



Young Israel of Greater Miami
May 18, 2019 13 IYAR 5779
PARSHAS EMOR



FRIDAY

Early Mincha	6:21 PM
Early Candle Lighting	6:51 PM
Candle Lighting	7:42 PM
Mincha	7:45 PM

SHABBOS

Early Shachris	7:30 AM
Shachris	9:00 AM
Shiur	7:05 PM
Mincha	7:35 PM
Maariv & Havdalah	8:43 PM

WEEKDAYS

Gemara

Rabbi Lehrfield
 7:25 AM to 7:55 AM

Halacha

Shimshon Mindick
 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Parshas Hashavua

Rabbi Lehrfield
 between Mincha & Ma'ariv

MON / TUES / WED

Halacha

Rabbi Yachnes
 45 minutes before Mincha

TUESDAY

Tanach

Rabbi Lehrfield
 7:30 PM—8:30 PM

Hilchos Shabbos

Rabbi Eisenman 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Chumash

Rabbi Lehrfield
 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

HATZALAH

305-919-4900



D'VAR TORAH — By Rabbi Dovid Lehrfield

In this week's Sedrah we have listed all of our holidays. And our Torah begins with Shabbos. Is Shabbos a holiday? Most certainly. It is Hashem's way of giving us a holiday every week of our lives.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Shiur 7:05, Mincha at 7:35, Maariv and Havdalah are at 8:43.
2. Please enjoy hot coffee and tea in the lobby.
3. Seudah Shlishis is sponsored by Jeffrey & Lina Weiss and Brian & Mimi Sosnow commemorating the Yartzheits of Jeffrey's mother Irene Weiss and Brian's father Yitzchak Yaakov ben Avraham.
4. Sunday June 2nd at 8:15 pm we will be showing the Docudrama "Sabena", based on the diary of Captain Levi the pilot of the hijacked plane on a flight from Brussels to Tel Aviv. Actual footage and interviews. Sponsors needed.
5. Sponsors are needed for the Tikun Leil Shavuot Saturday night June 8th. Please contact the Shul office.
6. Shavuot Luncheon June 10th at 12:00 noon. \$24 for adults, \$15 for children 4-9, children under 4 free.
7. Please pay your Eruv bill.
8. Please pay your dues and or any outstanding balance that you have on your account.
9. We have reserved the first parking space in front of our building for Rabbi Lehrfield. Please do not park there.

PARSHA SUMMARY:

EMOR

SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

."The Torah section of Emor ("Speak") begins with the special laws pertaining to the Kohanim ("priests"), the Kohen Gadol ("high priest"), and the Temple service: A Kohen may not become ritually impure through contact with a dead body, save on the occasion of the death of a close relative. A Kohen may not marry a divorcee, or a woman with a promiscuous past; a Kohen Gadol can marry only a virgin. A Kohen with a physical deformity cannot serve in the Holy Temple, nor can a deformed animal be brought as an offering.

A newborn calf, lamb or kid must be left with its mother for seven days before being eligible for an offering; one may not slaughter an animal and its offspring on the same day.

The second part of Emor lists the annual Callings of Holiness—the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the second day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day; a "remembrance of shofar blowing" on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival—during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the "Four Kinds"—beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the "eighth day" of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).

SHABBOS "INSPIRATION"

Often, when something does not work out as planned, it is common to keep discussing the matter. Such discussions frequently cause needless anger and irritation. Ask yourself: "Was I right in going to such and such a place?" "Was I right in doing this or that?" If what you did was wrong, even if the outcome was successful, it was improper to have done it. Accept responsibility, resolve not to repeat it, and move on. The past is already gone and there is no value in complaining about it.

HAFTORAH**+EZEKIEL 44:15-31****SOURCE: CHA-**

This week's Haftorah discusses various laws that pertain to the kohanim, the priests, a topic also discussed at length in the first part of the week's Torah portion.

Ezekiel prophesizes about the service of the kohanim in the third Holy Temple which will be rebuilt after the Final Redemption. The prophet describes their priestly vestments, their personal care, whom they may and may not marry, and their special purity requirements which preclude them from coming in contact with a corpse, unless it's for a next of kin. He also discusses their calling as teachers and spiritual leaders.

