

# The Shul

at the Lubavitch Center

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Ki-Tetze

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## Thank G-d!

What a lovely necklace!

Thank you. My children gave it to me. Aren't they wonderful?

That's a great set of golf clubs you've got there!

Yeah, I would never have gotten it for myself but my wife gave it to me for my birthday. Nice of her, wasn't it?

Hey, can I use your Apple MacBook Pro for this project I'm working on? I can't believe your grandparents gave it to you for graduating high school.

Sure you can use it. You're right, my parents really are generous.

The comment of a friend or acquaintance can trigger renewed appreciation for something that one might have long-since taken for granted or never appreciated to begin with. Whereas the purpose of the compliment is not to bring forth this appreciation, it is certainly a by-product of the compliment.

The Baal Shem Tov, whose every action was bursting with import, meaning and significant teaching, used to ask the simple Jews whom he purposefully sought out, "How are you today, dear brother?" "How are your little ones, my good woman?" "How have your egg sales gone this week?"

To each of these questions, the usual response was, Boruch Hashem - "Thank G-d, I am feeling well." "Through G-d's goodness, the children are healthy." "With G-d's help, the eggs are selling like hotcakes." In this manner, the Baal Shem Tov encouraged people to have praises for G-d, and gratitude and thankfulness to the Almighty, continually on their lips.

Once, the Baal Shem Tov heard that there was a Torah scholar who was so intent on his studies that he would not even take a moment to respond to the greeting of a fellow Jew.

The Baal Shem Tov decided to remedy the situation. "How are you doing?" the Baal Shem Tov asked the scholar. But no response was forthcoming.

"Are your studies going well today?" the Baal Shem Tov persisted. Still no acknowledgment of his presence.

"How is the family?" the Baal Shem Tov asked as he leaned closer to the scholar's ear.

Question after question the Baal Shem Tov rattled off, but no words were heard from the scholar's lips save those that were being read from the page in front of him.

"Why are you depriving G-d of His livelihood?" the Baal Shem Tov reproached the scholar. With this accusation the scholar lifted his head.

The Baal Shem Tov continued, "Doesn't the Psalmist state concerning G-d, 'And You, G-d, are enthroned on the praises of Israel.' G-d is, so to speak, dependent upon the praises of the Jewish people. You are denying G-d His sustenance by refusing to praise Him and thank Him for all He has done for you!"

So, the next time you're asked a question, try one of the following responses:

Wow, you're in great shape. How do you do it? Diet, exercise and G-d's kindness.

How's business? It has its ups and downs. G-d willing, it'll pick up soon.

It's wonderful that your grandchildren remember to send you birthday cards.

Yes, I'm a lucky person. G-d has been good to me.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

## Priorities

“You can’t help her because you don’t have a free moment!?! It’s taken you two hours to get to level 27 of that PacMan game, and you’re still playing!!”

“An Ammonite or Moabite man may never marry into Bnai Yisrael...because they (Ammon and Moab) did not bring you bread and water when you left Egypt and they hired Bilaam to curse you.” (Divorim 23:4-5) The Dubno Maggid says that both reasons are connected. If they would try to rationalize their not giving us food because they didn’t have money, it’s not true—they had plenty of money to hire Bilaam.

To succeed in Judaism you have to have your priorities in order and be honest with yourself.

*(by Rabbi Chaim Flom from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)*



### *Brit Milah* The Covenant of Circumcision

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Mr. Eliyahu and Mrs. Leana Schwartz**  
on the **Birth and Bris** of their son **Noam**.  
Mazel Tov the Grandparents and the entire family!

We happily wish Mazel Tov to  
**Dr. Allan and Mrs. Kate Genut**  
on the **Birth of a Great-Grandson**.  
Mazel Tov to the parents **Eli and Rivky Teichman**  
of Monsey, New York.



Rabbi Kaplan is holding a weekly Thursday evening (after Ma’ariv) online shiur on the topic “Igeret HaTeshuva.” This online shiur is open to anyone who would like to attend and can be joined at: <https://cutt.ly/join-shiur>. In addition to being online, this shiur will also be available “in person.”

Sponsorship is available for two flower displays on the Bima during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please consider sponsoring the flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Please email Allan Genut at [agenut@gmail.com](mailto:agenut@gmail.com) to make arrangements



### Yahrzeits This Week:

Marvin Pazornick	17 Elul - Tuesday night / Wednesday	for mother	Zelda Pazornick
Dr. Chaim Eisenberg	19 Elul - Thursday night / Friday	for mother	Estelle Rose Eisenberg

### DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

#### Friday 8/20 — 12 Elul

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:00 p.m.

#### Shabbat, 8/21 — 13 Elul

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
Sof Z’man Kriat Shema — 9:45 a.m.  
Minchah — 7:25 p.m.  
Ma’ariv— 8:36 p.m.

#### Sunday, 8/22— 14 Elul

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

#### Monday, 8/23 — 15 Elul

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, 8/24 — 16 Elul

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, 8/25 — 17 Elul

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, 8/26 — 18 Elul

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, 8/27 — 19 Elul

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Candles — 7:25 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:00 p.m.