



בית אהרן

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Congregation Beth Aaron Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Keter Torah. Guests of Honor are **Renee & Harry Harcsztark**. Service Awardees are **Nechama & Steven Pudell**.

The shul office will be closed Monday, January 25th through Thursday, January 28th.

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**Shabbat Announcements**

**Parashat Bo**  
**January 23, 2010 8 Shevat 5770**

- Latest Candles: 4:44 P.M.
- *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 4:50 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: **7:30 A.M.**
- Rabbi Rothwachs' *Tefillah shiur*: 8:20 A.M.
- *Main Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- *Youth Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:41 A.M.
- *Early Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 3:25 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 3:35 P.M. We will continue learning *Sefer Melachim*, chapters 2 & 3.
- *Mincha*: 4:35 P.M.
- *Maariv*: 5:44 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 5:53 P.M.

Schedule for Week of January 24th:		Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
			24	25	26	27	28
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>		6:13	6:12	6:11	6:10	6:10	6:09
<i>Shacharit</i>		6:30	<b>6:01</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>5:59</b>	<b>5:59</b>	<b>5:58</b>
		7:15	6:20	6:30	6:30	6:20	6:30
		8:00	7:10	7:15	7:15	7:10	7:15
		8:45	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
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<i>Mincha</i>		1:00					
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>		4:50	4:50	4:50	4:50	4:50	4:55
<i>Maariv</i>		8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	
		9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

**Weekly Shiurim:**

- *Daf Yomi: Shabbat*: 3:25 P.M. For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to [www.teanekshuls.org/daf](http://www.teanekshuls.org/daf)
- *Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study*: Sunday evening at 8:15 P.M.
- *Rabbi Simon's shiur*: No *shiur* this week
- *Parshat ha-Shavua shiur by Rabbi Neil Lauer*: Join us this week as we continue *Sefer Shemot*: "Bitter End?." Tuesday evening, 8:45 to 9:30 P.M.
- *Rabbi Rothwachs' Bava Kama shiur*: Wednesday evening at 8:30 P.M.
- *Chabura by Rabbi Herschel Grossman on Sefer Nefesh ha-Chaim* - Thursday evening, 8:15 to 9:00 P.M.
- *Morning Mishnah Chabura*: Monday and Thursday - 6:55 A.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:00 A.M.

**Mazal Tov:**

• *Mazal Tov* to Devorah and Moshe Sinensky on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Rabbi Tzvi and Tova Sinensky. *Mazal Tov* also to Tova's parents, David and Chaye Warburg of Englewood.

**Save the date**

The **Beth Aaron Purim Carnival Extravaganza** will take place on Sunday, February 21st.

The next **iRabbi** program, which provides the youth of our *kehillah* with the opportunity to discuss issues of personal importance with the Rabbi, will take place on *Shabbat, Parashat Yitro*, February 5-6 for 11th-12th graders. On Friday evening, February 5th, at 8:00 P.M., boys in grades 11-12 will meet at the Rothwachs home. On *Shabbat*, February 6th, at 3:45 P.M., girls in grades 11-12 will meet at the Rothwachs home.

Participants are encouraged to come prepared with questions to ask the Rabbi about topics of concern to them--*hashkafa*, *halacha*, social issues, etc. You may also e-mail questions anonymously to [iRabbi@live.com](mailto:iRabbi@live.com).

On *Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim*, February 12th-13th, Beth Aaron is excited to welcome Jewish music sensation, **Eitan Katz**, for a very special weekend. Eitan's latest album release, *Boruch Hu*, is a continuation of Eitan's trademark style, in which he has been able to both entertain and spiritually uplift the listener. Eitan will be the guest *ba'al tefillah* throughout *Shabbat*, which will include an inspiring and *ruach*-filled davening on Friday night. There will be a spirited *Oneg Shabbat* with Eitan at the Rothwachs home at 8:15 P.M., on Friday night, which will include singing and *divrei Torah* and promises to be a very special experience. Eitan and his band will also be performing a concert on *motzaei Shabbat* at the shul at 8:00 P.M. Admission at the door will be \$10 per person. For more information about Eitan, go to [www.eitankatz.com](http://www.eitankatz.com).

