



# THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

## PARSHAS VAYEILECH SHABBOS SHUVA

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

Mincha	6:30PM
Earliest Time to Light	5:55PM
Candle Lighting	6:51PM

## **SHABBOS, OCTOBER 5** **SHABBOS MORNING**

Daf Yomi Class	8:15AM
Sephardic Minyan	9:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Latest Shema	10:17AM
Unlocking the Closed Book w/ Special Guest	
Rabbi Chaim Shaya Freeman	10:30AM

Please join us for kiddush in the  
social hall after services.

Mincha	6:00PM
Shabbos Shuva Drasha with	
Rabbi Yakov Fisch	6:30PM
Followed by Seudah Shlishis	
Maariv & Havdallah	7:50PM

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

Selichos & Shacharis	7:30AM
Community Memorial Service	
at Etz Chaim Cemetery	10:30AM

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK: SHACHARIS**

Monday	6:00AM
Tuesday-Wednesday:	
See Yom Kippur Schedule	
Thursday-Friday	6:45AM

## **MINCHA**

Sunday-Monday	6:45PM
Tuesday-Wednesday:	
See Yom Kippur Schedule	
Thursday	6:45PM
Friday	6:30PM

## **TORAH READING**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

The Shabbos between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is famous for being referred to as Shabbos Shuva. The primary reason for this name is that the Haftarah that is read begins with this word, Shuvah. The truth of the matter is, not only is the word Shuva the root of the famous word or idea Teshuva, it is a fundamental idea in Judaism. The meaning of Shuva is return. The puzzling thing about understanding Shuvah or returning, is where exactly are we returning to? Did we get lost from any particular place that we need to return to? As far as I can tell, if I am not lost, there is no need to return anywhere.

The idea of Shuva touches on a much deeper concept regarding body and soul. Throughout our lives, our bodies and souls are in conflict with one another. The body just craves earthly pleasures since it is just a product from the earth. However, the soul craves spiritual desires since it is a product of the heavens

where Almighty G-d resides. The more the body is taken care of and nurtured, and the soul is neglected, the soul will feel empty and shallow. If this goes on for a while, a person may live with many external riches but feel an internal emptiness precisely because his soul has been neglected. Can anyone say mid-life crisis? This is where Shuvah comes in. It's a message to tell your soul to return to its calling of connecting to the service of G-d. The soul ultimately wants to connect, but it's the distractions of the materialistic world that get in the way. Shuvah says don't pay attention to all the distractions. Just let your soul connect to its original mission. It would be a great message all year round but especially poignant a few days before Yom Kippur.

*Have a Great Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yaakov Fisch*

# ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00am Sunday Morning Chaburah @ the Jacksonville Kollel with Rabbi Chaim Shaya Freeman

10:30am Community Memorial Service @ the Etz Chaim Cemetery

11:00am JTHS Event: Shabbat & Yom Tov Tablescape Design & Brunch @ Etz Social Hall  
(For Women Only)

## CLIMBING THE YOM KIPPUR LADDER

Join Etz Chaim for an uplifting Yom Kippur  
with our exciting explanatory classes

### Tuesday, October 8

6:45pm - Kol Nidre

7:15pm - Sermon with Rabbi Fisch

7:35pm - President's Address

7:50pm - Rabbi Feigenbaum

**Kol Nidre-Stairway to Heaven**

### Wednesday, October 9

10:15am - Rebbetzin Schochet

**A Penny for Your Thoughts**

Changing thoughts into concrete action

12:30pm - Rabbi Feigenbaum

**Don't Blame, Take Responsibility**

4:40pm - Rebbetzin Schochet

**To Err is Human, To Forgive is Divine**

Thank You To Arthur & Vanessa Solomon  
For Sponsoring This Program In Loving Memory  
Of Arthurs sister Carol Mervis Nee Solomon

7:46pm Conclusion of Yom Kippur and Shofar Blowing

Following services, everyone is invited to a "break-the-fast" in the social hall

Sponsored By: Sephardic Minyan in Memory of Esther Ohayon.

## PARSHA SYNOPSIS

The Parshah of Vayelech ("and he went") recounts the events of Moses' last day of earthly life. "I am one hundred and twenty years old today," he says to the people, "and I can no longer go forth and come in." He transfers the leadership to Joshua, and writes (or concludes writing) the Torah in a scroll which he entrusts to the Levites for safekeeping in the Ark of the Covenant.

