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## SHABBAT KI TAVO

15 ELUL 5783 - FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Candle Lighting: 5:40pm  
Mincha: 5:50pm  
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	Friday 1 September 15 Elul	Shabbat 2 September 16 Elul	Sunday 3 September 17 Elul	Monday 4 September 18 Elul	Tuesday 5 September 19 Elul	Wednesday 6 September 20 Elul	Thursday 7 September 21 Elul	Friday 8 September 22 Elul
1. Beit Yehuda 2. Beit Yitzchak (Kehillat Ohr David) 3. Beit Midrash (Beit Haroeh Shabbat Morning) 4. Bnei Akiva 5. Elsternwick 6. Midrashah 7. Goldberger Hall								
<b>Shacharit</b>	6:30am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>	7:30am <sup>3</sup> : 9:30am <sup>1-4</sup>	7:00am <sup>1</sup> 8:00am <sup>1</sup> 9:00am <sup>3</sup>	6:20am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>	6:30am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>	6:30am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>	6:20am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>	6:30am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>
Dawn	5:31am	5:30am	5:28am	5:27am	5:25am	5:24am	5:22am	5:21am
Tallit & Tefillin	5:50am	5:50am	5:47am	5:46am	5:44am	5:42am	5:41am	5:39am
Sunrise	6:43am	6:42am	6:40am	6:39am	6:37am	6:36am	6:34am	6:33am
Sh'ma (ג'א)	9:31am	9:30am	9:29am	9:29am	9:28am	9:27am	9:26am	9:25am
Earliest Mincha	12:49pm	12:49pm	12:49pm	12:49pm	12:48pm	12:48pm	12:48pm	12:48pm
Plag HaMincha (ג'א)	4:47pm	4:48pm	4:49pm	4:49pm	4:50pm	4:50pm	4:51pm	4:52pm
Candle Lighting	5:40pm							5:46pm
Mincha / Ma'ariv	5:50pm	5:30pm	5:50pm	5:50pm	5:50pm	5:50pm	5:50pm	5:55pm
Sunset	5:58pm	5:59pm	6:00pm	6:01pm	6:01pm	6:02pm	6:03pm	6:04pm
Night/Shabbat Ends	6:38pm	6:39pm	6:40pm	6:40pm	6:41pm	6:42pm	6:43pm	6:44pm
Late Ma'ariv			Not tonight	9:30pm	9:30pm	9:30pm	9:30pm	

DAF YOMI Via Zoom & in person	Kiddushin 19	Kiddushin 20	Kiddushin 21	Kiddushin 22	Kiddushin 23	Kiddushin 24	Kiddushin 25	Kiddushin 26
	8:15am		8:45am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am
<b>SHIURIM</b> 		Reb Leor Broh 9:00am R' James Kennard 9:30am <sup>7</sup> Drashot R' Alan Kimche <sup>1</sup> Reb Leor Broh <sup>3</sup> Shabbat Afternoon Shiur R' James Kennard 4:40pm	Ramban Parasha Shiur with R' Jonny Brull 8:00pm Students Gemara Kiddushin Shiur with R' Jonny Brull 8:45pm	Parasha Shiur with R' Jonny Brull for Ladies 9:30am Tzurba Communal Shiur R' Jonny Brull 7:30pm Sefer Ezra Shiur for Ladies with Dr. Michal Kaufman at the Lewis's 8:30pm Gemara Shiur with R' Alan Kimche at 8:30pm	Lunch & Learn with R' Jonny Brull – 1:00pm Young Ladies Gemara Shiur (20's-30's) R' Jonny Brull 7:45pm Gemara chabura for returnees from Shnat R' Jonny Brull 8:30pm Parsha HaShavua R' Leor Broh Not this week	"Following in the Footsteps of our Fathers" 11:00am Gary's Gemara Shiur 8:30pm	Lunch & Learn Shiur @ LI Capital R' Jonny Brull 1:00pm Topic: "Understanding the Shofar Sounds" Moreh Nevuchim R' Jonny Brull 7:30pm Advanced Halacha Shiur R' Jonny Brull 8:30pm R' Chaim Brisker on the Ramban R' Marcus Rosenberg 8:30pm	
	<b>MISHNAH YOMIT</b>	Taanit 2:2-3	Taanit 2:4-5	Taanit 2:6-7	Taanit 2:8-9	Taanit 2:10-3:1	Taanit 3:2-3	Taanit 3:4-5

