



AHAVAS SHOLOM WEEKLY

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Shabbos

Candle lighting 5:27 PM
 Mincha 5:25 PM

Shacharis 9:00 AM
 Mincha 5:15 PM
 Maariv/Motza"sh 6:29 PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday 8:15 AM
 Monday 6:45 AM
 Tuesday 6:50 AM
 Wednesday 6:50 AM
 Thursday 6:45 AM
 Friday 6:50 AM

Mincha

Sun-Thurs 5:35 PM

*Next week's Candle lighting on
 2/3/22: 5:35 PM

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The Weekly D'var

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz, the Mirrer Rosh Yeshiva, once stood before a Holocaust survivor, a living testament to the atrocities of the past. "How did you hold out?" he asked. "How did you find the strength to not give up?" The survivor replied, "In the camps, we were stripped of everything. We were denied the ability to fulfill any Mitzvos. Lulav, Sukkah, Chanukah, all were beyond our reach. But there was one Mitzvah we clung to, even at the cost of our lives. At night, we'd leave the barracks to perform it, determined to press on. In the darkest of times, there was still always a moon," recalled the survivor. "And there was still always the Mitzvah of Kiddush Levanah. We would look up at the moon and take to heart the words in Kiddush Levanah: *"They are destined to be renewed like the moon."*

The mitzvah of Kiddush Levanah was a beacon of hope for this Holocaust survivor, a constant reminder that things can change, that there is always hope for renewal. Rav Moshe Grunwald, famed Chassidic Master and author of the Sefer Arugas HaBosem asks: The sun burns eternal, the forces of nature are unyielding, and gravity is unbreakable. But what of the moon? It waxes and wanes, grows and diminishes, disappears and reappears. Why would the Creator fashion a celestial body with such a cyclical nature? He answers: There's a fundamental truth embedded within the waxing and waning of the moon. The moon serves as a symbol, a reminder that in life, we all experience periods of growth and decline, moments of ascent and descent. The Creator, in His infinite wisdom, commanded the moon to follow its cyclical patterns as a parable to the Jewish people, as indicated by the words in the Kiddush Levanah blessing:

"And to the moon He said, 'Renew yourself!...to those who are destined to renew themselves like her."

In other words, *"HaChodesh HaZeh..."* (Shemos 12:2), the renewal of the moon, is *"Lachem"*, **for the benefit of the Jewish People**. The moon reminds us, on a collective and individual level, that just as the moon waxes and wanes, so too will we experience periods of growth and decline. But just like the moon that always reappears after it disappears, we, too, are destined to renew ourselves and rise again and again. In the interim, Good Shabbos!

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Upcoming Events

Join us for a NEW Ahavas Sholom shiur series: Rabbi Dr. Asher Schechter will be speaking post-kiddush, this Shabbos 1/28/23, Parashas Bo, on “**The Incarnations of Eliyahu Hanavi in Tanach, Halacha, and Machshavah**”.

Avos U'Banim Banquet! The Grand Finale of the Avos U'banim will take place on Motzaei Shabbos 2/18/23. Tons of great prized, food and drinks, and, of course, the ultimate dodgeball tournament.

Schedule for Classes

Avos U'Banim, every Motzaei Shabbos in the Beis Midrash, during the winter months, begins around 1 hour after Shabbos. This week: 7:20

Men's senior scholar Chaburah, every Wednesday at noon in the Beis Midrash, a delicious lunch is served

Kiddush sponsors

Kiddush: Sheila and Michael Cutler, Ira and Laura Nutis, and Jodi and Eddie Karmia, in memory of their father Frank Nutis, whose Yahrzeit Is the 7th of Shevat, and for a refuah shelaimah for Sam Nutis

Shalosh Seudos: Drs. Julie & Philip Weirnerman commemorating the yahrzeit of Julie's father, Dr. David Davidson zt"l, whose Yahrzeit is the 11th day of Shevat, and by Mikhail Tashayev in memory of his grandmother, Sophia bat Zavulun Tashayeva zt"l, whose Yahrzeit is this Shabbos, the 6th of Shevat.

Elsewhere in the Community

Women's Melaveh Malka, honored Speaker Moishe Bane, President emeritus of the OU, 1/28/23, 7:45 PM, 2589 Brookwood Road at the Komaiko Residence, Gourmet Dairy Spread

Tu B'Shvat & Brachos Brunch, Speaker Mrs. Rochie Berkowitz, principal of Chaviva High School in Cleveland, 2/5/2023 10:30 AM, Home of Libby Rosenthal, 336 S Columbia Avenue, Gourmet Israeli Dairy Spread, RSVP \$10, Venmo Ellie-rosenberg-1; Zelle 312-576-5750

Ely Zofan and family invite you to participate in the writing of a Torah Scroll in memory of beloved Wife and Mother, Lauri Podell Zofan (z"l), Sunday, February 19, 2023, 11AM at Torat Emet, 2375 East Main Street. 75 letters are available (\$108 per letter). Visit www.toratemet.org to reserve a letter.

Important Announcements and reminders

Probeh Shabbos Weekends for our Rabbinic Candidates: Rabbi Shmuel Lemann 2/4/23, Rabbi Sammy Bergman 2/11/23, and Rabbi Shlomo Eisenberg 2/18/23. There will be numerous opportunities over the whole weekend to meet and hear from the candidates: Shabbos mornings, where each candidate will deliver the Shabbos Drasha, interactive shiurim at Shalosh Seudos, special Shabbos women's programs on February 11 and 18, Sunday brunch for shul members (2/5, 2/12 and 2/19) for an opportunity to engage in a Q & A session with the Rabbanim. Babysitting will be provided at the shul.

You should have received your mailing for the purim baskets by now. If you have not and would like to place an order, please email perrx70@yahoo.com. The deadline to place an order is January 31st.

What if someone collapsed in shul- would you know what to look for and do? Do you know that the shul has an AED and where it is located? Dr. Victor Schmelzer will be giving a 30 minute class on Sunday January 29 at 1:30. You could help save a life. In order to join, please email perrx70@yahoo.com

If you are in need of hospitality for Shabbos or Yom Tov meals - or would like to host guests for Shabbos or Yom Tov meals - please let Rabbi Steinberg know at asinterimrabbi@gmail.com

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