The mitzvah of *hak'heh* ("gather") is given: every seven years, during the festival of Sukkot of the first year of the shemittah cycle, the entire people of Israel—men, women and children—should gather at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, where the king should read to them from the Torah.

Vayelech concludes with the prediction that the people of Israel will turn away from their covenant with G<sub>d</sub>, causing Him to hide His face from them, but also with the promise that the words of the Torah "shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants."



# HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Please Register by Friday  
September 27**

**Best Deal:  
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Holiday Program.  
Maximum charge of \$70 per  
Family.**

**Late registration fee is \$15 per  
child per program**



## High Holiday 57.80 Youth Programs



### September 30

1<sup>st</sup> day Rosh Hashana Program

8:45am – 11:00am – Free play

11:10am – 12:00pm – Youth Program

12:00pm – 12:30pm – Lunch

12:30pm – 1:30pm – Directed games

### October 1

2<sup>nd</sup> day Rosh Hashana Program

8:45am – 11:00am – Free play

11:10am – 12:00pm – Youth Program

12:00pm – 12:30pm – Lunch

12:30pm – 1:30pm – Directed games

### October 8

Erev Yom Kippur Program

6:15pm – 10:00pm – Free play

### October 9

Yom Kippur Program A

8:45am – 11:00am – Free play

11:00am – 12:00pm – Youth Program

12:00pm – 12:30pm – Lunch

12:30pm – 2:30pm Directed games

Yom Kippur Program B

4:40pm – 6:00pm – Free play

6:00pm – 6:30pm – Snacks

6:30pm – 8:40pm - Directed games



*Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy, Sweet new year!*



**ARE YOU READY TO  
JUMP INTO THE NEW  
YEAR?**



**Thursday | October 17 | 4:00pm**

**Earn 4000 High Holiday Dollars and get to  
go on an amazing trip where we will Jump,  
Flip, Roll and Laugh!**

**How do I earn Dollars?**

**Come to services in Shul or to Youth Groups  
during the High Holidays and get Dollars for  
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**This trip is for Boys & Girls,**

**Grades K-8th**

**More details to follow...**



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## **5780 SUKKAH DECORATING**

Please join us to help decorate the  
Etz Chaim Sukkah.

**THURSDAY |, OCTOBER 10, | 4:00PM.**

This will take place in the Etz Chaim Sukkah.  
Looking forward to seeing you all!



## DAILY CLASSES

### Daf Yomi

Weekdays	6:00am
Shabbos	7:45am
Sundays & legal holiday	7:45am

Please join us each morning before services in the Mirkis Chapel. Hot coffee is served.

### Limmud Yomi

Rabbi Fisch will teach a brief lesson on "Climb the Ladder" following Minyan every morning.

### Mishna Yomi

Rabbi Fisch will teach a brief Mishna between Mincha & Maariv every evening. We are studying Tractate Shavuot.

## OPEN SUKKAH AT FISCH'S



**Celebrate SUKKOT!**

**Open Sukkah at the home of Rabbi Yaakov & Henny Fisch**

**First Day of Sukkos**

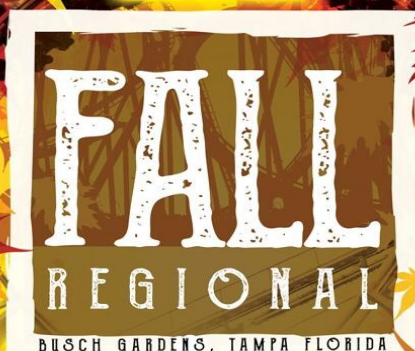
**Monday, October 14, 2019**

**@ 3:00PM**

*Kraft beer and delicious pastries to be served*

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



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SOUTHERN@NCSY.ORG OR 866-887-5788



### SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY** South Florida and Greater South will depart Friday morning to the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore.

**SHABBAT** Our exciting, inspirational Shabbat afternoon will be spent together with all of our programming taking place at the hotel.

**HAVDALAH** Havdalah will be followed by an exciting night at Grand Prix Tampa - race track, ropes course, batting cages, arcade & more!

**SUNDAY** We'll be leaving early Sunday, heading to Tampa's Busch Gardens! Get ready for an epic day, full of adventure!

