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**22 ELUL 5783 - FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023**



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	Friday 8 September 22 Elul	Shabbat 9 September 23 Elul	Sunday 10 September 24 Elul	Monday 11 September 25 Elul	Tuesday 12 September 26 Elul	Wednesday 13 September 27 Elul	Thursday 14 September 28 Elul	Friday 15 September ערב ראש השנה
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>Slichot to be followed immediately by Shacharit</b>	6:30am <sup>1</sup> :7:00am <sup>2</sup> 7:30am <sup>1</sup>	7:30am <sup>1</sup> : 9:30am <sup>1-4</sup>	6:00am <sup>1</sup> , 6:40am <sup>2</sup> 7:00am <sup>1</sup>	6:00am <sup>1</sup> , 6:40am <sup>2</sup> 7:00am <sup>1</sup>	6:00am <sup>1</sup> , 6:40am <sup>2</sup> 7:00am <sup>1</sup>	6:00am <sup>1</sup> , 6:40am <sup>2</sup> 7:00am <sup>1</sup>	5:40am <sup>1</sup> , 6:30am <sup>2</sup>	6:00am <sup>1</sup> , 6:40am <sup>2</sup> 7:00am <sup>1</sup>
Dawn	5:21am	5:19am	5:18am	5:16am	5:15am	5:13am	5:12am	5:10am
Tallit & Tefillin	5:41am	5:40am	5:38am	5:37am	5:35am	5:34am	5:32am	5:31am
Sunrise	6:33am	6:31am	6:30am	6:28am	6:27am	6:25am	6:24am	6:22am
Sh'ma (גרא)	9:25am	9:24am	9:23am	9:22am	9:21am	9:20am	9:19am	9:18am
Earliest Mincha	12:48pm	12:47pm	12:47pm	12:47pm	12:47pm	12:46pm	12:46pm	12:46pm
Plag HaMincha (גרא)	4:52pm	4:52pm	4:53pm	4:53pm	4:54pm	4:55pm	4:55pm	4:56pm
Candle Lighting	5:46pm							5:52pm
Mincha / Ma'ariv	5:55pm	5:35pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	5:55pm	6:00pm
Sunset	6:04pm	6:05pm	6:05pm	6:06pm	6:07pm	6:08pm	6:09pm	6:10pm
Night/Shabbat Ends	6:44pm	6:44pm	6:45pm	6:46pm	6:47pm	6:48pm	6:49pm	6:49pm
Late Ma'ariv			10.00pm	10.00pm	10.00pm	10.00pm	10.00pm	
Selichot		12:17am	10.15pm	10.15pm	10.15pm	10.15pm	10.15pm	

DAF YOMI Via Zoom & in person	Kiddushin 26	Kiddushin 27	Kiddushin 28	Kiddushin 29	Kiddushin 30	Kiddushin 31	Kiddushin 32	Kiddushin 33	
	8:15am		8:45am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	8:15am	
<b>SHIURIM</b> 		<b>Reb Leor Broh 9:00am</b> R' James Kennard 9:30am <sup>7</sup> Drashot R' Dr. Alan Kimche <sup>1</sup> R' Chezy Deren <sup>2</sup> R' Leor Broh <sup>3</sup> <b>Shabbat Afternoon Shiur</b> R' James Kennard 4:45pm	<b>Ramban Parasha Shiur</b> with R' Jonny Brull 8:00pm <b>Students Gemara Kiddushin Shiur</b> with R' Jonny Brull 8:45pm	<b>Parasha Shiur</b> with R' Jonny Brull for Ladies 9:30am <b>Tzurba Communal Shiur</b> R' Jonny Brull 7:30pm <b>Sefer Ezra Shiur</b> for Ladies with Dr. Michal Kaufman at the Lewis's 8:30pm <b>Gemara Shiur</b> with R' Alan Kimche at 8:30pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> with R' Jonson 1:00pm <b>Young Ladies Gemara Shiur (20's-30's)</b> R' Jonny Brull 7:45pm <b>Gemara chabura</b> for returnees from Shnat R' Jonny Brull 8:30pm <b>Parsha HaShavua</b> R' Leor Broh 8:30pm	<b>"Following in the Footsteps of our Fathers"</b> 11:00am Gary's Gemara Shiur 8:30pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn Shiur @ LI Capital</b> R' Jonny Brull 1:00pm <b>Moreh Nevuchim</b> R' Jonny Brull 7:30pm <b>Advanced Halacha Shiur</b> R' Jonny Brull 8:30pm <b>R' Chaim Brisker on the Rambam</b> R' Marcus Rosenberg 8:30pm		
	<b>MISHNAH YOMIT</b>	Taanit 3:6-7	Taanit 3:8-9	Taanit 4:1-2	Taanit 4:3-4	Taanit 4:5-6	Taanit 4:7-8	Megilah 1:1-2	Megilah 1:3-4

