **speak with a newcomer**, after davening, of course. Until then, a simple handshake and a smile will go a long way.
- **Invite a family** who you have never had over to your home for a Shabbos meal, and, if you receive this *chesed* from someone else, invite them back (but you don't have to)!
- Tell a newcomer how to be added to the **Shul MAIN email list**. See inside back cover for details.
- If you know of a family where the husband or wife is away for at least a few days, contact Shari Gherman or Tamar Loring. We will do our best to help out these "single-parent" families.
- If you know of a **possible job opening** (maybe where you work), send the information to the Shul MEMBER list (see inside back cover for details).
- If you are going to the hospital, contact the Chesed Committee to see if you can visit someone.
- Just a reminder...**Greet everyone with a** *Sever Panim Yafos*! Smile and say, "Good morning," "Good evening," or "Good Shabbos" to everyone you see.
- Give a compliment. This includes complimenting your own spouse, too!

May Hashem help us all to fulfill the wonderful *Mitzvah* of *Chesed* for all of *K'lal Yisrael* with an *Ayin Tov* and a *Lev Tov*.

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 The Rav will respond, bli neder, by the next evening.
- By phone at 052-769-6635
 You can call anytime, but most likely to get an answer from 8:30-10:00 PM.
- Meetings from 8:30-10:00 PM
 Send email to make an appointment.
- In the Shul
 The Rav is usually at BTYA after the 1:00 PM mincha and after the 8 PM ma'riv (and the 5-minute D'var Halacha). Times change throughout the

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Borrow this book from our Gemach: Sons and daughters tell of their devotion, challenges, and successes in honoring their parents.

It is a very readable book about the halachos of kibbud av v'aim, by Rebbetzin Samet.
Call Tenenbaum at 02-992-2196.

If you were a BTYA member, you could benefit from being part of our Kehilla. See Moshe Lichtenstein or Dr. David Kallus for details!

Remembering Purim with the Ray ZT"L

A few members sent in these memories of the Rav:

My favorite Purim memory of the Rav is actually from Shabbos Zachor. The Rav put on a Breslov Kippa and started singing and dancing in front of the entire kehilla. I think people were a bit surprised and it took a few minutes for the men to join him in his dancing. The words of the song התורה ומצוות היה שמח ורוקד כל שבעים שנה were clearly words that the Rav wanted us to internalize. — Mrs. Ilana Kedar

As a bochur, I had 2 Purim seudas and 2 Purim Katan seudas at the Ravs. To this day I never experienced a Purim like it. The Torah, simcha, food, music and ruach was indescribable. No one partied like the Rav on Purim. I also spent close to 20 Tishabuvs with the Rav. No one mourned like the Rav on Tishabuv. His koach to plug himself into the avodah of the day was awesome. Thank you Rav for close to 20 years of devotion, loyalty, chesed and leadership. We thank Hashem for you everyday. — Simcha Reiser

From the Rav ZT"L's D'rosha, Shabbos Parshas Pekudei 5779

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Tornosrofos the Rasha asks Rebbe Akiva (בבא בתרא), "If Hashem loves the poor, why doesn't he give them parnassa?" The ספר עין יעקב in ספר עין יעקב points out that Hashem's love for the poor is not easily discernible. If He loved them, He should give them parnassa!

Rebbe Akiva answers, "We give עניים to the עניים and in this z'chus, we are saved from Gehinnom." ען יוסף says that Hashem shows His love for the poor by making them poor, in this z'chus they are saved from Gehinnom.

Rav Malinowitz זצוקלל"ה says that by helping the poor, we are really helping ourselves, as the gemorra says, saving ourselves from gehinnom. We're improving ourselves, helping the poor, and consequently improving the world. The Rav ZT"L cited the GRA who describes שמחה as the feeling that a person has when he's working toward sh'leimos and ששון as a feeling of reaching sh'leimus.

The Ray ZT"L Shares his S

The Rav wrote: Here it is—my most (and only) requested

This is the way I'm saying my derasha We'll talk about Mordechai Hatzadik and Haman the Rasha It's a serious idea, so please listen carefully But if I speak out of tune would you stand up and walk out on me

There are many leshonos denoting salvation Geulah, yeshua, pidyon, hatzala, ezra---HaShem saves the Jewish nation But v'nahapach hu, heepuch--- is a loshon not really the norm It has a special meaning—it means that things were transformed

Now when 2 things happen-the wicked punished, Israel saved They're 2 distinct events, both of which HaShem gave But heepuch is deeper—the makah morphs into refu'ah What happens is that the tzarah turns into the yeshu'ah

Why in Nissan did Esther say to wait so long She could've said that tomorrow we'll right this wrong Maharal says 13 Adar is when our enemies had to get their due 'cause it had to happen in a way of venahapoch hu

If 2 teams play a game and one loses and one wins there are still 2 teams, just as when it begins But with Amaleik it's not enough to just be the victor Now sit and listen closely, I'll give you the full picture

Ayn kis'oh shaleim, nor His Great Name As long as evil just exists, and Amaleik's playing in the game So there are lichorah 2 teams, and even if HaShem's always prevails The idea of HaShem echad will always fail

That's the omek in amaleik jumping into the hot pool That's the peshat that he got burned, but for others he made it cool Because he made it seem, that there's another reality That evil exits and it's an option for me

I never understood the idea of Parshas Zachor We remember to remember that Amaleik loh yizocherr we even kill their animals so Amaleik's zeicher be obliterated but by reading the story every year, Amaleik's zeicher gets reiterated

Because we are reflecting a reality that is really serious 'cause meanwhile there are 2 teams, though HaShem is always victorious So ayn kis' oh shaleim till we realize one day
That there was really only one team that chose to play the game this way

Think back to where you thought 2 teams were playing a game if you find out that the losers were competing only in name To show the prowess of the winning team They played hard, sometimes winning, but at the end they got creamed





Shabbos Zachor D'rosha:

ed derasha. Sung to the tune of (American) Grammen...



