Simchat Torah BULLETIN

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בס"ד

Friday, October 6 / 21 Tishrei 5784 HOSHANA RABA

5:45pm Minha - Minyane Sépharade

6:07pm Candle Lighting

6:10pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -

Main Sanctuary

7:00pm Sukkah Hospitality

Shabbat, October 7 / 22 Tishrei 5784 SHMINI ATZERET / YIZKOR

Haftara: Melachim Alef 8:54 - 9:1

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and

Minyane Sépharade

9:30am Kef Club for Kids - Lower Level 9:50am Megillat Kohelet - Main Sanctuary 10:30am Rabbi's Sermon and Yizkor

Service - Main Sanctuary

11:00am Kef Club Shmini Atzeret

Program for Kids - Youth Lounge

Seudah Shleesheet at home.

5:15pm Junior Hakafot for Erev Simchat

Torah - Main Sanctuary - followed

by Kid-Friendly Meal at 6:00pm

6:00pm Mincha followed by Shiur with Rabbi Claman - Main Sanctuary

6:30pm Minha, Arvit et Hakafot - Minyane

Sépharade - Lower Level Chapel

6:40pm Maariv and Hakafot -

Main Sanctuary

7:08pm light candles after this time

Sunday, October 8 / 23 Tishrei 5784 SIMCHAT TORAH

Haftara: Yehoshua 1:1 - 1:18

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and

Minyane Sépharade

9:30am Kef Club - for Kids in Nursery to

Grade 6 - Lower Level

10:00am Kef Club Simchat Torah Hakafot

and Program for Kids - Lower Level

Classrooms

10:45am Simchat Torah Shiur for Women - Youth Lounge on Lower Level

Divrei Torah in the Main Sanctuary by Rabbi Daniel Salter and by Rabbi David

Wallach

12:30pm Seoudat Simhat Torah - Minyane

Sépharade - Lower Social Hall

5:30pm Minha - Minyane Sépharade 6:00pm Mincha - Main Sanctuary

7:06pm Havdala







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Kiddush on Shmini Atzeret - Shabbat, October 7 - is sponsored by **Sylvia & Ted Quint** and **Gerald Quint** and their families in memory of Ted and Gerald's beloved parents Jean & Isadore Quint z"l (Shaina bat Osher - 19 Tishrei and Yitzchak Meir ben Todres - 22 Tishrei).

Kids' Kiddush at Kef Club on Shmini Atzeret - Shabbat October 7 - is sponsored by **Sarah & Michael Bybelezer** and Marcia Zlotnick and their family in honour of the fifth birthday of their daughter and granddaughter Livia.

Kiddush on Simchat Torah - Sunday, October 8 - is sponsored by this year's Simchat Torah honourees - Leo Grunstein, Zachary Grunstein, Morrie Levy, Alysa Langburt Kurlender and Rabbi Daniel Salter - and their families "with heartfelt gratitude to the TBDJ Community for being selected to be honoured on Simchat Torah this year."

Rabbi Claman's Sermon on Shmini Atzeret - Shabbat, October 7 - is sponsored by **Rochelle & Jeffrey Rein** and **Michaella & Cyril Weintraub** and their families in memory of Rochelle and Cyril's beloved father Joseph Weintraub z"l (Yosef Mordechai ben Meir Chaim - 23 Tishrei).

Rabbi Claman's *Shiur for Women* in Simchat Torah - Sunday, October 8 - is sponsored by **Reesa & Ephriam Kandelshein** in memory of Reesa's beloved brother Mark Busgang z"l (Menachem ben Chaim v'Shulamit - 25 Tishrei).

Treat Bag Pekelach for the Kef Club kids of TBDJ are sponsored by **Rabbi Daniel & Avigail Salter** in recognition of the *Kol Hanearim* honour Rabbi Salter is receiving on Simchat Torah.

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 6:00pm in Lower Level Chapel (starting on Monday)

Shacharit

Monday (Thanksgiving Day): 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am / Thursday: 6:50am

Friday, October 13 - Candle Lighting is at 5:55pm

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 17h50 / Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 6:00pm

For our full schedule, go to tbdj.org/calendar.



5784 "Ata Horeita" Pesukim on Simchat Torah

As we have been doing at TBDJ for many years, Simchat Torah festivities traditionally begin with responsive readings of the "Ata Horeita" pesukim. It is considered a great merit to honour the Torah by purchasing the right to recite these verses. To reserve and purchase a verse (\$100 each) and designate who will be honoured, please send an email with details of your request to Jonathan Gal at jon@assurancegal.com.

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Weekly camaraderie, lunch, and Parsha!



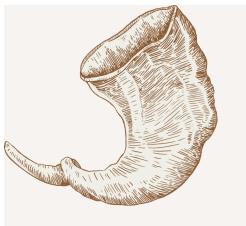
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WEDNESDAYS Lunch at 11:30am Class from 12:00-12:30pm

We're thrilled to bring back our popular Lunch & Learn program each week.

\$10 per person for lunch Everyone is welcome!