<b>EVENTS</b>		<b>MizKids 10:30am</b> <b>Bnei Akiva 4:30pm</b> <b>Seudah Shlishit</b> David Prins <b>Kumzits with Bnei Akiva,</b> Isser Feiglin and Drasha by R' Kimche	<b>Consecration</b> in loving memory of <b>Chaim Reuben</b> עי"ה (Father of Ygal Reuben) 11am @ MCK Springvale					<b>Molad for Tishrei</b> 5:49 (0 chalakim) AM
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<b>YAHARZEITS</b> 	Harry Mainzer (Sister)	Sarah Jotkowitz (Father)			Eva Seidner (Father)	R' Hillel Bick (Mother)	Fortuna Schachna (Mother)	
	Avi Paluch (Father)							

**MAZAL TOV to:**

**Becca & Adam Blau** on the birth of a baby girl.  
Mazal tov to her grandparents: Gloria & Daniel Blau and Melissa & Zelman Lew.  
Mazal tov to her great grandmother: Mrs Gross.

**Rabbi Osher and Esti Gutnick** on the birth of a baby girl.  
Mazal tov to her grandparents: Rabbi Mordechai & Sara Gutnick and R' Yehuda and Bashi Levilev (Crown Heights).

**Jaid and Amir Esterman** on birth of a baby son.  
Mazal tov to grandparents: Andrea & Bruce Esterman.  
Mazal tov to great grandmother: Eve Spitz.

**Eli Lipshatz and Lee Lazar** on their engagement in Israel.  
Mazal Tov to their parents: Jeff & Atida Lipshatz and Ronit & Robbie Lazar (California).  
Mazel Tov to Eli's grandfather: Les Feiglin.

**Adam Bierenkrant and Alona Jenshel** on their engagement.  
Mazal Tov to their parents: Jackie & Ron Bierenkrant and Sally & Daniel Jenshel.  
Mazal Tov to their grandparents: Milan Bierenkrant, Ruth Paneth, Rosslyn Bancroft, Estelle & Max Dzienciol

**Happy Birthday to:**

Tamara Bruce, Raphael Epstein, Asher Epstein, Rabbi Ronnie Figdor, Joel Fixler, Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick, Ezra Joel, Paul Korbl, David Parasol, Moshe Tawil (HBD), Yonatan Tolub

**Bar Mitzvah Anniversaries:**

Izak Bierenkrant, Rabbi Ronnie Figdor, Sahar Gutman, Raoul Heinrichs, Joshua Isman, Paul Korbl, Moshe Tawil

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# BENJI JOTKOWITZ

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



In this week's Parsha Nitzavim-Vayelech, we encounter a profound message of unity and communal responsibility. As Bnei Yisrael stand together on the threshold of entering the Promised Land, Moshe gathers them to renew their covenant with Hashem. This covenant is not just a contract; it is a sacred bond of mutual commitment and responsibility.

