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Rabbi Yehuda Halpert

## Shabbat Times

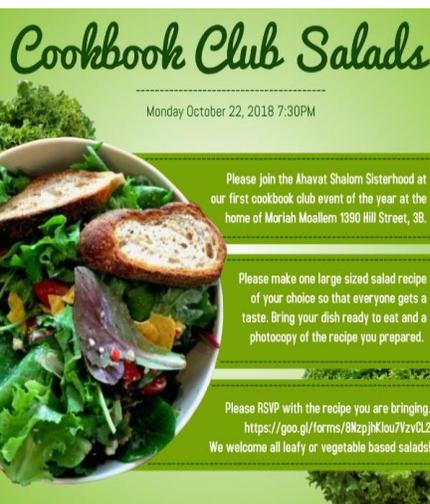


Friday, October 19	
Candle Lighting:	5:52 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	5:55 PM
Shabbat, October 20	
Shacharit:	9:00 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:57 AM
Mincha /Shalosh	
Seudot:	5:40 PM
Shkiya:	6:08 PM
Maariv:	6:45 PM
Havdalah:	6:50 PM
Next Friday, October 26	
Candle Lighting:	5:43 PM
Mincha/Maariv:	5:50 PM

**Weather Report:** Friday night 54°, Late Rain

**Shabbat day:** 63°, Partly cloudy, chance of stray shower

**Special Thanks** to Yeshivat Noam sponsoring their Beginning of the Year Kiddush and for another year of groups!



**CookBook Club** Our Sisterhood is in the midst of putting together a cookbook club for female members of Ahavat Shalom. If you would be interested in trading delicious recipes each month then they ask you kindly take the time to fill out the below link. Every month will be a different theme.  
<https://goo.gl/forms/UWUjpScOotjSicHe2>. Registration closes Saturday night, October 20! **MBN**, dont worry...something is "cooking" for you too...

**EMUNAH** Libby Kolb Chapter is holding their annual Tea Talk on Saturday, October 20th at 4pm at Rinat Yisrael honoring Ronnie Faber for her many years of work and dedication in support of the children of Emunah. The Tea Talk will feature a fascinating shiur by Aliza Schacter titled "The Handmaidens' Tale: Hagar, Bilha and Zilpa", along with remarks by Shlomo Kessel, World Emunah Director, and Orel Nissan, a graduate of the Afula Emunah home. Please join us! To RSVP go to [Emunah.org/libbykolbtea](http://Emunah.org/libbykolbtea)

### Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here: 10:20, 10:27, 11:3.  
He can be reached via email at [RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com), or phone in the evenings at 201-836-3828. In the event of an emergency, Rabbi Halpert can also be reached at 212-909-

### Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

Groups for children ages 2-4 will be located in Room 3 from 9:45m - 11:00am. Morah Shira and Morah Melissa, two Yeshivat Noam teachers, will supervise. Toys and books will be provided by Yeshivat Noam. We ask parents to please send your child with a snack. Signup is on the website.

### Chesed Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently or knows somebody moving in, please let Shira Russell-Giller know! Check out [ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin](http://ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin) for more information.



will take place in the CBY Classrooms, Congregation Bnai Yeshurun.

**Yeshivat Noam** warmly invites prospective families to join us at the Yeshivat Noam Open House on Monday, October 22 at 7:30pm. Come to experience our commitment to Excellence, Innovation and Inspiration in learning Torah and Academics. Meet and speak with our engaging, creative teachers, parents, and administrators. We look forward to welcoming new families for the 2019-2020 academic year! 70 West Century Road in Paramus.

**Chanukah Toy Drive** - The Drive will officially start on Nov. 7th this year and the "official" deadline will be Nov. 23rd (the day after Thanksgiving) due to an early Chanukah this year (December 2nd). The central drop off location is the same as last year, [95 Norfolk St., Bergenfield, NJ 07621](http://95NorfolkSt.,Bergenfield,NJ07621) (side/garage entrance) and the phone contact when dropping off is the same as well; Joy Sklar, 551-404-0227.

