

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Rosh Hashana - Shabbos Shuva Parshas Haazinu

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- » Selichos/Shacharis/Annulment of Vows: 6:00 AM
- » Eruv Tavshilin is made (See ArtScroll siddur, page 654)
- » Candlelighting: 6:51 PM
- » Mincha: 6:50 PM
- » Maariv: 7:45 PM
- » Yom Tov Kiddush

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- » Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- » Second Shofar Blowing at Rich Home, 7119 Bremerton Ct: 1:30 PM
- » Mincha: 6:30 PM
- » Tashlich followed by class: 7:00 PM (As a congregation men, women and children will depart from the shul at 7:00 PM to the bridge overlooking the creek on the Preston Ridge Trail.)
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Not before 7:58 PM
- » Maariv: 7:55 PM
- » Yom Tov Kiddush

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- » Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Speech/Shofar: Not before 10:15 AM
- » Conclusion of Mussaf: 1:15 PM
- » Second Shofar Blowing at Rich Home, 7119 Bremerton Ct: 1:30 PM
- » Candlelighting (From a pre-existing flame): Should light by 6:49 PM
- » Mincha/Kabbalos Shabbos/Maariv: 6:50 PM
- » Shabbos Kiddush

SHABBOS SHUVA, OCTOBER 5

- » Shacharis: 8:30 AM
- » Shabbos Shuva Drasha (for men & women): 5:50 PM
- » Mincha: 6:35 PM
- » End of Shabbos: 7:55 PM

TZOM GEDALYA (FAST OF GEDALYA), SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- » Fast Begins: 6:13 AM
- » Selichos/Shacharis: 8:00 AM
- » Mincha/Maariv: 6:35 PM
- » End of Fast: 7:29 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "IT IS NOT LENGTH OF LIFE, BUT DEPTH OF LIFE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Michal Leah bas Devora (Daughter of Devorah bas Heni)
- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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- » CTC in Appreciation of Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer
- » Yerachmiel & Shira Martin on their 10th Anniversary

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Oct 6, 2024)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Selichos/Shacharis, M,Th 6:05 / T,W,F 6:15 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » **Mincha/Mussar on Yomim Noraim/Maariv 6:45 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra following Maariv

REBUILDING PROJECT by Marshall Lestz.

(We are excited to share this column with you each Shabbos in the spirit of helping to repair our relationships and thereby contribute to rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash.)

THE PUZZLE PEACE

So imagine a guy receives a gift--it's a jigsaw puzzle, his first puzzle ever! He's NEVER done a puzzle before! So he dumps the pieces on the table and starts checkin' them out. Hmm, that's funny... He studies piece after piece, and he's stunned. "That's bizarre! I can't believe they made such a ridiculous mistake." He puts the pieces back in the box, grabs the gift receipt and heads to the store.

"Hi, I'd like to exchange this puzzle, please." "What's wrong with it?" asks the nice woman behind the counter. "Well, this puzzle is defective." "Defective? What do mean?" she asks. "Well, there are no matching pieces!" the man responds.

"Really?! That's so strange! I'm so sorry! I'll get you a new puzzle right away."

The saleswoman comes back with a new puzzle and opens it up for the man to double check. The man starts carefully sorting thru the pieces and can't believe it. "This one's also defective!" The woman is shocked. She quickly digs through the pieces hoping to find a match. "Here, these go together!" she exclaims. "And these

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two... and this one.. and another!"The man is in awe. He can't believe it!

As the man marvels at what he's seeing, he finally asks, "How in the world are you making those pieces connect? They're totally different! In fact, they're practically opposites!"

It was then that the woman understood that this man had no idea how a jigsaw puzzle works. The poor guy thought that the pieces had to literally match--be identical-- to go together! But of course, the only way pieces fit together is if they're different.

Perhaps we can keep this analogy in mind as we try to build greater unity among the Jewish People. Unity will be achieved when we connect with each other's differences to build a greater whole. If Hashem wanted us to all be the same, He would've created us that way. But instead, our personalities and character traits come in many different "shapes", yet we're all made to fit together.

When we focus on the "big picture," that Hashem chose us to be His Holy nation and to follow His Torah as best we can, then our differences bring us together. Everything falls into place. And achieving unity will no longer be a puzzle.... it'll be our reality.

Have a peaceful and joyous day everybody.

Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

Parashas Ha'azinu - Shabbos Shuva • October 5th • 3 Tishrei 5784

In Magen Avos after Friday night Maariv, HaMelech HaKadosh replaces HaKeil HaKadosh. The haftarah of Shuvah Yisrael is leined. It is customary for the community Rav to deliver a Shabbos Shuvah Derashah on Shabbos afternoon. Vehi Noam is recited [as Yom Kippur does not fall during the upcoming weekdays].

Kapparos is performed prior to Yom Kippur. Many do so using money while others use a live chicken. Tashlich may be said through Hoshana Rabbah.

Remember to prepare your kittel for Yom Kippur, if applicable.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately continues, each person should increase reciting tehillim and performing other mitzvos as a zechus for the many Acheinu Beis Yisrael in travail and captivity as well as for the soldiers in battle.

Tzom Gedaliah is this Sunday, October 6th (nidcheh).

Yom Kippur begins next Friday evening, October 11th.

Succos begins Wednesday evening, October 16th.

HA'AZINU: Shiras Ha'azinu • Moshe exhorts Bnei Yisrael to follow his instructions and to pass them to their children • Hashem tells Moshe to ascend Har Nevo where he will soon pass away.

Haftarah: When Parashas Ha'azinu is leined on Shabbos Shuvah, the haftarah of Vayeilech (Shuvah Yisrael) is leined instead. This haftarah consists of pesukim from Hoshe'ah (14:2-10), and Michah (7:18-20), with many adding a section from Yoel (2:11-27) in between. The pesukim encourage one to do teshuvah and relay Hashem's deep desire for us to repent.

Parashas Ha'azinu: 52 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

"Return, Yisrael, to Hashem your G-d, for you have stumbled in your sins" (Haftarah, Shabbos Shuvah - Hoshea 14:2)

The pasuk uses the word "avon" which generally refers to intentional sins. However, the pasuk describes Bnei Yisrael as "chashalta" - "stumbling," implying that their sinning was accidental in nature. Why the apparent contradiction?

The Sefer Binah La'itim explains our pasuk as follows: Hashem responds to our misdeeds by delivering retribution not merely to punish us, but rather to cause us to change. "Ki chashalta" refers not to our sin, but rather to the resultant punishment and hardship that knocks a person down and causes him to stumble. The pasuk is teaching us that such mishaps are most often tied to "ba'avonecha," a person's sins. Furthermore, the pasuk teaches us that any area in which one suffers loss or hardship is many times a signal that he has erred in this particular area and is in need of rectification. May we be zocheh to a teshuvah sheleimah and a Gmar Chasimah Tovah!