The opening Passuk states:

אַתֶּם נִצְבִים הַיּוֹם כְּלֶכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם רְאִשֵׁיכֶם שְׂבִטֵיכֶם זְקֵנֵיכֶם וְשֹׁטְרֵיכֶם כָּל אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל: טַפְכֶם נְשִׁיכֶם וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבְּךָ מִחַיִּיךָ מִחַיִּיךָ מִחַטָּב עֲצִיךָ עַד שְׂאֵב מִיְמֵיךָ:

It underscores the unity of the Jewish people. No one is excluded. The leaders, the tribes, the elders, the officers – all stand together before Hashem. This collective responsibility reminds us that our faith is not an individual pursuit but a communal one.

So why is standing together so crucial, and what can we learn from this at Mizrahi?

**Unity Creates Strength:** Just as Bnei Yisrael stood united, we too, are at our strongest when we stand together. Our unity as a community is a source of strength, support, and inspiration.

**Shared Responsibility:** Nitzavim emphasizes collective responsibility. We are not merely responsible for ourselves but for one another. This sense of shared responsibility extends beyond our shule walls and into our daily lives. When we stand together, we uplift each other, support those in need, and ensure that no one is left behind.

This message has been demonstrated by the overwhelmingly high demand for seats across all minyanim which are mostly sold out, in the lead up and excitement for the Yamim Noraim. It is also with great pride to report that over 55 seat holders from the KOD minyan have also purchased Mizrahi membership. We will celebrate all our new members appropriately in due course.

Our Baalei Keriah team has expanded and we welcome Yakir Landau to the leining team. He has held previous positions at Shaarei Tefillah, Ohr Yisrael, Blake Street and Young Yeshivah.

To Mia Burman, we wish you an easy and successful Aliyah. Mia went on the Bnei Akiva Limmud program in 2020 and returned here to be a Madricha in the movement. She drafted as an Air Force technician and then moved to be a Madricha on Sar-El.

In honour of Simchat Torah, Michael & Yedidah Lewis generously donated a large Tallit Kol Hanearim to the shule. We look forward seeing it spread over the many children standing on the bimah and thank them greatly for this gift.

As Rosh Hashanah approaches it is a time of reflection, renewal and reconnection with our community.

It also reminds us of the enduring power of hope. The sweet taste of apples dipped in honey symbolizes our desire for a sweet year ahead, filled with blessings and goodness. It is a time to set intentions for the year to come and strengthen Mizrahi with your help and support.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. Together with the Executive & Committee, I look forward to sharing a year of meaningful moments and shared experiences with you.

Looking forward to retuning from Israel to celebrate Simchat Torah together.

Wishing you and your family a כתיבה וחתימה טובה.

May it be a healthy, happy and sweet new year!

*Benji*

# TORAH TIDBITS

## FROM OUR COMMUNITY



## פרשת נצבים וילך Parshat Netzavim Vayelech

Avi Segman

Avi is currently learning at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi

### What is the connection between these two seemingly unconnected parashiot?

At first glance Parshat Nitzavim looks similar to other moments in Tanach where Klal Yisrael are told blessings and curses and must accept them onto themselves and also onto future generations. Parshat Vayelech can be seen as a ceremonial passing of leadership from Moshe to Yehoshua, not only in front of Klal Yisrael, but also in the presence of G-d in the tent of meeting. I would like to point out two similarities between the parashiot that can be easily overlooked. Only through Rashi's explanation of certain words can we see the connection between these seemingly unconnected parashiot.

Parshat Nitzavim opens with the passuk:

אָנֹכִים נֹצְבִים הַיּוֹם כָּלְכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם רְאִשֵׁיכֶם שְׂבִטֵיכֶם זְקֵנֵיכֶם וְשָׂטְרֵיכֶם כָּל אִישׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל

*You are all standing on **this day** before the Lord, your God the leaders of your tribes, your elders and your officers, every man of Israel.*

Rashi explains that the word הַיּוֹם in this passuk indicates that Moshe's speech of blessings and curses is occurring on the day of his death. Parshat Vayelech discusses the events of that same day, with the passing of Moshe's mantle of leadership onto Yehoshua. This explanation demonstrates how our parashiot are connected, not only are they read on the same day, but they were both written on Moshe's final day as leader of Bnei Yisrael. This indicates that these are the last two parashiot where Moshe is the soul leader of Bnei Yisrael.

