

SUKKOS FIRST DAYS AND CHOL HAMOED

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25 Erev Sukkos

TIME	SERVICE
6:30 AM	First Shacharis
8:00 AM	Second Shacharis
6:05 PM	Shir HaShirim
6:30 PM	Mincha; Rabbi's drush: A Place to Begin Again ; Maariv
6:51 PM	Candle lighting
8:00 PM	Earliest Kiddush

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1 Chol Hamoed
Monday-Thursday

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
6:00 AM	First Shacharis each weekday	Main
BY DAY	Earliest tallis and tefillin: Mon 6:20 AM / Tue 6:21 AM / Wed 6:22 AM / Thu 6:23 AM	
8:00 AM	Second Shacharis each weekday	Main
6:40 PM	Monday-Thursday - Mincha and Maariv	Main

SHABBOS SEPTEMBER 26 Sukkos First Day

CHOL HAMOED CLASSES

There are no regular Chol Hamoed classes.

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
8:45 AM	Shacharis	Main / Sefardi
9:30 AM	Shacharis	Moriah
10:30 AM	Youth programs	Youth
After davening	Rabbi's drush: What Does the King Want After the Victory?	Main
6:45 PM	Mincha; class: What Does the Aravah Bring? ; Maariv	Main
After 7:50	Candle lighting from a pre-existing flame; preparations for the second Yom Tov meal may begin	Home

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2 Hoshana Rabbah

[Learn more about Hoshana Rabba: click here for 3 classes](#)

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
6:00 AM	First minyan	Moriah
6:25 AM	Earliest tallis and tefillin	
7:30 AM	Minyan with singing	Main
Before	Hoshanas may be purchased upon entering the shul for \$10	
6:15 PM	Shir HaShirim	Main
6:39 PM	Mincha followed by a Dvar Torah and Maariv	Main
6:39 PM	Candle lighting	Home

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 Sukkos Second Day

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
8:45 AM	Shacharis	Main / Sefardi
9:30 AM	Shacharis	Moriah
10:30 AM	Youth programs	Youth
After davening	Rabbi's drush: The Guarantee For Another Year	Main
6:45 PM	Mincha; shiur: The Sound of the Shiloach ; Maariv	Main
7:56 PM	Yom Tov ends and Havdalah	

OFFICE NOTICE

Shareen has been away since September 15 and will return after Sukkos.

SEMICHAS CHAVER

New topic: Hafrashas Challah, Terumah & Ma'aser.
Opening class Thursday night, October 15 at 8:00 PM.

SHABBOS OCTOBER 3 Shemini Atzeres and Yizkor**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4** Simchas Torah**MORNING SERVICES**

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
8:15 AM	Reading of Koheles	Main
8:45 AM	Shacharis	Main / Sefardi
9:30 AM	Shacharis	Moriah
10:25 AM	Yizkor	Main
10:45 AM	Yizkor	Moriah
11:30 AM	Kiddush luncheon with a drash from the Rabbi	Main

MORNING SERVICES

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
8:45 AM	Shacharis and Musaf	Main / Sefardi
9:15 AM	Shacharis and Musaf	Moriah
10:30 AM	Dancing for everyone	
11:30 AM	Communal Torah reading	
12:00 PM	Individual aliyos	
12:30 PM	Kiddush luncheon	Main
Following luncheon	Mincha	Main

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
5:45 PM	Mincha	Main
6:15 PM	Ne'ilas HaChag	Main
7:15 PM	Maariv	Main
7:30 PM	Simchas Torah dancing	Main
After 7:37	Candle lighting from a pre-existing flame	Home
8:00 PM	Kiddush	Main

AFTERNOON AND EVENING

TIME	SERVICE	ROOM
7:44 PM	Yom Tov ends and Havdalah	
8:04 PM	Maariv	Main

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

The Shemini Atzeres Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by the Volson family in honour of the birth of two grandchildren to Robert and Dvora Volson: a grandson to Corey and Amanda Volson, and a granddaughter to Yechiel and Yehudis Sussman. Mazel Tov to the entire family!

SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are welcomed for Ne'ilas HaChag, the Simchas Torah celebrations and the Kiddush luncheon, in increments of \$100. Please contact Rabbi Michalowicz or the Shul office.

THANK YOU TO OUR PEACE OF MIND HOST FAMILIES

We warmly thank the families hosting the soldiers who will be visiting after Sukkos. See the Peace of Mind flyer later in this bulletin.

Esther Greenbaum & Shmuel Steinbach
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 Stephen & Jodi Katz
 Ian Raskin

We are looking for one more family to host two soldiers. Please contact the rabbi if you can help.

SHEMINI ATZERES: TWO CLASSES

Friday night: What Does the King Want When the Battle Is Over?

Kiddush luncheon: The Torah Is Waiting for Us

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Join Ameinu4Israel in sending love and strength from Canada

Please write a personal note to an Israeli soldier or to a mother who has just given birth.

Since October 7, 2023, Ameinu4Israel volunteers have lovingly made hats, neck warmers and kipot for our heroes in Israel. We also make baby blankets and handcrafted toys for mothers whose husbands are serving or have passed away. Every gift is sent with a personalized note, and thousands of handmade items have already reached Israel.

Need an idea? Here are a few examples:

- *Thank you, dear soldier, for looking after us. We love you. Your family in Canada.*
- *Keep strong, dear soldier, and thank you for everything you are doing for us. We love you. Your family in Canada.*
- *We love you very much and thank you for everything you are doing for us. Lots of love, your family in Canada.*
- *Mazel tov on the birth of your baby. Sending warmest wishes from Canada.*

These are only suggestions - please write from your heart.

Please place your notes together in an envelope or package and drop them off at:

Rebbetzin Michalowicz | 452 Springate Blvd

Mailbox in the enclosure

Kathy Vertesi | 255 Rosedale Heights Drive, Thornhill

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Thank you very much. Wishing you a Shana Tovah and G'mar Chatimah Tovah!

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Peace of Mind at The Westmount Shul

— Supporting Our Veterans. Strengthening Our Community. —

Peace of Mind, a nine-month therapeutic program of the Metiv Israel Psychotrauma Center, supports released IDF combat veterans in their transition to civilian life. Many of these veterans have experienced significant combat, including on October 7th and most serve in reserve duty to this day. Despite the well-known image of the resilient Israeli soldier, long-term effects of veterans' exposure to stress from combat are well documented. While not a PTSD program, Peace of Mind helps these young men unload the psychological burdens of combat, strengthen their emotional well-being, and foster healthier, more fulfilling lives.

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SHABBOS KIDDUSH LUNCHEON FOLLOWING DAVENING OCTOBER 17TH

Join us for a special Kiddush Luncheon and hear directly from the Peace of Mind Canada participants about their experiences, their journeys, and the impact of this important program.



If you are interested in carpooling with the group, please contact **Felicia Gopin**,
National Executive Director, Peace of Mind Canada
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The Succah Walls Have Ears

We live in an old neighborhood in Yerushalayim where everyone builds their succahs on the sidewalks, side by side. Because the succahs are so close to each other, you can hear what other families are talking about even if you don't try to eavesdrop. My next-door neighbor is an elderly man who hired a young handyman, Yair, to build his succah for him. I heard him telling his guests, "I'd

never hire Yair again, even to hang a picture on my wall. He didn't know what he was doing. I had to stand over him and give him step-by-step instructions." I had been thinking of hiring Yair to fix a broken cabinet in my kitchen after Yom Tov, but now I'm thinking I should find someone else. Am I allowed to change my plans based on what I heard?

—Yitzy

What's the Psak?
Do you know the halachah?

A Yes.
Hearing the information was *hashgachah pratis* and may save you from a loss.

B No.
It's forbidden to believe *loshon hora*.

C No.
You need to discuss it with the neighbor.

Now That You Heard It...

