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A Holiday Message

“Gates of Wisdom”

Rabbi Doniel Abramowitz

Deadbolts, security systems and armored cars—we all go through great lengths to protect that which we cherish. Now imagine if a king would grant you a piece of his greatest treasure and carefully instructs you about how to keep it safe from all harm. He even builds a vault with strong steel doors and places the treasure inside. All you have to do is close the doors at the first sign of trouble. And now you are negligent in this duty. Even worse, you swing the gates wide open and allow the danger free access to the treasure that the king entrusted you with. The judgment for such a poor watchman is no doubt harsh.

The parsha begins with “judges and officers you shall appoint in all your gates – which Hashem your G-d give you”. Although this is a literal commandment to appoint actual physical people as judges and officers in every city to enforce Torah law it can also be understood homiletically. We are all granted a soul that is “a portion of G-d above”. We have various openings on our face. They have gates with which to seal them. Our mouth has teeth and lips to close it. Eyes have eyelids to shut out the world and ears have the skin hanging underneath to cover and fingers that come to a point to insert in the canal to stop the sounds of the world from entering. Using these, our eyes, ears and mouth is how we interface with the world. But it is also how foreign ideas and images enter our soul.

The concept here is to enact judges at each gate. For our eyes we need to make a ruling- is this something that would be beneficial to view in my service of G-d? If yes, then by all means, take in the view. If not, we have a gate to close- our eyelids to keep these things out. The same is true with what we hear- it also needs to be scrutinized. Is this *lashon hara*, is this scornful or debasing? Is there anything positive to come from this conversation? Again, if yes, then listen and enjoy. If not, close your ears and do not allow it in.

Lastly, is your mouth. There is a saying that, before you say something you are its master; once you say something it is a master over you. *Continued on p.2*



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Motza'ei Shabbos - September 1st
*A Special Dessert Melaveh Malka &
Video - Jewish Americans Part IV
followed by Selichos
Program Highlights*

- ☆ 10:45 pm - 11:15 pm - Refreshments & Dessert
- ☆ 11:15 pm - 12:45 am - Video presentation
- ☆ 12:50 am - Selichos led by Rabbi Joseph Oratz

A Holiday Message cont...

We all have said some things that we just wish we could have back.

We all know people who just prattle on, clearly with no consideration for their words. Should we take these people seriously? The Ramban, in his famous letter to his son that, although short in length is long on wisdom, counsels his son to consider every word before it leaves his mouth. Once again, if upon review, maybe this isn't the best time for that comment, then maybe we should shut the gates. It's like when someone says "I'm not sure I should say this but..." it's a pretty good bet you shouldn't. Maybe the advice to zip it is good after all. Indeed, on Yom Kippur, of all the different shortcomings we enumerate in our prayers, the most often listed are those sins performed with our mouth.

With these ideas we can go into the season of repentance with a game plan. If we use these gates effectively then there is no doubt that we will be meritorious in our judgment and be blessed with being inscribed and sealed in the book of life. -*

Doniel Abramowitz, son of Moshe and Cheryl Abramowitz, lives in Ramat Beth Shemesh with his family, having made Aliyah about six years ago. In addition to pursuing his learning and rabbinic skills, he is a senior accountant in a Bet Shemesh firm.

**The Officers and Board of Directors of
Congregation Bais Yitzchok Chevra Thilim
wish everyone a healthy and Happy
New Year**

