

# KOL EZRAS ISRAEL

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## Rabbi's Message

Summer—the time of year when we all look forward to a vacation of some sort. A time when things generally slow down a bit. A time that at one time or another someone at the office might be out on vacation. A time of the year when the most serious traffic is heading into and out of the weekend. But, in the middle of the summer, we Jews we have a stop sign that suddenly appears. This sign is known as the Three Weeks, beginning with the Fast Of the Seventeenth of Tamuz and culminating on Tisha B'Av. The summer spirit is one of rest and relaxation, of decompressing from all the stress that we experience. The Three Weeks are in many ways the antithesis of this summer spirit. It is a time when we take upon ourselves various restrictions. We refrain from listening to and playing music and getting haircuts, amongst other restrictions. For the last nine days, from the beginning of the month of Av, we raise the level of mourning to include restrictions on laundering and swimming.

The word Moed conjures images of the chagim; Pesach Shavuos and Sukkos—surely not the day of Tisha B'Av. Nevertheless, Megillas Eichah refers to Tisha B'Av as a Moed (the reason why Tachanun is not recited on that day). We can understand why Pesach and the other Chagim are called “Moed”; but how do we

reconcile the concept of Tisha B'Av as a Moed? To understand this properly, we must first define what is meant by “Moed”. A Moed is a specific, appointed time. Pesach is a specific time to commemorate Yetzias Mitzrayim. Shavuos is a specific time to commemorate the giving of the Torah. Sukkos is a specific time to commemorate Hashem protecting and providing for us in the desert. Each of these Chagim are not merely commemorations or celebrations, rather, they are times for us to be inspired by the particular message that we are commemorating. Tisha B'Av, too, is a time to commemorate. It is a time to commemorate the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. The Beis Hamikdash, which is the focal point of Jewish life, and whose destruction has left a gaping void in the Jewish Nation. The destruction of the Beis Hamikdash is why we are spread amongst the nations of the world, with all the accompanying tragedies. The Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and all the resulting tragedies that have befallen Klal Yisroel... They all are because of the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. When one realizes that the Jewish Nation is not complete without the Beis Hamikdash, and what the Beis Hamikdash represents, we realize that we are so unique and so different from all the other nations of the world. We realize that we cannot fulfill our mission as a nation without the Beis Hamikdash. This is what the Moed of Tisha B'Av is. A specific appointed time to reflect upon the centrality of the Beis Hamikdash, and what its loss means to us. Leshana Haba'a B'Yerushalayim.



## President's Message

What could I say about shabbat that hasn't already been said? Nothing, except to describe what I observe during these long summer days.

During a recent weekend, Tamira went to West Orange, NJ, to visit with our upcoming daughter-in-law and her family. She left at 2:00 PM on a Friday afternoon, which is admittedly one of the riskiest and heavily traveled times to start a journey in the direction of New York. When she arrived, she sent me a text

saying that the trip took six hours—signific-

antly longer than what should be a four-hour journey. We've all been in traffic jams along the I95-New Jersey Turnpike corridor, and we are all familiar with the choke points along the way, such as Susquehanna and Delaware Memorial Bridges, not to mention Exit 8 before the Turnpike in that area was expanded.

I was babysitting my three-year-old grandson during that shabbat, and I told him that Savta was in the car for six hours! He replied by saying that one time he was in the car for fix-six-fifty-eighty-one-hundred minutes! (This was followed by a discourse about the red line station in Silver

President's message cont'd.

Spring, how to ring the stop signal on a bus, the train that passes within earshot of his house several times a day, the periodic arrival of the ice cream truck during the summer months, and other matters of import pertaining to regional transportation issues.) He certainly exhibited an ability to express the passage of time.

It is during the long shabbatot of the summer that the passage of time seems to be different. I write this during the time of year when the shabbat is the latest, starting around 8:15 and ending around 9:15. It is a wonderful time of year. After a solid nap, ending around 4:00 or so, there still is a lot of time to read books, catch up on mishnayot, take a walk, or visit with other people in the area. By the time the sun starts to set on

motzei shabbat, about 8:30, it seems as if time slows down, and there is additional opportunity to continue performing the mitzvah of resting. Later, by the time three stars appear, the bio-rhythm has adjusted, and there is really no rush to light the havdalah candle. What other nation has such a gift?

