



Ohr Yerushalayim News

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News This Week

מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Steven Mills on the occasion of Nachman's Bar Mitzvah this week. Everyone is invited to a Kiddush after Davening in Stenecourt hall.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Bernard Levey on the birth of a granddaughter to Mr & Mrs Dovid Manson.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Meir Possenheimer on the occasion of the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Zev Ritvo on the birth of a daughter.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Nati Sebbag invite the Kehilla to a Kiddush after Davening in the Shul hall in honour of the recent birth of their daughter Ayala - Mazel Tov!

Ladies Event

Ladies - Please join us for Rosh Hashana chizuk by Rabbi Cohen followed by refreshments and meet and greet. This Tuesday 4th September, 8.20pm at 48 Waterpark Road. Looking forward to welcoming all members, old and new!

Yom Tov Seats

As in previous years, to ensure that everyone is allocated with a specific seat it would be appreciated if you confirm whether or not you or any of your family will be davening with us over ראש השנה and/or יום כפור. Please contact us via email office@ohryerushalayim.org.uk, text or whatsapp to 07779 681 354 (NOT to any of the committee's personal numbers) or speak directly to either Avi Stern or Michael Freedman, by no later than this Thursday 6th September.

Rov's Yom Tov Collection

The Rov would like to thank the **16** members who have donated to the Yom Tov appeal. For those who have not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

Arrival Times

Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky (Torah.org)

This week's portion begins with a beautiful mitzvah bikurim. When the first fruit blossoms from the tree, one brings it to Jerusalem, to the Bais haMikdash, and presents it to the kohen. It is not a mere gift; it is an entire ritual.

"It will be when you enter the Land that Hashem, your G-d, gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it, and dwell in it. You shall take of the first of every fruit of the ground that you bring in from your Land that Hashem, your G-d, gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that Hashem, your G-d, will choose, to make His Name rest there. You shall come to whomever will be the kohen in those days, and you shall say to him, "I declare today to Hashem ... , that I have come to the Land that Hashem swore to our forefathers to give us" (Deuteronomy 28:1-4).

The patron then recites a brief history of the Jewish People, recounting their humble origins in the home of Lavan, through their ordeal in Egypt, the Exodus, finally their settling in the land of Israel. Yet the preface to the words of gratitude need clarification.

"I declare today to Hashem that I have come to the Land that Hashem swore to our forefathers." True, today is the day you came

לעלו נשמת דוב יצחק ב"ר אפרים אלחנן ז"ל

Rosh HaShana

As there is a debate in the Poskim if שהחיינו is recited for the מצוות on the second night and day, it is suggested that for women at candle lighting, men at Kiddush and בעל תוקע at Shofar blowing, to wear a new garment or prepare a new fruit to eat, over which a שהחיינו is required, thus the ברכה will be said for that item and include the מצוה.

However, this is not an absolute requirement and a שהחיינו is made regardless whether or not a new item is available.

to Jerusalem, but surely it is not the date you arrived in Israel! In fact, the mitzvah of bikurim did not begin until after the Jews conquered the land and settled it – a period of 14 years. Families who entered the land with toddlers would be about to marry them off! How can one use the expression, "I declare today, that I have arrived in the land of Israel?"

There is an apocryphal story regarding one of the Countesses of the assimilated House of Rothschild.

She lay in her bedroom off the Champs-Élysées ready to give birth. The doctor came and examined her. After a few minutes, he turned to her husband. "There is plenty of time; let's play cards."

Into the third round of their game, shouts came from the bedroom. "Mon Dieu! Mon Dieu!"

The doctor looked up from the deck at the nervous husband. "Don't worry, it's not time. Deal."

They continued playing for another half hour when the shouts descended to the card parlor, "Oh! My Lord! Oh! My Lord!"

Again the doctor shrugged. "Don't worry. Not yet. Deal."

They continued for another twenty minutes when, once again, shouts from the bedroom interrupted their game. "Ribbono Shel Olam! Gevalt!"

