

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

May 20, 2017 Parshat Behar-Bechukotai 24 Iyar 5777



Behar=Bechukotai Times & Numbers

Candle Lighting- 7:54
Mincha- 7:00
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Junior Cong.- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha- 7:50 pm
Shabbat Ends- 9:00

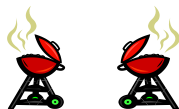


BEHAR: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 24
7 MITZVOT ASEH (POSITIVE COMMANDMENT)
17 MITZVOT LO TAASEH (NEGATIVE COMMANDMENT – PROHIBITION)
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 57
NUMBER OF WORDS: 737
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 2817

BECHUKOTAI: NUMBER OF MITZVOT: 12
7 MITZVOT ASEH
15 MITZVOT LO TAASEH
NUMBER OF PESUKIM: 78
NUMBER OF WORDS: 1013
NUMBER OF LETTERS: 3992

THERE WILL BE ALL NIGHT LEARNING (AND FRESH PIZZA & LOTS OF SNACKS) FOR TEENS THE FIRST NIGHT OF SHAVUOT MAY 30!

SAVE THE DATE: THIS YEAR'S EPIC SHAVUOT BBQ AT THE YOUTH HOUSE: JUNE 1- 1:00PM



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Rabbi Sam Klibanoff
Rabbi Natan Kapustin, Assistant Rabbi
Presidents: Neil Kaplan & Allan Schall
Youth Director: Yoni Glatt

THE FARMERS TITHE

The final *mitzvah* in the book of *Vayikra* is for a farmer to give a tenth of his cattle to *Hashem*. If a Jewish farmer raises cows, sheep or goats he has a *mitzvah* to give every tenth new born animal to *Hashem*. This *mitzvah* is called "*Ma'aser Behaima*." Here's how it's done:

Once a year a farmer takes all the animals born that year into a stable with a door too small for more than one animal to exit at a time. Their mothers are left outside so the young animals will want to leave the stable. The farmer counts the animals as they leave. Every 10th animal that comes out is touched with a stick that has been dipped in red paint. Then the farmer calls out "This animal is *Ma'aser*." The farmer then takes these chosen animals to *Yerushalayim* where the *Kohain* slaughters them. Next, the *Kohain* burns the inner parts on the *Mizbayach* (Altar) as a sacrifice to *Hashem* and gives the meat to the farmer who is permitted to eat the meat only in *Yerushalayim*.

Part of *Hashem's* plan is to make sure that even a farmer who works morning till night will find the time to study and appreciate *Torah*. The farmer would then return to his family with a great sense of understanding and welcome the *Shechina* into every aspect of his life.



"Quote of the Week"

"Just 5 minutes of *Torah* study a day can keep the GPS of your soul accurate and make sure you're heading in the right direction."

Rabbi Yom Tov Glaser

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the city of Jerusalem has been captured and re-captured 44 times? This is more than any other Western city in history. The city of Xi'an aka Hao, China has switched hands 51 times. The most recent re-capture of course happened in 1967 when Israel won control of the entire city from Jordan (not "The Palestinians"). This Tuesday we celebrate the 50th anniversary of this historic event, and we pray that there will never be a 45th capture.

YIDDLE RIDDLE

THE FIRST KID TO TELL YONI THE ANSWER GETS \$3
MM, THE SECOND GETS \$2, AND THE THIRD GETS
\$1- NO TELLING THE ANSWER TO EACH OTHER!

**Shavuot is almost here, it's the truth
And on it we read the Book of Ruth
A midrash says she had this nephew that was bad
He was pretty big and died when he was mad**

Last Week:

Such a powerful weapon this could be
It's killed and enslaved those who were free
The wicked use it without blinking
While the innocent use it without thinking
A- Lashon Hara



**At the Paper Mill
Playhouse- 6/21
Talk to Yoni for more details.
(Tickets nearly sold out!)**



**BASKETBALL IS BACK !
FRIDAY MAY 12 430 PM
AT THE
YOUTH HOUSE
STARTING
BOYS IN GRADES 7
AND UP
ARE WELCOME
WEATHER PERMITTING.**

**MIDOT MATTER MOST...
DON'T LIE OR MAKE EXCUSES.
SOMETIMES YOU'RE WRONG,
AND THAT'S OK.**

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְם) n.

1. Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.
2. Zoology-behavior by an animal that is not beneficial to or may be harmful to itself but that benefits others of its species.



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