בתיבה וחתימה טובה

NACHAS NOTES - מזל טוב

זרעא חייה וקיינע

BIRTHS – Mazal Tov

- ♦ **Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider** on, *ken eyin horah*, many births . . . a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, **Shoshana & Jordon Ginsberg** (Washington Heights) and proud grandparents, **Drs. Rochelle & Avraham Schneider** (West Hempstead) and on a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, **Michal & Mayer Katz** and a great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, **Yael & Elisha Domb** (Kew Gardens Hills) and the grandparents of both these babies, **Dr. Moshe and Debbie Schneider** (Edison).
- ♦ **Mimi & Vic Cohen** on the birth of a great-grandsons to their grandchildren, **Donnie & Chaya Becker** (Edison) and to their grandchildren, **Yaakov & Faige Scherer** (Israel).
- ♦ **Annabelle Horowitz** (Petah Tikva) on her first great-grandchild, a boy born to her grandchildren, **Michelle & Dema Denat** and grandparents, **David & Gina Horowitz**.
- ♦ **Hindy & Elyahu Hecht** on the birth of a grandson to their children, **Tova & Daniel Hadar**.
- ♦ **Lennie Brandwein** on a grandson, born to his children, **Chani & Baruch Jaffe** (Clifton).
- ♦ **Diane Lejtman** on a great-granddaughter born to her grandchildren, **Shevy & Baruch Rich** and to the grandparents, **Esther & Victor Lejtman** (Baltimore).
- ♦ **Ina Prager & Chaya Krakauer** (Baltimore) on the birth of a great-granddaughter born to their grandchildren, **Bracha & Eleazar Shames** (Baltimore) and a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren, **Chaim Dovid & Miri Krakauer** (Baltimore) and to the grandparents **Judy & R. Binyamin Krakauer**. Also, a great-grandson, born to their children, **Aharon & Rochel Leah Berman** (Lakewood) and to grandparents, **Freyda & R. Zev Weitz** (Monsey).
- ♦ **Miriam & Marty Knecht** on the birth of a grandson in Israel to their children, **Esther & Shai Knecht**.
- ♦ **Sandy & Joe Waldman** on the birth of great-granddaughter, born to their grandchildren **Elana & Yosef Penner** (Jerusalem) and to grandparents, **Beth & Shimmie Kaminetsky** (Boca Raton).

זה הקטן גדול יהיה

BAR and BAT MITZVAH - Mazal Tov

- ♦ **Barbara & Dr. Bernie Lichtstein** (Deerfield Beach, FL) on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, **Noam Landesman**, son of their daughter **Shulamis Hes** (Teaneck) .
- ♦ **Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider** on the bar mitzvah of their great-grandson, **Avraham Yehuda**, son of their grandchildren, **Tova & Azaria Schechter** (Baltimore) and proud grandparents, **Debbie & Dr. Moshe Schneider** (Edison).
- ♦ **Diane Lejtman** the bar mitzvah of her grandson, **Dovid**, son of her children, **Esther & Victor Lejtman** (Baltimore).

