

Youth Happenings @ Congregation Etz Chaim

May 11, Parsha Behar- Bechukotai, 27 Iyar 5778



Behar-Bechukotai Times & Numbers:

Candle Lighting- 7:31pm
Mincha- 7:00pm
Shacharit- 9:00 am
Teen Minyan- 9:45
Jr. Congregation- 10:15
Tot Shabbat- 10:15
Mincha -7:25
Shabbat Ends- 8:40 pm



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



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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 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 til night will find the time to study & 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.

**LUNCH AT THE YOUTH HOUSE FOR ALL TEENS IN
GRADES 8-12.**

**THIS SHABBAT MAY 11th- 12:00pm.
PLEASE RSVP WITH YONI.**

**SAVE THE DATE:
THIS YEAR'S EPIC SHAVUOT BBQ
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE:
MAY 21- 1:00PM**



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 Sunday we celebrate the 51st anniversary of this historic event, and we pray that there will never be a 45th capture.

YIDDLE RIDDLE ??????

THE FIRST KID WHO TELLS YONI THE ANSWER GETS \$3 MM,
THE SECOND GETS \$2, & THE THIRD GETS \$1- NO TELLNG
THE ANSWER!

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

Last Week-

I am a house that no one lives in
I have a door but no windows
I can be thirty feet tall or four feet small-What
am I?

A- An Aharon Kodesh

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL IS BACK!

**FRIDAYS- 4:30
AT THE YOUTH HOUSE!
GRADES 7 AND UP.
WEATHER PERMITTING.**



ISRAEL THROUGH THE AGES

**Our free ongoing class for
grades 8-12 will return
Monday, May 14 @ 5:45PM.
Dinner & snacks served.
Next class:**

THE YOM KIPPUR WAR

ISRAEL IN THE PARSHA

**JENNIFER ROMANOFF'S
CLASS WILL CONTINUE
MONDAY THE 14TH BEFORE
YONI'S CLASS.**

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

Altruism- Al-tru-ism

(אַלְטְרוּיִזְמוֹ) *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.

TORAH GREATS: THE TAZ 1586-1667

Rav David HaLevi Segal, also known as the Turei Zahav, or more famously The Taz, was born in Ludmir, Ukraine. He became a reputed Talmudic scholar, and married the daughter of Rabbi Yoel Sirkis of Brest, Belarus whom he frequently quoted in his works. After residing with his in-laws and continuing his Torah studies for several years, The Taz and his family moved to Kraków, Poland. He was then appointed chief rabbi of Potelych, Poland, where he lived in great poverty. Later he went to Poznań, Poland where he remained for several years.

Around 1641 he became rabbi of the old community of Ostrog, in Slovenia. There The Taz established a famous *yeshiva*, and was soon recognized as one of the great halakhic authorities of his time. In Ostrog, he wrote a commentary on R' Joseph Caro's *Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh De'ah)*, which he published in Lublin in 1646. This commentary, known as the *Turei Zahav* ("Rows of Gold"), was accepted as one of the highest authorities on Jewish law. Thereafter, Segal became known by the acronym of his work, the *TaZ*. Two years after the publication of his commentary, The Taz and his family had to flee the massacres of the Cossack insurrection under Bogdan Chmielnicki in 1648–1649. The Taz went to Steinitz, Moravia (Czech Republic), where he remained for some time. Not happy in Moravia, he returned to Poland as soon as order was restored, settling in Lemberg, where he remained for the rest of his life. In Lemberg, The Taz was appointed Av Beit Din and became chief rabbi as well.

The Taz's last days were saddened by the death of his two sons, Mordechai and Solomon, who were killed in the riots occurring in Lemberg in the spring of 1664. His wife had died long before; and The Taz married the widow of her brother, Rav Samuel Hirz. His third son from his first marriage, Isaiah, and his stepson, Aryeh Löb, were the two Polish scholars who were sent to Turkey in 1666 to investigate the claims of the false-Messiah, Shabbetai Tzvi. The two returned with a present for Segal from Shabbetai Tzvi — a white silk robe, along with a letter in which Tzvi promised to avenge the wrongs of the Jews of Poland (he didn't).

The Taz's descendants were the Russian rabbinical family Paltrowitch, which produced 33 rabbis over several generations; it's believed actress Gwyneth Paltrow and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords are also descendants.