

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

Rabbi Eliezer Langer



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Message From the Rabbi



Dear Friends,

Tisha b'Av recalls the destruction of the Holy Temples, both the First and Second. The Talmud teaches that the first Temple was destroyed because of three major sins - idolatry, murder and immorality - and was rebuilt after 70 years. The Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE, 1,947 years ago and has not yet been rebuilt. For what sin does the Bet Hamikdash still lay in ruins?

The Gemara continues because of the sin of *Sinat Chinam* - baseless hatred one for another. If so, then, as the great Chassidic masters teach, it will be rebuilt when we have *Ahavat Chinam* - baseless love.

In that spirit I share the following story told by Rabbi Yechiel Spiro in *Touched by their Tears: A Kinno's Companion*. (*Kinnos* are the mournful elegies said as part of the Tisha b'Av service, evening and morning.)

It was not unusual for those waiting to speak to the Skverer Rebbe to be standing in line at his home at 2 a.m. People came to ask questions or receive advice about their children, businesses and other matters. This particular time, the line included a young man named Yoni. He was about 18 years old and was dressed in jeans and a very nice three-button shirt: standard fare for someone dressing nicely on a Saturday night, but not exactly standard dress for those coming to see the Rebbe. Yoni's clothing and white-crocheted yarmulke drew more than a few glances from the others — mostly dressed in *shtriemlach* and long coats — as they all waited patiently for their turn. Finally, it was Yoni's turn. He walked into the Rebbe's inner chamber with some trepidation. Gathering his courage, he looked at the Rebbe and asked him for a *berachah* for a *refuah sheleimah*, complete healing, for Yerachmiel ben Baila. The Rebbe looked up, and then closed his eyes, and repeated with great concentration, "*Yerachmiel ben Baila zol hubben ah refuah sheleimah*." As he was about to leave, one of the Rebbe's *gabbaim* grabbed Yoni by the arm and asked excitedly, "From where do you know the name Yerachmiel ben Baila?" Yoni explained that he worked in the summer in a camp called HASC. "All types of children, from all different backgrounds, come to HASC. Well, Yerachmiel ben Baila is my

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camper. I spent every day with him the first half of the summer. I dressed him in the morning and played with him and fed him and even put him to bed at night." The man listened carefully. As Yoni continued speaking, he couldn't help but wonder why the man was so interested. "Today is Yerachmiel's birthday. I wanted to buy him a birthday present, but I could not figure out what to get him. He would not be able to play with a video game or even a ball. So I decided to come to Skver, since the boy is a Skverer chassid. I figured that the best birthday present I could get him would be a *berachah* from his Rebbe, so that's why I came here tonight." Yoni was surprised to find that the man to whom he had been speaking was crying. "I'm sorry. Did I say something wrong?" "No, not at all, I just want to thank you. You see Yerachmiel ben Baila is my son."

May we merit to share the priceless gift of *ahavat chinam*, and thereby reap the resultant benefits. We end the *Kinnos* with the prayer, "Show Zion mercy as You have spoken. Hasten salvation and speed redemption and return to Jerusalem with abundant compassion... as it is said: For *Hashem* comforts Zion. He comforts her ruins, and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her wastes like a garden of *Hashem*; gladness and joy shall be found there, thanksgiving and the sound of music (Isaiah 51:3).

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Rabbi Langer's Suggested Reading List

Jewish Thought and Belief

- *Mastering Relationships*, Mordechai Weinberger, LCSW
- *Living Simchah*, Rabbi Hadar Margolin

Jewish Family Enrichment

- *Marriage Secrets*, Leah Richeimer

Kosher Cooking

- *Secrets of Skinny Cooking*, Victoria Dwek and Shani Taub C.D.C., C.N.

Parenting

- *Rabbi Scherman on Chinuch*, Rabbi Nosson Scherman

Short Stories

- *A Tapestry of Stars*, C. B. Weinfeld

Biography

- *Miracles in Switzerland*, Jutta Luksenberg
- *A Gadol in Our Time: Stories about Rav Chaim Kanievsky*, Libby Lazewnik
- *At His Rabbi's Side*, Rabbi Nachman Seltzer

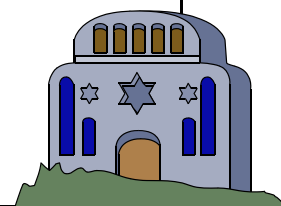
Please note: Above books are available for purchase by clicking the icon for artscroll.com on our website homepage - www.schomreisrael.org.