EVENTS	MizKids 10:30am	Bnei Akiva 4:30pm	Seudah Shlishit Philip Chester					Hesder Bachurim Arrive

YAHRZEITS 	Alex Friedman (Father)	Harry Gelber (Father)	Ely Schachna (Mother)	Les Weinberg (Father)	Rita Gottlieb, Haya Epstein, Pearl Schon & Sooly Balter (Father)	Sam Parasol (Mother)	Harry Mainzer (Sister)
			John Kraus (Mother)		Danny Lamm & Gilda Moss (Mother)	Sam Alter (Mother)	



# BENJI JOTKOWITZ

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Shalom Aleichem to Rabbi & Rebbetzin Kimche. We are glad to have you back with us and look forward to your continuing hard work and contribution towards our community.

It was an honour having Rav Doron Perez – Executive Chairman World Mizrachi here and we all appreciated learning from him over the course of Shabbat. On Sunday night many supporters of our Beit Midrash & Midrasha enjoyed listening to Rav Jonny Brull in conversation with Ambassador Mark Regev and Rav Doron Perez as they shared with us their viewpoints and opinions on a range of topics facing Israel and the Jewish people today.

I'd like to share with you my closing remarks from the event.

Thank you all for your attendance here this evening. It has been a wonderful 25th anniversary Beit Midrash & Midrasha event and on behalf of the Mizrachi Executive and Committee I offer my Hakarat HaTov for your ongoing commitment and support of Torah learning.

In his commentary on this week's Parsha Ki Tavo, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l emphasizes the centrality of education. He highlights how the commandment to inscribe the Torah on stones reflects the Jewish traditions understanding of the enduring power of education. He notes that the act of writing the Torah on stones signifies the need for a tangible and lasting embodiment of knowledge.

Rabbi Sacks draws a parallel between the inscribed stones and the luchot containing the Aseret Hadibrot. Just as those tablets represented the covenant between Hashem and Bnei Yisrael the stones in this Parasha symbolize the covenant of education – the commitment to passing down knowledge, values, and tradition to the next generations.

The commandment to write the Torah on stones teaches us that education is the foundation upon which the Jewish people's continuity is built. Just as the stones were set up in a public place, education should be accessible and visible to all, reminding everyone of their shared heritage and values.

And this I feel is what the Founders of our wonderful Beit Midrash & Midrasha were thinking all those years ago when they had the vision to establish a place of learning at 81 Balaclava Road open for everyone in our community to use.

And it has been primarily due to Danny Lamm that it has been able to continue year after year by taking on the significant fundraising component needed to keep it running. Having just eased out of the Yavneh Foundation Chair position for over a decade, I know firsthand how challenging fundraising can be. Phone calls get screened, people cross the road when they see you coming closer and will try hard not to make eye contact or engage in conversation.

So on behalf of the Mizrachi organisation, I say thank you Danny and give you the bracha from the famous words we say in the Shabbat Mussaf tefillah; וְכָל מִי שֶׁעוֹסֵק בְּצַדִּיקָא בְּצִיבּוּר בְּאַמוּנָה הַקְּדוּשָׁה בְּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁלַם שְׂכָרָם serving as a reminder that active involvement in the needs of the community, coupled with faith, is a cornerstone of maintaining a strong, supportive, and spiritually enriching communal environment.

The revamped MizKids program starts this Shabbat morning and I wish Cara and her team of enthusiastic youth leaders and helpers much success. Please support this wonderful and important program.

Shabbat Shalom

*Benji*



# FROM OUR COMMUNITY SIYUM SPEECH

## SONIA SLONIM

I recently celebrated my siyum of Masechet Gittin with a lunch for the Year 9 and Year 10 girls at Yavneh. Below is my speech. Thank you for joining me on this special occasion.

On 8th March 2020 12th Adar 5780 three days before Purim as COVID was spreading and fears of lockdown were looming, my son Matan suggested that I join him in learning Daf Yomi and so I began a journey. I missed the first Masechet which is Brachot. However, from Masechet Shabbat, I spend 20-30 minutes listening to a Daf Yomi Shiur daily.