The prophet conveys G-d's word: "You shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession." The kohanim do not receive a portion in the Land of Israel, instead they partake of the sacrifices as well as various tithes.

REFUAH SHLEIMA

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| ♦ Aharon Dovid ben Chaya | ♦ Shmuel ben Sarah |
| ♦ Yochanan Baruch HaKohen ben Frumma Etta | ♦ Chana bas Yaakov |
| ♦ Etta Mindel bas Chana | ♦ Chaim Daniel ben Meri |
| ♦ Tzofia bas Shoshana | ♦ Malka Rivka bas Devorah |
| ♦ Daniel Yaakov ben Masha Tzvia | ♦ Leah bas Annette |
| ♦ Leora Rachel bas Chaya Raizelle | ♦ Michael Ha Levi ben Esther |
| ♦ Boruch ben Sorah Gittel | ♦ Nechama Aidel Malka bas Sara Leah |
| ♦ Etel bas Chana Perel | ♦ Yehuda Meir ben Tzipora |
| ♦ Dina bas Leah | ♦ Netanel Ilan ben Sheyna Tzipora |
| ♦ Leah bas Sora | ♦ Yisroel Yehuda ben Rachel |
| ♦ Devora bas Sora | ♦ Mindal bas Chana |
| ♦ Sara Aria bas Masha Raizel | |
| ♦ Ezra Chaim ben Rivka | |

Sponsors are needed for the Shabbos morning Kiddush following the Main Minyan.

Cost for the "Lite" Kiddush is \$100.

Sponsors are also needed weekly for Seudah Shlishis.

Cost is \$120.

ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS -

IF YOU NEED HOSPITALITY (MEALS) FOR SHABBAT, OR IF YOU CAN INVITE SOMEONE OR A FAMILY FOR MEALS

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"All medicines are effective between Pesach and Shavuos."

- Shmuel, the famous 2nd century Amora (also a physician), Shabbat 147b

Paralleling the Jews' exodus from Egypt, we attain a 'spiritual high' each year on Pesach. However, this experience 'passes over' the step-by-step climb that is usually required to achieve such a level. It is a divine gift or, as the mystics call it, an "is'arusa d'leila" - a stirring from Above. In contrast, the Omer period is our effortful, gradual ascent culminating with Shavuos; "is'arusa d'lasata", a stirring from below.

We are told that the month of Iyar, which sits in the middle of these fifty days, is a month earmarked for health and healing. (Ta'amei HaMinhagim, 603) Regarding the Talmudic quote mentioned above, the Chasam Sofer (in his chiddushim) comments that it is not just the days of the Omer, but, specifically, the month of Iyar that is so auspicious for improving our well-being. He cites two verses whose acronym spell the word "Iyar", both of which concern health. The first verse is "Ani Hashem Rofecha" – I am G-d, your healer (Shemos 15:26).[1] The second verse is from Tehilim (6:11) describing Dovid HaMelech's recovery from sickness, "...Oyevai Yashuvu, Yeivoshu Rega." - may my enemies return and be shamed in a moment. Like aftershocks from a major earthquake, truth has a way of reverberating outwards even into the secular world at large. With this in mind, Rav Avraham Yehoshua Heshel of Apte in his sefer Ohev Yisrael (Likutim) points out that even in the non-Jewish world, it is recognized that the corresponding secular month of May is known as a month favorable for health.[2] He goes so far as to point out that the gematria of the transliterated name 'May' is 50 (Mem=40, yud=10). This hints to the 50 levels of purity that the Jews ascend on their way to Har Sinai. (By the way, May is pronounced "May" in every language since the time that the Roman's name it.)