This idea is emphasised through G-d commanding Moshe, when he is close to death:

קְרָא אֶת יְהוֹשֻׁעַ וְהִתְיַצְבוּ בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְאֶצְוֶנּוּ וְיָלַךְ מֹשֶׁה וַיְהוֹשֻׁעַ וַיִּתְיַצְבוּ בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד

*Call Yehoshua and present yourselves in the Tent of Meeting, so that God may instruct him. Moshe and Yehoshua went and they presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting.*

Through this public spectacle of both Moshe and Yehoshua entering the tent of meeting the Torah highlights that it is not just Moshe choosing Yehoshua as his successor, but G-d allocating Yehoshua to be the leader that will bring Bnei Yisrael into the land of Israel.

The ideas of an extended last day of leadership and of passing the mantle of leadership teach us that in Moshe Rabeinu's 120 years of life and many years of leadership, he always looked after Bnei Yisrael and did as G-d commanded. This comes to teach us that especially in Elul we should make sure every moment counts, by trying to do mitzvot as much as possible and looking out for each other more than ever.

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Another similarity between these parshiot is the lack of free will that G-d provides Klal Yisrael in their decisions prior to entering the land. This is portrayed in Parshat Nitzavim, when Hashem makes Klal Yisrael swear that not only themselves, but that their descendants will safeguard the Torah and Mitzvot, or face the consequences. Rashi explains the passuk "אֶת־אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁנֶנּוּ פֹה עִמָּנוּ עַמְּדֵי הַיּוֹם לְפָנָי ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אֵינְנוּ פֹה עִמָּנוּ הַיּוֹם" – the Covenant stands not only for the generation who accept it onto themselves but also for all their descendants. I would like to pose the idea that rather than it being a choice that Klal Yisrael made for their children, it is a covenant that they will pass on their decision to their children, by ensuring that their own children and theirs after them continue to accept the covenant made by their ancestors with G-d.

A similar, yet slightly different, idea is portrayed in Parshat Vayelech through G-d's shepherd like instructions to Yehoshua:

וַיֵּצֵא אֶת־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּרְנֹנִי וַיֹּאמֶר חֲזַק וְאַמֵץ כִּי אֲתָה תְּבִיא אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לָהֶם וְאֲנִי אֶהְיֶה עִמָּךְ

*Be strong and resolute: for you shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them on oath, and I will be with you.*

Rashi explains that the verb used in God's blessing of תְּבִיא (bring), compared to Moshe's blessing of תְּבוֹא (come), provides Yehoshua with an instruction that Klal Yisrael don't have a choice in the matter... "if necessary, hit them on the crown of the head". He must ensure that all of Klal Yisrael enter into the land.

This instruction to Yehoshua portrays a similar notion to the lack of freewill portrayed in the previous parsha. Rather than forcing Bnei Yisrael into the land, Yehoshua must act as the parent and ensure that Bnei Yisrael enter Israel and keep the mitzvot.

These two parshiot can be seen as totally disconnected, grouped together by our rabbis for a reason beyond us. However, I feel that there are two key overarching themes perfectly situated during the time that we read these parshiot. Ensuring that during the month of Elul when the king is in the field, our time does not go to waste and that we try to make the most of Elul and perform as many mitzvot as we can. Secondly, both parshiot provide us with a clear display of the importance of chinuch and Jewish education in our homes, by committing to ensure that the future generation will come to accept torah and mitzvot just as Klal Yisrael did on the border of the Jordan river close to 3000 years ago.

Hope you have a Shana Tova, and a good Shabbos.

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# HESDER BACHURIM ON THEIR WAY

Looking forward to welcoming Noach, Tziki,  
Natanel & Chanaya!

Our bnot midrasha will be arriving after  
chagim!