שעה תשעה רעים אהובים

ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES Mazal Tov

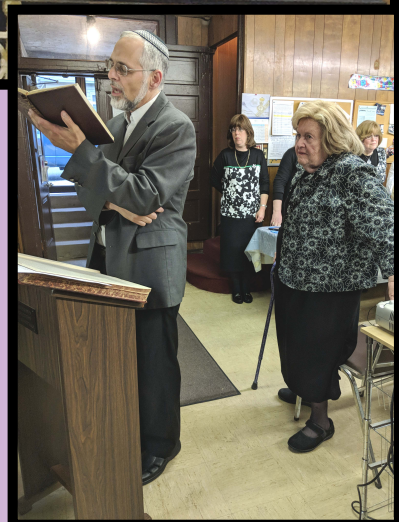
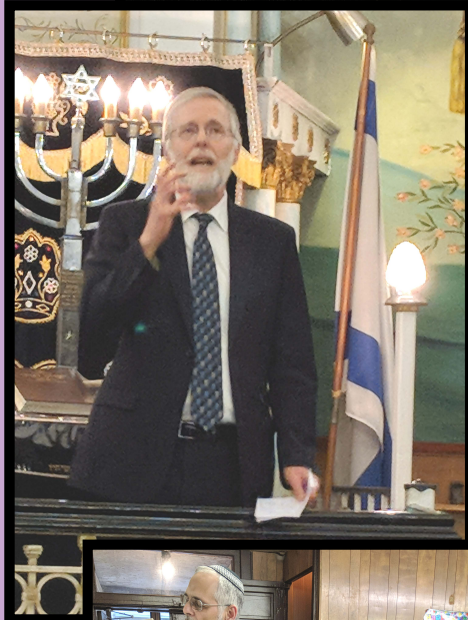
- ♦ **Luba Kruglyak**, on the engagement of her son, **Mikhail** to **Rifky Broder** (Brooklyn).
- ♦ **Rachel & Marty Lewitter** and the announcement and celebration of the engagement of their daughter, **Elle**, to **Abraham Levitt**.
- ♦ **Miriam & Marty Knecht** on the engagement of their grandson, **Yehoshua**, son of their children, **Atara & Dr. Tziviki Gottesman**.
- ♦ **Mrs. Ruth Strashun** on the marriage of her granddaughter, **Debra**, daughter of **Brenda & Jeff Strashun**, to **Daniel Braunstein** (Merrick, LI).
- ♦ **Chava & R. Yitzchok Goldstone** on the marriage of their granddaughter, **Tziril**, daughter of **Malka & Israel Moshe Scheinerman** (Lakewood) to **Yitzchok Sochaczewski** (Lakewood).
- ♦ **Amy & R. Mordechai Tropp** (Highland Park) on the marriage of their daughter, **Tova**, to **Shmuel Kosman** (Baltimore).

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הרב יוסף בן מנחם מענדל הלוי ז"ל
HaRav Joseph Lichtman z"l

Sheliach Tzibur at Bais Yitzchok for over 45 years
The First Yahrzeit Gathering was held at
Bais Yitzchok on the day of the yahrzeit,
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 23 Sivan



Following a dairy supper, the program continued with opening words of welcome by Rav Elazer M. Teitz, words of remembrance by family, Rabbi Joe's children and grandchildren participated in a multi-faceted program of *siyum*, learning, reflections, and remembrances. It was emphasized that Bais Yitzchok was the most appropriate venue for the event since this was the family's Shul all those years and the spirit of R. Lichtman still abides here. For many it was an opportunity to greet Liz Lichtman and her extended family. For others, who were not at Bais Yitzchok during the "Lichtman Years" it was an education experience.

R. Moshe Abramowitz recounted a conversation he had with R. Joseph Oratz, who succeeded Rabbi Lichtman as *baal tefillah* for the *Yamim Noraim*. The transition from "one Joe another Joe" was just too much to absorb so he told Rabbi Oratz it was simple, we needed "more Joe," referring to Joe Lichtman, in the *davening*. This was done and is still the mode today.

On the Shul website (www.baisyitzchok.org), under Archives, you can view all the photos from this event, as well as the farewell offered R. Joe and Liz almost ten years ago. You can also listen to selections of R. Joe's *davening* for *Rosh Chodesh* and the *Yamim Noraim*. ->



Join us for a Farewell Breakfast
honoring
SALLY & JOEL FLAMHOLZ



On Sunday morning, June 24th, following morning *davening*, we had a chance to honor Sally & Joel for their many years of service to Bais Yitzchok and for their warmth and friendship. Many members and friends came to wish them every *mazal*, as they move permanently to Boca Raton, Florida, after many years as “snow-birds.” Many of their many grandchildren joined the event. As is usual on Sunday mornings, Jean Zimmer prepared a lavish breakfast to accompany the learning which takes place.

Joel has been the Shul Treasurer for decades and his institutional memory and IT expertise are hard, perhaps impossible, to replicate. Although the Shul has fewer members now, the need to record and document the financial activities is constant. From recording pledges, donations, contributions and other obligations, Joel kept ahead of the demand. We are making slow progress assigning these duties to a willing volunteer.