VEILLE DE ROSH HASHANA

Vendredi 15 septembre

Minha : 18h15 Bougies: 18h47 Arvit: 18h50

JOUR 1 DE ROSH HACHANA

Samedi 16 septembre

Shahrit: 8h00

Torah: 10h00 Moussaf 11h00 Minha: 18h30 suivi de de Tashlikh

Arvit: 19h35 Bougies après: 19h49

JOUR 2 DE ROSH HASHANA

Dimanche 17 septembre

Shahrit: 8h00 Torah: 9h30

Shofar: 10h45 & 18h00

Minha: 18h30

Havdala 19h47 Arvit: 19h40

JEÛNE DE GÉDALIA & SHABBAT SHOU

JEÛNE DE GUÉDALIA

Lundi 18 septembre

Début du jeûne: 5h07

Fin: 19h36

SHABBAT SHOUVA

Vendredi 22 septembre

Minha : 18h30 Bougies: 18h34 Arvit: 18h55

SHABBAT SHOUVA

Samedi 23 septembre

Shahrit: 9h00 Minha: 18h30 Arvit: 19h30 Havdala: 19h40



Vendredi 29 septembre

Minha : 18h00 Bougies: 18h20 Arvit: 18h45

Dimanche 24 septembre

Minha: 14h00 Kol Nidrei: 18h30 Bougies: 18h30

YOM KIPPOUR

Lundi 25 septembre

Shahrit: 8h30 Torah : 11h00 Minha: 16h30

Néila + Arvit : 18h30 Havdala après 19h37

JOUR 1 DE SOUCCOT

Samedi 30 septembre

Shahrit: 9h00 Minha: 17h45

Bougies après: 19h27

Vendredi 6 octobre

Minha: 17h45

JOUR 2 DE SOUCCOT

Dimanche 1 octobre

Shahrit: 9h00 Minha: 17h45 Havdala: 19h25

SIMHAT TORAH

Samedi 7 octobre

Bougies après: 19h14 Arvit + Hakafot: 18h45

Dimanche 8 octobre

Shahrit: 9h00 Minha: 17h30 Havdala: 19h12

HOSHANA RABA

Jeudi 5 octobre

Veillée Kraya - à venir

REPAS COMMUNAUTAIRE DE SIMHAT TORAH

Samedi 7 octobre

Pour toute la famille Après Shahrit: 13:00

Détails à venir P.A.F. gratuit RSVP en ligne



Bougies: 18h07 Arvit: 18h30 Samedi 7 octobre Shahrit: 9h00 Minha: 18:30

SHEMINI ATSERET

שמיני עצרת - Stop For a Moment and Think

This weekend we are completing the תשפ"ד High Holiday season with the celebration of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

In one of his talks about the last days of Sukkot, the Lubavitcher Rebbe cites a famous parable to explain why we have the yom-tov of Shemini Atzeret. We went through so many yamim tovim in Tishrei. What is the need for another yom-tov? The parable talks about a king who had a dear friend who came to visit him. When the time came for this friend to leave, the king just couldn't bear to part with him, and asked him to stay just one more day. This is the idea of Shemini Atzeret: Hashem wants one more day with his beloved Jewish People.

The source of this parable is the Midrash. In explaining it, the Midrash uses the following expression: קשה עלי פרידתכם - Your separation is very hard for me. Literally, of course, this means that the departure of his friend is very difficult for the king. However, from a close analysis of the words of this statement, the Rebbe bring together an amazing insight into the real meaning of the words of the Midrash. The expression used is: פרידתכם - your separation. In other words, if there is separation, it comes from you. It is not Hashem who ever leaves the Jewish People, but vice versa. So, if, G-d forbid, we feel separated from Hashem, if we feel abandoned and alone, this is only because we have drifted away, not because He has departed. I didn't leave you, says the King, you left Me. Furthermore, this separation is just as difficult for Me as it is for you.

Rabbi Yonah Gross of Wynnewood Pennsylvania's Congregation Beth Hamedrosh observes: We have spent so much time with Hashem and in synagogues over the last couple of weeks. Before we head back to our lives, Hashem says, I want to spend one more day with you. Thus, according to the Midrash, Shmini Atzeret is a way to linger in Hashem's presence following the joy and intensity of the of the High Holiday period.

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch gave an interesting description of Shmini Atzeret. He inferred the meaning of the holiday from the word *atzeret*, which he translated as *to gather* or *to store up*. Accordingly, on this eighth day of Sukkot, the final day of celebration, we must store up the sentiments of gratitude and devotion acquired throughout the entire fall holiday season as nearly two months will pass until we celebrate our next holiday, Chanukah. What we gather and store up will sustain us until Chanukah when we break our non-yom-tov routine and settle into another joyous holiday.

There is another message which we can find in the Hebrew word atzeret whose root is in the word -to stop. At the end of the holiday season, we need to stop for a moment and think: Was our High Holiday experience up to par this year? Were we sincere in our prayers? Will the intensity of our prayers overflow into our regular praying discipline as we progress out of the High Holiday period and into the year? Will we be inspired to attend and increase our shul attendance at the daily minyanim as well as on Shabbos?

