

Youth Minyan

OHEL SARA NEWSLETTER

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refuah shelema of

Yigal ben Yocheved

Shabbat Schedule

Candlelighting— 6:29 PM

Mincha & Arvit—6:30 PM

Shaharit – 8:45 AM-11:20 AM

Minha & Seudat Shlishi – 5:50 PM

Arvit & Motzei Shabbat - 7:27 PM

Joke of The Week

Mary McDonough was at the airport in New York, scheduled to board an El Al plane to Israel to visit her husband Jim who was working for the United Nations for a few months in Tel Aviv. As she checked in, the El Al security agent pulled her aside to ask a few questions.

"Did you pack this bag yourself?" asked the security agent.

"Yes," replied Mary.

"Has anyone given you any packages to bring along with you?" he asked.

"Only the package my mother in law gave me to give to my husband – her son," replied Mary.

"Does she like you?"

Chaim Yankel checked into a hotel for his first ever hotel stay. He goes up to his room and five minutes later, he calls the desk and says, "You've given me a room with no exit. How do I leave?"

The desk clerk says, "Sir, that's absurd. Have you looked for the door?"

Chaim Yankel says, "Well, there's one door that leads to the bathroom. There's a second door that goes into the closet. And there's a door I haven't tried, but it has a 'do not disturb' sign on it."

The ABC's of a Kosher Sukkah and Lulav

The laws of sukkot can be very complicated and cumbersome so we have compiled a summary of the most pertinent aspects of sukkot. If you still have any questions please feel free to ask Rabbi Abo!

Building the Sukkah

- The Sukkah must be made of walls not material
- The schach (roof) should rest on wooden supports (not on the metal) and the wood may rest on metal
- All decorations hung on the roof should be within 4 hand breaths of the roof.

Lulav (palm)

- The center leaf must be connected together.

Hadas (myrtle)

- You need to have 3 pieces of hadasim in a set
- In order for it to be kosher most rows of 3 leaves must emerge from the same point
- The head (top) should be covered by leaves

Arava (Willow)

- The stalk should be brown
- Need 2 pieces in a set

Etrog (citron)-The parts of an etrog can be found on the next page

- If it has a spot in its neck it is not kosher
- If it has 2 spots in body area it is not kosher
- The pitam must be intact
- The etrog should be yellow in color
- The whole Lulav set must be yours on 1st and 2nd day of the Holiday.



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Weekly Schedule

Art Class (5-8yrs)
Sunday 10-11 AM

Sunday Program (5-13yrs)
11:00 AM-12:30PM

Torah and Me With Rabbi B
Wednesday At 8:45 PM

Parsha In a Nutshell

The greater part of the Torah reading of Haazinu ("Listen In") consists of a 70-line "song" delivered by Moses to the people of Israel on the last day of his earthly life.

Calling heaven and earth as witnesses, Moses exhorts the people, "Remember the days of old / Consider the years of many generations / Ask your father, and he will recount it to you / Your elders, and they will tell you" how G-d "found them in a desert land," made them a people, chose them as His own, and bequeathed them a bountiful land. The song also warns against the pitfalls of plenty—"Yeshurun grew fat and kicked / You have grown fat, thick and round / He forsook G-d who made him / And spurned the Rock of his salvation"—and the terrible calamities that would result, which Moses describes as G-d "hiding His face." Yet in the end, he promises, G-d will avenge the blood of His servants, and be reconciled with His people and land.

The Parshah concludes with G-d's instruction to Moses to ascend the summit of Mount Nebo, from which he will behold the Promised Land before dying on the mountain. "For you shall see the land opposite you; but you shall not go there, into the land which I give to the children of Israel."

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Postscript To a Verdict

THE VERDICT IS IN. THE JURY HAS DECIDED. And no one has informed us of the outcome. Yet no one is sitting in torment. Nor are anyone's eyes glued to the television, or ears to the radio, trying to get information about what decision was rendered. No pundits are making predictions, and the defendants seem impervious to their fate. In fact, they are getting on with the next step in life: They are buying their four species and building their sukkot.