With their children in places other than Florida, we expect to see Sally and Joel on their trips north. You can see all the photos from the event on the Shul website, www.baisyitzchok.org as well as a recording of Joel’s remarks that morning.

Thanks to all who made the event a success and our best wishes to Sally and Joel.



NACHAS NOTES *continued*

- ♦ **Esther Addison Steinhart** on the marriage of **Reva** (her daughter and that of her late husband **Dr. Eugene Steinhart** a"h) to **Hillel Itzkowitz** (Hillside).
- ♦ **Mrs. Toby Goldberg**, on the marriage of her granddaughter, **Chaya Rivka**, daughter of **Miriam & R. Shraga Goldberg** (Lakewood) to **Yehuda Fiddle** (Suffern, NY).
- ♦ **Barbara & Dr. Bernie Lichstein** on the engagement of their grandson, **Yisrael**, son of their children, **Devora & Harvey Schatz** (Teaneck), to **Kaila Pridemor** (Chicago).
- ♦ **Mimi & Vic Cohen** on the engagement of their grandson, **Eytan**, son of their children, **Ruchie & Danny Scher** (Brooklyn) to **Devora Panish** (Kew Gardens Hills).

הַקְדָּבָה יְשֻׁלָּם שְׂכָרָם

“HONORABLE MENSCHEN”

- ♦ **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).
- ♦ **ABOUT PESACH – Kiddusha Rabbah** - “Grand Kiddush” on Shabbos HaGadol, was sponsored by **Lennie Brandwein** for his mother’s yahrzeit, *Frumis bas Lipa Eliezer z”l* and also honored the yahrzeits of **Susan Farkas z”l** (*Bobé Sara bas Ze’ev*) and **Reb Mendel Farkas z”l** (*Aharon Menachem ben Alter Eliyahu*). **R. Nachi Lanner**, who was here from *Eretz Yisrael* to celebrate the recent birth of a son, spoke as did **Lennie Brandwein**. **Lenny Lauer** read a Shul tribute to the Farkas’. Thanks to the **Zimmers** for the Kiddush and the luncheon for those who remained. Thanks to all who participated over *Yom Tov*: **Jeannie & Jake Zimmer** for preparing the *Taanis Bechorim* breakfast and the Shul set up, **Rav Teitz for Mechiras Chametz** and the *Siyum* on *Erev Pesach*, **Lenny Lauer & R. Moshe Abramowitz** for the Newsletter production and distribution, and all those who helped out on *Yom Tov*, specifically, **Lenny Lauer** for *laining*, **Adam Melzer** for *Shir HaShirim*, the **Zimmers** for coordinating and for **everyone** who made the *minyanim*. *Y’yasheir kochachem!*
- ♦ **SHAVUOS** –The annual *Seudas Dovid HaMelech* on the second day of *Yom Tov*, was enhanced by the presence of **Rav Elazer M. Teitz**, who continued the tradition started by his father, **Rav Pinchos Mordechai Teitz**, z”l of providing the learning at the *seudah*. Thanks to the **Zimmers** for preparing and presenting the meal and to the sponsors: **Mr. Anonymous, Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider** (for the yahrzeit of **Sylvia’s** mother z”l and **Ellie’s** father, z”l), **Mrs. Ruth Strashun** (for the yahrzeit her father-in-law, z”l), **Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, Annette & Lenny Lauer** and **Hermann Kaiser** (for the yahrzeit of his late wife). Thanks to **Debbie & Danny Sheinbein** for their annual gift of lovely Shavuos flowers for the Shul.
- ♦ **KALISH - BLANK GRADUATE AWARDS** At respective Senior Nights for the Mesivta and Bruriah, Bais Yitzchok provided certificates, a congratulatory letter and a monetary gift for our Annual Kalish and Blank Awards. **Norman Kalish Memorial Award** - RTMA: **Nachum Loew** (Highland Park) Bruriah: **Gavrielle Goldberg** (Hillside) **The Julius & Esther Blank Award** went to **Yaeli Rothschild** (Teaneck). *Mazal Tov* to these proud young people with our best wishes of *b’racha v’hazalacha*.
- ♦ **TISHA B’AV** - Thanks to all who participated this year with special thanks to **Lenny Lauer**, who has, for so many years, led the recitation of *Eicha* and *Kinos*.
- ♦ **SPECIAL THANKS** to **Arthur Weinstein** for creating *Pesicha Cards*, to permit the Gabbai to assign specific ark openings during Musaf of Rosh HaShana when unnecessary speaking is forbidden, making this assignment difficult. A great idea. Thanks Art.

