

HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

24 Tammuz 5778

SHABBAT PINCHAS / MEVARCHIM AV / BAR MITZVAH OF JAKE POLONETSKY

July 6-7, 2018

Shabbat Shalom!

7:00 pm Mincha, EARLY Kabbalat Shabbat
8:12 pm Candle Lighting

Torah reading p.876 / Haftarah p. 1190
8:45 am Mishnayot Shiur
9:13 am Shacharit
9:07 am Latest Shema
11:00 am Drasha — Rabbi Algaze
11:15 am Beginners Minyan — Rabbi Kraft
6:30 pm Gemara
7:15 pm Perek
8:05 pm Mincha
9:11 pm Maariv, Havdalah

Kiddush is sponsored by Michelle & Larry Polonetsky celebrating Jake's Bar Mitzvah. MAZAL TOV!

Seudah Shlisheet sponsorship available.

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Molad Av - The new moon will occur over Jerusalem, the holy eternal indivisible internationally recognized capital of the Jewish people and the State of Israel, on Friday at 6:49 (8 chalakim) am. Friday is Rosh Hodesh.

Nesiah Tova! to Rabbi Algaze who will be traveling to Israel this week.

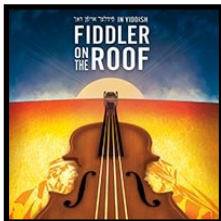
Save the date!

☆ Sunday August 19th Memorial event for Rabbi Meir Havazelet Z"L.

Join the Havurat Yisrael Family For A Summer Evening at the Yiddish Theatre

Sunday, August 5th 6:00 pm
Tickets \$60

Call Havurat Yisrael to reserve your ticket: 718-261-5500



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High Holidays 5779

High Holy Days are very early this year, starting on Sunday, September 9th. Services will be conducted by the Rabbi with the able assistance of Cantor Edward Smith.

As a valuable member of our community, we are offering you the opportunity to reserve the same seats as last year until Friday, **August 17th**. After that date, seats will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve-basis.

Please contact the office to make your reservations. Ticket prices are \$150 for fully paid members and \$170 for not-yet-members. Payment is due upon reservation

Leshana Tova tikatevu! May Hashem fulfill this year all the desires of your heart and bring many blessings to you and your dear ones.

View photos of the Journal Dinner online at

<https://tinyurl.com/y92e89re>

We will have a full day learning program on Tisha B'Av (Sunday July 22nd).

SUNDAY July 8 / 25 Tammuz	MONDAY July 9 / 26 Tammuz	TUESDAY July 10 / 27 Tammuz	WEDNESDAY July 11 / 28 Tammuz	THURSDAY July 12 / 29 Tammuz	FRIDAY July 13 / 1 Av ROSH HODESH
7:30 am Amud Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit	6:10 am Amud Yomi 6:40 am Shacharit
9:30 am Class in Spanish — Rabbi Algaze WILL NOT MEET 11:00 am Rabbi Kraft's class	2:00 pm Mincha 8:00 pm Shiur at the Ordentlich home— Rabbi Algaze WILL NOT MEET	2:00 pm Mincha		2:00 pm Mincha	7:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09 pm Candle Lighting

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OUR ACTIONS MOLD OUR FEELINGS

By Rabbi David Algaze

"But the sons of Korach did not die" (Bamidbar 26:11)

This brief verse has often been quoted to refer to the sad and pervasive phenomenon of conflict and storm (machloket) that so often plagues our synagogues and organizations. It is a sad reflection of the Jewish community that we see so many instances of divisive behavior and provocations that end in struggle and anger. This is the reason the Bet Hamiqdash was destroyed: sin'at chinam. And as the Rabbis tell us, "Any generation in which the Temple is not rebuilt is as if it was destroyed in that generation." So long as the Temple is not rebuilt we know that the spiritual disease of machloket and anger continues to be among us. These Three weeks is a good time to reflect on this illness that is the inheritance of Korach and to be aware that, alas, "the sons of Korach did not die."

However, there is another interpretation of this verse that tells us that the sons of Korach did not die because they did Teshuvah, they repented and changed their behavior. We know that these people were ferociously engaged in controversy with all their hearts and souls. How is it possible that in one moment they repented and returned in Teshuvah?

