

# קהל דגל ישראל

CONGREGATION DEGEL ISRAEL

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

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Dear Mispallel:

We would like to wish you and your family a טובה 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. Malkiel Biderman, Mr. Moshe Kessler and Mr. Avrohom Chaim Spearman - 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 \$275 which includes the privilege of one seat.**
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:
 

▪ Mr. Menachem Brody	Night Kollel
▪ Mrs. Cheryl Eckstein	Administrative Director
▪ Mr. Yoel Eckstein	Maintenance & Beautification Committee
▪ Mr. Michael Elias	Schedule & Email
▪ Mrs. Rachel Finkel	Maternity Chesed Program
▪ Dr. Yisroel Finkel	5 Minute Kollel
▪ Mr. Moshe Frolich	Night Kollel
▪ Mr. Gilami Goldfeder	Wednesday Night Iyuch Chaburah
▪ Mrs. Judy Gotleib	Womens Pirkei Avos
▪ Mr. Avrohom Haller	Telephone Message Program
▪ Mrs. Evelyn Ocken	Reservations for Grunberger Simcha Room
▪ Mr. Melech Hoschander	Purim Program
▪ Mr. Avi Konigsberg	Kiddush Program
▪ Mrs. Rivka Martin	Shalach Manos Program
▪ Dr. Yisroel Finkel, R' Yosef Rosen	Avos U'Banim Programs
▪ Mr. Yosef Perkal	Kiddush Program
▪ Mr. Yosef Perkal	Shalosh Seudos
▪ Mr. Shmuel Horowitz	Bikur Cholim Program
▪ Mr. Tzvi Sporer	Shalosh Seudos
▪ Mrs. Shari Vatch	Shalach Manos Program
▪ Various other individuals	for many עניינים of צרכי צבור

If anyone would like to be a sponsor for the shul Night Koleh, please contact Menachem Brody. We need help to continue the program.

## 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 ממפללים 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.

During the past year, Klal Yisroel experienced many tragedies and נסיבות. New episodes of classis anti-semitism and hatred took place in many parts of the world. Such events serve to remind us of the realities of the galus. We must be mispallel for ישותה for all of ישראל collectively as well as individually. For our people in ישראל and all over the world.

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 ימים 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 *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 *הול* 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 *שלוחן 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 *שמים יראת* 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 too 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.

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

## תלמוד תורה

תלמוד תורה (מנהגין ז') tell us that one of the first questions asked of us is about being *קובע עתים 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. We must be careful to wear clothing that is dignified for *שבת*. Wearing baseball caps, for example, is not for *שבת*. 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 *שעות* 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 *גמילת 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.

## זהירות ושמירת 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 *הלכה*. We should also show our children that we are meticulous about *הלכה* and enthusiastic about *שמירת מצות*. Also, parents who are in the process of selecting *yeshivas* for children should discuss such important matters with the Rav.

## The Significance of עלי' 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 a *שברך* is recited. Also, it is mentioned in *שלוחן ערוך* to say *חוק ואמן* to one who had an *עליה*. The *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 *העץ* 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 *זכרו, מי כמוך, זכרו* 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 Odum 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 been 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.

## 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!

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## Some Highlights of 5775

The various special shiurim:

- Monday evenings 9:45-10:30 – ספר מנחת חינוך
- Wednesday evenings 8:30-9:30 – A special “Chaburah” covering various topics in depth is joined by many learners. Various shiurim have been given on a wide range of halachos. Yasher koach Reb Gilami Goldfeder for coordinating this program.
- Our 5-Minute “Kollel” on Shabbos mornings after Davening and the מחשבה והסידות shiur on Thursday evenings had a successful year!
- Daf Yomi**  
Early morning 5:40, Late morning 8:55,  
Evening between מנחה-מעריב, Evening 8:30
- The beautiful Father & Son (אבות ובנים) learning program on Motsoai Shabbos during the fall-winter season organized by Reb Yosef Rosen and Dr. Yisroel Finkel was very successful. After almost an hour of learning the children

are entertained with a story followed by a raffle with great prizes. to Mr. & Mrs. Berl Biderman and Dr. Yisroel Finkel for doing a great job with this program! This year's program starts מוצש"ק פ' חיי שרה (Nov. 7) 6:30pm.

- A beautiful מלוה מלכה was highlighted by an inspiring drosho by Horav Fischel Schechter שליט"א.
- Early מנחה for summer time was held at 6:30
- Night Kollel – A group of young talmidei chachamim learn Sun-Thurs evenings 8:30-10 in our Bais Medrash. This has a special positive influence and has increased overall learning in shul.
- We are working on
  - New safe for downstairs קודש ארון
  - Special program for annual מלוה מלכה

## Sponsorships Available:

### For the Shul:

- Bima
- New chairs for Ezras Nashim \$7200
- Paroches for Aron Kodesh (for Shabbos)
- Paroches for Aron Kodesh (for Tishrei)
- Downstairs Safe \$5000
- Memorial Yartzheit Tablet
- New Mechitza Downstairs \$1800
- Name on Yartzheit Tablet \$720

### Sponsor

to Mr. & Mrs. Berl Biderman  
to the Grunberger Family

to Dr. & Mrs. Zev Maybruch  
to Mrs. Lila Spielman

### For Supplies

- ConEd Bill per month (approx. average) \$1500
- Facial Tissues for year \$360
- Paper Towels for year \$300
- Ner Lamaor Candles
- Win for Kiddush & Havdalah \$200

### Sponsorships for various programs:

- Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush \$80
- Weekly Shalosh Seudos \$70
- Thurs. night Chulent for Shiur \$30
- Coffee, etc. \$54 per month
- 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