It is a big *zechut* to prepare a *tikkun* for a departed relative on their *yahrtzeit*. We encourage you to make a *lechaim*, a *bracha* on *mezonot* and a *shehakol* on a piece of herring with your Beth Aaron friends, so that the *neshama* of your beloved relative should have an *aliya*. However, we request that you please respect the shul and its appearance. Next time, when you are gathering your things to bring to the *Beit Knesset* for a *tikkun*, please include a disposable tablecloth. Additionally, I ask that we all assist by cleaning up and disposing of whatever is left over and not leave it to be cleaned up by others. Everyone's cooperation is encouraged and appreciated. Thanking you in advance.  
 —Ronnie Schwartz

### Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

On Saturday night, February 6th, at 7:30 P.M., **Jeremy Gimpel**, the host of **Tuesday Night Live in Jerusalem**, the only Jewish TV show broadcast from Jerusalem to the world, will be speaking at Beth Aaron on "**Torah, Inspiration and Entertainment: The Settlement Freeze, Neo-Zionism and Yemot ha-Mashiach.**" For more information about Jeremy Gimpel and Tuesday Night Live in Jerusalem, go to [www.thelandofisrael.com](http://www.thelandofisrael.com).

Our minds might be on the big football game in Miami, but pitchers and catchers are set to report in a few weeks. On Sunday, February 7th, the Men's Club is pleased to welcome **Bob Klapisch**, sports columnist for The Record and ESPN.com, back to Beth Aaron for a discussion of the 2010 baseball season. The talk will start after the last morning *minyan* (approximately 9:30 A.M.). There is no charge to attend, and a light breakfast will be served.

The next **Sisterhood Book Club** selection is "My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq," by Ariel Sabar. The date of the next meeting will be announced. For more information, contact Diane Fogel, (201) 837-0651, [difogel@aol.com](mailto:difogel@aol.com).

*Mazal Tov* to Joel Richter on taking first place in the **Third Annual Men's Club Cholent Challenge**. Joel will receive a \$100 gift card to Chef Central. *Yasher Koach* to the other eight participants (listed in no particular order): Dora Suldan, Moshe Schaffer, Andy Fink, Mo-B Singer, Steven Gellerstein, Jason David, David and Deena Fisher, and Garron Macklin. If anyone would like to share their recipe in the Kol Beth Aaron, please e-mail it to Ari Gononsky, [ari\\_gononsky@yahoo.com](mailto:ari_gononsky@yahoo.com). Thank you to our sponsor, Dora and Zalman Suldan, in honor of the Men's Club. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to David Goldberg and Joshua Zakheim for coordinating the event and to everyone who came out to taste and vote.

The next **Men's Club Multi-Sponsored Kiddush** is scheduled for February 27th, *Parshat Tetzaveh*. If you are commemorating a *yahrtzeit* or celebrating a happy occasion, please consider being a sponsor of this Kiddush. Sponsorships are \$200. To sponsor, please contact David Goldberg, [goldbergda@yahoo.com](mailto:goldbergda@yahoo.com).

Introducing an innovative and intensive **Bar Mitzvah training class!** In this eight-week Sunday morning seminar, beginning February 7th at TABC, from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M., your son will have the opportunity to personalize his Bar Mitzvah experience through hands-on learning about (1) *tefilin*, (2) becoming a *chazan*, (3) preparing a Bar Mitzvah speech and project, and more. For more information, please contact Rabbi Stephen Knapp, [RabbiKnapp@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiKnapp@gmail.com), (917) 837-2810.

#### Beth Aaron Youth:

- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, January 23rd, at **3:00 P.M.**, at the Dubitsky Home, 259 Carlton Terrace. We will continue studying *Sefer Shmuel*. For more information, contact Doug Dubitsky, [douglas\\_dubitsky@glic.com](mailto:douglas_dubitsky@glic.com).
- The **learning group for 4th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, January 23rd, at **3:20 P.M.**, at the Greengart home, 28 Grayson Place. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Beitzah)*. For more information, please contact Rebecca Kurz, [rkurz1@yahoo.com](mailto:rkurz1@yahoo.com), or Esther Klavan, [eskslp@aol.com](mailto:eskslp@aol.com).
- This *Shabbat*, January 23rd, from 9:15 to 9:30 A.M., all 3rd-5th graders are welcome to join **Tefilah and Shoko**. Cookies and chocolate milk will be served.
- Not going away for winter vacation? **Under-Night 2010** for 3rd-5th graders -- come have fun at the Davids' home (12 Grayson Place) making your own pizza, watching a movie, playing games, and enjoying ice cream sundaes. Girls' Night is on Tuesday, January 26th, from 6:00 to 9:30 P.M. Boys' Night is on Wednesday, January 27th, from 6:00 to 9:30 P.M. The cost is \$6 per child.
- Want to celebrate your child's birthday with their friends in *Shabbat* morning groups? You can sponsor a **birthday kiddush** for your child's group for \$36.
- If you would like to sponsor any of these events, please contact Erica and Jason David, [bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com).

#### Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- On Sunday night, January 31st, at 6:00 P.M., we will be having a **Winter Regional Psych-Up Night** at the shul. Come eat pizza, learn the chapter cheers, and help us make a Chapter banner and tie-dye our Chapter t-shirts! The cost is \$10, and we hope you will come even if you are not attending Winter Regional.
- The **Winter Regional Shabbaton** will take place on the weekend of February 5th-7th in West Orange, at Congregation Ahawas Achim Bnai Jacob and David. The price is \$66 (if paid by January 31st). The buses will be leaving from school on Friday at 2:00 P.M. and returning to Beth Aaron on Sunday at 1:30 P.M. Busing will cost an additional \$20 (more information on the buses to follow). To register, go to [njncsy.org](http://njncsy.org) and click on the Winter Regional link.
- On Sunday, February 7th, from 6:00 to 9:30 P.M. (even if the game is not yet over), we will be having a **Super Bowl Party** at the home of Gavi Baron, 134 Minell Place. Come join all your friends to watch the Super Bowl and compete to make the biggest and best sub sandwiches! The cost is \$10.
- On Sunday, February 21st, we will be having a **Purim Carnival** at the shul. We are looking for volunteers to help run this event. If you are interested in helping us out by running a booth, please contact Danielle. *Chesed* hours can be awarded.
- If you have any questions about our events, please contact Danielle, [bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com), or (201) 247-7961.

#### Beth Aaron Teens (grades 9-12):

- On Friday evening, January 29th, at 8:00 P.M., we will be having an **Oneg** at the shul.
- On Friday, February 5th, Beth Aaron will be hosting Teaneck NCSY for a **Shabbat dinner!** All local teens are invited to the *shul* for lots of great *divrei Torah* and *zmirot*.
- We'd love to hear feedback about past events and ideas for future events. We can be contacted at [bethaaronteens@gmail.com](mailto:bethaaronteens@gmail.com), or by calling Shiffy (Staiman) Friedman, (201) 341-6022, or Noam Friedman, (201) 937-6249.

## Community Announcements

**CareOne**, the kosher rehabilitation and nursing center located at 544 Teaneck Road, needs volunteers to help make a *minyán*. This Friday, *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat* will begin at 4:50 P.M. *Shacharit* will be at 9:00 A.M., followed by a hot *Kiddush*. Youth groups begin at 9:30 A.M. *Mincha* will be at 4:35 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 4:50 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 5:47 P.M.

On Saturday night, February 6th, at 8:00 P.M., at Ma'ayanot High School, 1650 Palisade Avenue, there will be a "**Girls' Night On**" presentation -- sponsored by an initiative that organizes performances for women, by women. Admission is \$15 (\$10 for students). Performers receive a \$5 discount. For more information, go to [www.girlsnighton.com](http://www.girlsnighton.com).

On Saturday night, February 6th, beginning at 8:00 P.M., **New Jersey Yachad**, which provides programs and services for families who have children and young adults with disabilities, will be sponsoring a **Game Night Benefit** at the Space Odyssey, 491 South Dean Street, Englewood. Admission is \$100 per person, which includes two raffle tickets. There will be delicious food, live music, a Chinese auction and a raffle drawing, and participants will have full use of Space Odyssey facilities. For more information, please contact Chani Herrmann, (201) 833-1349, [herrmann@ou.org](mailto:herrmann@ou.org).