# MEET THE TZEVEV



**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 Kiriyyat 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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# קידוש הודיה

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To express their thanks for  
Michael's recovery  
the Bruce family invites the  
kehillah to a Kiddush this Shabbat

Shabbat 9 September  
שבת פרשת נצבים וילך  
Goldberger Hall following Mussaf





## From the Gush - Rav Moshe Taragin Nitzavim Vayelech- Actually, Torah /s In the Heavens

No one has ever been to Heaven and back...except for our greatest leader Moshe Rabeinu. Three times he ascended heaven to draw the word of Hashem down to a human audience. After two of these expeditions, he descended carrying sacred words engraved upon stony luchot. To heaven and back.

As Moshe neared the end of his life, the nation began to doubt whether the word of Hashem could be acquired without a leader who could ascend to heaven. Addressing these fears, Moshe reassured us that, even after his passing, the word of Hashem would still remain accessible. Though the study and practice of the divine will seems intimidating, it can be attained through hard work and persistent study, even by mortals incapable of scaling the heavens. Moshe announced "Torah is not in the Heavens nor does it lie across the oceans" but is available to us " in our hearts and upon our tongues ". The knowledge of Hashem's word may seem distant or even unreachable, but it can be secured through diligence and commitment.

### Someone Hung It

A midrash aptly captures Moshe's reassurance: two people walk into a large room and observe a piece of bread dangling from a high vaulted ceiling. The foolish person is overwhelmed, doubting his ability of ever reaching this hanging bread. The wise person, however, deduces that someone else must have discovered a route to hang this bread reasoning that "someone must have hung it there". Whenever ability exists, methods can be devised.

Religious excellence often feels daunting and frightening. By proclaiming that Torah isn't in the Heavens, Moshe, informed us that the will of Hashem, though originating in Heaven, was delivered to Earth, and can be mastered by the humans who inhabit this planet.

### Rational Religion

Centuries later, Moshe's statement, reformulated in a different context, became a foundational statement about the role of rationalism within Judaism. In the 1<sup>st</sup> century several tana'im were deeply engaged in an important halachik debate about the laws of tumah. The majority of the rabonim ruled against a minority opinion of Rabbi Eliezer, the Rebbe of Rebbi Akiva. To authenticate his minority position Rabbi Eliezer summoned supernatural miracles. He ordered the trees to levitate and the waters to flow backward, hoping to corroborate his shittah, against the majority. Unmoved by these signs, his colleagues firmly rejected any notion that supernatural omens could resolve a halachik machloket. Halacha, they affirmed, could only be arbitrated by human logic and rational analysis, not by paranormal input. In rejecting these miracles, the Rabonim invoked Moshe's original statement that Torah was no longer residing in the Heavens. Once Torah was delivered to the human realm it was not subject to mystic data and heavenly rulings. The interpretation of Hashem's word, once inserted into the human domain, would be shaped by human analysis and rational inquiry of Hashem's word and not by heavenly prophecy.

By issuing this iconic phrase, Moshe had originally intended to reassure an anxious nation that Torah was attainable even without superhuman voyages to Heaven. At this later stage, however, this famous expression became a motto about the rationality of Torah logic and of Judaism in general.

### Two Spheres

The rationality of Torah analysis firmly anchored Jewish religious practice. Since the fundamentals of faith can never be empirically proven religion is a leap of faith. It is precisely

the lack of empirical proof which lends religion its passion and its fervor. Our deepest passions in life stem from our irrational dedication to ideas and people. When we suspend our rations and believe in something unprovable and larger than ourselves passion grows. Cynics of religion mock non-rational faith but believers celebrate the depth and resonance it lends our experience.

However, since religion is founded on non-empirical faith it can become superstitious and random. As belief itself can't be proven, religious experience risks becoming haphazard and occult. Our belief that Torah isn't in the heavens but subject to human analyses grounded Jewish practice and Jewish culture in reason and logic.

Moreso, as a people who practiced a rational system of halacha we also applied our rational minds to the world around us. We excelled in professions which demanded rational analysis. We spearheaded the development of science, technology, philosophy decode mysteries and applying newly discovered information to improve the human condition.

