

# Shabbat Announcements

## **PARSHAT BEREISHIT**

### **Friday, September 18th**

Candle Lighting: 6:56pm

Mincha: 7:00 pm

### **Shabbat, September 19th**

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha: 6:40 pm

Maariv: 7:50 pm

Shabbat ends after 8:02 pm

## **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is sponsored by **Bob and Fiona Stoner** in honor of the IDF

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Anonymous**

## **WEEKDAY CLASSES**

- Daf Yomi: Mon-Fri 6:15|Sun 7:45
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.
- Taam and Torah: Sundays 9:30
- Lunch & Learn: Meets Monday at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim
- Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv. Rabbi Teitelbaum is teaching the Laws and Customs of Yahrzeits

## **SHABBAT CLASSES**

- Shabbat Youth Groups: On break
- Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone: On break

- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at 7:45 pm. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.

## **DONATIONS**

### General Donations:

- Gregory Hahn in memory of Marvin Mitchell
- Nathanael Thompson

### Aliyah Donations:

- Azarya Alcanter
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- Rabbi Tennenbaum

- Roy Yaari
- Azik Zelikovich

**The full list of sponsorships and details for the Simchat Torah  
Auction will appear in next weeks announcements.**

With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of Avraham Menachem Yaari,  
beloved father of Roy Yaari.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Roy and Shoshi, their family, and all who  
loved him.

The funeral will take place in Israel and shiva information will be forthcoming.

A special thank you to Aaron, Ruben, Nelson, for assisting with transportation of  
the genizah for burial. We greatly appreciate everyone who took the time to help  
with this important mitzvah.

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## PARSHAS BEREISHIS

In the very first Parshah in the Torah, we have the enigmatic story of Kayin and Hevel. Kayin becomes jealous because Hashem accepted Hevel's offerings but not his own. Kayin therefore decides that he has no choice but to kill his own brother, Hevel. Where do we even begin to understand such a thing? Furthermore, what was Kayin thinking when he responded to Hashem, "Am I my brother's keeper?" And why was Kayin being so frugal to bring from the worst of the flax crops when he was quite literally the sole owner of the entire world's flax crops?!

The answer to this is that Kayin was of the philosophy that he, or any individual for that matter, was too insignificant before Hashem to play any important role in this world, and that Hashem certainly would not notice—let alone care—if the flax he offered was of higher or lower quality. It would even be blasphemous to consider otherwise—Hashem should care about my lowly, human actions?!

This view was further reinforced when, after killing Hevel, Hashem asks if Kayin is aware of Hevel's whereabouts. Surely this means that Hashem Himself is unaware!

Yet nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, each one of us plays a very significant and unique role in this world. Each one of us possesses G-d-like powers to create a powerful impact in this world through our actions. Our Sages (*Mechilta D'Rabi Yishmael*, *Yisro* §8) teach us that the first commandment of "*Anochi Hashem—I am the Lord*"—which sits atop the right side of the tablets, and the sixth commandment of "*Lo Tirtzach—You shall not kill*"—which sits atop the left side of the tablets, are connected in order to remind us that the real sin of murder is that we have removed the unique presence and values of Godliness that this person had the potential to bring into this world.

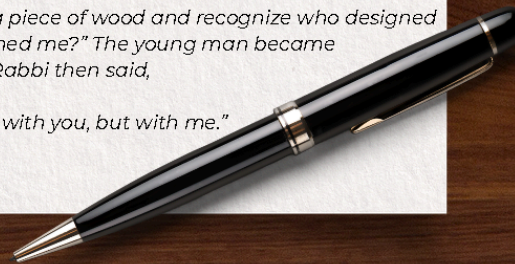
When Hashem asked Kayin for Hevel's whereabouts, he responded: "*Ha'shomer achi anochi—Am I my brother's keeper?*" This can now be understood more deeply: I didn't realize that my brother is *the keeper of Anochi*—Hashem's presence in this world.

*A non-religious young Jewish man was once traveling through South Africa and discovered that the Chief Rabbi lived nearby. He decided to knock on his door, and to his pleasant surprise, the Rabbi warmly welcomed him. As they spoke, the young man told the Rabbi that he had no interest in Judaism and wasn't even sure there was a G-d who created the world. He had only come to pay his respects.*

*After a few minutes of small talk, the Rabbi noticed that the young man was staring at his bookcase. "Which book caught your attention?" the Rabbi asked. "It's not the books," he replied, "It's the bookcase. I'm an expert in antique furniture, and from the stains and moldings, I can tell exactly who designed it. There are only four others like it in the world."*

*The Rabbi looked at him and said, "If you can look at a piece of wood and recognize who designed it, perhaps you can look at me and tell me Who designed me?" The young man became uncomfortable and didn't know how to respond. The Rabbi then said, "Perhaps that wasn't a fair question. If you can't see the G-d in me, maybe the fault lies not with you, but with me."*

Have a wonderful Shabbos!  
~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum





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# Yom Tov Season 5787



The Yom Tov season at B'nai Torah was filled with inspiration, simcha, and meaningful moments of community. From preparing for the High Holidays through the joy of Simchas Torah, we were privileged to experience a season strengthened by the participation, generosity, and dedication of so many.

The season began with a special Shabbos of inspiration with Rabbi Gadi and Mrs. Eve Levy. Their insightful talks for both men and women helped prepare us for the High Holidays and encouraged meaningful introspection as we approached the Days of Awe.

Our appreciation extends to the shul and Sisterhood for providing High Holiday babysitting and youth groups, with a special tefillah program by Rabbi and Mrs. Teitelbaum.