CALENDAR FOR JULY — AUGUST 2017
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DATE	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING	MINCHA	TORAH PORTION	SHABBAT ENDS
June 30	8:16 PM	7:00 PM	Chukat	9:16 PM
July 07	8:14 PM	7:00 PM	Balak	9:14 PM
July 14	8:11 PM	7:00 PM	Pinchas	9:04 PM
July 21	8:06 PM	7:00 PM	Matot - Masei	9:05 PM
July 28	7:59 PM	7:00 PM	Devarim (Shabbat Chazon)	8:58 PM
Aug. 04	7:51 PM	7:00 PM	Va'etchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	8:50 PM
Aug. 11	7:42 PM	7:00 PM	Ekev	8:41 PM
Aug. 18	7:32 PM	7:00 PM	Re'eh	8:31 PM
Aug. 25	7:21 PM	7:00 PM	Shoftim	8:20 PM
Sept. 01	7:10 PM	7:00 PM	Ki Tetze	8:09 PM
Sept. 08	6:58 PM	7:00 PM	Ki Tavo	7:57 PM
Sept. 15	6:46 PM	6:50 PM	Nitzavim - Vayelech (Selichot)	7:45 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

July 11	Shivah Asar B'Tammuz (FAST 3:53AM – 9:03PM)
August 01	Tisha B'Av (FAST 7/31 8:15PM – 8/01 8:56PM)
August 07	15th of Av
September 16	Selichot
September 21 - 22	Rosh HaShanah
September 24	Fast of Gedaliah (FAST 5:23AM – 7:31PM)
September 30	Yom Kippur
October 05 - 13	Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah



Tisha B'Av 2017/5777 at Schomre Israel



Monday, July 31st:

Fast begins: 8:15 pm

Mincha: 8:00 pm followed by **Maariv** and **Megillat Eichah**

Tuesday, August 01st:

Shacharit: 8:00 am

Mincha: 7:30 pm (**please note:** we wear tallit and tefillin)

Special video presentation - *Pikuach Nefesh* at 6:00 pm

Fast ends: 8:56 pm

Congregation Schomre Israel in conjunction with The Rabbi Leib Geliebter Memorial Foundation and Torah Umesorah will screen "*Pikuach Nefesh*" on Tisha b'Av presenting the inspirational narrative of the survivors of the Shoah and their determination to rebuild Jewish life.

Pikuach Nefesh presents the dramatic, often neglected, and inspirational stories of two of the Jewish people's great heroes, Rav Michoel Ber Weissmandl of Nitra and Rav Shlomo Schonfeld of the Kindertransport. These individuals sacrificed everything in order to save souls from the inferno of the Holocaust. These stories of sacrifice and Kiddush HaShem will inspire all of us to greater adherence to mitzvos and will help us strengthen our belief - particularly relevant to the Three Weeks - Bein Hametzarim period.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TISHA B'AV

The saddest day of the year, Tisha B'Av, commemorates several tragedies. These include:

- A. The destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem (586 B. C.E. and 70 C.E.).
- B. The fall of Bethar in the Bar-Kochba rebellion (135 C.E.). This disaster marked the end of all Jewish aspirations for freedom from Rome.
- C. In later centuries other sad occurrences were associated with this day. Among them the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

The severity of Tisha B'Av equals that of Yom Kippur in that both fast days commence on the previous evening. The atmosphere in Shul is gloomy, the lights are dimmed, the curtain is removed from the Ark and most worshipers sit on low stools or on the floor. The Book of Lamentations (Megillas Eichah) is read, and the special Kinos (prayers of lamentations) are recited.

Among other Halachic injunctions observed on Tisha B'Av are:

1. Complete fasting.
2. No bathing.
3. No conjugal relations.
4. No leather shoes are worn (rubber or canvas shoes are allowed).
5. It is even prohibited to study Torah on this day because Torah study is considered a very great joy and happiness. (There are certain texts that are permitted).
6. It is not customary to greet people with the usual greetings such as "hello" or "good morning". However, if you are greeted by someone who doesn't know the law, you should answer in a soft voice in order not to offend or hurt their feelings.
7. One should try to avoid business transactions or important decisions on this day if possible. Needless to say, in all cases where health is an issue the law is very lenient. The Rabbi should be consulted in all such cases.



