

# קהל דגל ישראל

**CONGREGATION DEGEL ISRAEL**

נוסד ע"י הרה"ג שר"ה מרגליות זצ"ל אבד"ק פרושקוב  
**יוד זוסמאן שיינפעלד מרא דאתרא**

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Dear Mispallel:

We would like to wish you and your family a *כתיבה וחתימה טובה*.  
Enclosed are notes about shul matters and a schedule.

1. Seats for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are now on sale. The seating committee - Mr. Mordechai Krausz, Mr. Malkiel Biderman and Mr. Moshe Kessler - would be pleased to try to accommodate any special requests that you may have. **Price for seats is \$180 per seat.** Children's seats are \$70 each for the first two seats and \$18 for additional children. Annual fee for dues (usually collected in Adar) is \$180.
2. If you have not yet paid for seats, dues, pledges or other commitments made during the past year or have outstanding balances, please pay before the end of the year. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.
3. Please let the Rabbi know if you have difficulty getting to shul on Rosh Hashana or fasting on Yom Kippur.
4. A special Shofar blowing for women will take place at 1:50 on Rosh Hashana.
5. **Please support our charity fund, Keren Hachessed Ateres Shaul Dovid**; named after the founder, our Rav zt"l. Money collected is sent to Israel for widows and orphans. Interest free loans are given to those in need in Israel and the USA. Money from the sale of P'sichos during holidays and Aravos on Hoshanna Rabba goes for this charity.
6. Special thanks to coordinators of various shul programs:
  - Mrs. Cheryl Eckstein      Administrative Director
  - Mr. Yoel Eckstein        Maintenance & Beautification Committee
  - Mr. Michael Elias        Schedule & Email
  - Mrs. Rachel Finkel        Maternity Chesed Program
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  - Mr. Tzvi Sporer         Shalosh Seudos
  - Mrs. Shari Vatch         Shalach Manos Program
  - Various other individuals for many עניינים of צרכי צבור

## Rabbi's Message:

Dear Mispalelim:

The upcoming period of Elul, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Yomim Tovim is a time of great opportunity. It is time for introspection, inspiration and resolutions for future behavior. Our focus should always be *מעלין בקודש*!

It is a zechus to daven, learn and be involved in צרכי צבור with other yiden! We should be grateful for the opportunity to be part of a wonderful קהילה. We fell privileged to follow the rich traditions of our founder, the Rav זצ"ל and the many wonderful מתפללים who were part of our shul. It is our זכות to continue the great עבודת הקודש!

It would also be nice to spend more time together on an individual basis, It has been suggested that regular appointments should be scheduled to meet every family at least once per year. (We should think about this plan!) Meanwhile, if anyone has any halachic or personal questions or general comments, please feel free to contact me.

In the following paragraphs, I have made some notes of important matters related to the everyday life of a Jew and some important matters related to טובים. Please read them and think about them, especially during חודש אלול. If you have comments, please let me know.



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## כבוד בית הכנסת

1. The **שלחן ערוך** encourages us to run to shul, not from shul! Running to shul is permitted even on **שבת** when running is otherwise forbidden. This also means, of course, to take seriously the responsibility to come to shul on time on a regular basis.
2. Saying **אמן** is a powerful means of **תפילה** for which **חול** promise great rewards. Some people, unfortunately, miss many opportunities to answer **אמן**.
3. Elul is a perfect time to practice restraint from talking during davening. No one ("in their right mind") wants to carry the burden of such an **עבירה**. (See **שלחן ערוך**.)
4. The halacha discusses proper body posture in shul and during davening. People crossing their legs is observed at times in shul and is for various reasons inappropriate.
5. Appropriate dress – Wearing jeans, clothing with pictures and a general undignified appearance is not consistent with the image of one standing in awe before the Almighty. Needless to say, adherence to halachic requirements of **צניעות** are essential for overall **שמירה** in addition to one's appearance in shul. Wearing clothing of appropriate length, color and fit and women's covering of hair are all important aspects of **צניעות** and dignity for all members of **כלל ישראל**.
6. Is it **טוב** much to expect for cell phones to be turned off in shul? How often are we bombarded by intrusive phones sounding off during davening? Are we not entitled to a few moments of quiet and serenity to contemplate the greatness of our **תפילות**?
7. Setting an example for our children – Let us remember that all our behavior is observed and imitated by our children. In shul, at home with family or with others, we are transmitting messages to our children by the way we think and act.

3. pronounce words correctly and clearly;
4. chant **נוסח** and **ניגונים** correctly and clearly;
5. inspire the members of the congregation. Saying the words or **נוסח** without appropriate tempo, clarity, emphasis or feeling deprives everyone of an elevated experience of **תפילה**.

