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## A Holiday Message

Rabbi Joseph Lichtman z"l

from the 2004 BY Yamim Noraim Bulletin

Year after year, every Jew returns to his or her synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We recite the same prayers every year and we expect G-d to grant our wishes based on our promise to become a better person. Deep down, each person knows how much he must improve; he must become a more tolerant individual, more honest in business and most of all, a better and more understanding parent to his children. Let us look at the *Haftorah* for *Rosh Hashanah* to get an insight into our relationship with our children.

In the Book of Samuel we behold how disillusioned Eli Hakohein became over the conduct of his two sons. Eli hoped that Chofni and Pinchas would follow in their father's footsteps and continue in the Priesthood. However, when evil reports were given to him and he admonished his sons, his words fell on deaf ears. As it is stated, "But they hearkened not unto the voice of their father - *velo yishmeru lekol oviv*."

On the opposite side of the coin, we read of the story of Samuel. His mother, Hannah, brought him in to the Sanctuary to be dedicated to the service of G-d. *Tanach* records that when Samuel heard G-d's voice, he thought Eli had called him. However, Eli sent him back to sleep saying, "*Lo korosi, shuv shechav* - I did not call you my son, go back to sleep." Again and again, Samuel hears G-d's voice and each time Eli sends him back to his bed. Here we have two different types of children. Chofni and Pinchas and Samuel. The two natural sons of Eli rejected their father's teaching. Samuel is inspired by it.

So on this High Holiday Season, when our children seek our guidance, we must never "send them back to their beds" without trying to influence them to greater spiritual heights. We have to instill Torah values in our children so that when we come to our synagogues during the High Holidays and ask G-d to judge us favorably, G-d will hearken as he did to Samuel and grant us a Good Year.

Today all parents need the Divine Spirit that Hannah had. With that spirit they can be reassured of the life-long loyalty of their children to Judaism and Jewish values.

A *Kesiva Vachasima Tovah* to all.





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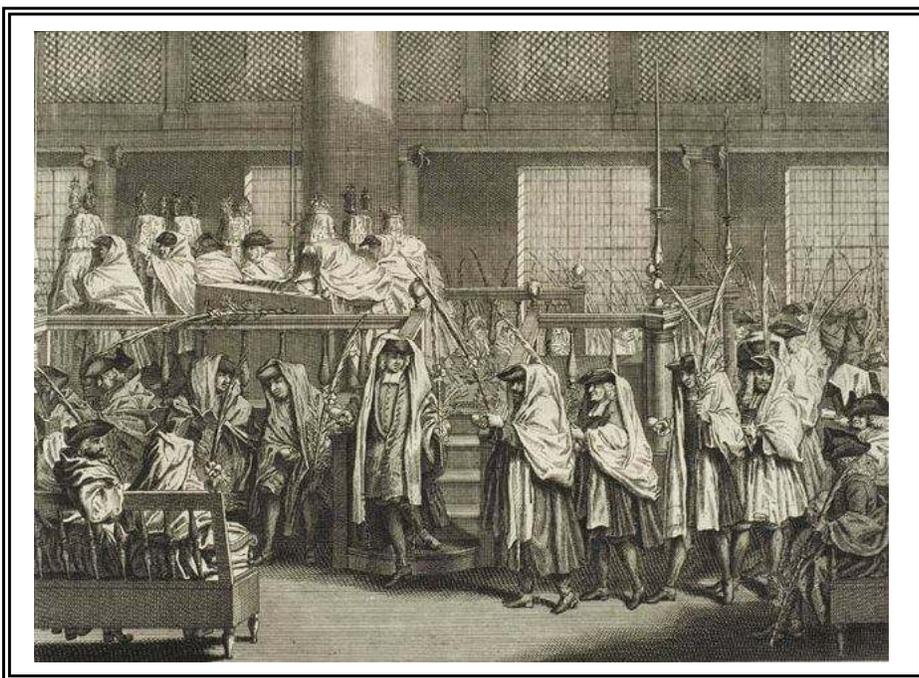
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## סליחות

Motza'ei Shabbos - September 21st  
*A Special Dessert Melaveh Malka &  
Video - The Jewish Orthodox Community of New York  
followed by Selichos  
Program Highlights*

