

## Shabbos Times

**Friday, September 19**

Candle Lighting: 6:43

Mincha/Maariv: 6:45

**Shabbos, September 20**

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Latest Shema: 9:49

Iyun Shiur: 5:50

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 6:35

Shekiah: 7:00

Maariv/Nightfall: 7:43

## Weekday Times

**Shacharis/ Selichos**

Sunday: 8:00

Monday - Wednesday-

Rosh Hashana Schedule

Thursday- Friday: 6:00

**Mincha**

Monday-Wednesday- Rosh

Hashana Schedule

Thursday: 6:25

Friday: 6:30

Candle Lighting next

Shabbos: 6:32

## Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

**Kiddush** is sponsored by Myron and Luba Anton in memory of Luba's mother Basya Bryna Miriam bas Chaim.

**Enhanced Shalosh Seudos** is sponsored by the Daf Yomi Shuir on completing Seder Nizikin.

## Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Yonah and Mrs. Chaya Raizy Burr on the birth of twin grandsons to their children Yaakov and Bassie Burr in Yerushalayim!

Mazel tov to Shlomo Polak upon his Bar Mitzvah! Mazel tov to Yehuda and Raquel Polak and to the entire family!

## Upcoming Programs

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

**October 9:** Soup, Sushi & Soul in the Sukkah for women and girls

**October 11:** Simchas Beis Hasho'eivah at the Federgrun sukkah for men and boys

**October 22:** L'Chaim Initiative- Winterthur Garden

**November 22-23:** Scholar in Residence with Rabbi Larry Rothwachs

A deeply wise and empathetic leader, Rabbi Rothwachs has served Congregation Beth Aaron in Teaneck, NJ for over two decades, guiding congregants with warmth, resilience, and insight. He is also the Director of Professional Rabbis at Yeshiva University's RIETS, where his foresight in integrating mental-health awareness and pastoral care into rabbinic training has set a new standard for compassionate community leadership. Among the many rabbis he has guided with wisdom is our own Mara D'asra, Rabbi Federgrun.

In a striking act of faith in action, Rabbi Rothwachs donated a kidney after realizing he could not, in good conscience, preach the value of donation without embodying it himself. His selfless act not only saved a life but resonated deeply across the community, offering a living example of spiritual dedication. Rabbi Rothwachs has emerged as a leading public voice on mental health, sharing heartfelt reflections drawn from his own family's experiences and beyond.

## 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!



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This Week, That Thought

Mazel Tov! Mazel Tov!  
Those were the words shared by a handful of people before we began Selichos at 6:15 this past Monday morning. The regular Daf Yomi shiur, which usually starts at 6:15, began at 5:55 to make room for Selichos. A small group of four learners was down to just two that morning—yet they faithfully pushed forward.

And then came the Mazel Tov: the completion of Maseches Horiyos, which also marked the siyum of the entire Seder Nezikin. A true celebration of years of steady, day-in and day-out commitment to Torah.

We often think of the “big moments”—celebrations with large crowds—as the highlights of spiritual life. But this week’s quiet Mazel Tov reminded me of something deeper: the beauty and kedushah found in the quiet, consistent moments of learning, when no one else is watching.

For me, the best part of the day is those early morning hours—the world still, the air hushed—when the sweet words of Torah rise in song across homes, shuls, and batei midrash throughout the world. These are true moments of kedushah: an intimate, irreplaceable encounter with the Ribbono Shel Olam.



**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

“כי קרוב אליך הדבר מאד בפיך ובלבבך לעשותו” –  
For the matter is very close to you; in your mouth and in your heart, to fulfill it.

Chazal debate whether this pasuk refers to the mitzvah of Talmud Torah or the mitzvah of Teshuvah. Either way, it speaks to the very core of our connection with Hashem.

Rav Yechezkel Shraga Halberstam writes in his *דברי יחזקאל* that there is a *כלל גדול* in Yiddishkeit: a person must never give up. But what if someone feels no spiritual connection? What if he simply isn’t interested?

He explains that our pasuk can be read homiletically as a process of three stages:

- **מאד** – refers to one’s possessions. Even without feeling inspired, a person can give of their assets for a higher cause.
- **בפיך** – this awakens the power of speech, to daven and to learn Torah.
- **בלבבך** – ultimately, this leads to genuine feeling, to heartfelt connection.

***If there is spiritual ye’ush, it must be ‘shelo mida’as’ — without real da’as (awareness).” Kotzker Rebbe***

For tzadikim, however, the order is reversed. In Shema we say: **בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך ובכל מאדך**. First comes the passion of the heart; then the nefesh—the ability to speak, daven, and learn; and finally, **מאדך**, giving of one’s possessions.

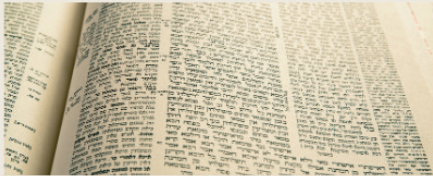
When I watch our Daf Yomi chabura, this pasuk comes alive. In the early morning, when energy is low and eyes are heavy, the words of Torah begin the day. Sometimes the heart provides the push to learn, and other times, even without the mood, the Torah itself becomes the path back to the heart.

Pages of the Past

Rabbi Meir Shapiro introduced the revolutionary Daf Yomi program at the first Knessiah Gedolah, the international conference of Agudath Israel, in Vienna in 1923. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah 5684 (1923), Jews across the world began the study of the first Masechta of Shas with the opening word “Me’eimasai.” The first cycle was completed in 1931, marked by a grand celebration at Rabbi Shapiro’s own Yeshivas Chachmei Lublin.

At that siyum, Rabbi Shapiro recalled a striking encounter:

“Still fresh in my memory is my interaction with an individual named Yechiel Yeshaya of Radom. I noticed that he had a small Gemara in his valise. I asked him whether he learns Gemara on a daily basis. Yechiel Yeshaya replied enthusiastically, ‘Of course! I’m a soldier, and I do not move away from my Daf Yomi position.’ How true! An important position! We have, Baruch Hashem, assumed a position that is critical to our survival.”



For the Table

Admittedly, Daf Yomi is a perfect fit for some, but not for everyone. What matters is that each of us has something — a practice, a commitment — that serves as an anchor in our avodah, our religious journey.

What is your “go-to”? That constant that steadies you and keeps you moving forward on your spiritual path? And when those inevitable moments of emptiness arrive, have you prepared a plan — a way to lift yourself back up and reconnect?