At school in Israel, I learned Gemarah from grade 5, I had an amazing teacher and I still remember and practice what he taught us on the laws of הונאה deceit and you will seldom see me walking into Heymish with a Glick's bag and vice versa so that the owner won't think I don't intend buying or I am expressing an opinion about his shop by walking in with a bag of goods sold by a competitor.

What drew me to Daf Yomi was not the skills that I would acquire because in half an hour one cannot really learn the skills required to learn Gemarah. What I love about Daf Yomi is that I am learning about the plethora of topics that our sages have thought about and what we call learning by association.

Often in class, I would say "you are going off-topic". The Amoraim, are classics for doing just that, going off-topic. The Masechet which we just finished Gittin is dedicated to the laws of divorce, and it does discuss that in detail from how a get should be written to how the husband would give it to his wife. What to do if the wife refuses? What if they change their mind? What if conditions are placed on the Gett and not kept. Can one even make a get conditional? And in between these hotly debated topics we learn about the "Agadeta of the Churban" including the story of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza and baseless hatred.

While discussing the topic of what happens if you ask someone to write a get on your behalf and he passes it on to a third party we come across a section where demons are discussed but what fascinated me are some of the suggested medications. How did the sages even know about these remedies? In Masechet Brachot it says that King Hezekiah took away the book of remedies cos as Jews we should pray for healing and not take remedies. But the rabbis disagree and say that doctors should prescribe medicine but at the same time we should pray.

One important halacha that we learn in the Masechet is a Gett al Tnai. This refers to a married couple where the husband gives his wife a Gett in case something happens to him. This is usually during a war. In WWII, when Jews from Israel joined the war effort, they did this in case they were missing in action and could not be found. In Hungary, during the Holocaust, the rabbis performed this ritual when men were taken away and the wives did not know when they would meet again.

Unfortunately, the rabbis were murdered and some of the paperwork did not survive the Holocaust thus this Gett did not apply. However, a special Beit Din was set up after the war to resolve the issue of men and women who did not know what happened to their spouses.





# FROM THE COMMUNITY

## ABARANOK SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

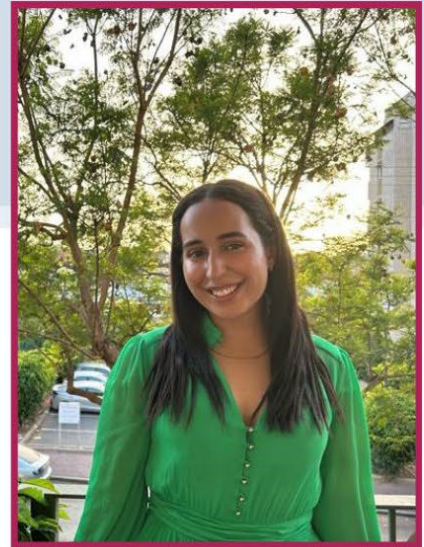
### HODAYA PERETZ

I have had the most fabulous time during the past few months in Israel. Over the summer break, Harova took me to Poland which was truly an eye opening experience. I had the privilege of being the first family member to return to Poland since the Holocaust and go to the town in which my great grandmother, who I am named after, grew up in. The way in which Poland was presented to me was a unique one in which both Torah- the great Rabbanim of Poland and Lithuania were equally as focused on as the atrocities of the Shoah, to ensure the experience was an uplifting one as opposed to just a traumatic one.

In Eretz Yisrael, I spent a week on Kibbutz in the North of Israel with MTA which again, was an experience I don't think I could ever quite re- live. The opportunity to integrate with a real life community and be a part of a working society and help provide to others was a meaningful one in which I learned to appreciate so many things I often would take for granted. In addition to Kibbutz, I also took part in the SAR- EL army experience in Mitzpe Ramon, in which I volunteered in various areas of the army to help new soldiers transition into the next stage of their lives, in addition to being able to step somewhat into the lives of soldiers and therefore appreciate all they do for Am Yisrael.