On Tuesday, February 9th, at 8:00 P.M., at the gymnasium of Yavneh Academy, 155 Farview Avenue, Paramus, the **Yavneh Parents Association & Auxiliary** will be presenting a "**Ladies Night Out**," featuring the show "**Mom's the Word**" -- a musical cabaret-style parody about the challenges and joys of motherhood. Admission is \$25 per person, and desserts will be served. For more information, please contact Deena Yellin, [dfuksbrumer@yavnehacademy.org](mailto:dfuksbrumer@yavnehacademy.org).

On Tuesday, February 9th, at 8:00 P.M., at the home of Sharon Schur, 1510 Jefferson Street, Chana Bracha Siegelbaum, founder of Midreshet B'erot Bat Ayin, will present a *shiur* for women on the topic of "**Vashti's Tail or Esther's Hidden Face: Two Models of Feminine Empowerment**." For more information, please contact Sharon Schur, (201) 692-3757, [sharonschur@aol.com](mailto:sharonschur@aol.com).

On President's Day, Monday, February 15th, the **Funkey Monkeys** will present a **children's concert** at Yeshivat Ben Porat Yosef, East 243 Frisch Court, Paramus. There will be two separate shows -- at 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door and can be purchased at [www.benporatyosef.org](http://www.benporatyosef.org). Sponsorships are available. For more information, call (201) 845-5007 x10 or e-mail [funkeymonkeytix@gmail.com](mailto:funkeymonkeytix@gmail.com).

On Monday, February 22nd, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., at the office of the Jewish Family Service of Bergen and North Hudson, 1485 Teaneck Road, David Giller, Esq. will present a workshop entitled "**Beating the Economy: Debt Management during Troubling Times**." He will discuss strategies for managing and prioritizing debts, including credit cards, how to deal with creditors and outstanding debts, and how to avoid bankruptcy. For more information, or to register for the workshop, call (201) 837-9090 and ask for IRA, or e-mail [IRA@jfsbergen.org](mailto:IRA@jfsbergen.org).

Registration for the **2010 Yavneh Youth League** season is now open for all 1st-8th graders (boys and girls) who attend any Hebrew day school in the North Jersey area. Yavneh Youth League provides students with an appropriately competitive season on Sunday mornings and weekday evenings in the spring. The focus is on baseball skill building, sportsmanship and fun. Games begins after *Pesach* (with practices scheduled for late March), and playoffs and championships conclude by the end of the school year. For more information, or to download registration materials, go to <http://yavnehyouthleague.com>.

**Beit Issie Shapiro**, an organization that provides services for children with developmental disabilities and their families in Israel, is selling **mishloach manot packages for Purim**. Each beautifully designed box includes a few scrumptious treats, as well as a donation card for the special children of Beit Issie. Boxes are \$8 each or \$100 for 15. Checks should be made payable to AFOBIS (American Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro). To order, please contact Becky Wolf, (201) 928-0542, [gzwmom@yahoo.com](mailto:gzwmom@yahoo.com). For more information, go to [www.beitissie.co.il/eng](http://www.beitissie.co.il/eng).

**Sharsheret** is selling **Purim cards**, which are a wonderful way to send best wishes to loved ones in lieu of *Mishloach Manot*. The cards come in packages of 12 for a contribution of \$36. They can be purchased online at [www.sharsheret.org/purimcards.php](http://www.sharsheret.org/purimcards.php) or by calling (866) 474-2774.

UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey's Israel Programs Center offers both [needs-based](#) and [merit scholarships](#) to high school and college students wishing to participate in an Israel Experience. To learn more about **Scholarships to Israel**, go to [www.ujanni.org/ipc](http://www.ujanni.org/ipc). The application deadline is **Friday, February 26th**.