JOIN THE WOMEN OF GREATER JACKSONVILLE

## THE PINK CHALLAH BAKE

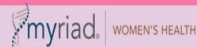
**Wednesday**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 pm**

**Screenings will begin at 6:00 pm**

The Temple - 8727 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32217

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness, Myriad will be offering educational resources. BRCA screening and testing by a local provider will be available before the event.

Please bring your insurance card.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**ERICA JOLLES**

### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

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jaxmegachallah@gmail.com

\$10/Person

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# Shakn' Your Lulav at lunch

**Come shake the Lulav & Esrog, have a  
snack, mingle and bring a special  
energy to your Sukkos!**

**Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am - 1:30 pm**  
**At the home of Devora & Avi Feigenbaum**

For address email  
[Rabbifeigenbaum@Etzchaim.org](mailto:Rabbifeigenbaum@Etzchaim.org)



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**Q: If one's sukkah is on the porch, but it has a glass door that faces the dining room. If immediately after making Kiddush, it begins to rain, and one has to eat the meal in the dining room, must one make Kiddush again?**

The halacha is that Kiddush must be recited b'makom seuda (in the same place where one will be eating their meal) (Shulchan Aruch OC 273:1). If, for example, one heard Kiddush in Shul, but did not eat, or ate less than a kezayis of cake, they must recite the Kiddush again when they get home. The reason for this is that one can only fulfill the obligation of Kiddush if it is b'makom seuda. The question, in this case, is, can one consider the dining room and the sukkah as the same place? The Mishnah Berurah (273:5) writes that if one recites the Kiddush in the sukkah and it begins to rain, they may eat the meal in the house, provided that they were able to see the place where they eat from the sukkah. Since, in this case, one can see the dining room through the glass door, there is no need to repeat Kiddush.

(OU Halacha Yomis)

**Q: What if after one made Kiddush in the sukkah it began raining, and one has to eat in the house, should one repeat Kiddush?**

If one leaves the sukkah and enters one's house, one would be required to repeat Kiddush. One only fulfills the mitzvah of Kiddush if one eats a kezayis of bread in the sukkah. If one leaves the sukkah and enters one's home, the Kiddush in the sukkah would be considered a bracha livatala (a blessing recited in vain).

The Mishnah Berurah (Shar Ha'tziun 273:5) writes that in this scenario, it would be preferable for everyone to eat a kezayis of bread in the sukkah in the rain, or at the very least, every person should drink a reviis (about 86 mm.) of wine (See Mishnah Berurah 273:5). By eating the bread, or drinking the measure of wine, one would have fulfilled the mitzvah of Kiddush, and would not be obliged to repeat Kiddush in the house. At that point, one may enter the house and continue the meal. Since one realized the likelihood of rain, one would consciously consider that if it did rain, one would finish the meal in the house. Therefore, one would not have to repeat the Hamotzi after moving inside to complete the meal.

(OU Halacha Yomis)

## Israel to get state-of-art, missile-proof blood bank to meet growing demand

In October 2012, captain Ziv Shilon opened the gate between Israel and Gaza so that IDF soldiers could return to Israel, following the nation's disengagement plan from the Strip. At that very moment a terrorist bomb planted at the gate went off, causing a massive explosion. Shilon lost his left hand, but was still able to direct his soldiers to safety.

He was evacuated from the scene and transfused with 56 units of blood, which helped saved his life. Despite the loss of his hand, he runs marathons and engages in other intensive sports.

Israel's wars and the constant security threats it faces makes having a handy reserve of blood a strategic need. Yet it falls short of requirements set out by the World Health Organization, which state that nations should strive for self-sufficiency with a minimum blood supply sufficient for 4 percent of their population, at any given time. Israel holds blood supplies sufficient for just 3 percent of its population, or a stock of some 260,000 units instead of the 350,000 or 400,000 it should have, by WHO standards.

Furthermore, the blood is processed and stored at a facility in Ramat Gan's Sheba Medical Center that is unprotected from missiles, biological and chemical attacks, and earthquakes. The labs, the blood storage and the donor rooms are surrounded by windows looking out onto the hospital campus. Lovely, but definitely not safe in case of an attack.

But that's not all. The facility, which is the nation's only blood bank and processing center, is bursting at the seams. The complex was built in 1985 to serve a population of 5 million. Today Israel's population nears 9 million people, and is expected to grow to almost 12 million by 2039.