A person who hears *loshon hora* is not allowed to accept the information as true or even possibly true.¹ However, it is permitted to be cautious. In other words, the Torah does not expect us to go through life blindly ignoring things that we hear—that would be reckless. So, what *can* Yitzy do with the information? He can take precautions to avoid a possible loss or problem with Yair. Perhaps he can make sure to be available if Yair has questions. But Yitzy may not cause Yair any loss or neglect any obligation that he has towards Yair based on what he has heard.²

Furthermore, Yitzy may not believe what his neighbor said

about Yair. He should assume that, while he overheard his neighbor's impression, other customers might be perfectly satisfied. Perhaps the neighbor's succah was a pile of random boards that no one but the owner could have assembled correctly. Still, based on what Yitzy heard, he may do further research, seek other references on Yair's work, and make his decision accordingly.

Answer: The halachah is A.

Reviewed by **Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Lowy**

Rav Pam, zt"l, advised great caution when presenting halachic scenarios to the public, as each situation is unique. This *shailah* is for discussion only; actual halachic decisions should be made by a *rav* or halachic expert on a case-by-case basis.

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1 Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hara 6:1
2 Sefer Chofetz Chaim, Hilchos Loshon Hara 6:10



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It was Motza'ei Yom Kippur, R' Shlomo Zalman Friedman's (currently *av beis din* of Santov in Lakewood) last night as a *bachur* in Eretz Yisrael. He was flying back to America early the next morning, but there was something he had to do first.

He wanted a set of the Steipler Gaon's *sefarim*, *Kehillas Yaakov*. And there was only one place to buy it: from the Steipler himself. So, off he went to the Steipler's home, as soon as he had broken his fast.

There he found the Steipler, still dressed in his Yom Tov clothes,

He Kept His Stringency— and His Sensitivity



reciting *Tehillim*. Since by this time the Steipler had become hard of hearing, people communicated with him in writing. R' Shlomo Zalman handed him a *kvittel* asking for a *brachah* for his future and for a set of *sefarim*.

The Steipler gladly gave the *brachah*, but he apologized that he could not sell the *sefarim*. He had a long-standing *minhag* not to conduct business dressed in his Shabbos clothes, so that he wouldn't accidentally put something in his pocket, forget about

it, and carry it on Shabbos.

For R' Shlomo Zalman, it was now or never, so he asked again more insistently. But the Steipler wouldn't budge. Trying a third time, R' Shlomo Zalman offered to watch to make sure the Steipler did not slip anything into a pocket.

At this point, the Steipler asked his persistent guest to wait. He disappeared into the back of the apartment. Fifteen minutes later, he came back with the *sefarim*. As R' Shlomo Zalman bought the books, he noticed something. The Steipler had changed into weekday clothes!

Kehillas Yaakov is a staple in yeshiva libraries. Many people gain clarity from it. But R' Shlomo Zalman gained clarity just by buying the *sefarim*. He learned that when we're willing to inconvenience ourselves for another Jew, we can keep *avodas Hashem* and *chessed* in perfect harmony.



“How did I get into this mess?” thought Berel the merchant. Here he was in Berditchev, miles from home, staying with one of Reb Levi Yitzchak's chassidim. Yet neither his host nor any Jew in town would let him eat in their *succah*!

It all started when a chassid stopped Berel on the road as he returned from a long business trip. “Do you have an *esrog*?” he asked. Berel did. Reb Levi Yitzchak had searched for months, everywhere for miles around, but had been unable to find even one *esrog* for his town. “You have to sell it to the Rebbe,” the chassid

insisted. “Absolutely not.”

Reb Levi Yitzchak himself tried to convince Berel. “You can be my guest here in Berditchev and use your

esrog.” But Berel refused. Finally, the Rebbe made an astonishing offer: “I'll sell

you my *Olam Haba* for the *esrog*.” Berel agreed.

But now, every *succah* in Berditchev was

The Rebbe's Impossible Deal



Berel was furious. How dishonest! But he desperately longed to sit in a *succah*. He paced and thought. Finally, he sighed. “Fine. I'll sell you back your *Olam Haba* for the *mitzvah* of *succah*.”

The Rebbe jumped up and hugged him. “How could I have given you an *Olam Haba* you might not have deserved?” he explained. “Now that you were willing to give it up for a *mitzvah*, you deserve it.” And Berel was welcomed into the Rebbe's *succah*.

Can you Crack the case?

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