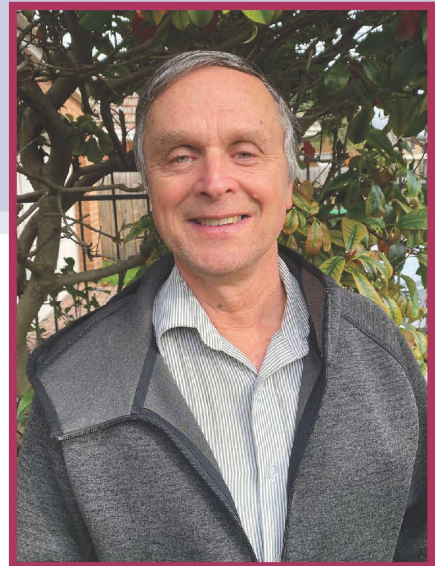
I then returned to Harova where I prepared to meet the new Northerners and have just resumed classes again. I am so lucky to be learning Torah on such a high level in the heart of the old city every day, having the Kotel as my local shul. A highlight has definitely been attending the Selichot late at night, uniting with Jews from all over Israel pouring our hearts out before the Yamim Noraim. Overall, I am most grateful for forming such strong bonds with girls all over the world in a way I didn't even know was possible. Travelling all over Israel has been such a privilege and I am eternally thankful for being given this chance.

Thank you so much,



# TORAH TIDBITS

## FROM OUR COMMUNITY



### פרשת כי תבוא Parshat Ki Tavo

Ashley Tugendhaft

I would like to discuss two mitzvot that are discussed in Parshat Ki Tavo.

The first mitzvah in Parshat Ki Tavo is the mitzvah of the bikurim, the first fruits that are brought with lots of fanfare to the Beit Hamikdash. The Kohen is told to take the basket from the hand of the person bringing the bikurim and to place it in front of the altar. In the Mishnah, the entire bikurim process is described in great detail. *"The wealthy people bring their first fruits in gold and silver plated baskets, whereas the poor people bring their first fruits in baskets made of wicker and straw."* The Kohen would return the baskets to the rich owners, but he would keep the baskets of the poor. How strange and unjust! So the poor become even poorer as a result of this happening. They are stuck in a vicious cycle of poverty!

However, our sages have commented that this is a very justifiable act. There actually is a siman of bracha when the Kohen retains the poor man's basket. By returning the rich man's basket the Kohen is implying that next year may that person continue to accumulate his wealth and return with a similar gold or silver plated basket. In contrast, by keeping the poor man's basket, the Kohen is hinting to the fact that the poor person shouldn't return with any inferior straw basket but rather that his fortune will be turned around for the better and that he will no longer be poverty stricken.

Parshat Ki Tavo also discusses the mitzvah of the viduy, the confession, that is declared after the giving of ma'aser. The person declares, *"I have removed the holy items out of my house, and I have also given to the Levi and to the ger and to the orphan and to the widow, according to whatever commandment you have commanded me, I have not transgressed any of your commandments and I have not forgotten"* (perek 26, pasuk 13). The Sfat Emet asks, at the time when the person is fulfilling this particular mitzvah, of Viduy Ma'aser, it should be self-evident that he has not forgotten it!

The Sfat Emet explains, even at the time when the person is fulfilling the mitzvah, he can be forgetting about it, since he may be performing it simply by rote, without the proper intentions. Even though, to the onlooker, he may be following every single detail to the letter, his heart may not be in sync with his actions. Therefore, the person declares, *"I have not transgressed any of your commandments"*, since I have set aside ma'aser according to all the particulars of that mitzvah. In addition, *"I have not forgotten"*, in as much as I have my mind fully cognizant of what I am performing. We should all have this in our minds when we fulfill any mitzvah that we perform.

לעילוי נשמת אמי מורתי ליבה בת יהודה לייב

As a new initiative, each week we will have a community member share a dvar Torah in the Mizrahi Matters and online. If you would like to contribute, please contact Toby on 0439 846 100.



**MAZAL TOV to:**

**Battie & Joel Kalkopf** on the birth of their daughter.

Mazal tov to her grandparents: Melanie & Mory Kalkopf & Shaina & Paul Gampel

Mazal tov to her great grandparents: Shirley Kanter (London) and Melanie and Basil Gampel

**Benzi Sebbag** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah in Israel this Shabbat.

Mazal tov to his parents: Dina & Raph Sebbag.

Mazal tov to his grandparents: Rabbi Ronnie & Eve Figdor, Molly Kaufman and David Sebbag.

Mazal tov to his great-grandmothers: Ruth Figdor and Freda Shimshoni.

**Yael Gosling & Josh Schwartz** on their wedding

Mazal tov to their parents: Susan & Anthony Gosling and Stacey & Louis Schwartz (Baltimore)

Mazal tov to their grandparents: Eunice Lewis and Hilda Gosling (New Zealand).

