

SHABBOS PARSHAS KI SISA PARSHAS PARAH

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Mincha **6:10PM** Candle Lighting **6:10PM**

SHABBOS, MARCH 6

Shacharis 9:00AM Latest Shema 9:43AM Mincha 6:00PM

> Rabbi Fisch will give a class between Mincha and Maariv on the topic of Pesach is Coming! Are You Ready? Part 2

Maariv & Havdallah 7:12PM

Services This Week:

SHACHARIS

Sunday 8:30AM Monday- Friday 6:45AM

MINCHA

Monday- Thursday 3:45PM Sunday-Thursday 6:10PM

Daf Yomi

Monday—Friday 5:45AM Shabbos - Friday 8:15PM Sunday 7:30AM

TORAH READING

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THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

The ancient method of conducting a census was rather strange. Instead of counting heads or writing down the names of all people that were eligible to be counted, there was another unobvious method that carried by our ancestors in the desert after they left Egypt. As our Parsha teaches us, they were told to bring forward a half-shekel coin and contribute that into the public coffers. The amount of the coins contributed would reflect the number of people that needed to be counted. The question still remains to be asked as to why everyone was asked to contribute a half-shekel and not a complete shekel? There are many different answers to this question, and I want to suggest an approach I heard a while back. There are many different ways and paths within the parameters of Halacha of service to G-d. While many people walk down different paths, some prefer to emphasize their personal service or niche in one area more than another. Some areas that I am referring to but obviously are not limited to include the study of Torah, prayer, practicing kindness, love of Israel, Kabbalah, Tikkun Olam, etc. We sometimes tend to get so preoccupied in our personal avoda/ service that we might not appreciate what others are doing for the Jewish people and bring us closer to G-d. The Half- Shekel lesson teaches us that we are not alone in our service and relationship

to G-d but rather part of a greater

whole. While it may be wonderful that you are diligent and even excel at what you are doing to help the Jewish People, please remember that others focus on a different task on assisting Klal Yisrael. Just because they are not practicing the same task does not mean there should not be a recognition that we are just part of a greater whole of the Jewish people. For example, in an ideal world, the yeshiva students who are the spiritual guardians with their study of the Torah would be respecting the soldiers of the IDF who are are the physical guardians of the Jewish state. The opposite should be true as well. Sadly, that is not the case. Each side doesn't recognize the achievement of the other. The lesson of the Half Shekel is more timeless than ever in reminding us that we are just part of a greater bigger picture.

Have a Peaceful Shabbos,

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

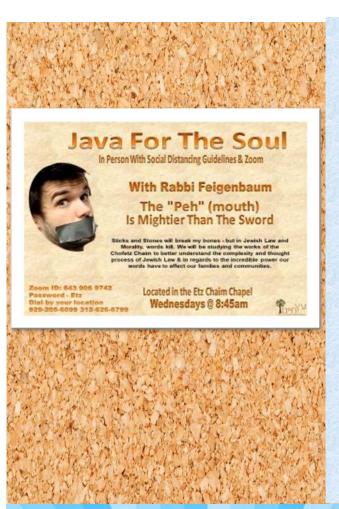






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Monday, March 15th @ 12:30PM

With: Rabbi Feigenbaum Hosted by: JCA 8505 San Jose Boulevard, 32217

THE HOLIDAY OF FREEDOM DURING COVID ERA

Practical Lessons That Apply To Our Daily Lives

Registration is limited to 30 and is a mandatory. Registration @ Rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org

Individually packaged food will be provided.

The L&L will also be on Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 843 906 9742 Passcode: Etz

A very special thank you Dara and Nora Baer for Sponsored in loving memory of their father Kenny Baer. My his memory be for a Blessing.

A Multimedia Presentation by Rabbi Ken Spiro



Rabbi Ken Spiro's quick-paced, humorous style catches and keeps an audience's interest. He is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher for Aish HaTorah Jerusalem and a licensed tour guide from the Israel Ministry of Tourism. Rabbi Spiro graduated from Vassar College with a BA in Russian Language and Literature. He has an MA in History from The Vermont College of Norwich University and Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshiva Aish HaTorah. He has appeared on numerous radio and television and is the author of WorldPerfect and the Crash Course in Jewish History.



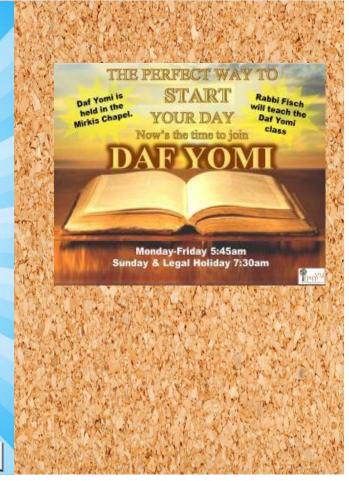
Sunday March 7,14 @ 10:15AM

A four part series of the complex and confrontational relationship Judaism and the Jewish people had with the great civilizations of Antiquity

- 1-Babylon and the destruction of the First Temple
 - 2- Persia and Purim 3- Greece and Hanukah
 - 4- Rome versus Israel Pompei to Hadrian

Zoom Link with Registration @ Etzchaim.org
For Information contact Rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org





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GOVERNOR EXPANDS VACCINE ELIGIBILITY TO EDUCATORS, LAW ENFORCEMENT 50+ AND MEDICALLY VULNERABLE

Persons under 65 deemed medically vulnerable
by a physician (form required);
K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older;
Sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older;
and Firefighters 50 years of age and older

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch will be sharing a daily insight on Pesach Preparations. This will start on Sunday March 7. These insights will be shared on our what's app channel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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MAZEL TOV!



Mazel Tov to the Smolensky family on the Bar Mitzvah celebration of their son Benjamin Smolensky.

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