Coming out of Egypt, we were in a severely broken physical state. (Bamidbar Rabbah 7:1) In order to be proper vessels to receive the Torah, Hashem provided us with the mann which healed us from all of our physical ailments. So, it is logical then, that on the full moon of Iyar the mann initially began to fall. This might be another, albeit deeply esoteric, reason behind the name of the month. For, where else do you take a person in need of immediate medical attention, but the emergency room? The "E.R."...Iyar...get it? (Sorry, I couldn't resist :)

What we see, clearly, is that the driving force behind striving for optimal health should be to serve as a prerequisite for fulfilling Torah and mitvos. Listen to this incredible quote by Jewish history's most famous health coach, the Rambam: "Keeping the body healthy and whole is part of the ways of Hashem." (Hilchos De'os 4:1) Health is not a goal, but rather a means to aid in our ultimate purpose.

When the Temple stood, Iyar and the entire Omer period was an extremely joyous time, being nestled between the pilgrimage holidays of Pesach and Shavuos. Since that time, Iyar has suffered from a 'bout of depression' due to the destruction of the Temple and the loss of Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 students. "Physician, heal your own limp!" (Bereishis Rabba 23:5) Might we say that we are witnessing Iyar's slow recovery over the long dark exile? Injected into Iyar has been the pivotal, joyous days of Lag BaOmer, Yom HaAtzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim.

"May" it's complete recovery come k'heref ayin...in the blink of an eye!

[1] For three reasons why there is only one Yud in the verse, while Iyar has two Yud's, see Sha'ar Yisaschar.

[2] By the way, May has been officially recognized as National Mental Health Month.

YOUTH PAGE

Shabbos Groups for younger boys and girls and older girls at 9:00 am in the 1st classroom upstairs. Groups for older boys at 9:30 in the second classroom upstairs

Mazal Tov to Shabbos Imas Avigayil and Ariella Goldsmith

Parshas Emor

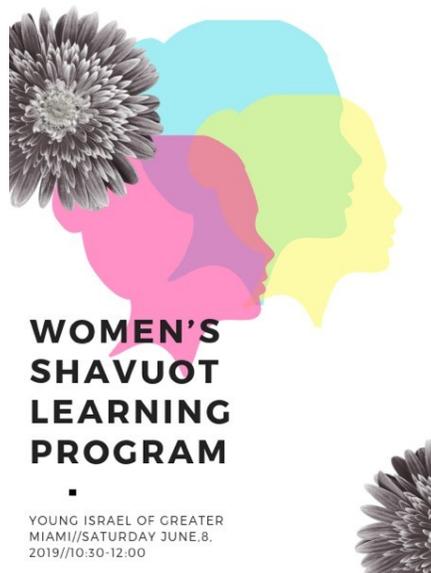
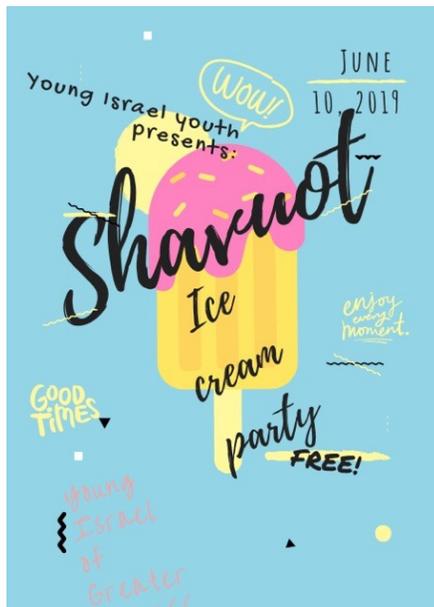
- 1- When may a Kohen become tameh for a dead person?
- 2- How does one honor a Kohen?
- 3- What is a Kiddush Hashem?
- 4- What is a Chillul Hashem?
- 5- Which Yom Tov is celebrated on the 15th of Nisan?
- 6- What must we begin counting from the 2nd day of Pesach?
- 7- Which Yom Tov is celebrated after 49 days of the Omer?
- 8- What is Terumah?

Parsha thought to ponder:

In this week's Parsha, it discusses the counting of the Omer (Sefirat haOmer). Why are we so excited to count every day...?

Happy Birthday!

Maya Rotenberg May 7, Rochel Boaz May 13, Shimon Areyeh May 28



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