☆ 10:45 pm - 11:15 pm - Refreshments & Dessert  
☆ 11:15 pm - 12:45 am - Video presentation



**The Officers and Board of Directors of  
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wish everyone a healthy and Happy  
New Year**

**בתיבה וחתימה טובה**

# NACHAS NOTES - מזל טוב

## זרעא חייא וקיינע

### BIRTHS – Mazal Tov

- ♦ **Esther Addison Steinhart** on two granddaughters born in Israel to her children, **Koby & Elisheva Steinhart** (*Ramat Bet Shemesh*) and **Reva & Hillel Itzkowitz** (*Yerushalayim*).
- ♦ **Donna Olshansky & Gregg Rothstein** on a granddaughter, born to their children, **Binyamin & Shayndel Rothstein**.
- ♦ **Toby Goldberg** on a great-grandson, born to her grandchildren, **Shlomi & Henny Hoberman** (Lakewood) and to the grandparents, **Shragi & Miriam Goldberg** (Lakewood).
- ♦ **Sandy & Dr. Joe Waldman** on a great grandson born to their grandchildren, **Elana & Yosef Penner** (*Bayit V'Gan, Yerushalayim*) and to grandparents **Beth & Shimmie Kaminetsky** (Boca Raton).
- ♦ **Becky & Robbie Heizler** on a granddaughter born to their children, **Sara & Sruli Scharf** (Teaneck).

## זה הקטן גדול יהיה

### BAR and BAS MITZVAH - Mazal Tov

- ♦ **Lennie Brandwein** on the bar mitzvah of his grandson, **Baruch Binyamin**, son of his children, **Hinda & Ari Landa** (Hillside).
- ♦ **Beverly Schnipper** on the bar mitzvah of her grandson, **Jacob**, and to his parents, **Charla & Steve Schnipper** and on the bas mitzvah in Yerushalayim, of her granddaughter, **Sara**, and to her parents, **Aharon & Tzippi Schnipper**.
- ♦ **Janet & Shalom Kaufman** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Heshy**, and to his parents, **Chaya & R. Elyahu Kenigsberg** and great-grandparents, **Mimi & R. Vic Cohen**.
- ♦ **Sally & Joel Flamholz** (Boca Raton) on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Shlomo**, and to his parents, **Suries & Seth Dombeck** (Hillside).

## שעה תשעה רעים אהובים

### ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES

- ♦ **Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz** on the engagement and upcoming wedding of their grandson, **Shlomo**, son of **Dena & R. Dov Lipman** (Bet Shemesh) to **Bat Sheva Steinhart** (Ramat Bet Shemesh).

- ♦ **Hindy & Elyahu Hecht** on the marriage of their son, **Yehuda**, to **Yael Gordon** (Thornhill, Ontario).
- ♦ **Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider** on the marriage of their grandson, **Ephraim**, son of **Malka & Steve Miretsky** (Chicago) to **Zhava Rothberg** (Teaneck).

## הקדב"ה ישלם שכרם

### "HONORABLE MENSCHEN"

- ♦ **HAKARAS HATOV - Lennie Brandwein, Coy Braxton and Ira Penner** who worked on the second air conditioning unit (roof) to repair wiring issues and get it functioning again, saving the Shul costly repairs. HaShem protected them in this endeavor (ladders and roof climbing) and may He continue to protect them.
- ♦ **4TH OF JULY** - As we recall the 243rd anniversary of the founding of this country, we remember those men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. We specifically remember our member, **Chief Warrant Officer Adam Sternglass**, who has been deployed to Kuwait. May he return to us safely and may his wife and children be well.

