



Ohr Yerushalayim News

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Rov's Chaburoh

The Rov's chaburoh takes place on Wednesday night at 9.30pm at the home of Mr & Mrs Michael (Frenchie) Freedman, 26 Moor Lane.

JRRC Collection

Following Mr Alex Strom's appeal last Friday night, we are still taking donations for the JRRC. Donations can be given to either Frenchie or to Chizky.

New Building Seating Plan

We are in the process of producing a seating plan for the new building. The plan is based upon the Beis Menachem seating and seats will be allocated according to the current arrangement. If anyone has a particular requirement beyond this, please contact Avi Stern on 07813 326 423 and we will endeavour to accommodate.

Shtenders

We ask that anyone who has ordered a shtender should forward payment to Chizky as soon as possible. We have a small number spare, hence anyone wanting one should speak to Chizky.

Otzar HaSeforim

As we plan our move to the new building we are looking to build a well stocked Otzar HaSeforim. Many dedication opportunities are available and a list has been posted on the noticeboard of the seforim we would like to acquire. Please contact Simon Wanderer (07940 585 135) or Avi Stern (07813 326 423) to discuss further.

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Opportunities of Yom Tov

Daniel Dresner

These are the appointed times' [23:4]... what a central and exciting phrase that heralds our Kiddush on Yom Tov. And what a contrast to the beginning of the sedra with so many warnings about risk on the spiritual plane. Risk is usually taken as a bad thing but its flip side is all the things we can do that increase the risk of things going well. Doing the mitzvos of the Yomim Tovim is a constant source of light for us to look for however dark it is. In Yom Tov we have a joyous path to make sure we remain elevated with an opportunity to keep rising. Science – particularly the laws of thermodynamics – explains that Hashem programs the universe in such a way that we lose energy and, as Newton observed, we need a boost if we are to move forward.

How our time would be empty of value if it was shaped by the mundanity of going to work, shopping and eating beans on toast! Instead Hashem has given the splendour of the universe, the heritage of the years that have been before us, and the framework of the calendar with Shabbos and Yom Tov to slice and dice our allotted time in this world into something the human mind can comprehend and prepare us for the next. Cecil Rhodes said 'So little time, much to do.', but what about our year – Hashem has given us a whole year and formed and shaped it for us. And how long is a year. I don't think that I really appreciated it – always rushing from one errand to the next – until my Father was called to the next world. Even now – when the tear ducts get a soak test – I realise that this still nothing to rush through. Shiva

came and went, then the sheloshim and I went from a metaphorical 0 to 60. Then the Rov shlit" a made one of those life-changing comments... 'it's not for nothing that the Chachomim gave us a year to mourn'. Stop rushing; carpe annum! And still that year of mourning is formed and shaped by the Yomim Tovim. Carrying us through the difficult bits in the sedan chair of achdus that our kehilla is blessed with.

Emor takes us through the calendar not in a list but a template for us to translate the majesty of creation into an interlinked pathway of growth and development. We say Shir Hashirim at Pesach in anticipation of our wedding to Hashem with the Torah at Shavous. As we enter Ellul we enhance ourselves above the daily routine but adding L'Dovid Hashem Ouri V'Ishi to the end of davening. We are elevated even further by the additions to the Amida, Avinu Malkenu, and Shir Y'Ma'alos M'ma'amakim during the Aseres Y'mei Tshuva. As Yom HaKippurim ends we loose the special additions from Rosh Hashonno. At Succos, Koheles reminds us how the appointed seasons of Emor focus into appointed times from sowing, reaping, sadness and joy. At Shimini Atzeres, L'Dovid also falls away. What binds us these appointed seasons together? What sign of Yom Tov and Teshuva are we left with during those times of chol without the moed?

Shimini Atzeres – that unique Yom Tov that is symbol-free – is the vanguard for the clouds of the wet and windy weather we daven. In these clouds, we have just shades of the clouds of glory that protected Bnei Yisroel in the desert. Don't we have an opportunity here to leave the intensity of our high holy days with the whistle of the word Teshuva in the 'Mashiv' of Mashiv Haruach? Reality is that even the power of the weather is deconstructed into human terms by our davening.

At work, my supervisor said to me on my first day, 'if it's easy, you're not doing it right'. Ticking the boxes of the mitzvos as each Yom Tov goes by is not the way forward; if we see Shabbos – all the Yomim Tovim -and every day with its opportunities as the manifestation of time itself and put the effort into them – before, during and after – we can rise from the ephemera of this world to be part of eternity.

The Week Ahead

שבת פרשת אמור

Candle Lighting and Shabbos	8.22pm
Mincha	7.30pm
Seder Halimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9.20am
Mincha 1st Minyan / 2nd Minyan	6.00pm / 8.32pm
Rov's Mishnayos Shiur	9.02pm
Maariv & Motzei Shabbos	9.37pm
Sunday 1st/2nd Minyan	7.20am/8.20am
Monday / Thursday	7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	7.20am
Mincha & Maariv All Week	7.45pm
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	7.30pm (Shabbos 8.34pm)

The lights are on

...and we're nearly home



DID YOU KNOW?

Tachanun (1)

Our form of "nefilas apayim" involves placing the head on the arm and covering the face. Covering the face must be done with an article of clothing (e.g. sleeve, talis) and not with the bare hand or arm.

Source: *Mishnah Berurah* 131 (1) [3]

We want our tefillos to be accepted so it's best to perform them correctly.
For details please ask the Rov rova@ohryerushalayim.org

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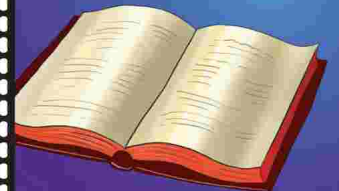
1. Whom can a גדול כהן not marry?
2. Name 3 types of מום (blemish) which prevent a כהן from doing עבודה?
3. How old must an animal be, to be accepted as a קרבן?
4. Which שבועות are offered with the שתי הלחם on קרבנות?
5. How does the תורה describe the date of יום הכפורים?
6. What reason does the תורה give for the מצוה of living in a סכה?
7. What did בני ישראל do to the מקלל?
- H. What should the כהנים wear on their heads?



Parsha Snapshots



We must stop doing all work on Shabbat.



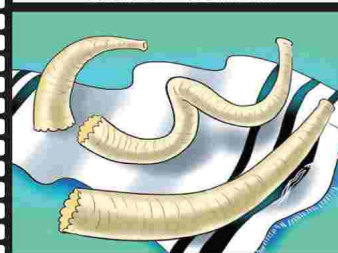
On the 10th day of that month, we fast and offer sacrifices – it is *Yom Kippur*.



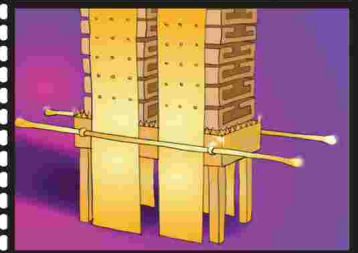
We are commanded to keep the Festival of *Pesach* (Passover) on the 14th of *Nissan*.



Also in the 7th month, starting from the 15th day, we sit in *sukkot* (booths) for 7 days.



The first day of the 7th month is Rosh Hashana and we blow the *shofar* (ram's horn).



Each Shabbat, 12 loaves of bread are placed on the *Shulchan* (Table).