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Shalom Everyone!

Dancing in the Rain

It's November and while here it has been cold and chilly for a while, in Israel things are just starting to go from boiling hot to warm and we even had our first rain of the season - HaYore (היורה)! This phenomenon is unique to the mediterranean climate. To me, rain always reminds me of my time in the army. I enlisted in December of 2017, when it was super rainy and cold, and as a drill sergeant I did way more winter/fall sessions rather than spring/summer ones. On top of that, I served in the desert (right outside of Be'er Sheva), and at night it's freezing. But, the most prominent memory I have of rain doesn't involve actual rain at all. In the last night of my basic training, we all sat with one of the drill sergeants of my division, and she told us a sentence to remember while we're in service, and for life in general. She said: "Some choose to get wet in the rain, and some are learning to dance to its tune". That sentence really stuck with me and I embraced it. I learned to dance when it's raining and to always choose to do the best with what you have, even when it's not ideal. When I became a drill sergeant myself I told my recruits this sentence every session, and I really hope it stuck with them. Now that I'm here, I want you to know this sentence too, and I can only hope it'll have the same effect on you, and you may learn to dance in the rain and to its tune.

"יש הבוחרים להירטב בגשם, ויש הלומדים לרקוד לצליליו"

With love,
Snir



Israeli Movie Recommendation

The Other Story (Sipur Acher) - סיפור אחר

I'm very into film and filmmaking, but I was never typically drawn to Israeli films. Maybe it's because Israel is a small country, and the films are usually, just like the country, small, and the big Hollywood blockbusters always fascinated and intrigued me. One day in 2018, two of my friends dragged me (literally) to the movie theater to watch the movie "The Other Story", written and directed by the Israeli filmmaker Avi Nesher. As soon as the film started rolling I was hooked. Today I'm glad to say that this is the movie that got me into Israeli films.



The film follows two young adults who became Ultra-Orthodox and are about to get married, despite the bride's parents' disapproval and their attempt to stop the wedding. There is also "the other story" that merges into main plot, about two divorcees having a dispute about child custody involving the mother's recent affiliation with a cult. This movie is smart, moving, emotional and really gets you thinking about the parent-child relationship and what the role of parents in their lives. The movie was released shortly after the director's son was killed in a terrible hit and run accident, and putting the movie out there meant a lot to the filmmaker's family.

You can watch the movie on YouTube (rent) or on Apple TV. *This film is Rated PG-MA.

BONUS - Movie Recommendation

Cha Cha Real Smooth - Watch on Apple TV

I had to write something about this sweet little gem. It's a touching story about a young Jewish college graduate that "got lost" after graduation. He went back to live with his mom and step-dad and share a room with his 12 year-old brother. While chaperoning his brother at a Bat Mitzvah party, he reveals a useful set of skills in the form of party-starting, and he starts his own business as a Jewish party starter. He also meets a mysterious mom with an autistic kid that he starts babysitting for. I don't want to spoil the whole plot for you but this movie is so touching and it really warms up your heart. The writer/director/main actor is Cooper Raiff and the film also stars Dakota Johnson, Leslie Mann and Israeli actress Odeya Rush. * This film is Rated R.



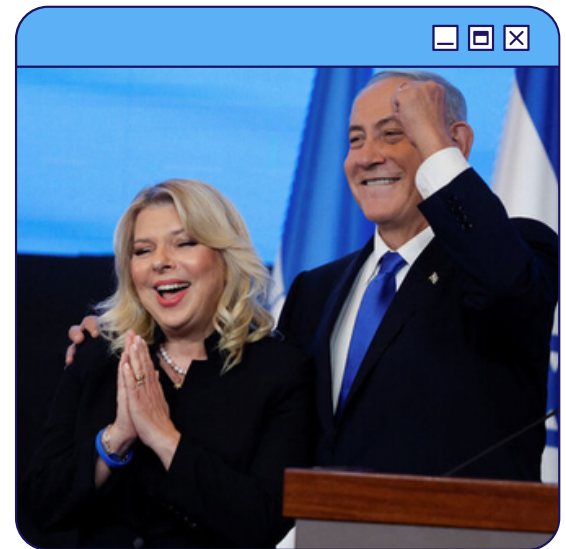
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Elections! Fifth Time's The Charm?...

