# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 19 Elul, 5785 | September 12, 2025

Shabbos Times

Friday, September 12

Candle Lighting: 6:55 Mincha/Maariv: 7:00

Shabbos, September 13

Parsha Shiur: 8:30 Shacharis: 9:00

Latest Shema: 9:47 Iyun Shiur: 6:00

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 6:45

Shekiah: 7:11

Maariv/Nightfall: 7:55

Selichos: 12:55

Weekday Times

Shacharis/ Selichos

Sunday: 8:30

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:

6:20

Monday, Thursday: 6:15

**Mincha** 

Monday-Friday: 6:50

Candle Lighting next Shabbos:

6:43

#### Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

Kiddush sponsorship is still available. Shalosh Seudos sponsorship is still

available.

#### Upcoming Programs

September 16: N'shei Kickoff Event

September 28: Mother/Daughter Series-Decorating the Shul's Sukkah

October 22: L'Chaim Initiative Winterthur Garden

#### Mazel Toy!

Mazel tov to Sarah Devorah and Shimon Kerzner on the birth of a daughter. Mazel tov to Mrs. Ann and Mr. Arthur Bromberg on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazel tov to Dovid Grossman upon the birth and bris of his grandson, Ronon Lev ben Yosef Matisyahu!

### Kids' Korner

#### KIDS' KABOLOS SHABBOS

All kids old enough to sit with their parents are invited to join us for kabolos shabbos and will receive a prize!

#### YOUTH GROUPS

Back on! Beginning @ 9:30 with Shevi Burr We encourage our boys to participate and lead the end of davening!

#### **BI POINTS**

Given out all Shabbos to all participating kids. Accumulate and earn great prizes!

#### Seat Reservations for the Yamim Noraim

We look forward to welcoming everyone for the upcoming Yamim Noraim! Please remember that the deadline for seat reservations is **September 15th**. Reservations can be made once membership payments have been confirmed. Thank you for helping us plan ahead and making sure we can accommodate everyone comfortably.

#### 5786 Book of Remembrance

Honor the memory of your loved ones in our **5786 Book of Remembrance**. Each name is \$18, and the deadline to be included is **September 18th**. Forms and payment can be completed easily online at biozshul.org/bor/.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out warmly to Sari Apfel at slapfel@gmail.com or 516.582.3097—she'll be glad to help.

A NO-COST WAY TO DONATE!



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## The Shabbos Reader

RABBI ARI FEDERGRUN VOLUME 1. ISSUE 5

M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE



#### This Week, That Thought

With Rosh Hashanah approaching, many shuls schedule membership renewals. On one level, this can seem like a practical way to secure funds as people reserve seats for the Yamim Noraim. But there's a deeper perspective: renewing membership is itself a zechus, a merit as we stand before Hashem in judgment. It is an opportunity to reaffirm the value of our shul and the unique role each of us plays in shaping the tzibur.

A shul is a true partnership. Halachically, every member shares in its ownership. But the partnership extends far beyond bricks and mortar—it includes the tefillah, the learning, the programs, the kiddush, the atmosphere. And, as with any partnership, there will always be moments of frustration: how an event is run, who attends, or who doesn't.

It can also be a difficult partnership- one in which individuals do not necessarily choose who joins and it can be a struggle when we don't see eye to eye with everyone else.

I've learned that negativity is stifling. In fact, as a Rabbi, I can only succeed if I see potential and highlight success.



This week's Shabbos Reader is sponsored by Jonathon Weinstein in honor of our Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Federgrun.

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#### Between the Lines

Picture the scene: A father brings his young son each year on the journey to Yerushalayim, ascending to the Beis Hamikdash to present bikurim, the first fruits, to the Kohen. Now the son is grown. His own fields have ripened, and he has been waiting for this moment—to walk into the Mikdash on his own and hand over his basket of fruit. But as he steps forward, a thought lingers: This isn't the Kohen I remember. He feels different, unfamiliar.

On this the Torah says, "You shall come to the Kohen who will be in those days." Rashi explains: you must bring your bikurim to the Kohen of your time, even if he is not the one you were accustomed to.

One who is overly critical of others will, in the end, be judged critically himself.

-Talmud

The Ramban wonders: why emphasize this here? If one sought guidance or a halachic ruling, it would make sense—we accept the authority of the Kohen of our generation. But here, he is simply receiving a basket. Why should it matter?

Mori v'Rabi, Rav Yaakov Neuburger, explains: even in the Beis Hamikdash, it is possible to miss the moment. One's thoughts will be elsewhere. Frustration dominates the experience, and how things feel different can overshadow the sacred experience. The Torah urges us: don't let that happen. Embrace the present. Savor its holiness. Celebrate the opportunities before you.

#### Pages of the Past

It was a Tuesday afternoon at 5:30, early in the zeman in the Mir Yeshiva. The elderly Rosh Yeshiva delivered his weekly shiur to the entire Beis Medrash. In practice, though, few stayed—he was not a popular maggid shiur. By 5:20, close to a hundred talmidim would slip downstairs to avoid it.

A new American bochur, knowing little about the yeshiva besides the fact that he didn't want to get stuck in an empty shiur, followed the crowd out. But on the main floor he was stopped by an older gentleman (who, unbeknownst to him, was the Rosh Yeshiva) who asked him warmly:

"Where are you running?"
"Don't you know? Rav Ploni is about to give his shiur."

"Of course," the man replied, "but why run? Young man, I am Rav Ploni. My shiur is not on the level of Rav Chaim's shiur, and I know that. But Hashem put me here, and He put you here. That means I don't need Rav Chaim's talmidim—and you don't need Rav Chaim. Hashem believes we are meant for each other."



#### For the Table

How do we create an atmosphere where people can appreciate the experience? Whether it is in a partnership of family, at work, or in shul—the same questions apply:

- How can we actively cultivate positivity?
- How can we embrace the present, even when the situation is not as ideal as we had hoped?

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