Our rationalism also helped us wrestle with a hostile world. Facing constant historical setbacks, we didn't sink into hollow despair but devised practical workaround solutions to our predicaments and disabilities. Our rational bent, derived from Moshe's proclamation that Torah isn't in the Heavens created a sturdy and logical process of Jewish halacha and also generated a hardy rational-based Jewish culture, capable of surviving very difficult historical conditions.

### **The Other Realm**

Yet, despite our rational bent we also occupied a second world, beyond human logic and beyond empiricism. We lived firmly grounded on Earth, but we also pondered Heaven. We trusted in a G-d that the human imagination could not possibly describe. Judaism was always a thrust into a different realm, beyond human experience and beyond human rations.

Additionally, as we investigated our terrestrial world, we also acknowledged worlds above us, which lay beyond the ken of scientific tools of inquiry. The study of kabbalah helped us map worlds we could never see, but we knew existed. Even for those who didn't actively study kabbalah the mere knowledge of upper realms stretched our experience beyond the affairs of this world thereby amplifying our lives. Our world wasn't the only realm, it was merely the one we inhabited.

We always strode delicately between these two realms. Following Moshe's assurances, we were confident that Torah was delivered to Earth and could be acquired by humans and analyzed by humans. We built a religious system and a national culture heavily based upon the foundations of rations. However, even while we lived on Earth, we never gave up the Heavens.

Throughout our history, some Jewish communities tilted toward greater rationalism while others angled toward greater esoterism. However, we always straddled both worlds. The high and the low, the rations and the mystery. Anchored to our world we also knew how to transcend our world in search for Hashem. Though couldn't climb mountains our spirit and religious hearts hiked to Heaven.

### **Losing Transcendence**

Unfortunately, we are gradually losing transcendence. Judaism is becoming too grounded on Earth and is quickly losing altitude. In a hyper-empirical world refashioned by the scientific revolution religious rituals seem irrational to many who sadly have walked away from classic ritual behavior.

However, even Orthodox Jews who steadfastly maintain religious traditions and rituals have crafted a highly rational form of religious experience while deemphasizing the esoteric parts of religion. Too often, we justify faith and religion purely in "earthly" and human terms: religion



provides meaning, values, social welfare, familial bliss, shabbat respite, personal discipline, healthy relationships and tikun olam. All this may be true, but all these values are grounded in our world. We have clipped the wings of religion and rarely do we fly to heaven. In the words of Rebecca Goldstein (36 Arguments for the Existence of God) we are witnessing the “sad sight of human life untouched by transcendence”.

This Rosh Hashanah let us recover some of that transcendence. Let us stop justifying Judaism solely because of the human benefits it provides. Let us stand before Hashem in service and in awe savoring our encounter with Him and his Higher wisdom. Let us transcend this world, even for a few days. Let us reach for the Heavens. Moshe came down, let us rise above.



## Reb Leor Broh Riddle for Nitzavim-Vayelech

### Riddles for Nitzavim-Vayelech

1. Find 2 hints to the shofar in Parshat Nitzavim.
2. In Vayelech, what action is mentioned twice in the same verse , with the same words?

### Riddle for last week (Ki Tavo)

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

**Answer =** שם י-ק-ו-ק נקרא

The initials of these 3 words spell the name of the letter “ש” (shin).

They appear in the flowing verse :-

וְרָאוּ כָּל-עַמֵּי הָאָרֶץ כִּי שָׁם י-ק-ו-ק נִקְרָא עָלֶיךָ וְיִרְאוּ מִמֶּנּוּ

“And all the nations of the earth will see that the Name of Hashem is proclaimed upon you and will fear you.” (28:10)

The **Baal HaTurim** (28:10) explains that the phrase is referring to the nations seeing the ‘shin’ of the Tefillin .

In **Menachot 35b**, Chazal explain that this phrase refers to the Tefillin Shel Rosh (Head Tefillin). The verse is telling us that the Head Tefillin will put fear in the hearts of our enemies because the Shechina (Divine Presence) rests upon one who is wearing that Tefillin.

