

# 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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## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this historic event, and we pray that there will never be a 45<sup>th</sup> capture.

## **VIDDLE 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



**BASKETBALL IS BACK !  
FRIDAY MAY 12 4:30 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

(ăl' trōō- īz' ām) 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.

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH's

**MARY POPPINS**  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL  
MAY 24-JUNE 25, 2017

**At the Paper Mill**

**Playhouse- 6/21**

**Talk to Yoni for more details.  
(Tickets nearly sold out!)**



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