- ♦ **SHAVUOS** – Thanks to everyone who made the Minyan over Shabbos and Yom Tov. Thanks also to the sponsors of the **Seudas Dovid HaMelech – Hermann Kaiser and Judy & Herbert Kaiser** in memory of their wife and mother, **Chanah Kaiser, z"l, Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider**, for the yahrzeits of Sylvia's mother, z"l and Ellie's father z"l, **Mrs. Ruth Strashun**, for the yahrzeit her father-in-law, z"l, **Jean & Jake Zimmer, Annette & Lenny Lauer, Phyllis Farkas and Zev Farkas** in memory of their parents relatives and their cousin, **Zev Yudkowitz z"l** and **three anonymous sponsors**. Unfortunately **Rav Teitz** was not able to join the event due to illness. He said that this was only the second time he missed the gathering.
- ♦ **Esther Addison Steinhart** on the graduation of **Avishai Yoseph**, her son and son of the late Dr. Eugene Steinhart, from SUNY.
- ♦ **KALISH and BLANK AWARDS** for graduating seniors, were presented at the respective senior nights for **RTMA and Bruriah**. Our Shul sponsors these recognitions each year. ⇨Pg. 6

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## Times of Davening

- Shabbos - 8:30 am and as announced for *Mincha* & *Maariv*
- Sunday - 8 am
- Monday & Thursday - 6:25 am
- Tuesday, Wed & Friday - 6:30 am (Rosh Chodesh weekdays, 6:15 am)

## Learning Opportunities

- On Shabbos before *Krias HaTorah* a few verses of *T'hilim* (Psalms) with Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz
- At the weekly Kiddush - a *d'var Torah* by a Shul member.
- At weekly *Shalosh Seudos* - a *d'var Torah* by a participant.
- At daily Breakfast after davening - *Mishna Brurah* with Lennie Brandwein.
- At breakfast on Sunday after davening - *Kitzur Shulchan Oruch* with Lennie Brandwein.

## K'lai Kodesh

On *Yamim Noraim*, Leonard Brandwein will lead *Shacharis* and is *Baal K'riah*. *Maariv*, *Musaf* and *Neilah* will be led by Rabbi Joseph Oratz and Martin Lewitter is our *Baal Tokeah*. Our *Gabbaim* are Lenny Lauer and Ira Penner.

## Annual Kol Nidrei Appeal

Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz, President of BYCT, will make an appeal on behalf of the Shul. Please give generously for the benefit of Bais Yitzchok.

## Break-the-fast Refreshments

Following *Maariv* on *Yom Kippur* night, refreshments will be available for all *mispalilim*. We are grateful to the

anonymous sponsors for the Break-the-Fast, this and past years.

## The Shul Sukkah

On Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>, depending on time and weather, the Shul Sukkah will be set up. If you are available to help, speak with Glenn Bond.

## Simchas Torah

- *Hakafos* - Ruach & Simcha, which characterize events at Bais Yitzchok, will be evident in the *Hakafos*, scheduled for Monday night and Tuesday morning. See attached calendar.

## Kiddush on Simchas Torah

As is our custom, Kiddush will be held for everyone in Shul following *Shacharis*. If you are interested in sharing the sponsorship of the Kiddush speak with Moshe Abramowitz.

## Membership & Seats

Shul Membership is \$50 per Hebrew calendar year for single members, \$100 for family membership and \$50 for Sponsors. Seats for *Yomim Noraim* are purchased separately and are priced for members and non-members, as well as students. Please speak with an officer about details and fees.

Information about seats and contributions can be accessed on the Shul Website HomePage [www.baisyitzchok.org](http://www.baisyitzchok.org) - *Yamin Noraim Update 5780*.