But why the head tefillin more than the arm tefillin ?

Of the letters of Hashem’s Name י-ד-ש, two out of the three letters are in the head tefillin. The letter ש is embossed on the leather box of the head tefillin and the letter י is formed by the knot on its strap at the back of wearer’s head.

The head tefillin therefore displays two of the three letters of His Name י-ד-ש.

The arm tefillin however, only contains the י formed by the knot on its strap.

*Rashi on Menachot 35b and Torah Temima on the verse 28:10 (Tosfot offers an alternative explanation)*

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Emunah is looking for a proactive, organised, tech savvy individual to join our team in the next exciting phase of growth in our incredible not for profit organisation supporting vulnerable children and families in Israel

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T'01

# 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>**







MIZRACHI  
MELBOURNE

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

SHABBAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

Mincha: 5:35pm



**SPEAKER:  
DAVID PRINS**

**TOPIC: A FRAMEWORK FOR  
SUCCESSFUL STAKEHOLDER  
ENGAGEMENT**



# SELICHOT AT MIZRACHI

בס"ד

**11:15 P M**

Please join us for a Kumzits led by  
Isser Feiglin with Bnei Akiva

TORAH תורה  
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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



# Rosh Hashana - Baalei Tefilla

בס"ד

		Beit Yehuda	Beit Haroeh	Kehillat Ohr David
Night	דבר תורה	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	~	~
	מעריב	Simon Weinstein	David Fisher	Jake Begleiter
Day	פסוקי דזמרא	Robbie Nossbaum	David Greenberger	Noah Epstein
	שחרית	Daniel Lowinger	Benji Jones	Gabe Casper
	קריאת התורה	Adin Goldstein	David Lindell	~
	בעל תוקע	~	~	~
	דבר תורה	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	Reb Leor Broh	Rabbi Chezy Deren
	מקריא	~	~	~
	מוסף	Adin Goldstein	Daniel Adler	Benji Jones
	מנחה	Jeremy Gold	~	~
Night	דבר תורה	Rabbi James Kennard	~	~
	מעריב	Sam Tatarka	Allan Garfield	Aron Rubinstein
Day	פסוקי דזמרא	Avi Gilboa	TBC	Simeon Rubin
	שחרית	Yonatan Tolub	Ashley Tugendhaft	David Smith
	קריאת התורה	Geoffrey Bloch	David Lindell	~
	דבר תורה	Reb Leor Broh	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	~
	בעל תוקע	David Lindell	Michael Gordon	Alon Esterman
	מקריא	Reb Leor Broh	Rabbi Dr. Alan Kimche	Rabbi Jonny Brull
	מוסף	David Brykman	Lawrence Cher	Adin Goldstein
	מנחה	Adin Goldstein	~	~
דבר תורה	Rabbi Jonny Brull	~	~	



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### Yom Tov Meals

Looking for a meal this upcoming Yom Tov?

We'll set you up with a host!



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Can't make it to shul to hear the shofar?

We'll organise for someone to blow the Shofar at your home!



### Lulav and Etrog

Need help choosing a Lulav and Etrog?

We'll deliver it straight to your door!



### Birthday Kiddush

Want to join our Monthly birthday Kiddush?

Let us celebrate together!



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**PREPARING FOR ROSH HASHANA**

UNDERSTANDING THE SHOFAR SOUNDS  
~ RABBI BRULL  
*Lunch and Learn @ L1 Capital*  
Thursday 7th September - 1:00pm

“כִּרְחֹם אֵב 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

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בס"ד

**Shana Tovah**

Are you invited out for a Yom Tov/Shabbat meal & don't know what to take?

Why not make a tax deductible donation to the Mizrachi Charity Fund (\$18 min) and get a card to give to your hosts.