As we transitioned into the joyous days of Sukkos, Jeremy Hull and a team of volunteers built our beautiful shul sukkah. The sukkah served as a gathering place for festive kiddushim, generously sponsored by members of our community. Families also enjoyed a fun and festive Sukkah Hop, visiting neighborhood sukkahs and receiving sweet treats along the way.

Our Simchas Beis Hashoeva was another highlight of the season, with DJ Aryeh providing lively entertainment, delicious refreshments, and enlightening divrei Torah from rabbis in our community and visiting rabbis. The evening was a wonderful expression of simcha and community spirit.

We also concluded the season on a high note with Simchas Torah, welcoming four yeshiva students who brought remarkable enthusiasm and *ruach*. Their presence enhanced the dancing, fostered meaningful connections, and infused the shul with energy and inspiration. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who helped arrange their visit and opened their homes to host them. Congregation Etz Chaim joined us for the night *hakafos*, further strengthening the *achdus* of our community.

The Simchas Torah auction, skillfully led by Rabbi Eitan Tennenbaum and Mr. Yisroel Keissari, surpassed expectations. It stood as a testament to our community's *kavod haTorah*: a collective expression of honor and devotion to the Torah and a heartfelt recognition of those who dedicate themselves with tireless commitment to sustaining and strengthening our shul and community.

We also thank the Sisterhood for the festive flags, the Keissaris and Caplans for the plentiful and much-enjoyed candy, and the Bentleys for sponsoring an enhanced festive kiddush that helped keep everyone nourished and energized for the dancing.

As the final song faded and the Torahs were returned to the aron, we brought a beautiful and uplifting Yom Tov season to a close. Wishing our community a year of growth and success, individually and communally.

To everyone who gave their time, effort, and heart—thank you for making this Yom Tov season at B'nai Torah truly unforgettable.





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# Stay Tuned for New Shiurim!

Exciting new classes for both  
**men** and **women** are coming soon!

*Stay tuned for more details on upcoming  
opportunities to  
learn, grow, and connect  
through Torah.*



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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MONDAY                                                                                             | TUESDAY                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                      | THURSDAY                                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                                                                            | SHABBOS                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                | <b>1</b> 20 Tishrei<br><i>Chol HaMoed Sukkos (Fourth Day)</i><br>Shacharis: 6:50 am<br>Mincha: 7:15 pm | <b>2</b> 21 Tishrei<br><i>Hoshana Rabbah</i><br>Shacharis: 6:50 am<br>Mincha: 7:05 pm<br>Candle Lighting: 7:07 pm | <b>3</b> 22 Tishrei<br><i>Shemini Atzeres</i><br>Shacharis: 9:00 am<br>Yizkor: approx. 10:45 am<br>Mincha: 6:55 pm<br>Maariv: 8:00 pm<br>Candle Lighting: after 8:13 pm |
| <b>4</b> 23 Tishrei<br><i>Simchas Torah</i><br>Shacharis: 8:45 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm<br>Maariv: 8:00 pm<br>Yom Tov Ends: 8:12 pm                                                                                                                                                | <b>5</b> 24 Tishrei<br>Shacharis: 6:50 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm                                       | <b>6</b> 25 Tishrei<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm   | <b>7</b> 26 Tishrei<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm   | <b>8</b> 27 Tishrei<br>Shacharis: 6:50 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm                                           | <b>9</b> 28 Tishrei<br>Shacharis: 6:55 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm<br>Candle Lighting: 6:56 pm                          | <b>10</b> 29 Tishrei<br><i>Parshas Bereishis</i><br>Shacharis: 9:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm<br>Maariv: 7:50 pm<br>Shabbos Ends: 8:02 pm                                   |
| <b>11</b> 30 Tishrei<br><i>Rosh Chodesh</i><br>Shacharis: 8:30 am<br>Mincha: 6:50 pm                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>12</b> 1 Cheshvan<br><i>Rosh Chodesh Cholumbus Day</i><br>Shacharis: 8:30 am<br>Mincha: 6:50 pm | <b>13</b> 2 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:50 pm  | <b>14</b> 3 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:50 pm  | <b>15</b> 4 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:50 pm                                          | <b>16</b> 5 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 7:00 pm<br>Candle Lighting: 6:45 pm                         | <b>17</b> 6 Cheshvan<br><i>Parshas Noach</i><br>Shacharis: 9:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:20 pm<br>Maariv: 7:30 pm<br>Shabbos Ends: 7:42 pm                                       |
| <b>18</b> 7 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 8:30 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>19</b> 8 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm                                      | <b>20</b> 9 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm  | <b>21</b> 10 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm | <b>22</b> 11 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm                                         | <b>23</b> 12 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:40 pm<br>Candle Lighting: 6:35 pm                        | <b>24</b> 13 Cheshvan<br><i>Parshas Lech Lecha</i><br>Shacharis: 9:00 am<br>Mincha: 6:10 pm<br>Maariv: 7:25 pm<br>Shabbos Ends: 7:34 pm                                 |
| <b>25</b> 14 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 8:30 am<br>Mincha: 6:30 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>26</b> 15 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:05 am<br>Mincha: 6:30 pm                                     | <b>27</b> 16 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:05 am<br>Mincha: 6:30 pm | <b>28</b> 17 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:05 am<br>Mincha: 6:30 pm | <b>29</b> 18 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:05 am<br>Mincha: 6:30 pm                                         | <b>30</b> 19 Cheshvan<br>Shacharis: 7:05 am<br>Mincha: 6:30 pm<br>Candle Lighting: 6:26 pm                        | <b>31</b> 20 Cheshvan<br><i>Parshas Vayera</i><br>Shacharis: 9:00 am<br>Mincha: 7:20 pm<br>Maariv: 7:20 pm<br>Shabbos Ends: 7:29 pm                                     |
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