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Sivan 26

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert

Shabbat Times



Friday, June 8	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	8:08 PM
Shabbat, June 9	
Shacharit:	9:00 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:10 AM
Mincha / Shalosh	
Seudot:	7:55 PM
Shkiya:	8:27 PM
Maariv:	9:12 PM
Shabbat Ends:	9:17 PM
Next Friday, June 15	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	8:11 PM

Weather Report Friday night: 65°, Partly cloudy

Shabbat day: 82°, Some sun and T-storms in the afternoon

Mazel Tov - to Michelle and Yishai Kadry on the birth of a baby girl, Kayla Margalit!

Mazel Tov - to Atara and Meir Szegedi on the birth of a baby boy! The Bris will take place IYTMH on Wednesday afternoon, following mincha at 6:45 PM in Congregation Arzei Darom. All are welcome to attend and to partake in the seuda afterwards.

Welcome - to Temima & Jacob Winston, Jordana & Aaron Lipman, and Chani & Josh Gildin who all recently moved into the community!

Parent & Me - Kids 0-2 (too young for groups). The program will take place in Room 6 from 10:00 A.M. until the end of davening. Come sing songs, play with toys and schmooze with other parents. Please provide your own snacks and be sensitive to nut allergies. Hope to see you there! (Moms and Dads welcome!) Just a reminder to please help clean up when you leave.

2018-2019 Board Nominations - Boy, has it been a great year! That said, nominations for the 2018-2019 Ahavat Shalom Board are open! If you think someone would be a great representative, please fill out the nomination form at this link, which can be accessed at: <http://www.ahavatshalomteaneck.com/20182019boardnominations> or under the "About Us" section of the website. Additionally, you can send your nominations directly to presidentahavatshalom@gmail.com. If you would like to get involved, please have someone nominate you. **The deadline to submit nominations is Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 11:59 PM.** Looking forward to another amazing year ahead!

Chesed Committee - The Chesed Committee's Community Resource Initiative is open for business! If there is anyone in need of professional services, please reach out to chesed@teaneckapartments.com. Thanks to the generous members of our community, we have set up a professional network to assist you with your professional needs. All correspondence will remain virtually anonymous. If there are any professionals in the community who are willing to donate some time and/or professional resources, please reach out as well.

Looking to buy a home? Are you looking to buy a home in the next two years? Please join Ahavat Shalom on Sunday, June 24th (note new date) at 10:30 AM at TABC for a First Time Home Buyers' seminar. An exclusive event providing potential home buyers with an in-depth look at home buying that is designed to help plan for the unexpected and avoid many pitfalls first-time buyers encounter. The seminar will feature Jordan (Yishai) Kadry - Mortgage Banker, FM Home Loans, Daniel Lorch - Realtor, Keller Williams, Yael Kasnett - Realtor, Friedberg, David Joyandeh - Attorney, Buckalew Frizzell & Crevina LLP and Michael Chapman - Attorney, The Law Offices of Louis B. Chapman.

Looking for some laughs? London based Orthodox Jewish comedian Ashley Blaker is flying into NY for 5 weeks from May 27 to June 28 and will be performing his unique one-man comedy show on Broadway. Join us for this special, once-in-a-generation opportunity to see an orthodox Jewish comedian on Broadway! Tickets for Ashley's show cost \$43. Contact sisterhood@teaneckapartments.com if you are interested! Depending on the interest, we may be able to get a group discount.

Ohr Torah Stone invites the NJ Jewish community to an evening of scintillating conversation on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 pm at Congregation Rinat Yisrael (389 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck, NJ) as Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin and Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Brander respond to the question, "What's the Future of Modern Orthodoxy?" Jerry Silverman, President & CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, will facilitate the conversation. Seating is limited, the event is FREE, and RSVPs are required to www.OTS.org.il/Teaneck or by calling (212) 935-8672.