**Please join Rabbi Langer
 on Tuesday mornings,
 August 8, 15, 22, 29 and
 September 5 and 12
 at 10:30 AM
 for his class
 Know Your Book:
 Shir HaShirim, Song of Songs**

**Please join Rabbi Langer
 Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM**

August 03 - Kosher Cheeseburger? Synthetic Beef
 August 10 - I See You - Webcam in Jewish Law
 August 17 - The Bernie Madoff Case - Must Donations be Returned?
 August 24 - Virtual Theft - Downloads or Copying Without Permission
 August 31 - Computer Virus - Are You Responsible?
 September 07 - Using your Neighbor's Wireless Connection
 September 14 - Who's Your Mother? Can a Child have Two Mothers?

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO
OUR NEW MEMBER**

Carolyn Scheer

APOLOGY FOR ANY ERRORS
IN THE BULLETIN

Every effort is made to avoid errors in our monthly Bulletin. Occasionally, no doubt, errors do occur. We apologize for them and appreciate your understanding.

PLEASE INFORM THE RABBI

Congregants are urged to call Rabbi (845.454.2890) if you hear, Heaven forbid, of any member who is ill. It is a great Mitzvah to visit the sick and very often we just don't get to hear of a member's indisposition. Your help in this endeavor is much appreciated.



3rd Annual Schomre Israel Sisterhood fundraiser...

Flower Centerpieces for the Holidays

We will be ordering centerpieces from Hudson Valley Gardens and Florist for Rosh HaShanah for all members and non-members in the community who wish to have a beautiful floral centerpiece for the holiday. The cost per centerpiece will be \$25.

Prepaid orders should be made by September 12, 2017. Please complete the form below and mail with your check (payable to Schomre Israel Sisterhood) to the shul at 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Pick up will be at the shul on Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 AM - Noon.

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number of centerpieces: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



Community Jewish Heritage Night



Please join us as the Renegades
host the Brooklyn Cyclones
Sunday, August 13 at 5:05 PM



Gates open 3:30 PM

**Tickets are \$12.00 per person
and include a baseball cap**

**Purchase online at
www.gadesgroups.com
Password: schomreIsrael
or
Contact the Shul office,
schomre1@aol.com
845-454-2890,
for more information**

Questions? Call the ticket office at 845-838-0094

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Torah Studies Survey Fall 2017

Looking For Interesting Classes for the Fall? Thanks to the Committee of Keren Ritz, Irwin Lifshay and Rabbi Langer we present a menu of delectable Torah Treats for your enjoyment.

Please circle the class(es) you would like to attend, indicate your preferred time slot and return the form to the office by August 15.

- 1) **Tanach Advanced:** Haftarah Of The Week - What do we read and why?
- 2) **Prayer Book Blues:** How to follow and lead the davening
- 3) **Contemporary Issues:** New Marriage Definitions; It Really Burns Me Up - Cremation and Judaism; Jewish Guilt, BDS, INS, and YOU
- 4) **Topics in Jewish Law 5778** - one topic per session
 Custody of Children in Halacha: Jewish Time Keeping in Remote Places; Reconciling Secular and Jewish History, Taxation and "Law of the Land", *Aliya* - Is it a Mitzva?, Gambling, Hunting and Skerplunking, New Holidays of the Jewish Community - Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzmaut, What is a Jewish Ethical Will?, Copyright and Halacha, Organ Donations, Euthanasia
- 5) **Jewish Medical Ethics** - one per session
 End of Life Issues, Cloning, In-Vitro Fertilization, Genetic Screening, Medical Malpractice, How to Respond to DNR, To Give or Not to Give: Organ Donation
- 6) **Single Topic Classes** - six sessions first semester
 To Give or not to Give: Tzedaka and the Jewish Tradition; The Fifth Commandment in Action; Praying With Fire; Bible Stories for Adults; Chumash in Depth; Eminent Domain
- 7) **Current events in Israel:** six sessions first semester
 Israeli Political Parties and Structure; Gush Katif - Where are they now? First the Saturday Observers and Next The Sunday Observers; Jonathan Pollard - Hero or Traitor?; Jabotinsky: The Man and the Legacy; Religious Zionism: From Mizrahi to MaFDaL to Ichud Leumi to the Jewish Home
- 8) **Relationship/family issues with a Jewish twist:** How does Judaism approach forgiveness, multi- generational parenting styles, marital discord, caregiving, etcetera; Issues within a family: Grandparenting 101: When To Talk and When Not; How To Write a Jewish Ethical Will
- 9) **Home Improvement Jewish Style:** Cooking class at Schomre: In house Culinary Institute presentation of Jewish culinary cuisine; Kedem presentation of wine and cheese; Sisterhood cooking series: members share their culinary specialties in a 5-6 week course for Shabbat or Yom tov. (i.e., challah baking/kiddush menus/desserts etc.)
- 10) **Ask the Rebbetzin:** Q&A session where you can ask questions about Judaism that you always wanted to explore in greater depth.

