

YESHIVA MIZRACHI COMMUNITY



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ישיבה מזרחי

Parshat Bereishit Shabbat Mevarchim

29 Tishrei 5787 | 09 - 10 October 2026



Shabbat Times

Candle lighting

5:53pm

Sof Z'man Shema

8:46am

Motzei Shabbat

6:44pm

Regular Weekday Minyanim Times

Shacharit

6:15am (Beit HaRav)

7:30am (Beit HaRav)

Mincha / Maariv

6:00pm (Beit HaRav)

Sunday Minyanim Times

Shacharit

7:00am (Beit HaRav)

8:00am (Beit HaRav)

Mincha / Maariv

6:00pm (Beit HaRav)

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Mazaltov

to Herschel & Charlene Mayers and David & Lorraine Flaks
on the birth of a precious grandson.

Mazaltov to proud parents Gavin & Shari Flaks,
and to great grandmothers Marlene Mayers and Jean Tockar.

Mazaltov

to Nadya Shapiro on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of
her grandson Yedidya Rosin this Shabbat.

Mazaltov to proud parents
Berl & Chaim Rosin and siblings Avi, Ella and Simi.
We lovingly remember Paul Shapiro.



Shabbat Sponsorship

The Early Minyan (7:30am) brocha is sponsored by

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&

Ari Mandelberg (Chatan Torah)

Refreshments for the Mizrahi Beit Midrash minyan are sponsored

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Josh & Alana Hummel in loving memory of

Aryeh Henoah ben Mordechai haKohen

We thank them for their generosity.



Shabbat Schedule

Erev Shabbat

6:00pm – Mincha followed by a drasha with **Rabbi Yehoshua Asulin**
Beit HaRav

Shabbat Morning

Early Morning Minyan

7:30am – Davening followed by a shiur by **Rabbi Jonathan Altman**
"The Foundations of Creation"
Beit Avraham

Mizrachi Beit Midrash Minyan

8:00am – Open Beit Midrash & Chaburah with **Rabbi Yehoshua Asulin**
Topic: *Simchat Torah War*

8:30am – Davening followed by learning programme (see poster)
Mizrachi Beit Midrash

Community Minyan

9:00am - followed by a drasha with **Rabbi Alon Friedman**
Beit HaRav

Young Adults' Minyan

9:15am – followed by a drasha with **Rabbi Yehoshua Asulin**
Beit Avraham

Youth Minyan

10:30pm – Boy's Beit Midrash

Community Shiur

11:30am – with **Rabbi Raffi Stein**
and Horim v'Yeladim with **Rabbi Alon Friedman**

Shabbat Afternoon

4:40pm - Shiur with **Rabbi David Levy**

5:40pm – Mincha followed by seudah shlishit and learning with
Rabbi Zevi Wineberg
The Piazza

Beit Midrash Minyan

Parshat Bereishit

Shabbat Mevarchim • Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan is Sunday & Monday

**8:00 AM Open Beit Midrash &
Chaburah with Rav Asulin:**
Simchat Torah War

8:30 AM Shacharit

10:20 AM Stand-Up Kiddush

10:35 AM Rav Kaplan: *The Controversy of the
Last 8 Pesukim of the Torah
(continued)*

Rav Eli Goldfein: *Parsha Through the
Lens of R' Azriel Goldfein zt"l*

Rav Hope: פרו ורבו

Rav Pogrund: *Text-based shiur
about life's most important lessons
based on R' Yona's commentary on
Pirkei Avot*

11:15 AM Communal Kiddush

11:40 AM Communal Shiur (Beit HaRav)



Messages from the Rabbis

Rabbi Alon Friedman



As we begin Sefer Bereishit, we are once again introduced to the remarkable figures who shaped our nation, our Avot and Imahot, the great leaders who taught us what faith, courage and vision truly mean.

Modern leadership experts identify many essential qualities of a leader: honesty, communication, confidence, commitment, creativity and positivity. Yet, according to Forbes, one of the most important qualities of leadership is the ability to see the bigger picture. This idea is beautifully illustrated in the well-known story of the three stonecutters.

A traveller once came across three stonecutters working in a quarry. Curious, he asked the first, "What are you doing?"

"I'm cutting stone," came the reply.

He turned to the second and asked the same question.

"I'm shaping this block so that it will fit perfectly into the wall."

Finally, he approached the third stonecutter, who smiled as he worked.

"I," he said, "am building a cathedral."

All three men were doing the same physical work. But only one saw the bigger picture.

Perhaps this is one of the great lessons of leadership and of faith. True leadership means understanding that what we do each day is not simply about the task in front of us. It is about recognising that every small action can be part of something far greater than ourselves.

This past Sukkot, our community truly lived that message.