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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

- **Phyllis Farkas**, commemorating the second yahrzeit of her late mother, **Mrs. Susan Farkas, Bobe Sorah bas Z'ev a"h. R. Moshe Abramowitz** gave the *d'var Torah*. Phyllis and others shared memories of Mrs. Farkas as those present honored her memory.
- **Glenn Bond** for the first yahrzeit of his father, *Dovid Asher ben Yisrael z"l*.
- **The Shul, Jean & Jake Zimmer** and **Phyllis Farkas**, commemorating the 1st yahrzeit of **Dr. Eugene Steinhart z"l**.
- **Annette & Lenny Lauer** on their 60+ wedding anniversary. We recalled this event with a special cake at Kiddush.. May they have many more celebrations to share.
- **The Melzer Family**, in honor of **Mrs. Judy Melzer** making *aliyah*.
- **Jeannie & Jake Zimmer**, commemorating the yahrzeit of Jake's mother, *Yocheved bas Menachem Mendel z"l*.
- **The Zimmers**, commemorating the yahrzeit of Jeannie's mother, *Chana Ester bas Yehudah z"l*.
- **Hermann Kaiser**, on the 60th yahrzeit of his mother, *Hindel bas Tzvi z"l*.
- **Sharon Markowitz** (Jean Zimmer's sister) in honor of the 45th wedding anniversary of **Jean & Jake**. Mazal Tov!
- **The Shul** honored **Felix "Asher Mordechai" Perera**. Welcome to the Tribe.
- **Betzalel Zeidman** for his "Kiddush enhancements."

BREAKFASTS:

- **Mrs. Ruth Strashun**, honoring the yahrzeit of her husband, **Harold**, *Yechezkeil ben Menachem Mendel z"l*. Members of the Strashun family were present and grandson, **Donnie Strashun**, gave a

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 posted there.*

d'var Torah and spoke at length about his grandfather's character and traits and connection to BY.

- **YOM YERUSHALAYIM – Seudas Shmuel Hanavi** – festive and celebratory breakfast following *Shacharis*, sponsored anonymously.
- **R. Moshe Abramowitz**, celebrating the completion of the first Book of Thilim whose weekly study began January 2011.

DIVREI TORAH PRESENTERS

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

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

Thanks to Jeannie & 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 sponsor a kiddush/breakfast or offer a *d'var Torah*

CONDOLENCES **תְּמִידָה יָחִידָה**

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



- Alex and Vladimir Shteynberg, on the loss of their father, **Dr. Yefim Shteynberg – Chaim ben Avraham a”h.**
- Mrs. Toby Goldberg on the passing of her brother, **Rabbi Arnold (Yeshiya) Heisler, a”h.**

NACHAS NOTES continued

- ♦ **SHALOM U’LHITRAOT – Helene & Yossi Wenger**, longtime BY members, who have relocated to Hollywood, FL, **Elaine & Harry Schlakman** who went on *Aliyah* and **Dr. Salamon Galimidi** who has moved to the North Avenue side of town. Every wish for success to them all. We also bid a fond farewell to **Sally & Joel Flamholz** who have moved permanently to Boca Raton, Florida. Photos from the special breakfast in their honor are featured in this issue.
- ♦ **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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