Contact Information:

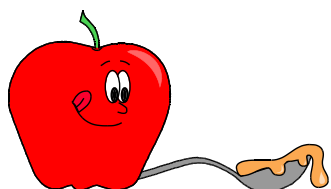
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ELUL SHOFAR BLOWING

Harold Warren will begin blowing the Shofar on behalf of the congregation during the month of Elul on Wednesday morning, August 23, 2017.

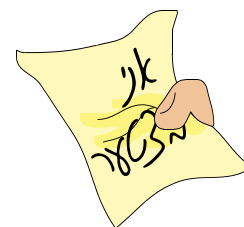


ROSH HASHANAH 5778

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YOM KIPPUR

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FAST APPROACHING

Rosh Hashanah - September 21 and 22

Yom Kippur - September 30

On April 16, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the following procedures regarding High Holiday services:

- 1 - There will be no charge to a non-member the first time he/she attends High Holiday Services.
- 2 - If the same person/family attends a second year, the charge will be \$100 per person. If the non-member decides to join Schomre Israel, the monies will be credited towards the membership fee.
- 3 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live within the greater Poughkeepsie area will be charged (see #1 & #2).
- 4 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live more than 25 miles from the greater Poughkeepsie area will not be charged.

We encourage members to invite non-affiliated relatives and friends who live in our area to become members of Schomre.
Membership includes High Holiday privileges.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

THIS AND THAT -

♥Share a *simcha* with the Shul by sponsoring a Kiddush. Please call Cassia, 452.8317, or Roberta, 471.5105, for pricing and details.

♥If you wish to send a **Golden Book Card** (\$3.00 payable to: *Sisterhood*) or **Shrubbery Card** (\$5.00 payable to: *Congregation Schomre Israel*), please call Marcia Fishman, 471.1241 between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM week nights (requests should not be made during Shabbos). These cards can be used for any occasion, they are inexpensive and they are always appreciated by those who receive them.

♥Please remember to check out the new items in the Gift Shop. Do you need a wedding gift, hostess gift, or a graduation gift? We might have just what you are looking for. Call Roberta Grosman, 471.5105, for special orders or questions. New items appropriate for the High Holidays are arriving daily.

*Many thanks
for sponsoring a Kiddush*

*Marsha Weiner at the time of family Yahrts
Phyllis and Sam Wexler and Debbie and James Bardzik
in honor of the baby naming of Joshua*

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Blueberry Crumb Pie (ECHOSPRINGBLUEBERRYFARM.COM)

Ingredients:

1 c Sugar	1 T Sugar
8 oz Commercial Sour Cream	1/4 c Dried breadcrumbs; fine
3 T All-purpose flour	1 T Sugar
1/8 t Salt	1 T Butter or margarine; melted
4 c Fresh blueberries	
1 Unbaked 9-inch pastry shell	

Instructions:

Combine first 4 ingredients; stir well. Place blueberries in unbaked pastry shell; sprinkle 1 tablespoon sugar over berries. Spread sour cream mixture over berries. Combine breadcrumbs, 1 tablespoon sugar, and butter; sprinkle over top.

Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until center is firm.

Yield: one 9-inch pie (8 servings). Preparation Time: 0:10 minutes

Mazel tov to ...

Rabbi and Lucy Langer on the
Bar Mitzvah of their grandson,
Heshy Pogrow.

Mazel tov to ...

Hinda and Irving Baum on the
birth of their first great granddaughter,
Yiska Emanunah,
daughter of Sarah and Yoni Schneider

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:**

Mazel Tov to Lee and Sandy Corwin upon the
wedding of their son Ivan to Brenda Klein
Arline and Ed Bernstein
Debby and David Sullum.

In memory of her mother, Rose Siegel
Estelle Eisner.

In memory of Frank and Matilde Goldwitz
Tracy Forlini.

In memory of their family and friends...

Leah Alweiss
Fannie Horowitz
William Horowitz
Marge Robles
Gertie Schreibman
Morris Schreibman
Evelyn and Dave Horowitz.