# Tishrei 5780 *Bais Yitzchok Chevrah Thilim* Sept-Oct 2019 Yamim Noraim Schedule



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos
<b>Regular Davening:</b> Weekdays: Sun - 8 am Mon & Thu - 6:25 Tu, Wed & Fri - 6:30 am Regular Shabbos: Erev Shabbos - as indicated Shacharis - 8:30 - Mincha - at candle lighting time Selichos followed by Shacharis as indicated ALERT – There are parking restrictions of Mondays					20 ׀׀ 6:39p Mincha 6:50p	21 <b>KITAVO</b> Mincha_ 6:30p Melavah Malka- Selichos 10:45p  21 Elul
22 Selichos – the night before Shacharis 8:00a  22 Elul	23 Selichos 6:10a  23Elul	24 Selichos 6:10a  24 Elul	25 Selichos 6:10a  25 Elul	26 Selichos 6:10a  26 Elul	27 ׀׀ 6:27p Selichos 6:10a Mincha 6:35p  27 Elul	28 <b>NITZAVIM</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 6:20p  28 Elul
29 ׀׀ 6:24p <b>EREV ROSH HASHANA</b> Selichos 7:30a Mincha :6:34p  29 Elul	30 ׀׀ 7:21p <b>ROSH HASHANA I</b> Shacharis 8:00a Shofar – 10:30a Mincha / 6:00p TASHLICH 1Tishrai	OCTOBER 1 <b>ROSH HASHANA II</b> Shacharis 8:00a Mincha 7:00p  2 Tishrai	2 Selichos 6:10a <b>TZOM GEDALIAH</b> Fast starts 5:32a and end 7:16p  3Tishrai	3 Selichos 6:10a  4Tishrai	4 ׀׀ 6:15p Selichos 6:10a Mincha 6:25p  5 Tishrai	5 <b>VAYEILECH SHABBOS SHUVA</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 6:10p  6 Tishrai
6 Selichos 8:00a  7 Tishrai	7 Selichos 6:10a  8 Tishrai	8 ׀׀ 6:09p <b>EREV YOM KIPPUR</b> Selichos 6:15a Mincha 3:00 p <b>KOL NIDREI</b> 6:20p 9 Tishrai	9 <b>YOM KIPPUR</b> Shacharis 8:00a Yizkor – noon Mincha / Neila TBA Maariv / BTF 10 Tishrai	10  11 Tishrai	11 ׀׀ 6:04p Mincha 6:15p  12 Tishrai	12 <b>HA'AZINU</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 6:00p  13Tishrai
13 ׀׀ 6:01p <b>EREV SUKKOT</b> Mincha 6:10p  14 Tishrai	14 ׀׀ 7:00 <b>SUKKOS I</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 6:10p  15 Tishrai	15 <b>SUKKOS II</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 6:10p  16 Tishrai	16 <b>SUKKOS III</b> Shacharis 6:15a B'fst /learning in the Sukkah  17 Tishrai	17 <b>SUKKOS IV</b> Shacharis 6:15a B'fst /learning in the Sukkah  18 Tishrai	18 ׀׀ 5:54p <b>SUKKOS V</b> Shacharis 6:15a B'fst /learning in the Sukkah Mincha 6:05p  19 Tishrai	19 <b>SHABBAS CHOL HAMOED</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 5:45p  20 Tishrai
20 ׀׀ 5:51p <b>HOSHANA RABBA</b> Shacharis 8:00a Mincha 6:05p  21 Tishrai	21 ׀׀ 6:50p <b>SHMINI ATZERET</b> Shacharis 8:30a <b>YIZKOR</b> Mincha 6:05p Hakafos 7:15p  22 Tishrai	22 <b>SIMCHAS TORAH</b> Shacharis 8:30a Grand Kiddush 9:30a Mincha 6:05p  23 Tishrai	23  24 Tishrai	24  25 Tishrai	25 ׀׀ 5:44p Mincha 5:50p  26 Tishrai	26 <b>BERESHIS</b> Shacharis 8:30a Mincha 5:40p  27 Tishrai

## NACHAS NOTES *continued*

The **Norman Kalish Memorial Award** went to **Shlomo Luchins** (Highland Park) RTMA and **Mindy Engel** (Elizabeth) (Bruriah). The **Esther and Julius Blank Memorial Award** was presented to **Shana Weinrib** (Teaneck). Mazal tov to these wonderful young people as they enter the next phase of their lives.

♦ **ABOUT PESACH** – *Kiddusha Rabbah* - “Grand Kiddush” on Shabbos HaGadol was sponsored by **Lennie Brandwein** for the yahrzeit of his mother, z”l. To all the members and friends who joined us for Yom Tov, our thanks for cooperating with the *minyanim*. A special thanks to **Rav Teitz** for providing the *Siyyum* on *erev Pesach* and to **Rabbi Joe Oratz** for *laining* on the last days of Yom Tov. And our strongest thanks to **Jean Zimmer** who coordinated all events of Yom Tov, from the special breakfast following the *Siyyum* on *Erev Pesach* through *Shalosh Seudos* on Shabbos, the last day of Yom Tov. It would not have been possible without her efforts. *Y’yahsher kochachem*.