Stop for a moment and think: the High Holidays are a time when our emotions are on overdrive. We intensely pray for ourselves and our families, for others, and there is genuine concern and worry as we pray for a year of health and varied successes for one and all. As Shmini Atzeret is upon us, we have completed our intense praying for ourselves and our loved ones, and though we do so all year, there is a special tone to our prayers and the special connection to Hashem which facilitates our prayers at this time of year. Will our connection with Hashem persevere as our year goes on? Will our empathy for others be in our prayers throughout the year?

Stop for a moment and think: The beautiful idea of Shmini Atzeret as an extra day for Hashem to be with his beloved nation defines a divine directive which sets the tone of the difficulty of farewell, of saying goodbye at the end of our unique period of mutual closeness with our Creator. We feel this when we say goodbye to our family as they take their leave of us. I remember my emotion and sorrow of years past when my grandparents would return home following their wonderful visits with us. We used to ask them to stay for just that one extra day. I feel this void every year in shul at Mincha services on Simchat Torah afternoon. The shul, which was so busy for the High Holiday season, bustling with prayer, joy, and dancing is now practically empty, a few hours before the end of the holiday season. One can only imagine how the Almighty feels after the synagogue has been full for so many festive High Holy days and now everyone is gone. Stop for a moment and think: is there anything that we can do to change this, to bring more people into the synagogue on a regular basis?

On another note, there are days in our lives which we do not forget. The date for today's bulletin message is certainly an occasion to stop and think as it marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Yom Kippur War which began on October 6th, 1973. It was a day when Yom Kippur became an atzeret, as life in Israel came to a perturbing standstill with the outbreak of the war. Time stopped for Jews all over the world. I was twelve years old, and our family was in Yerushalayim with my maternal grandparents for Yom Kippur. As far as I can remember, it was about midmorning when men started disappearing from the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem where we were davening. About midday, a siren sounded urgently rushing the inhabitants of the city to the *miklatim*, the shelters. I later understood that the men who were gradually leaving shul had been called up to service and were running to their military units. I remember sitting in the shelter with my family and the other occupants of their apartment building hearing war planes overhead. A week later, my paternal grandfather passed away on the second day of Sukkot as the war was going on, and I recall my father commenting on the tragedy of visiting a shiva home, following the war-related death of an 18-year-old Israeli soldier, and comparing it to his own sitting shiva for his 87-year-old father, who had lived a full life. At this time, we respectfully remember all the soldiers who gave their lives for Israel and for all of us.

Sukkot Notes:

Following the conclusion of the first yom tov days of Sukkot, I was amused to see a report on the late-night news on CTV that was titled: How to pick the perfect pumpkin as a preparation for Halloween at the end of the month of October. The report, which was over five minutes long, was a directive on how to choose the perfect pumpkin with all the tips on how to make the right choice. The owner of the pumpkin farm informed the reporter that the best pumpkins were those that were blemish free and had strong green stems. I couldn't help thinking how we went through a similar, though more stringent, etrog-choosing process just a few days earlier!

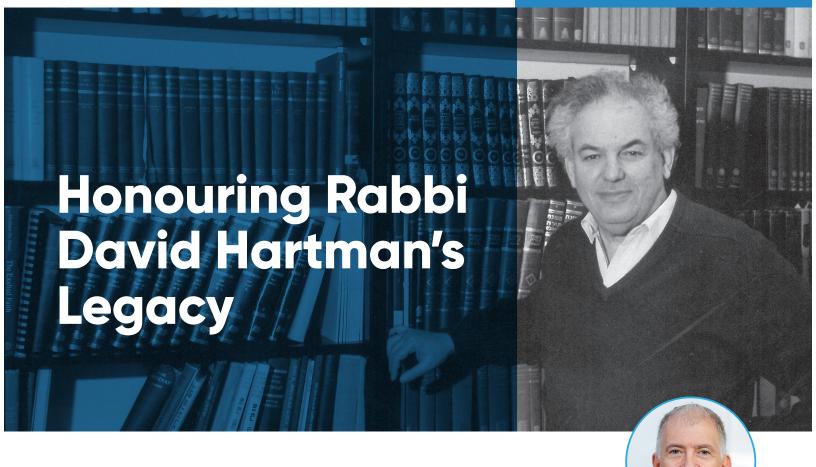
A few days ago, I was in traffic behind a car whose license plate was SLACH - in Hebrew חסר, which means to forgive. I thought it was rather humorous, and maybe a message from heaven for my personal repentance process, as I was going to say תשליך that day, having not done so on Rosh Hashanah.

Shmini Atzeret helps us to prolong the High Holiday season. I learned a few days ago that there is another way to prolong our High Holiday season: some of our TBDJ members went to California during Chol Hamoed - thus adding another three hours to their holiday!

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach!

Rev. Amiel





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Monday, November 6, 2023 7:30 pm



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