## תלמוד תורה

**חול** tell us (פנהדרין ז') that one of the first questions asked of us is about being **עתיים** לתורה. It is puzzling as to why some people do not have some type of learning in their regular schedule. The shul has various learning programs (see schedule) that should be joined. We are planning more **שיעורים** to accommodate whoever wants to learn. Please speak to me about this most important matter!

The bottom line is – **תלמוד תורה כנגד כולם** –  
 Torah elevates us more than any other **מצוה** does!

## קדושת שבת

We all must work hard to provide the special royal and majestic atmosphere the **שבת** deserves. Engaging our children in preparing for **שבת** and looking forward to this special day of the week is central to our role as parents. Utilizing the time wisely during the **שבת** and throughout the day requires planning and creativity. The image of **שבת** remains in a child's mind throughout life and has a significant impact on our overall level of piety.

## צדקה וחסד

We all know that **ואהבת לרעך כמוך** is a central theme in the **תורה** and that **גמילות חסדים** is one of the three pillars upon which the world stands. Many of our members are dedicated to helping individuals, the shul and the community in various extraordinary ways. We must also remember to teach our children that the needs of others are no less important than our own needs.

## הירות ושמירות המצות וחינוך הבנים

It is important to learn about the details of the **הלכות** of our everyday lives. Asking **שאלות** is often necessary to adhere properly to the **הלכה**. We should also show our children that we are meticulous about the **הלכה** and enthusiastic about **מצוות**! Also, parents who are in the process of selecting **yeshivas** for children should discuss such important matters with the Rav.

## Davening by the Amud

It is a **זכות** to be a **צבור**. **שליה צבור**. Please cooperate with the **גבאים**. To be an appropriate **צבור שליה**, one must:

1. be physically, mentally and emotionally prepared;
2. be appropriately dressed (e.g., jacket, hat, socks, etc.);

## • עלי' תורה • The Significance of תורה •

Special mention should be made about the honor of receiving an **עליה** to the Torah. It is mentioned in **ספרים** that if possible one should be called up to the Torah once per month. Clearly, the larger the congregation the less often one receives an **עליה**. Our **גבאים** try to distribute **עליות** to everyone as often as possible. Of course, when one is a **חייב** for an **עליה** (**yartzheit**, **חתן**, other **simchos**, etc.) they will have priority. Also, anyone who desires an **עליה** for any reason should notify the **גבאים** before **קריאת התורה**; almost all requests are accommodated.

**נדבות** - It is traditional to make a contribution after one is privileged to have an **עליה**. Many **ספרים** compare this contribution to bringing a **קרבן** during the time of the **בית המקדש**. That is one of the reasons why **מי שברך** is recited. Also, it is mentioned in **שלחן ערוך** to say **חוק ואמן** to one who had an **עליה**. The **ברכה** **מי שברך** is a public **ברכה** for the person for having the **זכות** of the **עליה** and for being honored with reciting the **תורה**. One shows appreciation by giving a **נדבה**. Many **פוסקים** are not in favor of stating "מתנה" or "צדקה" when pledging a contribution. It is ambiguous and may not be properly paid. Also, many people never fulfill this type of pledge. It is therefore **admirable, traditional and suggested** to state a clear amount (e.g. Chai-18, 25, 36+, etc.). This is also a special opportunity to give **צדקה** and help the shul.

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## Laws & Minhagim of Note:

### A. ROSH HASHANAH

1. A NEW FRUIT is placed on the table for KIDDUSH on the SECOND night.
2. It is a minhag to eat an apple dipped in honey on ROSH HASHANAH evening. Some practice this minhag both nights. The *יהי רצון* should be said after eating the 1st bite, so as not to be a *הפסק* between the *ברוך* and eating.
3. The minhag of dipping challah or bread into honey is for the entire period of ROSH HASHANAH through SHMINI ATZERES.
4. During ROSH HASHANAH, especially the 1<sup>st</sup> night, we eat foods with positive symbols (such as the head of a fish and carrots). A list of *יהי רצון* prayers for various foods can be found in a Siddur. Foods with negative symbols (such as nuts, vinegar, & bitter items) are to be avoided.
5. On ROSH HASHANAH evening it is customary to greet with the blessing of L'SHONO TOVAH TIKASEV V'SACHASEM L'ALTER L'CHAYIM (TIKASEVI V'SACHASEMI - for females).