♦ **TZAISCHEM L’SHALOM B’HATZLACHA** - **Debbie & Dr. Daniel Sheinbein** moved from Elizabeth to Bergenfield, NJ after decades of active involvement at Bais Yitzchock and the Elizabeth community. Danny is a past President of the Shul, High Holidays seating chairman, and senior *Kohein*. Debbie, who was equally dedicated to the

Shul and its activities, even making the trek to BY when mobility was difficult for her. They loved the davening, made lots of friends and will miss them all (in their words). We wish them every success in their new location and know their talents will be evident in Bergenfield as they were here in Elizabeth.

♦ **SHUL IMPROVEMENT** - Our thanks to the anonymous gifts given to repair the water damage to the ceiling and walls in the main Shul and paint the entire area. We expect the work will be completed by Rosh HaShanah. Our sincere thanks for their help.

♦ **TEHILLIM** - Our study of Thillim – Psalms - each Shabbos morning before the Torah Reading, began on January 2011. At the end of July, we completed the 30th Mizmor and the first Book of Thillim (Five books reflecting the five books of the Chumash). We are now in the 33rd mizmor.

♦ **TODAH RABBAH** - to all those who have responded to our Appeal as well as submitting their information UPDATE, Kol Nidrei contributions and membership renewal.

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*(With many people transitioning from Ashkenazic to Sefardic Hebrew pronunciation, this article, written a number of years ago by the late Chazzan Sherwood Goffin, cantor at the Lincoln Square Synagogue, may be informative and helpful.)*

### MUSICAL NOTE

by **Cantor Sherwood Goffin (z”l)**

### Kamatz Katan in

### Reading the Siddur and Chumash

For those of us who pronounce Hebrew with the Sefardic pronunciation, that is: "...NoTain Hatorah," rather than the Ashkenazic "...NoSain

Hatoraw," we have to be very careful to correctly read the *kamatz katan*. This is especially true when serving as the *Shaliach Tzibbur* or when reading the Torah in public. If it is read incorrectly, your reading may be invalid! This rule of grammar changes the *kamatz* ( ט ) from the Sephardic "Ah" to "aw." The most obvious example is the word "*Kol*," that if read carefully might seem to be "*Kawl*." This word, however, most people know intuitively: "*Asher bachar banu miKAWL*..."even though it looks like it should be pronounced "*Kal*." The rule for *Kamatz*

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

# הכרת הטוב

## KIDDUSH

*Our sincere thanks to the following families for supporting the weekly sponsorship . . .*

### *In Observance of Yahrzeits & other events*

- **Glenn Bond** for the yahrzeit of his father, **Dovid Asher ben Yisrael z"l**
- **Marty Lewitter** for his father, **Gedaliah Yosef ben Moshe Bunim HaLevi**
- **Lyubov Kruglak** for her uncle, **Eliyah ben Dovid z"l**.
- **Phyllis Farkas and Zev Farkas** in memory of their father's relatives, z"l, who were taken by the Nazis around *Shavuos* during the Shoah and for their cousin, **Zev Yudkowitz's** yahrzeit.
- **Phyllis Farkas**, for her mother, **Susan Farkas, Sara bas Z'ev z"l**
- **the Steinhart Family** for **Dr. Eugene Steinhart, Yehuda ben Aharon Moshe, z"l**, husband, father, grandfather and longtime BY member, Board member and honorary *Baal Maftir*
- **Adam Melzer** in memory of his grandmother, **Miriam Chana bas Lev z"l** (Mildred Melzer).
- **Jean & Jake Zimmer** for **Jeannie's** mother, **Chanah Ester bas Yehudah z"l**.
- For the contribution of liquor for Kiddush provided by **Bezalel Zeidman** in commemoration of the 14<sup>th</sup> yahrzeit of his mother, **Sara z"l** and later the yahrzeit of his sister, **Barbara Ruth z"l**.
- **Lennie Brandwein** for his mother, **Frumis bas Lipa Eliezer z"l**.