The Yalkut Shim'oni (#752, s.v. *Vayikahalu al Moshe*) explains that when Moshe went to speak to the leaders of the controversy, the sons of Korach were sitting at their father's side and they said, "If we stand before Moshe we will shame our father; but if we do not stand up we would be transgressing the Torah commandment of honoring the scholar. It is better that we stand up (as a sign of respect) before Moshe Rabbenu, even if it will shame our father. At that very moment, their hearts started their return in Teshuvah." When the Rabbis asked, "On what account they merited to be saved?" –the question is not what their merit was because they were good people who had done very many mitzvot in their lives. As Rabbi Henoah Leibowitz notes, the question is rather "What was the immediate and direct cause for their return in Teshuvah?" The answer the Midrash gives is : the fact that they stood up before Moshe Rabbenu. The very act of standing up motivated them to start the path of return and repentance. As the honor of Moshe Rabbenu became more present in their minds, they were able to combat the negative feelings that fueled their original desire for conflict.

From this we can learn the great importance of actions in modifying personal character. As the Rabbis tell us many times, "outside actions mold our hearts." All the words and supplications of Moshe and the community did not succeed in persuading Korach's sons to desist from their destructive behavior and stop quarreling. But their getting up before Moshe Rabbenu had a profound effect on their hearts. What words may not do, the actions of a person can.

We often wonder what is the best way to acquire good traits and modify our personalities. How can we improve? The answer may not be just meditation, readings or classes. The answer may be much simpler: conduct yourself in the manner of those who have the quality you seek and you will soon find yourself actually feeling these emotions naturally and spontaneously. If a person wants to acquire the trait of "loving acts of kindness", for instance, all you need to do is engage in acts of kindness. These acts by themselves will soon find a path to our hearts that will slowly and surely change our hearts and improve our character. Although many may find this type of exercise merely a superficial change, a la Pavlov, behaviorist and not touching our deepest emotions, we see that our Rabbis have an opposite theory: **Actions do change our hearts.**

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE!

Hi Havurat Yisrael!

This year I'm participating in Shaare Zedek's College Bowl-A-Thon on September 4th to raise money for a Giraffe Incubator for the NICU at Shaare Zedek Medical Center. The incubator creates a special healing micro-environment for the smallest babies to survive!

My team has committed to helping Shaare Zedek reach their goal, and I would be deeply grateful for your generosity!

To Donate: Go directly to www.bowl4israel.com where you can make a donation via credit card. Search for our team name "Rumbowl" or enter my name "Dorit Sosnowik"

Thank you so much! I really appreciate your help! I'll keep you posted throughout.

All the best,

Dorit Sosnowik

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS

Havurat Yisrael has a special fund to address financial needs of Havurat members, the Hesed Fund. In the past, we have been able to assist people with tuition for school and other emergencies. It is advisable that people ask for assistance through the Hesed fund rather than through direct transaction. We also recommend that people willing to help others should direct their tzedakah through the Hesed Fund only. The Rabbi is always available to recommend and advise in these transactions and we encourage people to consult with the Rabbi before entering into financial relationships with other members.

THE SHUL IS NOT A PARK!

We have installed new shelves in the emergency hallways and we have noticed that some kids think these are for exercise routines and climbing. Please advise everyone not to use these bars as exercise bars and in general to respect and protect the integrity and cleanliness of the shul.

Membership privileges

Membership dues are due and payable by **March 31st of each year** and a member retains the status of "good standing" only when dues are up to date. Please pay your membership on time and in full to enjoy special members' prices. All Membership privileges are extended only to paid up members. We want everyone to be not just a member, but a part of our caring family. Have you sent your dues yet? If not now, when?

The only thing worse than spilling your coffee is spilling it in shul!

Reminder: Coffee is **not permitted** in our holy sanctuary. It causes damage to the furniture and carpeting!



Refuah Shlema Shmuel Zanvil ben Tila Mina, Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Naomi Malka bat Hoshana Leah, Dvora bat Edith, Rafael David ben Zeld, Shifra bat Yetta, Moshe ben Yehudit, Erella bat Zahava, Uhd ben Techiya, Avraham ben Arlene, Mina Chana bat Sara Feyga, Sheyna bat Henna, Tinok ben Chana Rivka, Allison bat Florence, Tuviah ben Sarah, Dahlia Sara bat Devora, Miriam bas Chanah, Helen Kober, Adina Chai bat Leah, Malka Seta bat Chaya Sara, Zalman Mordechai Yitzchak Halevy ben alta Chana.