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ועתה כתבו
לכם את השירה
הזאת ולמדה
את בני ישראל

דברים ל"א: י"ט

*Now therefore write this song [the Torah] for yourselves,
and teach it to Bnai Yisrael. Devarim 31:19*

Sha'alvim 50th Anniversary - Sefer Torah

A Sefer Torah to travel with our Hesder/IDF Units
and to be used in the Sha'alvim Bet Midrash



Rav Yamin Goldsmith, Rosh HaYeshiva Rav Yakobson, Rav Ari Waxman and Milton Cohen beginning writing of Sefer Torah at the 49th Anniversary Dinner.



Rabbi Allen Schwartz is joined by Moshe Orenbuch, Alex Hornstein, David Goldsmith and Milton Cohen in the celebration.



Alumni, parents and friends spontaneously began dancing around the Rosh Hayeshiva during the writing of the sefer Torah.
(pictured left to right Rav Ari Waxman, Stuart Wagner and Joey Bodner)



Rav Yakobson, Rav Yamin Goldsmith, Rav Gershon Turetsky and Milton Cohen along with Sha'alvim for Women Alumni share in the nachat.



Celebrating are (left to right) David Goldsmith (President, American Friends of Sha'alvim), Allen Fagin (Chairman of the Board, American Friends of Sha'alvim) and Baruch Bronner (President, Sha'alvim Israel).

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The mitzvah of writing a Sefer Torah is the last mitzvah of the 613 mitzvot, as written: "And now write this song".

The authorities debate if this mitzvah can be fulfilled via a partnership. However, the Pitchei Teshuva (Yoreh Deah, Siman 274) has testified "the established practice is to fulfill this mitzvah with groups of people participating; each individual fulfills his obligation".

A custom of the Jewish People qualifies as halacha. Perhaps a hint towards this minhag lies in the fact that the previous mitzvah is that of "hakhel". The entire nation unites- men, women and children- to attend the reading of the Torah from the king. We unite as one to accept the Torah as one person.

There is a special quality in writing a Sefer Torah as a partnership. The joint writing unites elders and youth, men, women and children. The Torah unites us for a sacred purpose, for a great mitzvah. We receive from, and give encouragement to each other in accepting the Rule of Hashem.

This concept receives additional significance in the form of a Sefer Torah written in honor of the jubilee year of Yeshivat Sha'alvim. The entire family of Yeshivat Sha'alvim joins together in a sacred endeavor intended to strengthen the yeshiva and its students.

Everyone is a partner; each according to his capabilities. This Sefer Torah expresses our partnership and it unites us in the building of Torah- both written and oral, in the Land of Israel and outside, for the individual and for the collectivity.

From the depths of my heart, I appreciate and bless all the participants in this holy endeavor. May Hashem fulfill the desires of your heart in both material and spiritual pursuits, and may you merit the fulfillment of the verse, "It is a tree of life for all who strengthen her".



הרב יחזקאל יעקבסון
Rav Yechezkel Yakobson

מצוות כתיבת ספר תורה היא המצוה האחרונה במנין המצוות - מצוה תרי"ג: "ועתה כתבו לכם את השירה הזאת".

כידוע, הפוסקים דנים בתשובותיהם אם יוצאים ידי חובה בכתיבת ספר תורה בשותפות. אך כבר העיד הפתחי תשובה ביו"ד סימן רע"ד שהמנהג פשוט הוא בעיני כל בחברות שכותבים ספר תורה בשותפות וכל אחד יוצא בו.

מנהג ישראל תורה היא. שמא נוכל למצוא רמז למנהג בעבודה שהמצוה שקדמה לכתיבת ספר תורה היא מצוות הקהל. במצוות הקהל נאספים כל ישראל כאיש אחד אנשים נשים וטף. ושומעים את קריאת התורה ביחד כציבור, מפי מלך ישראל. זהו מעמד של קבלת תורה של כלל ישראל יחד כאיש אחד.

ואכן ישנה מעלה מיוחדת גם בדוקא בכתיבת ספר תורה שבו שותפים ולכתיבתו מתאחדים גדולים וקטנים, אנשים נשים וטף. כך התורה מאחדת אותנו כך נעשים כולנו שותפים, ואחים למשימה קדושה, ולמצוה גדולה. כולם מקבלים עול מלכות שמים זה מזה ונותנים רשות זה לזה.

