

**PLEASE DAVEN FOR OUR CAPTIVE ISRAELI SOLDIERS!**

**RABBI'S MESSAGE**

Please join me in extending a mazel tov to Moshe Habshush and to his parents Amy and Aaron Habshush on the occasion of Moshe's Bar Mitzvah.

Haste makes waste, except when it comes to baking matzas. Indeed, the very essence of matzah is defined by speed. Matzas must be baked quickly. Eighteen minutes from start to finish. One may not dilly dally even for a moment longer or the matzohs become chametz.

Chazal famously teaches that one must perform his mitzvos the same way he prepares his matzos. (In Hebrew the two words matza and mitzvah are differentiated only by a vowel.) Namely one must prepare the matzas with zrizus, alacrity and enthusiasm. The implication therefore is that any mitzvah done without zrizus is compared to chametz.

R Yochana Zweig suggests that the metaphor of chametz and matzah to mitzvah observance speaks powerfully to the human condition. The more a person delays and procrastinates, the more a person can develop a reluctance and resentment to the task at hand, in this case a mitzvah. This resistance can develop into full fledged loathing. Therefore, Chazal refer to a mitzva performed without alacrity as chametz.

On the other hand, if a person performs a mitzva enthusiastically, he may come to love the performance of that mitzva, even if he has no love for it right now. Therefore, Chazal charges us to treat our mitzvas like we prepare our matzas, with speed, alacrity and enthusiasm.

When we begin our adult journeys in Judaism, we often do so with great zrizus. That enthusiasm tends to wane over the course of time. Let us remember as we celebrate with the Bar Mitzvah this Shabbos, how once and again we can experience the Torah with the enthusiasm of a Bar or Bas Mitzvah just beginning his or her journey.

If you have a halachic question, email this dedicated address: shailoskjc@gmail.com. I welcome your comments at etantok@gmail.com. Good Shabbos.

**The Elisha & Leah Abilevitz Kingsway  
Bais Medrash Program**  
will meet Monday 8:30 – 9:45p.m.  
Tuesday 8:00 – 9:00p.m.  
with Rabbi Mordechai Schiffman  
Sponsored by Jake & Karen Abilevitz

**SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

Sun. 8:00a.m. – Medrash Rabbah Shiur with Rabbi Wolman  
Wed. 8:00p.m. – "Chumash Bereshit" in the Bais Medrash  
with Rabbi Etan Tokayer

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**שבת פרשת בא**

**Shabbat Bo – January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

Shabbat Candle Lighting	before	4:21p.m.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat		4:30p.m.
Shiur with Rabbi Tokayer		8:15a.m.
Shabbat Shacharit		8:45a.m.
Drasha before Musaf		
<b>MOSHE HABSHUSH BAR MITZVAH KIDDUSH</b>		
Shiur with Rabbi Tokayer		3:15p.m.
Mincha		4:00p.m.

**Shabbat Bo Seudah Shelishit Lecture**

*'The Making of a Prophetess'*

**with Rabbi Mordechai Schiffman**

Sponsored by: Debra & Michael Marcus, Shifra & Chaim Lam, Carol & Dr. Julian Seewald, Judith & Dr. Teddy Greenstein and Esther Klein

Maariv 5:22p.m.  
Shabbat Ends 5:27p.m.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Shaharit**  
Sun. 7:30/8:30a.m.  
Mon. – Fri. 6:30/7:30a.m.  
**Mincha**  
Sun. – Thurs. 4:30p.m.  
**Maariv**  
Sun. – Thurs. 4:55p.m.

**שבת פרשת בשלה**

**Shabbat Beshalach – January 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

Shabbat Candle Lighting	before	4:28p.m.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat		4:40p.m.
Shiur with Rabbi Tokayer		8:15a.m.
Shabbat Shacharit		8:45a.m.
Drasha before Musaf		
Shiur with Rabbi Tokayer		3:15p.m.
Mincha		4:15p.m.
Seudah Shelishit		
Maariv		5:29p.m.
Shabbat Ends		5:34p.m.