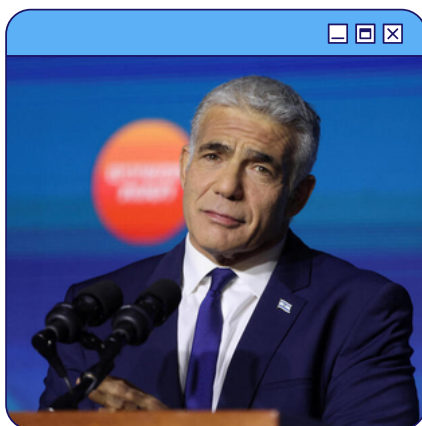
Once again, Israel had its Election Day, voting for the representatives in the Knesset. I made a sheet for you with some info about the Israeli Election System that you can read [here](#). In summary, Israel has 120 seats in the parliament, and whoever gets the most seats in the elections gets the right to form a coalition, consisting of at least 61 seats (majority). In Israel Elections Day is a holiday, and we all get a day off from work/school to go and vote.

On November 1st, Israelis voted, for the fifth time in three years. I voted on 10/20 at the embassy in DC, which you can see on the first page!

The results weren't shocking as they aligned with the surveys and reports, The Likud, Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu's party got most of the votes, gaining 32 mandates (seats), what gives him the right to form the coalition. His ally parties, HaTzionut Hdatit, Shas and Yahadut HaTorah, got 14, 11 and 7 seats, respectively. According to this, he'll be able to form a coalition and will be Prime Minister once again. Yair Lapid's party, Yesh Atid, is second in line, gaining 24 seats, and it looks like he'll be the head of the Opposition. Other parties that will be a part of the Knesset and the Opposition are Benny Gantz's HaMachane HaMamlachti with 12 seats, Israel Beytenu with 6 seats, and HaAvodah with 4 seats. On top of that, Arab parties Hadash-Ta'al and Ra'am, got 5 seats each, and will be a part of the Knesset. There are some discussions and negotiations to be held, but in the upcoming weeks Netanyahu will present his new government lineup to the President, and all the Knesset members will pledge their allegiance to the state of Israel. I'll update you in the next newsletter on any development, and in Israel, like Israel, there's always developments to report on!



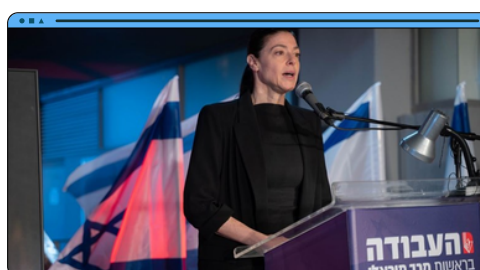
Bibi Netanyahu and his wife, Sarah, at the night of the elections



Who was Israel's Prime Minister, Yair Lapid, at the night of the elections



Top: Itamar Ben-Gvir and Betzalel Smotrich, heads of HaTzionut Hdatit
Bottom: Merav Michaeli, head of HaAvodah



What's On The Horizon?

Leadership Program on December 4th!

For our incredible teens that take part at the **Madrichol/Apprentice program**, I will host the second session of our Leadership program, talking more about what it's like being a role model and how to become a strong and influential leader. Can't wait to see you there! [CLICK TO RSVP](#)

Learn about The Sigd on December 6th with a Special Guest Shaliach Speaker - Yehoon!