From the Simchat Beit HaSho'eva celebration, to the Hoshana Rabbah learning programme, to our joyful tefillot and the extraordinary energy and unity we experienced on Simchat Torah, each person contributed in their own way. And when all those individual contributions came together, they created something far greater: a beautiful sense of shared purpose, connection and community.

As we begin Bereshit, we return to the Avot and Imahot who faced challenges that, at times, must have seemed impossible. Yet they were able to look beyond the difficulty of the moment and see the Divine vision of what could ultimately be built.

May we too have the courage to see beyond the immediate to recognise that every act of kindness, every tefillah, every moment of Torah, and every contribution to our community is another stone in the building of something much greater.

May we continue to build, to strengthen, to inspire and to bring light wherever we can. With heartfelt thanks to our incredible community for an inspiring and uplifting Sukkot.

**Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom,
Rav Alon, Daniella and Family**



Rabbi Yehoshua Asulin



As we begin reading the Torah again, **Rashi's** opening question challenges us: Why does the Torah begin with the creation of the world, rather than with the first mitzvah given to the Jewish people?

His answer is familiar. If the nations accuse Israel of taking the land of the seven nations, we can respond that the entire world belongs to Hashem. He created it, and He determines to whom it is given.

The **Ramban**, however, develops this answer into a profound lesson about moral responsibility.

Look at the stories that open the Torah. Adam receives a home in Gan Eden, but his sin leads to his expulsion. The generation of the Flood loses its place in the world through its wickedness, while Noach and his family survive. The generation of the Tower of Babel sins and is scattered across the earth.

These stories establish a pattern: the relationship between people and the places they inhabit carries moral obligations. In the Ramban's reading, when a nation persists in sin, it can lose its land to another nation. The Creator's authority over the earth includes His judgement of those who live upon it.

This explains why the Torah begins long before Avraham, before the Exodus, and before the giving of the mitzvot. Before we learn about receiving our land, we must understand what living in Hashem's world demands.

Then comes the Ramban's most challenging point: this principle applies to us too.

Hashem gives the land to His people so that they will serve Him and keep His Torah. The Ramban explicitly warns that if Israel sins, the land can expel us, just as it expelled the nations before us.

The same Torah that establishes our right to the land also establishes our responsibility within it. That is a demanding understanding of divine morality. When we say that Hashem is the source of justice, we accept that His judgement reaches us as well. We must allow His Torah to examine our choices, challenge our assumptions, and shape our conduct.

For us, the opening of Bereishit therefore carries both reassurance and a summons. Our connection to Eretz Yisrael is rooted in Hashem's gift, and that gift calls us to lives of holiness, honesty, compassion, and justice.

As we begin the Torah anew, let us remember that the privilege of belonging to Am Yisrael carries a profound responsibility: to live by the Torah of the One who entrusted us with His land.

Let us be worthy.

Shabbat Shalom
Rav Yehoshua, Malki & family



Yahrzeits

Shelley Basserabie	Father	29 Tishrei	Shabbat 10 October
Ilana Singer	Mother-in-law	29 Tishrei	Shabbat 10 October
Mervyn Muznitsky	Mother-in-law	29 Tishrei	Shabbat 10 October
Maureen Sasinsky	Father	30 Tishrei	Sunday 11 October
Masha Damelin	Father-in-law	30 Tishrei	Sunday 11 October
Selwyn Noik	Mother	30 Tishrei	Sunday 11 October
Paul Krost	Mother	01 Cheshvan	Monday 12 October
Paul Abrahams	Father	02 Cheshvan	Tuesday 13 October
Shirley Bricker	Brother	02 Cheshvan	Tuesday 13 October
Stuart Jaffe	Father	03 Cheshvan	Wednesday 14 October
Robyn Levy	Mother	03 Cheshvan	Wednesday 14 October
Shelley Basserabie	Grandfather	04 Cheshvan	Thursday 15 October
Tzokkie Merkel	Sister	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Rowan Horwitz	Grandmother	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Helena Hurwitz	Father	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Ilana Kruger	Father	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Sylvia Kolman	Father	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Lorraine Reznik	Father	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Anthony Reznik	Grandfather	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Joyce Abrahams	Mother	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Louis Mielke	Father	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Hilary Sosnovik	Mother	05 Cheshvan	Friday 16 October
Sylvia Kaplan	Sister	06 Cheshvan	Shabbat 17 October
Molly Aires	Father	06 Cheshvan	Shabbat 17 October
Shmully Nudelman	Grandfather	06 Cheshvan	Shabbat 17 October

**We would like to wish all those having Yahrzeits over this period a long life
and may the souls of their beloved ones have an Aliya.
Please inform us if we do not have your Yahrzeit on our list.**