

Zmanim

קבלת שבת

London 7:26

Manchester 6:50

מוצאי שבת

London 8:32 (8:54 ר"ת)

Manchester 7:52 (8:15 ר"ת)

חזו בני

כ"ז אלול תשפ"א

פרשת נצבים



EMUNOH IN THE PARSHA



ואתם נצבים היום כולכם...

(דברים כט:ט)

"You are all standing here today..."

The פסוק says that the "today" in the ראש השנה is a reference to

The בית אברהם זיע"א explains: When we arrive at פרשת נצבים every year, we know that there are only a few days left until יום הדין. Some people can become so afraid that they become despondent - they want to give up, thinking they can't possibly do תשובה in such a short space of time!

But we have to remember that the whole year is determined by the last few days of the year. אלול (the 6th month) is compared to ערב שבת, while תשרי is compared to שבת (the 7th month). And we know that all the wonderful שפע and ברכה that שבת injects into the following week is drawn from our תוספת שבת, the additional time we add on to the beginning of שבת on Friday afternoon.

Similarly, the extra מצוות and תורה we engage in during אלול, even if we haven't been perfect during the rest of the year, can guarantee that our ראש השנה infuses our year with ברכה שפע.

In this way we can "rescue" the whole year - with an extra push now, in these final days, we can be מוסיף מחול אל הקודש - so to speak, bring in ראש השנה early, and can thereby look forward to year filled with קדושה bezH.

EMUNOH IN THE SIDDUR



לְדוֹד ה' אֲוִרִי וְיִשְׁעִי מִמִּי אִירָא ה' מַעֲזֵז חַיִּי מִמִּי אֶפְחָד:

Of Dovid, Hashem is my Light and My Salvation, whom shall I fear.

The קפיטל explains that this whole describes how דבקות depends on our level of 'ה. One who is constantly attached to 'ה will receive His unceasing providence, and as such no harm will befall him and he will have nothing to fear. That is why the דוד המלך continues with פסוק saying that he will not have any fear, because, as the רמב"ם explains in the מורה נבוכים, a צדיק is only susceptible to harm once his mind is detached from thinking about 'ה and he turns away from 'ה עבודת 'ה.

Therefore, amongst all the many requests that we make of 'ה, there is one that really ought to be our main focus, namely, our desire to develop a constant connection with Him. דוד המלך davens to 'ה and begs Him to remove all circumstances and factors that can take one away from this central and most important goal. This is something that should be at the forefront of our minds during our davening at this time of year.

Q: IF I MISSED שופר ONE MORNING DO I NEED TO HEAR IT AGAIN?

A: ON THE ASSUMPTION YOU'RE NOT REFERRING TO MORNING (!), THE SHORT ANSWER IS, NO. HOWEVER, BLOWING שופר IN אלול IS MORE THAN JUST A NICE IDEA. THE טור BRINGS SEVERAL REASONS AS TO WHY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT מנהג.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE שופר STIRS US TO DO תשובה. THE מנהג IS BASED ON THE FACT WENT UP TO RECEIVE THE תורה AT THE BEGINNING OF אלול, TO RETURN ON כיפור יום, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUNDS OF A שופר. SO EVEN IF YOU MISSED שופר ONE MORNING, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NOT TO MISS IS THE תשובה IT IS SUPPOSED TO GENERATE...



EMUNOH IN OUR CHACHOMIM



This 27) חשבון Elul) marks the יאהרצייט of the **Sar Sholom of Belz**, the founder of the *Belzer Chassidus*. Born in 1779 in the town of Brody, Ukraine, he was orphaned at a young age and was raised by his uncle, the Rav of a town called Skohl.

His uncle was a מתנגד to חסידות, so for a thousand nights in a row he would sneak out of his window to learn תורה by Reb Shlomo Lutzker, his first Rebbe in חסידות. Legend has it that after the 1000th night he was זוכה to see אליהו הנביא. He also became a close חסיד of the חוזה of Lublin who in 1817 encouraged him to accept the position as Rov in Belz where he built a beautiful four-storey בית המדרש that could hold over 5000 people!

There is an interesting anecdote as to how he came to be known as the 'Sar Shalom', 'the minister of peace'. One day, the בני יששכר was penning him a letter, and on the first two occasions the ink spilt all over the parchment. The בני יששכר took it as a sign that he wasn't addressing the Rebbe by his fitting title and called him the שר העליונים 'ותחתונים', the Minister of the heavens and earth!

He was נפטר in 1855. Some of his close חסידים and תלמידים include Reb Shlomo Kluger, the Divrei Chaim and Reb Tzodok Hakohen יגן עלינו.

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Chazon is delighted to welcome הרב בן-ציון (Benny) בלוי as Head of our Boys' programme

Reb Benny, who is a learned yungerman and former head madrich at Camp Aguda, will be presenting shiurim as well as leading inspirational events, trips and tours for teenage boys throughout the year בע"ה.



EMUNOH IN OUR LIVES

23rd June 2021. It was a balmy Wednesday evening in Florida. The Weinstein family were sitting at their table enjoying a family dinner when suddenly their lights and air conditioning went off.

To their consternation and bewilderment, none of the other neighbours had lost electricity besides for them, and to make matters worse, there was no way to get an electrician at that time of night. Much to their dismay, it dawned on them that there was no choice but to find a nearby hotel to spend the night.

The next morning they woke up and heard the devastating news. Champlain Towers South, in the Miami suburb of Surfside, Florida had collapsed – the very side of the building where the Weinstein's lived. The realisation sank in, *that the lights had to go off so that their lives could go on*, and that Hashem runs every small thing that happens in each person's life.