Wishing Zmira Langer a very happy 100th birthday
Roberta and Len Grosman
Barbara and Irwin Lifshy
Natalie and Ron Markowitz
Linda Skolnik.

In memory of his mother, Selma Meier
Walter and Rita Meier.

- Mazel Tov to Dr. Irving and Hinda Baum on birth of their great grandchild
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Lucy Langer on their grandson's Bar Mitzvah in Israel
- Mazel Tov to Phyllis and Sam Wexler on the baby naming of their new grandson
- Birthday wishes to Minnie Grosman
- Birthday wishes to Bea Davis
- In memory of his mother, Esther Korfman
Ellie and Marty Korfman.

In memory of his father, Arthur Mendel
Abe Mendel.

In memory of her father, Mason Kantrowitz
Rena Miller.

In memory of Josef Silber
Edna Silber
David Silber.

Just because...
Harold Friedman.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Marsha Weiner - Mazel Tov on your new home
Jane Friedland
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik.

Norman Silverman - n loving memory of his
beloved wife, Claire
Ros Fox
Olga & Steve Dalsheim.

Larry Robles - Wishing you a complete and
speedy recovery
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Phyllis & Sam Wexler - Mazel Tov on the birth
of your new grandson
Sandy & Lee Corwin.

Irving & Hinda Baum - Mazel Tov on the birth
of your first great granddaughter
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS con't:

Mrs. Ilana Shenk - In Loving memory of your parents, Joseph & Kathy Wieselmann
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Shirley & Leon Ladman - Best wishes on your 75th Anniversary
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman.

Rabbi Eliezar & Lucy Langer - Mazel Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah
Jane Friedland
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
Ros Fox
Phyllis & Sam Wexler.

Linda Skolnick - Mazel Tov on her granddaughter's graduation.
Natalie & Ron Markowitz.

The Gorin Family - In memory of their wife & mother, Sylvia Gorin
Marci & Marvin Bennett.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Novak - In memory of Robert's father
Roberta & Len Grosman.

Dr. Kenneth Anhalt - Wishing him a complete & speedy recovery
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

In memory of Betty Fishman
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Ros Fox - Mazel Tov on #17, a great grandson
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Get well wishes for Rita
Roberta & Len Grosman.

Mrs. Lucille Kaplan & Family - In memory of her husband Paul
Bea Davis
Bernice Litcosky
Ros Fox.

Sandy & Lee Corwin - In honor of Ivan's Aufruf
Phyllis & Sam Wexler
Marcia Fishman.

Sandy & Lee Corwin - Mazel Tov on your son Ivan's marriage to Brenda Klein
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Yair Hillman - In memory of your beloved Grandmother
Ros Fox.

Marsha Weiner - Get well wishes
Roberta & Len Grosman.

Sandy & Lee Corwin - In honor of Ivan's forth coming marriage to Brenda Klein
Ros Fox.

Zmira Langer - Wishing her Happy 100th Birthday
The Congregation & Sisterhood of Schomre Israel
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Linda Skolnik
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
Ros Fox
Eleanor & Martin Korfman
Sandy & Lee Corwin
Phyllis & Sam Wexler.

SHRUBBERY CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Ros Fox - Mazel Tov on #17, a great grandson
Estelle Eisner.

YAHREZEITSJULY 2017

01 Robert Ben Ezra
 08 Gertrude Fuhrer
 11 Sarah Berman
 Bessie Kessler
 Joseph Levine
 12 Sidney Davis
 14 Morris Schreiberman
 15 Clara Budman
 Sam Razon
 Samuel Robles
 16 William Kaplan
 17 Anna Gollin
 Jacob Sacks
 18 Rose Pastreich
 Louis Stich
 25 Harry Koenig
 26 Israel Korfman
 Itta Silber
 28 Louis Feldman
 29 David Effron

AUGUST 2017

01 Saul Ezikiel
 Sophia Mollott
 Morris Spira
 06 Joseph Shapiro
 09 Helen Goldman
 11 Jack Goldman
 Boruch Grossman
 13 Naomi Koffman
 15 Henrietta Berkman
 17 Benjamin Levine
 20 Frances Spira
 25 Harold Klein
 26 Harriette Goldstein
 27 Fay Kronberg
 Doris Ruben
 28 Max Kantrowitz
 29 Jack Davis
 30 Benjamin Goldberg