**CHEVRA TEHILLIM**

This week, Chapter 29, is sponsored by Barbara Breitstein in loving memory of her beloved grandmother, Dora Roer ע"ה, on the occasion of her yahrzeit and Judy & Dr. Gary Abberbock in memory of Dr. Abberbock's beloved parents, Annabel ע"ה & Lester Abberbock ע"ה, on the occasion of their yahrzeits.

**WOMEN'S CHEVRA TEHILLIM**

Women's Tehillim will meet at 4:00p.m. in the Beit Midrash. We look forward to seeing you there.

**ANITA WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL**

**BIKUR CHOLIM PROGRAM**

**Community Hospital**

Susie Spitzer & Friends

**Beth Israel Kings Hwy Hospital**

Sydelle Hudes \* Alisa Ziff \* Tova Shiloni \* Ilana Adonolem

**POOL SCHEDULE**

<b>Women</b>		<b>Men</b>	
Sun. 10:30 – 12:15p.m.	Mon./Wed. 7:30 – 9:30p.m.	Sun. 8:30-10:15a.m.	Tues./Thurs. 7:30- 9:30p.m.

## MAZAL TOV

Amy & Aaron Habshush on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Moshe.

### **PRESIDENTS' CORNER**

#### **Minyanim and the snow:**

As we listen to the non-stop news updates about the snow storm, expected accumulation and weather related issues, we can't help but be comforted by the fact that despite it all, shul does not stop. Davening and shiurim will take place this weekend per the usual, snow or no snow. We hope you can enjoy and use caution while getting around.

Good Shabbos, Yitz Elman and Jeff Grodko-  
Presidium

#### **YOUNG ISRAEL OF AVENUE K,**

**SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 4, 8:00PM.**

"*JEWISH HISTORY IN A FLASH*" - "*THE TRANSMISSION OF TORAH*" - Learn how we were able to transmit our Torah from generation to generation despite suffering through atrocities, crusades, pogroms, and constant persecutions. It is a quick-paced visual presentation that will fascinate you.

### **ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 8:00P.M. with Rabbi David Sykes**

**Topic:** "Patterns in Genesis: Unlocking the Mystery of Yaakov's Blessings (Birchat Yaakov)"

**About:** On the occasion of Rabbi Tokayer's Chumash class completing a five year study of Sefer Breishis, Rabbi David Sykes will deliver a special shiur based on his soon to be published book, *Patterns in Genesis and Beyond*. The book, not yet available in stores, will be available for purchase after the shiur.

**Author:** Rabbi Sykes has studied and taught T'Nakh for over 40 years including 12 years at Yeshiva University. He uncovers surprising textual interrelationships, contrasts, and parallels that rest beneath the surface narrative and, in so doing, provides new meaning to well known and often overlooked texts.

**Sponsors:** Sponsored by Pola & John Bradman, Dr. Judith Brilliant, Marjorie & Alan Brown, Leslie & Alan Fintz, Joyce & Yankie Fruchter, Sarah & Leo Horowitz Alice & Dr. Sam Loubaton, Judy & Lazar Mikhly, Carol & Dr. Julian Seewald and Rabbi Etan & Rebbetzin Esther Tokayer.

**Rabbi Wolman is available for Bar Mitzvah lessons & mezuzah inspections.**

## THANK YOU

- ★ Amy & Aaron Habshush for sponsoring the congregational Kiddush in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Moshe.
- ★ **Rosh Chodesh Sponsors:** Bryna & Moshe Wieder
- ★ Judy & Dr. Gary Abberbock made a donation to the Kingsway Mitzvah Fund in memory of Dr. Abberbock's beloved parents, Annabel ה"ע & Lester Abberbock ה"ע, on the occasion of their yahrzeits.
- ★ Barbara Breitstein made a donation to the Kingsway Chevra Kadisha Fund in memory of her beloved grandmother, Dora Roer ה"ע, on the occasion of her yahrzeit.
- ★ Ettie & Avi Gantz for providing the fruit platter for this week's Seudah Shelishit.
- ★ Esther Kamhi made a donation to Kingsway Jewish Center in honor of Anna & Stephen Weintraub on the engagement of their niece, Shanon Sari Kamhi, to Leon Sakkal.