

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Wednesday-Friday, October 2-4: Rosh Hashana, No School
- Monday, October 7: School Resumes, 8 am.
- Friday, October 11-Sunday, October 27: Yom Kippur/Sukkos Break, No School
- Monday, October 28: School Resumes, 10:17 am

MAZAL TOVS:

- Mazal Tov to Avigdor and Shaynie (Friedman, '06) Goldberger on the birth of a son.
- Mazal Tov to Gittel Rodbell ('22) on her engagement to Eliezer Berenbaum.

ALL THE HOSTAGES

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From the Desk of Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

Every year when I read the the words "אתם נצבים כולכם לפני השם אלקיכם" - "Today you are all standing before HaShem your L-ord", chills literally go up and down my spine.

Parshas Nitzavim always falls on the Shabbos before Rosh Hashanah and we stand in awe when we read "אתם נצבים" - "You are standing before Hashem..." because we are reminded that in a few short days we will, indeed, be standing before The Master of the Universe on Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgement. Each and every one of us.

Our Sages teach us that when Moshe Rabbaynu originally said these words to Bnai Yisrael, before they entered into Eretz Yisrael, something amazing happened. At that moment in history B'nai Yisrael took upon themselves the obligation to take responsibility for each other and to help each other fulfill the will of HaShem.

At Har Sinai when Bnai Yisrael said "נעשה ונשמע," they merely took upon themselves the obligation to follow the Torah and fulfill the mitzvos as individuals. At the Plains of Moab, before they entered the Holy Land they committed themselves to a ברית ערבות - collective responsibility for one another.

This means that, whenever possible, we should strive to empathize with our fellow Jews and do all that we can to help them and to bring them closer to HaShem and His Torah.

When the Torah tells us that we are all standing together before HaShem, it mentions all the different members of Am Yisrael: our chiefs, our elders, law enforcers, men, women, and children. Kasav Sofer explains that the different types of people that make up our nation are listed because Am Yisrael is likened to a house.

When one builds a house all different kinds of materials are necessary. The variety of materials ensure that it is constructed properly so that the house will be strong and sturdy. So too, in order to build a nation that will flourish and grow, all kinds of people and functionaries are the prerequisite for creating a healthy, productive society.

Kasav Sofer continues and explains that a nation that includes many different people performing various tasks is insufficient. Rather, each one of us must strive to fulfill the unique job that Hashem has given us and we must do it in a way that is truly in sync with the will of HaShem.

The Kasav Sofer is teaching us that when we stand in awe of the מלך מלכי המלכים, the King of kings, this Shabbos and on Rosh Hashanah we need to concentrate on two ideas.

First we must work on ourselves and strive to be the loyal subjects that HaShem wants us to be. Second, we must also inculcate within ourselves a desire to reach out to our brothers and sisters, our fellow Jews. We must let them know that we care about them and that we see them as part of our collective whole - together we are Klal Yisrael.

This past year has reminded us how much we are affected and connected to our brethren, here in America, in Israel, and all over the world. If we join hands we will be on our way to building the house of Am Yisrael- a strong nation committed to making a place for the Shechina to dwell in this world.

עם ישראל חי!
Good Shabbos to All!

Rabbi Avraham Shapiro

This Week at a Glance:

ELUL RETREAT



This past Monday and Tuesday, we spent a day out in the beautiful nature to spend time together on our Elul Retreat. We were privileged to hear Mrs. Temima Oratz share words of inspiration from her mother, a"h. The retreat was full of fun, connection, and introductions to our Chesed, Mishmeres, and Choir programs for this year! The students creatively brought out practical ways for us to Choose Forgiveness and Choose Happy through their skits. Thank you to Mrs. Pransky, the ActivaTEAM and everyone else involved for all the hard work that went into making this retreat so enjoyable for everyone.

BLUEPOINT TRAINING

Yesterday, the students were trained in our new Bluepoint Security System. Thank you to Mr. Rich Mader and the entire team for all their efforts throughout the installation and training process.



RAV SHRAGI NEUBERGER

We were privileged to hear from Rav Shragi Neuberger before Rosh Hashana. The Rav emphasized the importance of instilling within ourselves inner happiness and recognizing our greatness in the Teshuva process.



GOOD SHABBOS!