A bonus is the seudah shlishit at Ezras Israel. The reasons I rarely attend the seudah shlishit are legion, but when I do attend the atmosphere is wonderful. It is a time to hold on to the last hour or two of shabbat, and then to start the week in a formal, honorable manner. The regulars at the seudah shlishit already know all of this, of course. For those of you who haven't been to this weekly event, or who haven't attended in quite a while, the remaining weeks of the

summer is a wonderful time to give it a try.

One other item comes to mind in preparation for this newsletter. The topic of having a single regular ba'al qriah (Torah reader) is, as systems engineers say, a "single point of failure." We are very thankful that R. Kreiser and his sons participate as backups, but it would be better to have two people in the rotation if not more. If there are some צדיקים נסתרים (hidden tzaddiqim) who have been wanting to read more, now is the time to reveal yourselves. If you know of other people, members or visitors to our synagogue, who can read once a month, please let them know of our need.

As we move toward the fast of 9 Av and the subsequent holidays, I wish you all a wonderful remaining summer and a shanna tovah.

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## Building Status Update

We are in the process of preliminary applications with Rockville City authorities aimed at obtaining the required permits for building our expansion. One of the early steps in this process is inviting the neighbors living in our vicinity to comment on our plans. We expect to announce that proposed meeting in the next few weeks. In the meantime we need to get serious about fundraising so that we would be financially prepared to bring our plans into reality. We publish these dedication opportunities to encourage our friends and supporters to make financial commitments and to reserve the available dedications to honor or memorialize a loved one. Please call or e-mail Rachmil (301-461-4984 or milujaco@gmail.com) to discuss your interest in any of these dedications.

100,000—Main Sanctuary

75,000—Social Hall - Upper Floor; Education-Administration - Lower Floor

50,000—Main Lobby; Main Sanctuary Aron Kodesh

25,000—Main/Front Entrance Doors; Main Sanctuary Ceiling Window

10,000—Main Sanctuary Ner Tamid; Main Sanctuary Bimah; Main Sanctuary Ba'al Tfiloh Amud; Wall of Dedications; Etz Chaim Tree; Main Sanctuary Mizrach Wall; Rear Entrance door; Decorative Columns to Rear Entrance (2); Rear Entrance Wheelchair ramp; Exterior Lighted "Ezras Israel" Sign; Front Entrance / Landscaping; Front Entrance Stairs

5,000—Memorial Boards Wall; Main Sanctuary All Year Paroches; Main Sanctuary Daily Shulchan Cover; Main Sanctuary Duchaning Platform; Main Sanctuary Women's Mechitza; Main Sanctuary Windows (2); Memorial Boards Wall Ner Tamid; Back Entrance/Landscaping; Sukkah Trellis; Social Hall Sanctuary Overlook Window

3,600—Main Sanctuary Luach (Reserved & Paid for); Memorial Boards (2)

2,500—Main Sanctuary Rabbi's Chair; Main Sanctuary Rabbi's Shtender; Main Sanctuary Guest Rabbi Chair;

Main Sanctuary Guest Rabbi's Shtender; Main Sanctuary Front Lobby Entrance Door; Social Hall Interior Stairs; Social Hall Exterior Stairs; Stairs to Children's Room; Kitchen Cabinets (5); Kitchen Appliances (3?); Exterior Bulletin Board; Rabbi's office furnishings; Computer System

1,800—Social Hall Main Entrance Door-way with Mezuzah; Social Hall to Exterior Stairs Door; Washing Area In Main Foyer; Mechitza panels (8); Chumash/Siddur/Bookcases (3); Torah Library/Sforim/Bookcases (3) - In Social Hall; Coat Room Closets (2); Rear Entrance Lower Level door

1,000—Main Sanctuary Mezuzos (3); Rabbi's Office Mezuzah & Door; Gallery Lighting

Various items set by auction—Main sanctuary enhanced torah reading lighting; baruch habah sign in entry foyer(s); holiday flower stands; main sanctuary clock; social room clock; children's room clock; tallis rack & kippah container; tzedakah boxes; sanctuary becher, tray, wine decanter; sanctuary havdolah set; projection/sound system for the shul; projection/sound system for the social hall; deck/patio - rear entrance plaza; outdoor benches; outdoor tables; landscape west side; rear perimeter fence; playground.