**Join the YAD LEAH'S 5K** - Clothing for Israel Dash for Dignity- Sunday November 11th, at Overpeck Park - Run, Walk or Stroll 1 Mile - All ages, levels and abilities are welcome - there will be activities for everyone! Register at <https://www.wizathon.com/dashfordignity> Form a team with your shul, friends and family - Donors and Sponsors Welcome! For more information please reach out to Shoshana Poloner at [spol@optonline.net](mailto:spol@optonline.net)

### School Open Houses in the Community:

1. TABC - Sunday, October 21st @ 9:00 AM
2. Yeshivat Noam - Monday, October 22nd @ 7:30 PM
3. Yavneh Academy - Wednesday, October 24th @ 7:30 PM
4. The Moriah School - Wednesday, October 31st @ 7:30 PM
5. RYNJ - Sunday, November 4th @ 7:00 PM
6. Heichal HaTorah - Sunday, November 4th @ 7:00pm

### Congregation Ahavat Shalom Board Members 2018-2019

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We welcome your input! Please send your newsletter announcements by Wednesday of each week to ensure they make it in!

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Outsiders

A very old *minhag* is recorded in *Shulchan Aruch*<sup>[1]</sup> that when a young woman gets married the *chupah* should take place outside under the stars. *Hakodosh Boruch Hu* told Avraham Avinu, look at the stars, try to count them, it is impossible, so too, will your descendants be so numerous like the stars in the sky. We want to invoke the blessing that Hashem gave to Avraham Avinu and the Jewish people, that the young woman who is getting married now should be blessed with a lot of children.

Some commentaries on the *Shulchan Aruch* assume that this *minhag* existed already in the days of the Talmud Yerushalmi. Tosfos<sup>[2]</sup> quotes the Talmud Yerushalmi as distinguishing between the *chupah* of a woman getting married for the first time as opposed to an *almonah*: standing under the canopy only constitutes *nissuin* when the woman is getting married for the first time but not if she is an *almonah*.

Rav Chaim Volozhiner<sup>[3]</sup> argued that this makes no sense whatsoever; why should we distinguish between a first marriage and a second marriage? Some of the contemporaries of Rav Chaim Volozhiner explained that the idea behind the distinction in the Yerushalmi is not so much first marriage vs. second marriage; but rather that a young woman gets married outside, and the *chupah* which has four poles constructed in the shape of a *tzuras ha'pesach* (i.e. what we use to make an *eruv* for Shabbos purposes), only constitutes a separate room when it is out in the open. But in the case of the older *almonah*, who is beyond the child bearing age, who gets married inside, because we are not interested in invoking the blessing of "*ko yihiye zaracho*", the four poles of the *chupah* do not accomplish that that area should be considered a separate room because the room is surrounded all around with walls which enclose the entire area, including the *chupah* area, and everything is considered one big room. (The whole idea that standing under *chupah* accomplishes *nissuin* is based on the premise that the *chosson* and *kallah* who are married already enter together in a separate room for the sake of accomplishing *nissuin*).

When Hashem told Avraham Avinu to gaze up at the stars and attempt to count them, the Torah tells us that he was inside his tent and Hashem took him outside to look at the stars. Rashi in his commentary on *chumash* quotes from the midrash that the idea behind taking him outside was to demonstrate that the Jewish people are not part of the natural order of the world. The Torah tells us that Sara *Imeinu* was an *akorah*, and the *gemorah* tells us that Avraham Avinu as an *akor*<sup>[4]</sup>. According to the rules of nature they should not have been able to have children. According to the rules of nature, the entire Jewish people should not have existed. The entire history of the Jewish people is *l'maaleh min ha'tevah*. This is what the *gemorah*<sup>[5]</sup> means by the statement "*ein mazel l'Yisroel*". It does not mean that Jewish people have no luck, rather it means that our history is not subject to *sh'litas ha'kochavim u'mazolos* and does not follow the normal rules and regulations of history. One might refer to this concept as "*austritt*". Hashem told Avraham Avinu to go out of his house, representing the idea that the Jewish people don't really blend in with the rest of nature.

The old *minhag* of having the *chupah* under the stars for a young woman getting married is not really being fulfilled if they stand inside the building and open up the ceiling. Even though they are standing under the stars, but they have not walked outside. If the *chupah* takes place inside the building with just the ceiling removed, according to the interpretation that we quoted in the Talmud Yerushalmi, such a *chupah* would not be valid. To properly observe the *minhag*, the *chosson* and *kallah* should go out of the building and there, outdoors, stand under the stars.

This idea could perhaps explain the mysterious phenomenon of anti-Semitism throughout all the ages. The Jewish people really don't blend in with the rest of nature. We know that there is a natural tendency for the human body to reject foreign matter. Because the Jewish people have been designated by Hashem as something "*chutz min ha'tevah*", and perhaps that is why Avraham Avinu refers to himself as *ger v'toshav a'nochi l'mochem*<sup>[6]</sup>, the Jews are always considered like *geirim*, strangers, and correctly so, and this perhaps is the cause of the natural tendency for them to be isolated.<sup>[7]</sup>

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