### Parasha Questions for Parashat Bo:

- (a) The *Torah* states that *Hashem* performed the miracles in *Mitzrayim* "in order that you will tell your son and grandson." Why did He mention "your son and grandson" (2 reasons)? (b) Why were the *Mitzrim* (1) at first pleased and (2) then disappointed when the *arbeh* (locusts) came? (c) When the *Torah* says, "before it, there was never a locust-swarm like it, and after it there will not be its equal," does this mean that no locusts would ever again cause destruction in *Mitzrayim*? (*Shemot* 10:1-2,14)
- (a) Since *Mishlei* 21:27 states, "*zevach resha'im to'aiva*" (the sacrifice of villains is an abomination), how could *Moshe* tell the evil *Pharaoh* that he would accept his offerings to *Hashem* (2 explanations)? (b) Why did *Moshe* insist that *Pharaoh* allow *Bnei Yisrael* to take every animal of their livestock from *Mitzrayim* to serve *Hashem* (2 reasons)? (*Shemot* 10:25-26)
- (a) In describing *makat bechorot*, why is "*bechor*" stated 4 times, i.e., (1) every *bechor*; and the *bechor* of: (2) *Pharaoh*; (2) a maidservant; and (4) every animal? (b) *Bava Kama* 60b states that when the *Malach ha-Mavet* (Angel of Death) comes, dogs howl; why were the dogs silent during *makat bechorot* (slaying of the firstborn)? (c) Why did *Hashem* specifically want the dogs to be silent? (d) What was the reward for dogs for not barking during *makat bechorot*? (*Shemot* 11:5,7)
- (a) Which 5 of the 613 *mitzvot* in *Parashat Bo* are *mitzvot asei* (positive *mitzvot*) performed on *erev Pesach* or *Pesach*? (b) Which 11 *mitzvot lo ta'aseh* (negative *mitzvot*) in the *parasha* are prohibitions on *Pesach*? (*Shemot* 12:6-13:8)
- (a) Why does the *Torah* call the first night of *Pesach* "*leil shimurim*" (5 explanations)? (b) What are 5 laws or customs connected to the *Seder* night being *leil shimurim*? (*Shemot* 12:42)
- (a) When the verse says, "you shall tell your son on that day, saying: '*ba-avur zeh*' (because of this), *Hashem* acted on my behalf when I left *Mitzrayim*": (1) to what does "*zeh*" refer (3 explanations)? (2) to which son is this response directed at the *Seder*? (b) Why is the donkey the only non-kosher animal whose firstborn must be redeemed (4 explanations)? (*Shemot* 13:8,13)
- In the *haftara*, whom does *Yirmiyahu* describe as locusts that will destroy *Mitzrayim*? (*Yirmiyahu* 46:23)

## Learning Opportunities

• The **Amud Yomi shiur** meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael.

### Motzei Shabbat

Rabbi Reisman's satellite *Navi shiur*: 7:30 P.M. at Keter Torah.

### Sunday

• On Sunday, January 24, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Midreshet Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for women. The program which will be held at the Shenk Shul in the Schottenstein Center (on West 185th Street, between Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenues) is open to participants of all ages, backgrounds, and learning levels. Admission is free, and no registration is required. This week, Midreshet Yom Rishon will feature **Mrs. Rachel Weinstein** and **Rabbi Elchanan Adler**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 A.M.; second *shiur* starts at 10:30 A.M. For more information or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, please visit [www.midreshetyomrison.org](http://www.midreshetyomrison.org) or (212) 960-0041.

• On Sunday, January 24, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Kollel Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for men. The program, which will be held in Furst Hall Room 501 (500 West 185th Street, at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue) is open to participants of all ages, backgrounds, and learning levels. Admission is free,

and no registration is required. This week, Kollel Yom Rishon will feature **Rabbi Moshe Tandler** and **Rabbi Michael Rosensweig**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 A.M., second *shiur* starts at 10:30 A.M. For more information or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, please visit [www.kolleyomrison.org](http://www.kolleyomrison.org) or call (212) 960-0041.

• The **Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group** will meet this Sunday, January 24th, at the Stobezki home, 1117 Trafalgar Street.

### Monday

• Each Monday, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., a **Tehillim group** will meet at Rochi Lerner's home, 274 Johnson Avenue.

### Tuesday

• Rochi Lerner's **Tehillim shiur** takes place every Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M. at Rochi Lerner's home, 274 Johnson Avenue.

### Wednesday

• On Wednesday mornings, at 10:30 A.M., Rochi Lerner presents a **Megillat Esther shiur**, in memory of the Seidenfeld children, at the Lerner home, 274 Johnson Avenue.

• Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening *shiur* takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.

### Thursday

• **Rabbi Yissocher Frand's** weekly *shiur* will be broadcast at 9:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.

• Each Thursday evening, at 8:30 P.M., at the Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue, **Rabbi Roberts** gives a **Parasha Shiur**, followed by *maariv* at 9:30 P.M.