**Happy Birthday to:**

Tori Balter, David Cohny, David Fisher, Sharona Jotkowitz, Barry Kave, Sue Korbl, Aron Rubin, Ely Schachna, Lenny Schmidt, Peter Wein

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# MIZ KIDS IS BACK

TEFILLAH - GAMES - LEARNING - PRIZES!

2-4 year olds

Kinder JKA

(under Bnei stairwell)

with David Zimmermann

5-7 year olds

Upstairs Room 1

(Bnei Maon)

with Laila Feiglin + Aviva Kingsley

8-10 year olds

Upstairs Room 2

(Bnei Maon)

with Yoni + Rina Moss

Led by our new coordinator, Cara Esterman!

STARTING SHABBAT PARSHAT KI TAVO - 2 SEPTEMBER

Registration closes 6 September: <https://tinyurl.com/MIZKIDS>





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August 2023

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## From the Gush - Rav Moshe Taragin Ki Tavo: Ki Tavo - Secret Crimes

**The season of teshuvah and of moral improvement has arrived.**

A honest moral accounting helps us identify the sins we hope to repair and the character flaws we hope to overcome. A comprehensive personal inventory though, must address, not only specific actions, but overall behavioural trends. Which situations bring out our better selves and which situations bring out the worst in us. One aspect to consider is how we behave in a world which affords us greater anonymity.

### Reenacting Sinai

The Torah was delivered upon a barren mountain, situated in a sterile desert. As Hashem's word lies beyond time and space it descended to this world beyond the realm of human civilization. Once we entered Israel though, it became necessary to restage the Sinai experience. Without embracing Hashem's word our license to this land is nullified.

Soon after we entered the land, the delivery of Torah was recreated upon two mountains in Northern Israel, in current day Samaria. Several fundamental commandments were reformulated, including many of those already engraved on the tablets. This list includes injunctions against idolatry, warnings against moral crimes and a lengthy list of sexual prohibitions.

Alongside these familiar prohibitions, we also received a brand-new warning. We were cautioned not to harm others through acts committed in secret.

Years earlier, at Sinai there was no mention of "secret" crimes, and for good reason. During our tiring desert journey, we didn't enjoy any private or personal space. The entire population of three and a half million was crammed into a relatively tight radius. Life outside the Jewish encampment was unsafe, and no one dared venture beyond the perimeter and beyond the protection of divine clouds. The prospect of a sin committed in secret or in private was unrealistic and no specific warning was required.

Entering Israel however, and building private homesteads presented a new danger of clandestine sins against others, and this new threat demanded an entirely new warning.

Public opinion serves as a powerful deterrent against immoral behaviour. Concern about preserving our reputation and sensitivity to prevailing social codes both disincentivize unethical behaviour. Actions taken outside of the public eye, however, are always less restrained and, often, are more dishonest and manipulative. When we are faceless, we are often shameless. When identity is hidden, we aren't answerable



for our actions, and our conduct slides. For this reason, at the Israeli reenactment of Sinai, we were specifically warned about inflicting harm upon others through concealed behaviour.

### Halloween study

A famous social experiment known as the Halloween study, conducted in 1976, convincingly demonstrated the effects of social accountability. As part of the study, some children were asked general identification questions such as where they lived, or questions about their family, while other children remained completely anonymous. Both sets of children were offered candy, and their behaviour was monitored by out-of-sight observers. Even though they weren't aware they were being watched, the children acted differently. Those who had identified themselves were more restrained in taking candy, whereas those who had remained anonymous were less inhibited. Mere knowledge that our identity is transparent provides social accountability and encourages self-regulated behaviour. Concealed identity, on the other hand, affords us a shroud of anonymity under which our behaviour is less restrained.

### The Modern Cloak of Anonymity

The internet has provided us all with a cloak of anonymity, enabling our personal expression without disclosing our individual identity. Admittedly, this invisibility has provided various benefits, such as allowing us to voice unpopular opinions and empowering us to be critical of governments without the fear of retaliation.

However, the cloak of anonymity which the internet offers is eroding healthy communication. Freed of any social accountability, we ignore or even flout the norms of civility which should govern and moderate human interaction. Conversation on the internet often degenerates into aggression, anger, bigotry, shaming, and bullying. Comments and talkbacks are often radicalized, and people are vilified for their opinions. Of course, as to be expected, all this verbal chaos ends in antisemitism.