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# Learning Schedule

Shabbat mornings—Rabbi's shiur on weekly parashah, 8:15 AM at the shul. Open to all.

Sunday mornings—Rabbi's talmud class, after shahris. Men only.

Wednesday evenings—Rabbi's shiur, 9:00 PM at the shul. after shahris. Men only. Contact R. Kreiser for topic and to confirm learning is scheduled for a given week.

## Are you receiving the weekly Ezras Israel email?

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From: Ezras Israel Yahoo Group [ezrasisrael]

Subject: [Ezras Israel] Shabbat Bo at Ezras Israel

## Mazal Tov! מזל טוב!

Jared and Tami Lempel on the birth and brit milah of their son Yitzhak Ephraim יהיה גדול  
זה

Ben & Naomi Beroukhim on the marriage of their daughter Shiran to Joseph Attias.

Yasher Koach to Mark and Charlene Dissler for co-sponsoring the shul's shabbat sheva be-rachot lunch in honor of the Joseph & Shiran.

Special Mazal Tov to Chani Kreiser on graduating from the Yeshiva of Greater Washington's Girls Division—as the class valedictorian. Chani was also recently accepted to the Beis Yaakov Yerushalayim (BJJ) seminary in Jerusalem. We wish her continued success!

## Condolences תנחומים

Berel Sinnreich and the entire Sinnreich Family on the passing of their beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Klara Sinnreich (Chaya bas Lazer Lipman).

Alex Kashlinsky and Family on the recent passing of his father, Elyahoo ben Moshe, in Germany.

Jane Lubin and Family on the recent passing of her mother Lillian Bronstein.



## Yashar Koach!

### יישר כוח!

mother Sarah bat Arie (ז"ל) on 29 Nisan, and her father Yitzhak ben Arie (ז"ל) on 12 Iyyar.

- Judy Lowitz in memory of her recently deceased uncle Moshe ben Shlomo.
- Rachmil and Agi Jacobovits in memory of Agi's father Ari Blum's (Yitzhak Aharon ben David) 45th yahrzeit ז"ל.
- Jerry Roschwalb (in commemoration of his sister's Yahrzeit, Estelle Gottesman

(Esther Beilah bas Shmuel Zanvi ז"ל), Sheldon Needle (in commemoration of his father's Yahrzeit, Herman Needle (Chaim ben Yisroel Halevi ז"ל))

### Shavuoth

- For co-sponsoring refreshments at Tikun L'eyl Shavouth: Ilene Van Houter in memory of her husband Ricky Van Houter (Akiva ben Avraham) and Judy Lowitz in Memory of her uncle Moshe ben Shlomo.

### Kiddushim

- Kiddush sponsored by Jacobovits Family in commemoration of Rachmil's father's yahrzeit Shimon ben Maier Kopel on Nisan 27 ז"ל.
- Leah Rosen & Family in commemoration of the yahrzeits of her husband Moshe Ben Kalman (ז"ל) on 11 Iyyar, her

## Speedy Recovery

## רפואה שלמה

Norm Pollack  
Beril Sinnreich

Memorialize a loved one with a Memorial Plaque or by donating a Machzor, Siddur or Chumash. Call Rachmil at 301-770-4342 or 301-461-4984 or e-mail [milujaco@gmail.com](mailto:milujaco@gmail.com).

Donate to the Ezras Israel Hachnosat Orchim Fund to support the hospitality the Rabbi extends to the community.

For the holidays and all your special occasions, send personalized Chesed Cards and Help Ezras Israel at the same time. Call June Graff 301.770.7129.

Celebrate a special occasion! Sponsor a Kiddush. Call Rachmil Jacobovits or by e-mail [milujaco@gmail.com](mailto:milujaco@gmail.com) or reserve online at [www.ezrasisrael.org](http://www.ezrasisrael.org).