The DMV area hosts many shlichim. One of them is Yehoon, who we invited to share with us his experience with the Jewish Holiday called Sigd, which is special to the Beta Israel (Ethiopian Jewish) community. Don't miss it here at Temple Emanuel at 6:30pm. [CLICK TO RSVP](#)

KESTY Lounge Night on December 6th!

Our next KESTY event is another incredible program brought together by our amazing KESTY teens - KESTY Lounge Night! We'll meet up at Temple Emanuel at 7:30PM, for a fun evening together! Grab a friend and we'll see you there!

KESTY Katan (K-2) Hanukkah Party on December 10th!

Join us and our talented Marissa Sobel (KESTY Katan Advisor) for a fun activity and program for our tiny Temple members, celebrating the upcoming holiday, Hanukkah! Arts and crafts, games, donuts - we've got everything! The event is after Simchat Shabbat - Don't miss out!



Click on the picture to learn more about Yehoon (and the other Federation Shlichim, including me!)

What's Happening in Israel?



In light of the IDF's Wounded Veterans Appreciation Day, you can read more about Belev Echad - an American organization that supports the IDF's wounded veterans here: belevechad.nyc

The calendar images are clickable and have more details! Also, for more information about those events, please don't hesitate to reach out! (Contacts on the last page).

More On The Horizon - Israel Trips and Programs

If you ever dreamed of an amazing Israel trip, spending the semester there, or even taking a gap year in the holy land, this one's for you! Below I'll share with you many options for you to explore Israel! There's something for everyone and so many opportunities to choose from, whether you want to volunteer in an IDF base, see incredible ancient sites in Jerusalem, chill on the beach in Tel-Aviv, take a dive in the corals of Eilat or have the perfect study abroad adventure!

I worked in Alexander Muss High School in Israel, which is a semester abroad/boarding school program for international (mostly North American) Jewish teens, and it was an once in a lifetime experience, both for me and for my Chanichim (campers/students).

If you're thinking about taking a part in one of those programs, signing up starts soon (for summer programs), and some of them even have a waiting list, so you may want to hurry up! In the end of the newsletter you can find flyers I made with more information about more programs (summer ones too!) and below you will find links and invites to virtual webinars that are taking place soon about some of the different programs. If you have ANY questions regarding the programs, or you wish to know about more options available, feel free to reach out! Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities!

P.S. - You can also reach out to me for recommendations for things to do in Tel Aviv and the area... See you in the holy land!

- **Gap Year Programs:**

➔ **Aardvark** - Living in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, in a fully furnished apartment, in a community with people your age, our gap year participants take full advantage of the cultural enrichment, night life, and convenience of the two most popular cities in Israel for today's young adults. [More Info HERE.](#)

➔ **MASA Gap Year** - A gap year in Israel with Masa Israel Journey offers college-bound high school graduates the opportunity to gain a global perspective and a taste of independent living - all while having an incredible Israel experience. [More Info HERE](#)

- **Webinars:**

➔ **Alexander Muss HSI Summer Programs Information Session - November 30th**
Semester, summer, or mini-mester abroad in Israel for teens between 10th-12th grade. A wide variety of options and a great way to learn about Israel and its history while immersing in the culture! On November 30th there will be virtual information session that will speak about the Alexander Muss High School in Israel **summer programs**. I (Snir) worked there! **Amazing program!** [RSVP here.](#) (Link to more Israel programs by the [JNF HERE.](#))

➔ **Masa Study Abroad Event - December 4th**

Join us on Sunday, December 4, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm to get the info you need to make your Study Abroad dream a reality. Hear from Masa's North American team, alumni of Masa Study Abroad programs, and representatives from major Israeli Universities. [RSVP HERE.](#)



What's Going On?

First Leadership Program for Madrichol/Apprentices!

I had the best time leading our first session of our Leadership Program for Madrichol/Apprentices. We talked about our role with the kids and what type of leaders we seek to be, and we made some inspo-notebooks to remind us of just that! Visual representation really helps me to focus and I hope this helped our staff. As someone that was a youth counselor I know how challenging it can be and those sessions are here to offer tools and support. See you at our next session on December 4th!