את הדברים הללו ניתן לומר ביתר שאת בכתיבת ספר התורה הזה שנכתב לכבודה של ישיבת שעלבים לרגל יובל ה-50 להווסדה. כאן מתאחדים כל בני המשפחה, משפחת שעלבים למשימת קודש שנועדה גם לחזק את הישיבה ואת לומדיה.

כל אחד ואחד הוא שותף, אחד המרבה ואחד הממעיט. ספר התורה הזה מבטא את השותפות והוא מאחד את כולנו בבנין התורה, תורה שבכתב ותורה שבעל פה, תורה שבארץ ישראל ובעולם כולו בנין התורה הפרטי והכללי.

הנני מודה מקרב לב ומברך את כל השותפים, שימלא הקב"ה משאלות ליבכם לטובה בגשמיית וברוחניות, ויקוים בכם הכתוב: "עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה ותומכיה מאושר".

Begun at the 49th Anniversary Dinner by the Rosh Yeshiva, Harav Yechezkel Yakobson, we are with G-d's help, going to complete the writing of this sefer Torah at the 50th Annual Dinner in Spring 2011.

We encourage all parents, alumni, staff and friends to join in the writing of a Torah for Yeshivat Sha'alvim. This Torah scroll will help Sha'alvim students fulfill their mission in two arenas. First, it will be housed in the bet midrash on our campus in Sha'alvim Israel. Second, when the Hesder students train in military operations, it will accompany groups of our talmidim. This Sefer Torah will also be used in special programs and events, such as accompanying our students to Poland, Germany and other Eastern European countries visited on the Heritage program.

ABOUT THE SOFRIM:

The OT INSTITUTE is located in Jerusalem and its sofrim have written and recovered hundreds of Sifrei Torah. The Institute is led by Harav Yitzchack Goldstein '72 and Harav Yizchak Steiner, the sofrim who rescued 54 Torah scrolls from Iraq (while under the control of Saddam Hussein) by smuggling them in giant truck tires. Rav Yitzchack Goldstein is an ALUMNUS of Yeshivat Sha'alvim, studied with the Rosh HaYeshiva Rav Yechezkel Yakobson while they were both students. He also served in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) in several military operations. Don't miss this opportunity to take part in the mitzvah of writing an extraordinary Sefer Torah.

Sha'alvim 50th Anniversary - Sefer Torah Ha'omdim Al Mishmar Artzeinu

All donations to the sefer Torah campaign at or above \$1,800 will be invited for a personal opportunity to write a letter in the sefer Torah at its completion during the Yeshiva's 50th anniversary celebration dinner in Spring 2011.

Ark (reinforced metal)	\$18,000
Parchment	\$10,000
Sefer/Chumash	\$10,000
Special Sections	\$3,600
Silver Yad	\$2,500
Atzai Chaim/Torah Rollers (4)	\$2,500
Bein Gavra Cover (bet. Aliyot)	\$2,500
Weekly Parsha (ie bar mitzvah parsha) (54)	\$1,800
Torah Gartel	\$1,000
Perek/Chapter	\$500
3 Passukim/3 Verses	\$180
Word	\$54
Letter (adult)	\$36
Letter (child)	Childs Age

BERESHEIT	\$10,000
Parashat Beresheit	\$1,800
Parashat Noach	\$1,800
Parashat Lech-Lecha	\$1,800
Parashat Vayera	\$1,800
Parashat Chayei Sara	\$1,800
Parashat Toldot	\$1,800
Parashat Vayetzei	\$1,800
Parashat Vayishlach	\$1,800
Parashat Vayeshev	\$1,800
Parashat Miketz	\$1,800
Parashat Vayigash	\$1,800
Parashat Vayechi	\$1,800

SHEMOT	\$10,000
Parashat Shemot	\$1,800
Parashat Vaera	reserved
Parashat Bo	\$1,800
Parashat Beshalach	\$1,800
Parashat Yitro	\$1,800
Parashat Mishpatim	\$1,800
Parashat Terumah	\$1,800
Parashat Tetzaveh	\$1,800
Parashat Ki Tisa	\$1,800

Parashat Vaykhel	\$1,800
Parashat Pekudei	\$1,800
VAYIKRA	\$10,000
Parashat Vayikra	\$1,800
Parashat Tzav	\$1,800
Parashat Shmini	reserved
Parashat Tazria	\$1,800
Parashat Metzora	\$1,800
Parashat Achrei Mot	\$1,800
Parashat Kedoshim	\$1,800
Parashat Emor	\$1,800
Parashat Behar	\$1,800
Parashat Bechukotai	\$1,800