Whereas we used to cancel checks or appointments, today we cancel people, and we stifle their voices. Ironically, freedom of expression has led to the oppressiveness of "cancel culture". Beware the tyrannies which misused freedom always imposes.

Finally, anonymity encourages cowardly aggression. It isn't incidental that the infamous hacking group, which assaults organizations and countries which they believe to be criminal, is called "Anonymous:". It is too easy to attack others without announcing your identity or intent. The internet has provided a cloak for cowards.

Inevitably, our discourteous internet conversation bleeds into our daily life and infects our overall communication style. What happens on the internet quickly influences what happens in real time. Our world is angrier and ruder, in part, because of the way we speak to one another on the internet.

Additionally, the rapid pace of internet communication encourages us to respond hastily, as we impetuously say and write things, we later regret and are often forced to retract. Hurried internet communication conditions us to speak recklessly, without properly filtering our thoughts before they reach our lips.

The Torah warns us against harming others through secret crimes. The realm of secret crimes and the scope of these crimes have each expanded in the modern world. Comprehensive religious self-examination demands that we consider how we have communicated on various internet platforms.

### Hypocrisy

Sins committed in secret also invite hypocritical behaviour. When we sin in secret, we open a gap between our public persona and our real self, making claim to moral or religious standards which we don't actually adhere to. When personal behaviour deviates too sharply from public impression, we become walking deceptions. Sometimes our hypocrisy is calculated and other times it is unwitting, but either way, we mislead others about our virtue and we gather unfair reputational benefits.

Aside from the deception of others, hypocritical behaviour also makes us inauthentic as we constantly pursue two different lives – our real persona and our public masks. Sins performed in secret aren't just harmful to others but toxic to a life of authenticity.

### Accepting Ourselves

Though we crave authenticity and abhor hypocrisy, we must not judge ourselves *too* harshly. It is virtually impossible to completely live by our own moral code and to completely sync our inner lives with the values we cherish. Ultimately, social acceptance and personal reputation are powerful motivators of religious behaviour, and there will always be a gap between our public and private selves. As long as that gap isn't too large, and as long as we don't intentionally manipulate people or falsely engineer our reputation, we must accept the limits of human nature and the inescapable built-in duplicity. Everyone lives with a gap between professed moral standards and personal conduct. Gaps are acceptable, canyons are not.

The Talmud relates the death-bed scene of the great teacher, Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakai. In his final religious guidance to his students, he asked that their fear of Heaven equal their fear of social opinion. His shocked students protested that fear of Heaven should exceed concern for social reputation. With wisdom accrued over a lifetime he responded "halevai". If only they acted in private in the presence of G-d *at least* as piously as they presented themselves in public. Recognizing human Nature, this wise man urged his students to sync their private lives with their public behaviour. He probably understood that they would never fully succeed, but he encouraged them to try.



### Reb Leor Broh Riddle for Ki Tavo

Find 3 words in a row whose initials spell the name of the letter "ו".

### Riddle for last week (Ki Tetze)

Find a four-letter word that appears three times in Parshat Ki Tetze and connects



with blessing.

**Answer = הבכר - (the firstborn son) occurs 3 times in Ki Tetze; 21:15; 21:16 and 21:17.**

Whilst there a number of four-letter words that appear 3 times in Ki Tetze, the one that connects the most to 'blessing' is the word הבכר - the firstborn (son). The word הבכר has exactly the same letters as the word ברכה - blessing.

Indeed, the firstborn son has the blessing of receiving a double portion in his father's inheritance.

Commentaries such as the Baal HaTurim and the GRA mention that there is a hint to the double portion blessing in the very word בכר. There are only 3 letters in the Alef Bet which have a numerical value that is exactly double the previous letter. They are ב which is double א, כ which is double י, and ר which is double ק. These 3 letters form the word בכר.