KESTY Glow in The Dark Night!

Our incredible KESTY board came up with a super fun program for our temple youth: Glow-In-The-Dark Lounge Night! We got to see and hang out with everyone and play fun games like Capture The Flag and Manhunt! We used glow sticks for our teams and neon cones for our game pieces and it was very cool to see everything lit up at night. It was so fun playing with everyone and releasing some energy! I would definitely like to do it again! I really hope to see you all at our next KESTY event on December 6th!

Jewish Heritage Night with The Wizards!

We had a blast Celebrating Jewish Heritage Night at the Capital One Arena, seeing Deni Avdija (he did basic training with my brother!) and all of the Wizards taking on Oklahoma City Thunder. It was so fun seeing our Temple teens and families hanging together, enjoying a nice game of basketball!

- I also attended [The Jewish Agency for Israel \(JAFI\)](#) conference in NJ (you can see pictures on the 1st page and [on the instagram page](#)). JAFI is the organization that made the Shaliach program possible. I got to talk with Natan Sharansky and Doron Almog, Chairman of the Shlichut School and JAFI, respectively, about our Temple, community and what's to come, they were very impressed and excited! The conference gave me a lot of resources, ideas and tools for the future, so make sure to stay tuned!



Time for Food!

Comforting 'Kube Selek' Recipe

As the leaves are slowly turning brown, and degrees getting lower and lower, the thing we crave the most is comfort food, something to warm our bellies and make us happy. For me, this recipe for Kube Selek, a delicious beets and veggie soup with dumplings made from semolina and filled with chicken or meat, originating from Jewish Iraqi cuisine is just that. **Kube (קובה)** is the name of the dumpling and **Selek (סלק)** means beet/beetroot in Hebrew. Kube is generally known as dumplings, cooked in a soup and comes in many shapes and forms, there's a squash version, a sour and tangy version, and so much more! My grandmother used to make this dish for my grandfather (z"l), and as soon as me and my siblings we're willing to try beets she shoved it down our throats - and we fell in love! It's definitely a step (or steps) up from Shakshuka, but it's SO worth it! Serve it with white rice or just on it's on, it will keep you happy through the winter. November 23rd is also my beloved grandmother birthday and there's no better time to share that recipe with you all. Bon Appetit!

Ingredients

For the soup:

- 1 medium/big onion, chopped
- 2-3 medium/big beetroot grated or chopped
- 2 Celery sticks, chopped
- Chopped hard vegetables of choice (carrots, squash and pumpkins are good)
- 3-4 tablespoons oil of choice
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 liters of boiling water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon Chicken Bouillon, if desired
- sugar to balance the flavors, if necessary

For the dumplings:

- 2 cups semolina
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 Celery sticks, chopped
- 1 tablespoon oil of choice
- 1 to 1½ cups of water

For the filling:

- 1 lbs meat of choice
- 1 onion, grated
- parsley, to taste
- Salt and pepper to taste

Extras:

- bowl with cold water
- tray with cooking oil/baking paper to put the kube on



Directions

Start by making the soup:

- In a large pot, fry the onion until it's a bit translucent, then add the beetroot and celery in.
- Add the tomato paste and Chicken Bouillon.
- Add the paprika and salt and pepper to taste.
- Add the water and bring to a boil.
- After boiling, you can add the extra veggies (if desired).
- Lower the heat and cook for 15 minutes.