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Date	Day	Parsh - Chag - Event	Candle/Erev	Mincha	Shma	Latest	Shabbat End	Yom Tov	Mincha	Yom Tov
Jul 03	Fri-Sat	Balak	8:19 PM	7:00 PM	9:29 AM	8:05 PM	9:26 PM			
Jul 04	Sat-Sun	Fast Day 17 Tammuz, Fast starts 4:06 AM, fast ends 9:26 PM								
Jul 10	Fri-Sat	Pinchas - Mevorchim Menachem Av (Friday)	8:17 PM	7:00 PM	9:32 AM	8:00 PM	9:24 PM			
Jul 17	Fri-Sat	Matot-Masei	8:14 PM	7:00 PM	9:34 AM	8:00 PM	9:20 PM			
Jul 24	Fri-Sat	Devarim - Shabbat Hazon	8:19 AM	7:00 PM	10:50 A	8:05 AM	9:14 PM			
Jul 25	Sat-Sun	Fast Day 9 Av. Observed, fast starts 8:26 PM, fast ends 9:12 PM. Sat Eicha @ shul, 9:30PM, Sunday 8:30AM @ RH, Hatzos 1:14 PM, Mincha @ RH 4PM, & @shul 7:30PM followed by Maariv								
Jul 31	Fri-Sat	Vaetchanan - Shabbat Nachamu	8:03 PM	7:00 PM	9:41 AM	7:50 PM	9:05 PM			
Aug 07	Fri-Sat	Eikev - Mevorchim Eivul	7:56 PM	7:00 PM	9:44 AM	7:40 PM	8:58 PM			
Aug 14	Fri-Sat	Re'eh - Rosh Chodesh Elul	7:47 PM	7:00 PM	9:46 AM	7:30 PM	8:48 PM			
Aug 21	Fri-Sat	Shoftim	7:37 PM	7:00 PM	9:49 AM	7:20 PM	8:38 PM			
Aug 28	Fri-Sat	Ki Teitzei	7:27 PM	7:00 PM	9:51 AM	7:10 PM	8:27 PM			
Sep 04	Fri-Sat	Ki Tavo	7:16 PM	7:00 PM	9:53 AM	7:00 PM	8:16 PM			
Sep 11	Fri-Sat	Nitzavin	7:06 PM	7:00 PM	9:55 AM	6:50 PM	8:04 PM			
Sep 13	Sun-Mon	Rosh Hashannah Day 1	7:02 PM	7:00 PM	9:56 AM	7:00 PM	8:02 PM			
Sep 14	Mon-Tue	Rosh Hashannah Day 2 (No food preparation for 2nd day until after 8:02PM)	7:02 PM	7:18 PM	10:29 A	7:45 PM	7:59 PM			
Sep 15	Wed	Fast Day Gedaliah. Fast starts 5:30 AM, fast ends 7:56 PM								
Sep 18	Fri-Sat	Vayeilech - Shabbat Shuvah	6:54 PM	6:55 PM	9:57 AM	6:40 PM	7:52 PM			
Sep 22	Tue-Wed	Yom Kippur	6:47 PM	3:00 PM	9:59 AM	6:35 PM	7:46 PM			
Sep 25	Fri-Sat	Ha'azinu	6:43 PM	6:45 PM	10:00 A	6:30 PM	7:40 PM			
Sep 27	Sun-Mon	Sukkot Day 1	6:40 PM	6:40 PM	10:59 A	6:25 PM	7:39 PM			
Sep 28	Mon-Tue	Sukkot Day 2 (No food preparation for 2nd day until after 7:36PM)	7:37 PM	7:35 PM	11:00 A	7:20 PM	7:35 PM			

**Shabbat at Ezras Israel**  
Eruv status: Call 240-627-1661 or Twitter @RNBervv. Shachrit 9:00 am; Mincha/Maariv as above, followed by seudah shlishit and Maariv.

**Yom Chol at Ring House, Activity Room 3**

Sunday 8:30 AM followed by rabbi's shur (men only), Monday, Thursday, and other Torah reading days: 8:05 AM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and other non-Torah reading days: 8:15 AM.