• Rochi Lerner's Thursday morning *shiur* at Yeshivat Noam will continue on February 4th, at 11:00 A.M. The *shiur* explores the characters of *Yitzchak* and *Shimshon*.

### Friday

• The **Bergen County Kollel for Baalei Batim** now meets on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 9:45 A.M. in the library in the basement of Congregation Beth Aaron. *Shiurim* include *mussar*, *gemara* and *halacha*. You can attend one or more of the *shiurim*. This week, we hope to be finish *Masechet Ketubot* and start *Masechet Bava Kama*. For more information, call Bob Oppenheimer, (201) 280-1780, Hertzal Benji, (201) 261-1453, or David Sivetsky (201) 836-8291.

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning, **Keter Torah** presents **Torah in the AM**: 9:00 to 9:40 A.M. - *Navi chavura* on *Sefer Shmuel Bet*; 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. - Rabbi Menachem Meier's *Talmud shiur* on *Bava Metzia*, Chapter 5; 10:50 to 11:40 A.M.-Rabbi Meier's *shiur* on Jeremiah (Thursday only); 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon - Rabbi Baum's *shiur* on *Sefer Ezra* (Tuesday only)

## Answers to Parasha Questions:

1. (a) (1) After *Ya'akov's* sons came to *Mitzrayim*, 3 generations of *Bnei Yisrael* were born and lived there; *Hashem* was speaking to them (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (2) *Bava Metzia* 85a states that if a person, his son and grandson learn *Torah* together, the *Torah* never will leave their consciousness; keeping *yetziat Mitzrayim* in our awareness by learning about it with our descendants is a guaranteed path to "know *Hashem*" (*Chida*). (b) (1) Locust was a delicacy, and the *Mitzrim*, who were hungry for meat after the *dever* (epidemic) destroyed their animals, planned to preserve and pickle the *arbeh*; (2) when *Moshe* prayed for the plague's end, even the *arbeh* in the *Mitzrim's* barrels vanished (*Shemot Raba*). (c) Yes – according to *Rabbeinu Chananel*, when locusts subsequently invaded *Eretz Yisrael* and other neighboring lands, miraculously, there were none in *Mitzrayim* (*Ramban*).

2. (a) (1) The animals about which *Moshe* was speaking were livestock that belonged to *Bnei Yisrael* but stolen by *Pharaoh*; they were in the *rasha's* possession but did not belong to him (*Sfat Emet*). (2) *Moshe* was speaking only figuratively, since all of *Pharaoh's* cattle and flocks died in the plagues (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (b) (1) *Bnei Yisrael* had offered no *korbanot* to *Hashem* for 210 years; if He were to ask them to make up for all of that now, they would need all the animals they possessed, and even that might not be enough (*Shemot Raba*). (2) Any animals that *Pharaoh* gave *Bnei Yisrael* might be unacceptable to Him because the *Mitzrim* may have used them idolatrously or immorally; *Bnei Yisrael* needed all of their animals since they would not know how many of their animals *Hashem* required until they arrived at the designated place (*Abarbanel*).

3. (a) The *maka* affected 4 firstborns: (1) a man's; (2) a woman's; (3) an animal's; (4) the most important in a household (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (b) Since *Hashem*, not the *Malach*, slew the firstborns, dogs were silent in His honor; (c) dogs represent insatiable *gashmiut* (materiality), as stated in *Yeshayahu* 56:11; they could not bark at *Bnei Yisrael* who had attained a high spiritual level; (d) as reward for not barking, the *Torah* commands in *Shemot* 22:30 that *treifa* meat be thrown to the dogs (*R. Bechaya*).