Moving to the Kube:

- In a bowl combine the semolina with salt and pepper. Add the oil, it'll look like not enough but continue mixing, it's fine.
- Add the water and mix. Again it will look wrong but don't give up, it'll resemble kinetic sand in a way, if it makes sense.
- **SUPER IMPORTANT**: Let the dough rest for at least 15 minutes, not more than 30 minutes.
- In a separate ball mix the meat of choice and add the onion, parsley, salt and pepper and knead for a couple of minutes. A good knead will help the protein in the meat to work and will result in a filling that won't break into the soup and will stay intact.
- After the dough rested, **ONLY** work with wet dipped in cold water. The dough will be a tad sticky and that's completely fine.
- Take balls of dough roughly the size of a ping-pong ball and flatten them on your palm. Put a teaspoon or two of filling inside and close it up. Feel completely free to deep your hand in water A LOT, it won't affect the flavor in any way and will help create better dumplings.
- Place the Kube on the tray.



Putting everything together:

- Place the dumplings one by one in the soup and crank the heat up to high.
- After it gets to a boil, lower the heat and cook for 30 minutes. It may take some more time, depends on your heat, so make sure to check your dumplings!
- Serve over white rice or as a soup, garnish with fresh parsley, and enjoy!
- If you make it, please send me a pic!

בתיאבון !

Some Hebrew Music and Happy Birthday!

As I mentioned before, November 23rd is my grandmother's, Levana, birthday. My Grandma was born in 1946, in Rabat, Morocco, with the name Bida, which means moon, and made Aliya with her family when she was around 6. Once in Israel, she changed her name to Levana (לבנה), which also means moon (ירח) in Hebrew. Growing up in Jaffa, oldest amongst 7 siblings, my grandmother managed to take care of everyone without any compromises, and made a home for herself, marrying Uri (ז"ל), my grandfather, and moving to Bat-Yam, later having 3 kids, Yair, Naomi (my mom) and Ilan. When my grandfather passed away, she moved to Holon, and basically raised me and my brothers as a third parent. She made sure we always had food on the table and anything we needed. We have a very special bond and I miss her a lot around that time of the year. I want to dedicate the song "אישה נאמנה" (Loyal Woman) by singer Ishay Levi to her. In the song, the singer thanks the woman for being a pillar in his life, for supporting him through everything and goes on to say that she's the only thing that keeps him sane/intact. I feel the same way towards my grandmother and I thank her everyday for being a part of my life. Call your grandma and tell them you love them for me, I think that's the best birthday gift they will ever ask for...

Happy 76th Birthday Grandma! Love you so much!

See You Later & Keep In Touch!

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That's it for this time!

Hope you enjoyed this issue! I want to take this opportunity and wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a safe and healthy winter!

La'Shalom,
Snir



"כי אין צייר שמסוגל לצייר לי את
יופיך,
אני גם לא אמצא פסל שייפסל את
מבטך.
כל הכוחות שמחזיקים אותי בתוך
הנשמה,
הם את אישה נאמנה."

**"There's no painter, that could
draw your beauty,
I'll never find a Sculptor to sculpt
your look,
Every bit of force inside my soul
that holds me intact, are you,
loyal woman."**



Listen to the song
"אישה נאמנה" here



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Alexander Muss High School In Israel



Blonde Snir
(AKA Snir Shadey)



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Want to go through The Holy Land like you never did before? Now it's your chance! Check out those amazing and unique Israel trip programs! Some include volunteering in an IDF base, some include digging through amazing archeological sites, and some offer A LOT of chilling on the Tel-Aviv beach! One thing for sure, there's something for everyone! Reach out to Snir for any question you may have!

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- Trip combined with meaningful volunteer work.
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- LOTS of programs for young adults from 16 to 35.
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MORE INFO:

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- Cultural exchange with teens your age on the trip.
- 4 options to choose from and also a customizable one!
- Bonus: Travel with your URJ camp friends!

MORE INFO:

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- **RootOne** helps thousands of Jewish teens travel to Israel each summer for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. RootOne is an ambitious initiative, seeded by a generous gift from The Marcus Foundation and powered by The Jewish Education Project.
- **Dream Israel** helps American high school students like you take the Israel trip of their dreams. By fundraising for a Jewish National Fund-USA project in Israel, you are eligible for up to \$7,500 in grants on qualifying study abroad programs.



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