א (1)	= 2x	ב (2)
י (10)	= 2x	כ (20)
ק (100)	= 2x	ר (200)



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SEUDAH SHLISHIT

Shabbat Ki Tavo

Mincha: 5:30pm



**SPEAKER:  
PHILIP CHESTER**

**TOPIC: THE CURRENT CHALLENGES  
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TAKE OUTS FROM THE ZFA  
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UNDERSTANDING THE SHOFAR SOUNDS  
~ RABBI BRULL

*Lunch and Learn @ L1 Capital*

*Thursday 7th September - 1:00pm*

“כְּרַחֵם אֱבֹת עַל בְּנָיִם”  
PARENTING CONTRASTS IN THE ROSH  
HASHANA LEINING ~ RABBI BRULL

*Women's Shiur @ Mizrachi Beit Midrash*

*Monday 11th September - 9:30am*

SHOFAR ON SHABBAT ~  
RABBI JOHNSON

*Lunch and Learn @ Mizrachi Beit Midrash*

*Tuesday 12th September - 1:00pm*





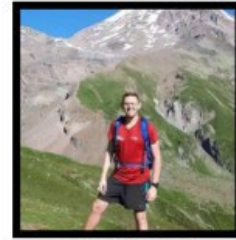
# OUR HESDER BACHURIM ARE ARRIVING 8 SEPTEMBER

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Himelstein



Noah Duker



Natanel Kronenberg



Chananya Yeres

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NOACH DUKER

Noach made Aliyah with his family in 2004. He enjoys playing sports, mainly American Football and Frisbee, hanging out with friends and reading books.

In high school he studied at Horev and volunteered as an EMT

Noach studied at Yeshiva Har Etzion



TZIKI HIMELSTEIN

Tziki likes to chill and hang out with family and friends. He loves to hike and do sport activities. He loves cooking and obviously to sit and learn Torah.

He lives in Beit Shemesh and loves being creative.

Tziki studied at Yeshiva in Kiriyat Shmona



NATANEL KRONENBERG

Natanel likes talking about science, being active and creative and loves having fun with kids of all ages.

He enjoys having deep and meaningful conversations and enjoys the occasional thinking or strategic board game.

Natanel studied at Yeshivat Hesder Yerucham



CHANANYA YERES

Chananya was born in Israel, raised in Jerusalem, and finds living there is very inspiring.

He enjoys learning Torah and spending time with friends and family.

Chananya studied at Yeshivat Hesder Yerucham

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**11:15 P M**

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**12:00 A M**

Divrei Hitorerut by Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche followed by an inspiring Selichot led by Isser Feiglin.

Motzei Shabbat  
9th September

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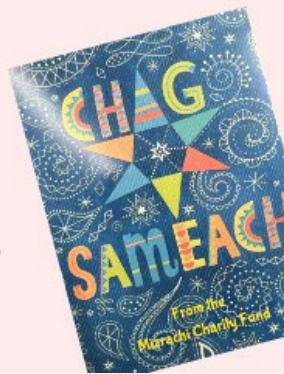
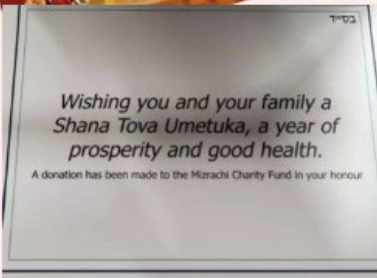
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KUMZITS WITH BNEI  
AKIVA & SELICHOT WITH  
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oct  
6-7

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sept  
10

C-CARE - CHESSD  
HONEY CAKE BAKING

oct  
7

MIZKIDS  
HAKAFOT AND DINNER

sept  
15-17

ROSH HASHANAH

oct  
7

SIMCHAT TORAH  
ADULTS SUPPER,  
KOD DINNER,  
BNEI AKIVA ANNUAL  
DINNER

sept  
24-25

YOM KIPPUR

oct  
8

SIMCHAT TORAH  
WOMENS' FORUM  
MIZKIDS MORNING TEA &  
LUNCH  
BY/BH CHATTANIM LUNCH  
KOD CHATTANIM LUNCH

sept  
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MIZKIDS SUCCA  
DECORATIONS

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29

EREV SUCCOT

oct  
15

3-PART SERIES WITH  
ZACH GOMO

oct  
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CHOL HAMOED  
SUCCOT FIESTA | LIVE BAND |  
ADULTS ONLY

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PINK KIDDUSH FOR  
BREAST CANCER

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CHOL HAMOED SUCCOT-  
MORNING TEA IN THE  
SUCCA WITH FRIENDS

nov  
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KIDDUSH FOR  
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