### B. ASERES Y'MEI TSHUVAH

1. In DAVENING, remember *זכרונו, מי כמוך, וכתוב, בספר חיים*, and *המלך המשפט* and *המלך הקדוש*. Most important is - המלך הקדוש which needs to be repeated if omitted.
2. On TZOM GEDALYEH, one may eat before daybreak if one made a condition to do so during MINCHA on the previous day. Drinking is permissible without a condition. It is customary to be more careful about SHMIRAS HAMITZVOS during this period. For example, those who accept lenient viewpoints on issues such as *pas yisroel* and *cholov yisroel*, may desire to choose a more rigid interpretation during this period (see *Sefer Mateh Efraim*). Needless to say, one needs to be extra careful about issues Ben Odom Lachavero as well!
3. The minhag of Kaporos can be performed with
  - (a) Chickens
  - (b) Fish
  - (c) Plants, if (a) & (b) are not available
  - (d) Money

### C. EREV YOM KIPPUR & YOM KIPPUR

1. It is a minhag to be given cake by the Gabbai in Shul. The reason is that if (Heaven forbid) one is destined to be dependent on others during the year, the decree should be fulfilled through this act.
2. It is an old minhag (see Shulchan Aruch) "to hit malkos" and recite viduy after mincha. One wonders why this minhag has not be practiced much lately. (Some of us remember Rav Margulies ZT"l practicing this minhag.)
3. The mitzvah of immersion in a mikvah is practiced by men as well as women in many communities. No *brocho* is recited.
4. It is customary to smell *Bsomim* on YOM KIPPUR to be able to say 100 *Brochos*.
5. One may not eat after the fast prior to hearing *Havdalah*.
6. It is customary to eat a *Seudah* and light candles on Motzei Yom Kippur.

7. It is a custom to do some work in the Succah on Motzei Yom Kippur.
8. We daven early in the morning after Yom Kippur to show that we have not left our "commitments in the synagogue".

### D. SUCCOS

1. Be careful to build the Succah and purchase Arba Minim that are Kosher. For any specific questions, please consult the Rabbi. Make sure to place S'chach upon wood and not upon metal beams.
2. It is a special minhag to give Tzedaka on Erev Succos.
3. When reciting the Brocho on Arba Minim, one needs to choose one of the following three options:
  - a. Hold Esrog pitim downward and turn it upwards immediately after Brocho.
  - b. Hold Esrog and Lulav away from each other during the Brocho and bring together immediately after the Brocho.
  - c. Hold all minim, together properly but have intention not to fulfill the mitzvah until after completion of brocho.
4. On Chol Hamoed, if *Yaleh V'yovo* is omitted, one must repeat the Tefillah at night as well as the daytime. *Birchas Hamazon* is not repeated if *Yaleh V'yovo* is omitted during Chol Hamoed. On Yom Tov however one must repeat *Birchas Hamazon*.
5. Chol Hamoed is a Yom Tov and requires appropriate dignity in manner of dress and behavior.

## Some Highlights of 5772

- Daily *שחרית* מנין (הודו) 6:00 every morning with the presence of our new "Season's" *mispallim* continues being successful. The various special shiurim:

- ספר מנחת חינוך - 9:45-10:30 Monday evenings
- מסכת - 7:00-7:40 Wednesday mornings - selected
- Our 5-Minute "Kollel" on Shabbos mornings after Davening and the *מחשבה וחסידות* shiur on Thursday evenings had a successful year!

### • New cycle of Daf Yomi

- Early morning 5:45
- Late morning 8:55
- Evening between *מערב* - *מנחה*
- Evening 8:30

- The beautiful Father & Son (*אבות ובנים*) learning program on Motsoai Shabbos during the fall-winter season organized by Mr. *יהודה* Newman. After almost an hour of learning the children are entertained with a story followed by a raffle with great prizes. *זו יישר כח* to Reb *יהודה* Newman for doing a great job with this program! This year's program starts *מוצ"ק פ' חיי שרה* (Nov. 10) 6:30pm.
- New Early *מנחה* for summer time was held at 6:30
- Special safe installed in upstairs aron kodesh to protect silver crowns and silver crowns. *זו יישר כח* to Mr. & Mrs. Menashe Weiss, Mr. & Mrs. Avrohom Horowitz, Mr. & Mrs. Malkiel Biderman, Mr. & Mrs. Joel Eckstein and all who contributed.

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## Sponsorships Available:

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▪ Name on Yartzheit Tablet	\$500	
  
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▪ Coffee, etc.	\$54 per month	
▪ Sunday Breakfast-Shiur	\$20	
▪ Sodas	\$54 per month	

We thank all our sponsors for their help in supporting various shul needs.  
(Please pay full amount indicated. The price indicated includes a "reduction" and is a bargain price!)

## וכל מי שעוסקים בצרכי ציבור באמונה הקב"ה ישלם שכרם

### Use of our Yitzchock Yakov Grunberger Simcha Room

It is a pleasure to have simchas in our shul. We are happy that our facilities are used for events of our members as well as the community. Payment for use of our facilities is one way the shul has financial support. Making a simcha is a special opportunity to donate money to the shul. Also, when making a simcha and requesting multiple aliyos, it is appropriate to donate on behalf of the aliyos. May we continue to have many such occasions!