The current blood center thus lacks the capacity to process all of the blood the country needs for surgeries and medical treatment, let alone in times of emergency. Its labs are cluttered with instruments and are not set up to support all of the technology it will require, including for protection from a cyber-attack.

"I don't sleep well at night," said Prof. Eilat Shinar, head of MDA's blood services, referring to the lab's vulnerability and blood supply shortfall. Dressed in a uniform of spotless white shirt and dark trousers, the 70-year-old Shinar, a hematologist by profession, looks like an army general on a mission. Her shirt is adorned with blue epaulets and the red stars within red circles of Magen David Adom, the country's emergency medical service. Soon, hopefully, Shinar will be able to sleep better. MDA has started work on a new blood bank — a \$130 million project that will make Israel the only nation in the world with an underground blood bank, safe from missiles, chemical and biological attacks and earthquakes.

It will be a state-of-the-art complex, said Moshe Noyovich, a senior Israel representative of the American Friends of Magen David Adom and also overseeing the project. "No blood center in the world will be as shielded as ours."

Design of the new center started five years ago, and cranes and workers have started building the structure, which is hoped to be ready by the end of 2020.

The 5.43-acre facility in the city of Ramle, some 20 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, will consist of six floors, an adjacent MDA logistics center, and parking spaces for bloodmobiles, ambulances and donors. The top three floors will hold rooms for blood donations, a training center and the facility's administrative center. The lower three floors, underground, will be protected by special shielding to specifications from the Home Front Command and the National Security Agency; it is here that the blood will be stored and processed.

The facility will be able to produce 500,000 units annually, which will meet the WHO target taking into account population growth. It will be able to produce and process 2,200 blood units daily (up to 3,500 units in an emergency situation), compared to the current 1,100 units produced daily. The staff size will more than double from 184 to 374 employees.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Abraham Bielski  
Ora Daar  
Shalom Fisch  
Daisy Handmaker  
Thomas Harris  
Michael Herring  
Izabella Kulchinsky  
Jais Ohayon  
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## ANNIVERSARY

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Sukkos is coming and we will once again be offering  
Lulav & Esrog and Hoshana Rabbah sets for sale.



**The deadline for orders was  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

**Lulav & Esrog sets will be available for pickup on  
Friday, October 11, 2019.**

**Hoshanah bundles will be ready for pick up on  
Sunday, October 20, 2019.**

*Scott & Alex Ackerman*

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# PARSHAS VAYEILECH

The Torah reading of this week describes our great teacher and leader Moshe as 'going,' though the Torah does not indicate to what destination. This is an indication of the personality and life achievements of Moshe - a person who is constantly growing. He aspires to greatness and pursues this goal. Though he initially attempts to escape from the burden of leading the Jewish people and even tells God, so to speak, to find someone else for the mission, once he actually accepts his role and embarks on his destiny, he is constantly focused on enhancing his own personal spiritual and mental acumen. He is focused on raising the Jewish people to the heights of becoming a special and holy nation.

As such, we constantly view Moshe as someone who never rests, who makes a point of often reminding the Jewish people that when he was present in heaven in order to receive the Torah, he did not eat, drink or rest during that period of time. The Jewish viewpoint of life is that time is very precious and wasting time is to be avoided at almost all costs. We often hear the phrase that 'enough is enough,' but truly, enough is never enough and there is always a goal that can yet be achieved, a good deed that can still be accomplished, and an inspirational thought that can be absorbed into our personalities.

When King David created the signal with Jonathan as to what their future course would be, when it became apparent that King Saul in his paranoid illness intended to persecute David, Jonathan chose as the message to warn David of the impending danger that "the arrows are still ahead of you." That is also a good lesson for life generally. Our goals and achievements, the arrows that we hope will reach their target successfully, are always still around us and must be pursued and refined.

There are all sorts of artificial and external influences and advice that is meant to give us extended and renewed energy. However, I believe that we are all aware that the true source and driving force of energy in our lifetime lies within our own selves. Ultimately, we are the ones that decide what we will accomplish and what goals that could have been achieved will somehow be neglected and even forgotten.

The greatness of our teacher Moshe lies in the fact that until the last day of his life he was actively pursuing his goals. The Torah records for us that Moshe's vision was not dimmed. He was never tempted to say that 'enough is enough.' He prayed for Heaven to allow him to deal with the new challenge of entering the land of Israel. He remains the inspiration for Jewish life till our very day.

Shabbat shalom,  
Rabbi Berel Wein

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