Don't you see what that means is that there was only an illusion there weren't really 2 teams, that's only confusion when we find out what happened when the game is done we realize that both teams were really only one

Tthat's what heepuch means, a transformation the metamorphosis of evil, its transmutation evil's only an illusion, it was always a dud it existed just to clarify that HaShem echad u'sh'moh echad

And so le'asid lavo His kisei will be whole Amaleik won't just be destroyed, we'll also understand evil's role the reality of echad will be clarified, the idea will seem new but it's only the ultimate manifestation of venahapoch hu.

That's why Purim has a strange name, named after the lots Why should that be its essence, I can't connect the dots Think deeply: in a lot, when all is said and done One lot didn't beat the other—it was the only one

Ad d'lo yoda bain baruch Mordechai l'arur Haman makes sense for the Jewish nation

Because it's all one team headed for the same destination Getting drunk is the way we do it, 'cause we can't do it when we're sober That's why Ari Stern and the Ginsburgs, can't wait until it's over











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Acceptable Hashgachos

The following is a list of acceptable *hashgachos* for Shul *kiddushim* and events. In other words, only ingredients with these *hashgachos* may be used. Please note that this refers (also) to cakes and desserts sent to a Shul *simchah*. The list was compiled in the interest of ensuring a common standard for Shul events, appealing to the widest possible spectrum of people, yet not being overly restrictive. These guidelines also apply to a Kiddush or any event made for the members of the Shul at one's home. Updated in 5780 by Rav Jacobson.

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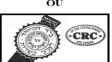
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President's Message

The Gemara (Gittin 47a) tells us an unusual story in which the amora, Reish Lakish, sold himself to the Ludim, a cannibal nation. He brought with him a stone and a sack. As they prepared to make him into their meal, they offered him a last wish, a mandatory custom in their culture. He told them he would like to tie them up and hit them with his sack. They obliged, and placing the stone in the sack, he proceeded to kill the entire nation. The Gemara follows this account by saying that when Reish Lakish went home and sat down to eat, his daughter expressed her surprise at the fact that he would eat without sitting at least on a cushion. Reish Lakish answered her, "Why do I need a cushion? My belly is my cushion!"



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Tosfos believes that this story took place in Reish Lakish's former days, when he was the head of the bandits. To Tosfos, it is scandalous to assume that such an important person would lower himself by selling himself. Other Mefarshim disagree. They say this indeed took place when Reish Lakish was already a Gadol B'Torah. This explanation is truly fascinating, because it gives us a tremendous insight into the proper attitude that we should have to our earlier selves. Whether you are a baal tshuva from a non-religious background, or a person who is moving through cultures in search of growth opportunities, do we deny where we came from? What do we do with our talents, our knowledge, our relationships and our experiences?

Reish Lakish had many talents that he picked up in his old days as a bandit. You don't become the head of the bandits without having some success in that field. But once you do teshuvah, of what use are they? In this story, I picture a Rosh Yeshivah with a long beard and frock sizing up the man-eaters. The voice of his Rebbi, R' Yochanan, "your strength should be for Torah" is ringing in his ears. With intense kavanah he concludes "Here is a problem, there is evil in our midst. None of the other Gedolei Hador can fix this. But Hashem didn't give me these kochos for nothing. I know what I must do." And he pulls his old tricks out of the bag fully I'shaim shamayim, succeeding in truly making the world into a better place. He then returns home as the same Rosh Yeshivah, whose yiras shamayim and integrity were unaffected by the events of the day. He even teaches his daughter a lesson on not needing even the smallest of luxuries, a far cry from the bandit he once was.

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Our amazing Kehilla is an amalgamation of so many different backgrounds, talents and experiences. In BTYA, we have all come together to grow in Eretz Yisrael in an environment of Kirvas Hashem, love of Torah and Chesed. The approach that characterizes the members of BTYA, and that was encouraged by the guidance of the Rav Zatzal, is to take the good that we already have and use it to grow further in our Aliyah in Ruchniyus. As an example, the Rav would use our own shprach to inspire us, whether it was a line from the Beatles, Ayn Rand or L'Havdil R' Shmuel Kunda, the culture and environment that we came from was to be used to complement our growth in Avodas Hashem, even if we now have a chareidi identity.

With the tragic loss of our dear Rav Zatzal, I believe that our approach as a Kehilla to moving forward should be similar to what was described above. The Kehilla enjoyed years of spiritual development, and became the entity that we are now, because of the Rav Zatzal. As we move forward into our next phase, we should strive to maintain and even celebrate our BTYA identity, and the impact that the Rav Zatzal had on making that identity, while looking for opportunities of growth that Hashem sends our way.

I would like to thank Rav Jacobson, Shli"ta for the sensitivity, wisdom and scholarship that he brings to the Kehilla during this difficult time. I appreciate the work of the Rabbinic Search Committee, the Neshei and the Board who are not using this time to just stay afloat but to continue to look for and implement opportunities to improve the ruchniyus and gashmiyus of our Kehilla. In fact, all the members of the Kehilla deserve a yasher koach for stepping up in so many ways in recent months. The member guide you are looking at now is a terrific example of this, and I thank our Chaver, HaChaver Aryeh Sonnenberg for this and the many other projects that he works on for the welfare of the Kehilla.

May the z'chus of recognizing the uniqueness and special qualities that every one of our members brings to the kehilla give us success in our efforts to lead a united kehilla to a new stage in BTYA history.

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