Preface

In this issue of the South African Torah Journal, first we honour a servant of the community whose 1st *yortseit* will be on 13th Kislev, Rabbi Yekutiel Tzvi Shalpid zt'l.

Then there are a couple of articles relevant to Rosh Hashona. We are taken through a progression of degrees of crowning Hashem as King. This is followed by an exploration as to the meaning of life.

The concluding spirited and rousing article shares a few insights related to Simchas Torah, one being why the person called up to finish the yearly Torah reading cycle is called a *Choson Torah*.

The rest of the journal is sweetened by no less than four Torah poems.

May Hashem sweeten for us this new year and bless us with good health amongst an abundance of other good blessings.

I am yours

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