## BREAKFASTS:

- **Adam Melzer**, celebrating *hanachas tefillin* - when his son, **Yehuda**, put on *Tefillin* for the first time. Adam celebrated the day with a *siyyum*. We will also welcomed **Judy Melzer**, Adam's mother, who made *Aliyah* earlier and shared elements of her journey, memories of her mother-in-law, and enhanced the Kiddush as she always does. Adam completed *Talmud Yerushalmi Meseches Peah* and gave a *d'var Torah*.
- **Chaim Stricker**, for his grandfather, **Shimon Matisyahu ben Moshe Aharon z"l**, and the following week, for this father, **Mordechai ben Meir Yakov z"l**
- **Alex & Vladimir Shteynberg** honoring the memory of their late father, **Chaim ben Avraham z"l** and the end of eleven months of Kaddish.
- **Mrs. Ruth Strashun** for her late husband and the Shul past Corresponding Secretary, **Harold, Yecheskel ben Menachem Mendel z"l**. The Strashun family gathered

## KIDDUSH DETAILS:

- *The Shul will subsidize each week's Kiddush for events other than special Life-Cycle events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Ufrauf, etc.*
- *The cost for a member to host a Kiddush is \$60 and the Shul will cover the other half.*
- *A normal Kiddush consists of whole and chopped herring, crackers, soda, cookies and schnaps for Kiddush. Up to nine tables are set up. If additional tables are needed, check the Kiddush Policy letter for details. Kiddush for a special event or Simcha (Bar Mitzvah, Ufruf, etc.) is not subsidized by the Shul.*
- *The cost of Shalosh Seudos is \$25.*
- *Use the Sign-up sheet downstairs to reserve sponsorship for a Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos. A copy of the complete policy governing Kiddush sponsors and use of the Shul is also*

with grandson, **Donnie** offering words of remembrance and a *siyyum* in his grandfather's honor.

- **Lenny Lauer** for his mother, **Shifra bas Yirmeyahu z"l**.
- **YOM YERUSHALAYIM – Seudas Shmuel Hanavi** – festive and celebratory breakfast following *Shacharis*, sponsored anonymously.

## DIVREI TORAH PRESENTERS

*Our thanks to the following individuals for delivering the D'var Torah at Kiddush.*

- R. Moshe Abramowitz, Lennie Brandwein, Adam Melzer and Ira Penner,**

Thanks Jean & Jake Zimmer for their untiring efforts to provide refreshments and comfort in Shul. Speak with Jeannie Zimmer or one of the Gabbaim if you wish to be a sponsor.

# CONDOLENCES תְּמִידָה יְהִי זִכְרוֹן לְבָרִיךְ

The members and Officers of Bais Yitzchok extend their sincere condolences to our members and friends who have suffered recent losses -



To the family of Mrs. Elizabeth (Liz) Lichtman, a"h, long time member of Bais Yitzchok and wife of Rabbi Joseph Lichtman z"l our *Shaliach Tzibbur* for over four decades and mother of Hadassah Greenbaum (Brooklyn), Rabbi Hillel Lichtman (Queens), Rabbi Moshe Lichtman (Beit Shemesh) and Noam Lichtman (Hillside). The funeral took place in *Eretz Hachaim Cemetery* near Beit Shemesh.

*May the family be comforted among all those who mourn for Zion and Yerushalayim.*

## MUSICAL NOTE *continued*

*Katan* is complicated and I will not therefore burden you with most of the rules, but there are three rules that are easier to identify:

- 1) When two *kamatzes* are together, and the second has a *chataf* (:), the second one is pronounced as an "aw," as in "*tsahoraim*". (Some do this for both).
- 2) When a word originally had a *cholam* ("oh") such as *Kodesh*, and is now written with a *kamatz* ("ah"), it is pronounced "*kawdshecha*,"
- 3) *Kamatz katan* never appears on an accented syllable.

Other examples are: "*Ug'dol*" in *Ashrei*, "*Ozi*" in *Az Yashir*, "*Uv'shochb'cha*" in *Sh'ma*, "*Choneinu*" and "*V'Onyeinu*" in the *Shmoneh Esray*, and many, many others. The only cure (besides learning all the rules) is to get a *Rinat Yisrael Siddur*, where all the *kamatz katans* are highlighted in bold. (More recently, the *KOREN Siddur* also designates the *kamatz katan*) . . . It's not easy, but you show respect for Davening and Laining when you are careful about this rule. It is clearly wrong to do otherwise.



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