4. (a) To: (1) slaughter a male sheep or goat for the *korban Pesach* on 14 *Nisan* (*Shemot* 12:6; *Sefer ha-Chinuch*, *Mitzvah* 5); (2) eat *korban Pesach* meat on 15 *Nisan* (12:8; *Mitzvah* 6); (3) remove all *chametz* from our dwellings on 14 *Nisan* (12:15; *Mitzvah* 9); (4) eat *matza* on the evening of 15 *Nisan* (12:18; *Mitzvah* 10); (5) retell the story of the story of *yetziat Mitzrayim* on the evening of 15 *Nisan* (13:8; *Mitzvah* 21). (b) Not to: (1) eat *korban Pesach* meat raw or cooked (12:9; *Mitzvah* 7); (2) leave *korban Pesach* meat until morning (12:10; *Mitzvah* 8); (3) have *chametz* in our possession on *Pesach* (12:19; *Mitzvah* 11); (4) eat any food on *Pesach* containing *chametz* (12:20; *Mitzvah* 12); (5) give an apostate Jew any of the *korban Pesach* (12:43; *Mitzvah* 13); (6) give any of the *korban Pesach* to someone who observes only the *sheva mitzvot Bnei Noach* or to a hired laborer (12:45; *Mitzvah* 14); (7) carry *korban Pesach* meat outside the home (12:46; *Mitzvah* 15); (8) break a bone of the *korban Pesach* (12:46; *Mitzvah* 16); (9) give an uncircumcised male *korban Pesach* meat (12:48; *Mitzvah* 17); (10) eat *chametz* on *Pesach* (13:3; *Mitzvah* 19); (11) have *chametz* seen in our dwellings on *Pesach* (13:7; *Mitzvah* 20).

5. (a) It was the night: (1) that *Hashem shamar* (anticipated) 430 years earlier at *Berit bein ha-Besarim* that *Bnei Yisrael* would leave *Mitzrayim* (*Rashi*). (2) on which *Hashem shamar* (protected) *Bnei Yisrael* from the firstborn's destruction (*ibn Ezra*). (3) that *Hashem shamar* (determined) that *Bnei Yisrael* were worthy of *geula* (*Sforno*). (4) which is *shamur* (designated) for the future *geula* (redemption) (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (5) for *Bnei Yisrael lishmor* (to observe) the *mitzvah* of eating the *korban Pesach* annually (*Chizkuni*). (b) Since we are protected: (1) we drink 4 cups, although drinking an even number of cups is considered harmful (*Pesachim* 109b). (2) we recite only *Shema* and *ha-Mapil* before going to sleep, not other protective prayers (*Shulchan Aruch* 481:2). (3) we open the door for *Eliyahu ha-Navi* (*Shulchan Aruch* 480:1). (4) if the *Seder* is Friday night, some do not recite *mei-ein sheva* (abridged *Amidah*) in *ma'ariv*, which is a protective prayer for *mitpalelim* returning home after dark (*Shulchan Aruch* 487:1). (5) it is a custom to eat *shumar* (fennel); its name suggests *shimurim* (*Ramban*, *Orchot Chaim* 27).

6. (a) (1) (i) We separate "zeh" – the firstborn males – because of the miracles that *Bnei Yisrael* witnessed (*Ramban*). (ii) We perform "zeh" – the *mitzvot* of *matza* and *maror* – because of what *Hashem* did for us (*ibn Janach*). (3) *Hashem* performed "zeh" – *yetziat Mitzrayim* – in order that we serve Him by eating *matza* and refraining from *chametz* (*ibn Ezra*). (2) While the *Hagada* indicates that this verse is directed to the son who does not know how to ask, *Rashi* says it is directed implicitly to the wicked son, who would not have observed "zeh," i.e., the *mitzvot* of *korban Pesach*, *matza* and *maror*, and, consequently, would not have been worthy of leaving *Mitzrayim* (*Vilna Gaon*). (b) (1) The firstborn *Mitzrim* are likened to donkeys (*Yechezkeil* 23:20), and this *mitzvah* reminds us of *makat bechorot* (*Rashi*). (2) When *Bnei Yisrael* left *Mitzrayim*, they did not own horses, camels or wagons to carry the massive wealth that they took; they had only donkeys, which are redeemed to recall *yetziat Mitzrayim* (*Midrash Tehillim* 105). (3) Donkeys normally could not have carried all that *Bnei Yisrael* took from *Mitzrayim*; since they accomplished this feat miraculously, their species attained a degree of *kedusha*, resulting in the requirement to redeem their firstborn (*Sforno*). (4) Donkeys represent material possessions; by redeeming them for sheep, which, as the *korban Pesach*, are dedicated to *Hashem*, we learn that we must dedicate our possessions to *Hashem's* service (*Hirsch*).

7. The army of *Nevuchadretzar*, king of *Bavel* (*Metzudat David*).