Teaneck Community Mother-Daughter Bat Mitzvah Trip to Israel! Led by Rebbetzin Michal Zahtz of Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, November 18-24, 2018. Highlights include: Unique chesed opportunities, Shabbat at Emunah Children's Home in Afula, Jerusalem scavenger hunt, Dialogue in the Dark, Jeeping, Bat mitzvah program with girls from Afula 4 Nights at the Dan Panorama; 1 Night at Kibbutz Lavi. Land Package \$1,950 per person.

To register visit www.emunah.org/teaneck-bat-mitzvah-mission. For more information please contact Ronnie Faber ronnie@emunah.org or Michal Zahtz mzahtz@gmail.com

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We welcome your input! Please send your newsletter announcements by Wednesday.

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Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here: 6/16, 6/23.

He can be reached via email at 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 212-909-6951.

Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

Groups for children ages 2-4 will be located in Room 3 from 9:45am - 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, let Yosef Chai Klein or Yael Wine know! Check out ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin for more information.



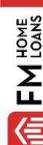
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Tears of Sadness and of Joy

Chazal teach us that after the *Beis Hamikdash* was destroyed, although the gates of prayer were closed, the gates of tears have remained open. What is the unique power of tears that enables them to penetrate the otherwise sealed gates of heaven? Why must this gate remain open forever, especially at a time when there is no *Beis Hamikdash*?

The tragedy of the destruction of the *Beis Hamikdash* began with tears. On that fateful first *Tisha B'av* described in *Parshas Shlach*, the Jewish People cried when hearing the report about *Eretz Yisrael*. Frightened by the words of the spies, the nation cried that night. It was those inappropriate tears that transformed the night of *Tisha B'av* into a time of crying for future generations. The fear and despair alone which followed the report of the spies would not have resulted in a *churban*. There was something about the tears that were shed in vain that were directly responsible for the future tragedies that would occur on *Tisha B'av*.

The *Beis Hamikdash* is described in *Parshas Vayeitzei* as the "Gate of Heaven" - the conduit through which all prayers ascend to Heaven. The most intense form of prayer is the one that is accompanied by tears. The highlight of *tefillah* on *Rosh Hashanah* is the moment of *tekias shofar*. The sound of the *teruah* is the sound of crying. Even the *halachos* of *tekias shofar* are an expression of its similarity to tears. There are three kinds of crying: some cries resemble the sound of a *shevarim* - three longer sounds, whereas others sound like a *teruah*, nine short ones. Others are a combination of the two, the sound of a *shevarim-teruah*. On *Rosh Hashanah*, we beseech Hashem through prayers of words and through another form of prayer, namely the sounds of the shofar. The *shofar* is a prayer which, just like tears, expresses our innermost feelings which cannot be articulated with words.

When the Jewish People abused the power of tears by crying in an inappropriate manner, the seeds of *churban* were planted. *Churban* would result in the closing of the Gates of Heaven to prayer. The gates of tears should have been closed as well. In the absence of the *Beis Hamikdash*, the rules of justice would dictate that there would no longer be any avenue available to approach Hashem. However, in His mercy Hashem allowed the gates of tears to remain open. The most sincere *tefillas* that cannot even be articulated through words remain as the way to beseech Hashem, even during a time of *churban*. It is through this power of tears that ultimately the *Beis Hamikdash* will be rebuilt. *Yirmiyahu Hanavi* describes in *Megillas Eichah* how Yerushalayim cries in solitude over its fate of destruction. Yet, *Yirmiyahu* also prophesizes how Rochel's tears pierce the heavens as her children are exiled. It is the collective tears of the Jewish People that combine with the tears of their mother, Rachel, that ultimately bring about the comforting words from Hashem, "Refrain your voice from crying and your eyes from tearing because the Jewish People will return to *Eretz Yisrael*."

Churban began with the abuse of the unique power of the most intense form of prayer. Redemption will only occur when we sincerely beseech Hashem, invoking our tears and our innermost desires to return to Hashem. May we soon merit the day when the tears of sadness will become tears of joy.

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