Of course, the verdict has been rendered worlds away by an impeccable Judge and an irreproachable Jury: The judgement of Yom Kippur has taken place in the courtroom of God Almighty, amidst His heavenly hosts.

But somehow things don't feel as tense as we might have expected as we await that crucial verdict which decides our health and welfare along with that of all those we love and cherish. Why not? Of course, we are all human and it's difficult to walk around in a state of uncertainty until next year's Rosh Hashanah when we pinch ourselves and realize that we were judged favorably. Yet perhaps there is another reason for our confidence, a fundamental principle that we all must understand.

Immediately after Yom Kippur, we leave our homes and enter an unstable, rickety abode—the *sukkah*. Its walls are thin, and its shelter quite penetrable. The dwelling that heralds our harshest seasons, fall and winter, is open to all the elements. Why do we expose ourselves as such? If we must sit in a state of vulnerability, shouldn't it be in the warmth and sunshine of the summer?

During Israel's War of Independence shells were being fired into the populated areas of Jerusalem. The *Mishke not* neighborhood where Rav Aryev Levin, the *Tzadik* (pious man) of Jerusalem, was like a ghost town. The streets were completely deserted. But Reb Aryeh went out, as he had important things to do. His children, dismayed as they were, knew better than to try to stop the great man from any of his mitzvah missions.

One day, Reb Aryeh had heard that the remains of 40 Jewish People were lying in the morgue of the Bikur Cholim Hospital. The guards had fled due to severe shelling and now the bodies were exposed to animals and plunderers. He had decided that he had to find a proper watchman.

People who saw him waling through the streets shouted from their windows, "Rebbe, it is so dangerous! Please go back home to your shelter!"

Reb Aryeh looked up. "The Talmud says, 'those who are messengers of a mitzvah are not in harm's way,'" he said. "Every bullet has its address. If the Almighty wants to harm me, then the shell will hit me even if I am in the bunker."

Every year after Yom Kippur we also go out in the street. We sit outside as a declaration of confidence: We *know* that Hashem has looked favorably upon us. We don't have to shelter ourselves in secured mansions, surrounded by bodyguards. We can sit assuredly in the open and proudly wave our 'sword'—the *lulav*—as we proclaim with confidence that we know the verdict, even though no clerk has read it. Hashem has blessed us with another year of life and happiness!

The Parsha Parables Anthology-Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky

Extra hadassim on lulav

It is permissible technically to add as many *hadassim* as one wishes and tie them to the *lulav*. According to the Kabbalah, however, it is important to use no more than three *hadassim*.

Siman 651:7



Breeds of etrog

Moroccan



Hazon Ish



Calabria



Shlomai



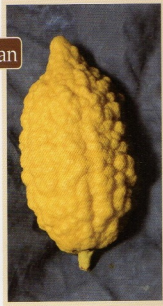
Yemenite



Ordaing



Braverman



The etrog and its parts



shoshanta
pitam

nose

stem

An enormous etrog

There is no maximum size for an *etrog*. Even if it is so large and heavy that one must hoist it onto one's shoulder in order to carry it, it is kosher.

Siman 648:25



Sukkot First Days Schedule

(Times are approximate and subject to change)

SUNDAY	Candlelighting:	6:26 pm
	Minha:	6:25 PM
MONDAY	Shaharit:	8:30 AM
	Minha:	6:25 PM
	Candlelighting:	7:24 PM
TUESDAY	Shaharit:	8:30 AM
	Minha:	6:25 PM
	Holiday Ends:	7:22 PM

Weekly Events

SUNDAY	Art Class Children 5-8: 10AM-11AM
	Sunday Program Ages 5-12: 11:00AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	Hebrew Class for Adults (October/ November) Contact Moshe If Interested
	Torah&MeWith Rabbi B 8:45PM-9:45PM
Shabbat	Prayers-Arvit, Minha, Shaharit, Musaf (Change Weekly)
	Learning and Seudat Shlishi (Changes Weekly)
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