The doctor jumped from his chair. Turning to the Count, he shook his

The Week Ahead

שבת פרשת כי תבא

1st Mincha / Candle Lighting	6.25pm / Not before 6.36pm
2nd Mincha / Candle Lighting	7.35pm / No later than 7.46pm
Seder HaLimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9.43am
1st Mincha	2.00pm
2nd Mincha	6.00pm
3rd Mincha	7.46pm
Rov's Shiur	Following
Motzei Shabbos	8.51pm
Selichos Sun	6.00am / 7.30am
Selichos Mon/ Thurs	6.00am / 6.45am / 7.45am
Selichos Tues / Wed / Fri	6.00am / 6.55am / 7.45am
Mincha & Maariv	7.40pm
Late Maariv	10.00pm

head excitedly. "Now!"

The Torah tells us that after 14 years, when one comes with the fruit of bikurim to Jerusalem, and brings his work to the kohen, and, acknowledging the roots of his heritage and the gratitude he must have for his creator, then he can preface his remarks with the words, "Today I have arrived."

It is possible to inherit a land, construct bridges, and establish factories — but without building a spiritual nature in a country, you are not there! You can plant trees, you can harvest grain, but without recognition that the fruit and the grain of its inhabitants' labors are truly the outcome of Divine guidance and inspiration, you may have come, but you have not arrived. And so, even after one has settled, planted, and reaped, he must come to the kohen and bring the fruit, prefaced by the words that define his acknowledgement of the true status in the Land of Israel.

Today, I come with the fruit of my labor! Today, I acknowledge the hand of Hashem in my labor. Today, I remember my humble roots, and the history I endured. Today, I cry out in the name of the Ribbono Shel Olam. Today, I have arrived! Now is the time!

Beware of Extra Baggage Rabbi Yisroel Ciner (Torah.org)

Our parsha contains the tochacha, the national calamities that will befall us if we don't maintain the standards for which we and the world were created.

The harsh, disciplining hand of our loving Father. We, who have not experienced the galus in its bitter fury, have no grasp of the difficult test that it presents. We can certainly not pass judgment on someone who did experience it and still suffers. However, in order to give a glimpse of how some have handled it, I will relate an incident that I experienced last week.

To give a little bit of a background, I used to live beneath an elderly European couple. My children often asked about the numbers stamped on their arms.

He had been married with children at the start of the war. By the time he was liberated, he was alone, looking to start his life anew. He met a woman who had also been liberated from the camps (Auschwitz) and they married. They moved to Eretz Yisroel before the State was declared. Their 'new immigrants benefits' differed drastically from that which we have grown accustomed to.

They worked draining swamps and trying to make the land inhabitable until he was called upon to fight in the War of Independence. After the war, they settled down and were blessed with two children, a son and a daughter. In his teenage years, the son became ill and left this world.

Whenever I felt like complaining about anything in my life, I would think about what they had gone through and how strong they had remained. I would love to daven in the same minyan as he, in order to hear him say the words: "borchee es Hashem hamevoiruch" – Blessed is Hashem who bestows blessings. Tears never failed to well in my eyes when I'd hear him make that proclamation.

Now, years later, he has grown very feeble and is unable to leave his house. I visited him last week and found him resting on a reclining chair with his eyes half closed. His first words to me were: "Yisroel, what can I tell you? Hakadosh Baruch Hu (The Holy One Blessed Be He) has given me so much. He's always taken care of me. He's always given me so much bracha." I stayed for a while and then I had to leave.

As I walked home, tears flowed from my eyes. Unbelievable. From where do these people draw such strength? How were they able to feel the warmth of bracha during the fires of tochacha?

The gemara in Brachos writes that Hashem wears t'filin containing, amongst other verses, "mi k'amcha Yisroel, goy echad ba'aretz" – who is like your people Yisroel, a unique nation on the land. It is no wonder to me, with people like those comprising His nation, that Hashem binds them close to His heart.



סליחות תשע"ט

First Minyan

Daily Sunday - Friday	6.00am
Tues ערב יום כפור	6.20am

Second Minyan

Sunday 2 nd Sep	7.30am
Monday 3 rd & Thurs 6 th Sep	6.45am
Tues 4 th , Weds 5 th , Fri 7 th Sep	6.55am
Sunday ערב ראש השנה	7.30am
Weds צום גדליה & Thurs 13 th Sep	6.30am
Friday 14 th Sep	6.40am
Sunday 16 th Sep	7.40am
Mon 17 th Sep	6.30am
Tues ערב יום כפור	7.00am

Third Minyan

Monday - Friday	7.45am
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