BAMIDBAR	\$10,000
Parashat Bamidbar	\$1,800
Parashat Nasso	\$1,800
Parashat Beha'alotcha	reserved
Parashat Sh'lach	\$1,800
Parashat Korach	\$1,800
Parashat Chukat	\$1,800
Parashat Balak	\$1,800
Parashat Pinchas	\$1,800
Parashat Matot	\$1,800
Parashat Masei	\$1,800

DVARIM	\$10,000
Parashat Devarim	\$1,800
Parashat Vaetchanan	reserved
Parashat Eikev	\$1,800
Parashat Re'eh	\$1,800
Parashat Shoftim	reserved
Parashat Ki Teitzei	\$1,800
Parashat Ki Tavo	\$1,800
Parashat Nitzavim	\$1,800
Parashat Vayeilech	\$1,800
Parashat Ha'Azinu	reserved
Parashat Vezot Habera'hah	\$1,800

SPECIAL SECTIONS	
Six Days of Creation (6) <i>Bresheit</i>	\$3,600
Shabbos Seventh Day of Creation <i>Bresheit</i>	\$3,600
Sarah's Blessing Childbirth <i>Bresheit 21:1-8</i>	\$3,600
Eliezer and Rebbecca at well <i>Bresheit 24</i>	\$3,600
V'yiten Lecha Isaac's Blessing to Yaakov <i>Bresheit 27:28-29</i>	\$3,600
Hamalach Hagoel Blessing to Children <i>Bresheit 48:16</i>	\$3,600
Jacob's Blessing to his Sons <i>Bresheit 49</i>	\$3,600
Az Yashir Moshe song at the splitting of Red Sea <i>Shemot 15: 1-21</i>	\$3,600
Parshat Hama'an Parnassa/Livelihood <i>Shemot 16: 4-36</i>	\$3,600
"I am Hashem your Healer" Refuah/Healing <i>Shemot 15:26</i>	\$3,600
10 Commandments <i>Shemot 20: 1-14</i>	\$3,600
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Kohanic Blessings <i>Bamidbar 6: 22-28</i>	\$3,600
Moshe Prayer for Miriam Refuah/Healing <i>Bamidbar 12:13</i>	\$3,600
Mah Tov <i>Bamidbar 24:5</i>	\$3,600
10 Commandments <i>Dvarim 6-18</i>	\$3,600
1st Chapter Shema <i>Dvarim 6: 4-9</i>	\$3,600
2nd Chapter Shema <i>Dvarim 11: 13-21</i>	\$3,600
3rd Chapter Shema Tzitzit <i>Bamidbar 15: 37-41</i>	\$3,600
Song of Moshe <i>Dvarim 32</i>	\$3,600
Moshe Brachot <i>Dvarim 33</i>	\$3,600

About Sha'alvim

The Yeshiva was founded in 1961, adjacent to Kibbutz Sha'alvim on a hill overlooking the Ayalon Valley, which was then just a few meters from the Jordanian border. The first group of 15 young students underwent military training and defended the region at night, while engaging in their studies during the day. Ultimately, they contributed to the unification of Jerusalem in 1967 and other major efforts to defend Israel.

As a dynamic, comprehensive educational center, Sha'alvim has over 2000 Students in branches ranging from a kindergarten to an advanced teacher's college. Sha'alvim's local institutions include: a regional elementary school; junior high school; high school; a Hesder program combining Judaic studies with military training and active service in the Israel Defense Forces; a research fellowship; the Moty Hornstein Institute for Overseas Students and the Sha'alvim Institute for Educational Leadership in the Diaspora. One of our newest programs is the highly acclaimed Sha'alvim For Women (SFW) which has educated hundreds of post-high school young women and helped them grow as B'not Torah.

Today, Sha'alvim is essentially an educational city located halfway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. It trains the next generation of Rabbis and Lay Leadership at an unparalleled level; it aims to battle assimilation by creating generations of Jewish leaders who care, not only for themselves, but for Jews everywhere, whether in Israel or throughout the world.

Over 100 faculty members and married students reside on the 15-acre campus with their respective families. Hundreds of alumni serve in educational and other communal capacities in Israel and in twenty other countries around the world. Our alumni, their parents and friends of the yeshiva are the direct partners of this success and fuel our efforts to be successful in our vital mission.

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