Call the office on 8317 2504 to arrange payment & collection

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Wishing you and your family a Shana Tova Umetuka, a year of prosperity and good health.  
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HASHANA  
APPEAL 5784**

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Please use your surname as reference

Phone the office: 8317 2504



# Upcoming Events

sept  
9

KUMZITS WITH BNEI  
AKIVA & SELICHOT WITH  
R' KIMCHE & ISSER

oct  
6-7

SHEMINI ATZERET

sept  
10

C-CARE - CHESED  
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  
26

MIZKIDS SUCCA  
DECORATIONS

oct  
15

3-PART SERIES WITH  
ZACH GOMO

sept  
29

EREV SUCCOT

oct  
28

PINK KIDDUSH FOR  
BREAST CANCER

oct  
3

CHOL HAMOED  
SUCCOT FIESTA | LIVE BAND |  
ADULTS ONLY

oct  
5

CHOL HAMOED SUCCOT-  
MORNING TEA IN THE  
SUCCA WITH FRIENDS

nov  
4

KIDDUSH FOR  
MOVEMBER



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Order your Hoshanot bunches by  
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Bring \$8 cash per bunch  
(CASH ONLY - no exceptions)

Pick up will be on Friday 6 October  
*Collection time to be confirmed*





# SUCCOT FIESTA

LIVE MUSIC - TACOS - MARGS  
SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOEVA

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER  
MIZRACHI SUCCAH | 8PM-10PM  
18+ EVENT | \$15 ENTRY  
BOOKINGS: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SUCCOTFIESTA](https://tinyurl.com/succotfiesta)



## SIMCHAT TORAH WOMEN'S FORUM

TORAH \* ISRAEL \* FAITH

REBBETZIN- VIA KIMCHE \* DVAR TORAH

RIVI FRENKEL \* קום והתהלך בארץ  
TOURING THROUGH THE LAND

ROMI ISRAELSOHN \* FINDING FAITH THROUGH TRAUMA

In the Midrasha at 10.45am Followed by Morning Tea





# SIMCHAT TORAH WOMEN'S FORUM

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## TORAH \* ISRAEL \* FAITH

### REBBETZIN VIA KIMCHE

Via Judith Kimche was born and raised in Post Holocaust Amsterdam in Holland. There she played an active role in Bnei Akiva, filling many leadership positions. After finishing high school, she completed 3 years of Post High School Jewish studies (Beis Yakov and Michlala) as well as earning a BSc in Psychology, Education and Womens' Studies. She holds an Advanced Diploma in Childbirth Education, as well as an Advanced Diploma in CBT Life coaching with EFT skills. She is a Kallah Teacher, Guidance counsellor, Doula as well as Parent Educator. She has taught Torah for over 40 years in a variety of settings. Together with her husband, Rabbi Alan Kimche, they built a wonderful, Modern and Orthodox community in North West London, Ner Yisrael, which they led for 35 years, prior to making Aliya.

Rebbetzin Kimche is the Rebbetzin of the Mizrachi Kehilla.



# SIMCHAT TORAH WOMEN'S FORUM

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## TORAH \* ISRAEL \* FAITH

### RIVI FRENKEL

Born in Canada and raised in New Jersey, Rivi moved to Israel in 2006. With more than 15 years of experience working in informal and experiential education, Rivi has run successful programs throughout the U.S., Canada, Russia, and Israel. Licensed as a tour guide through the Ministry of Tourism, she has guided a variety of groups including Birthright, NCSY, J-Internships, BBYO, JWRP, and a number of seminars and gap year programs. She also works with private individuals and families of all sizes.





# SIMCHAT TORAH WOMEN'S FORUM

## TORAH \* ISRAEL \* FAITH

### ROMI ISRAELSOHN

In my professional capacity I am a paediatric Speech & Language pathologist but.. In 2020, at 34 years old with an 18 month old child I was told I had cancer and in order to live would need to have a radical hysterectomy. In one split second my life changed drastically. Since then, I have had my halachically Jewish second child via ivf and surrogacy. I speak openly, candidly and honestly about all things cancer, infertility, ivf, surrogacy and unconditional faith in Hashem. I also volunteer, helping those who have suffered in silence for years have children in unconventional ways.

