

Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

An innovative and intensive **Bar Mitzvah training class** will continue this Sunday morning, February 14th, at TABC, from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M. In part two of this eight-week seminar, your son will have the opportunity to personalize his Bar Mitzvah experience through hands-on learning about (1) *tefillin*, (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, (917) 837-2810.

On Sunday, February 21st, at 8:15 P.M., Mrs. Sharon Richter, Associate Principal for Grades 1-5 at SAR and a noted expert on Jewish parenting, will speak at the shul on "**Spiritual Sparks at Your Shabbat Table.**" She will discuss how to maximize and beautify your family time on *Shabbat*, and how interactive activities, games and ideas can be used to interest, inspire, teach and connect children of different stages and ages at your *Shabbat* table. All are invited to attend. **Please note:** the *Rosh Chodesh* shiur for women that had been previously rescheduled for that night will NOT take place.

Each year, the **Chevra Kadisha meets on the yahrtzeit of Moshe Rabbeinu for a day of fasting and introspection.** This year's *zayin adar* observance will take place on **Sunday, February 21**, at Care One, 554 Teaneck Road. A special *mincha* and *va-yechal laining* for those fasting will begin at 5:15 P.M., and the *seudah* will begin at approximately 6:30 P.M. (*maariv* will be held at 6:15 P.M.). Rabbi Michael Taubes will address the audience during the dinner. There is no charge for *chevra* members, although we request you RSVP to Shelly Mermelstein, (201) 692-1261, franshel@optonline.net.

The next **Men's Club Multi-Sponsored Kiddush** is scheduled for Shabbat, February 27th, *Parshat Tetzaveh*. If you are commemorating a *yahtzeit* 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.

The next **Sisterhood Book Club** selection is "**My Father's Paradise**," by Ariel Sabar. We will be meeting for our book discussion on *Shabbat*, March 6th, at 3:00 P.M., at the home of Marilyn Zeidel, 169 Carlton Terrace. All Beth Aaron women are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Diane Fogel, (201) 837-0651, difogel@aol.com.

WANT TO HELP ISRAEL? If you care about Israel and want to translate that care into action, join Rabbi Rothwachs, his family and dozens of fellow Beth Aaronites on the **NORPAC lobbying mission in DC** on **Wednesday, May 12th**. Early registration and student discounts available. Register online, www.norpac.net, or call NORPAC, (201) 788-5133, or Allen Friedman, (201) 906-3715.

SAVE THE DATE! On *Motzaei Shabbat*, March 13th, at 8:30 P.M., the BAFriendly Committee will be having a special event at the shul, with free food (dinner), fun and prizes for all! Stay tuned for more details!

The **Beth Aaron Boys' Choir** will perform at CareOne of Teaneck, on Purim, Sunday, February 28th, at 2:30 P.M. All are welcome.

Beth Aaron Youth:

- The next Parent-Child Learning will take place on *Motzaei Shabbat*, February 20th, at 7:00 P.M. Join us for learning, ice cream, and a raffle for great prizes.
- The Beth Aaron Youth Department, Junior NCSY and Beth Aaron Teens are excited to present the **Purim Carnival Extravaganza** which will take place at the shul on Sunday, February 21st, from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M. All Nursery-5th graders are invited to take part in this fun-filled event, which will include a magic show, carnival games, prizes, tickets, BA Boys Choir concert, cotton candy, popcorn, snacks, surprises and much more! We look forward to seeing you there.
- On Purim night, *Motzaei Shabbat*, February 27th, there will be a **Youth Megillah Reading**, followed by a short *chagigah*. Join us for a child-friendly *Megillah* reading, costume parade, snacks, music and dancing. All children in costume will receive a special prize.
- If you would like to sponsor any of these events, please contact Erica and Jason David, bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com.
- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, February 13th, at **3:30 P.M.**, at Kahan home, 561 Standish Road. We will continue studying *Sefer Shmuel*. For more information, contact Doug Dubitsky, douglas_dubitsky@glic.com.
- The **learning group for 4th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, February 13th, at **3:45 P.M.**, at the Sklar home, 700 Queen Anne Road. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Beitzah)*. For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, rkurz1@yahoo.com, or Esther Klavan, esksp@aol.com.

Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- On *Shabbat* afternoon, February 20th, at 4:30 P.M., we will have a **Nosh of Torah** program in the shul basement. Come for a little bit of noshing, shmoozing, and some good learning!
- On *Motzaei Shabbat*, February 20th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M., we will be **setting up the basement and making signs for the Purim Carnival**. We need your help! Come for pizza, fun and to help out!
- On Sunday, February 21st, from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M., we will be having a **Purim Carnival** at the shul. We are looking for volunteers to help run the booths. If you are interested in helping us out by running a booth, please contact Danielle. *Chesed* hours can be awarded.
- The **Beth Aaron Junior NCSY Shabbaton** will be on *Shabbat*, March 5th-6th! If you are interested in hosting, contact Danielle.
- On Saturday night, March 20th, from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M., we will be having a **Scavenger Hunt** in the Garden State Plaza. The cost is \$10. Please bring your digital camera with you, and please let Danielle know whether you plan on attending.
- On Wednesday, March 24th, Junior NCSY will be going to watch the Sacramento Kings and Omri Caspi, the first Israeli NBA star, play the Nets on **Jewish Heritage Night**. The bus will leave Beth Aaron at 6:45 P.M. and return about 10:00 P.M. If you are interested in coming, please contact Danielle.
- We now have **tie-dyed chapter t-shirts!** They say "Teaneck Titans" on the front and have our logo on the back. If you would like one, e-mail the size you want to Danielle. Each t-shirt costs \$7.
- If you have any questions about our events, please contact Danielle, bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com, or (201) 247-7961.

Beth Aaron Teens (grades 9-12):

- On *Shabbat*, February 19th, at 8:00 P.M., we are invited to join Arzei Darom for an **Oneg** at the Alt home, 200 Chadwick Road. As always, all 9th-12th graders are invited for games, *divrei Torah*, *zmirot* and, of course, a little nosh.
- Purim is right around the corner, which means that the annual shul **Purim carnival** is coming! All teens are invited to meet at the shul on *motzaei Shabbat*, February 20th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M., to make

posters and set up booths. Snacks will be served. We also need your help to run booths, sell food and give out prizes at the carnival, which will take place on Sunday, February 21st, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

- We'd love to hear feedback about past events and ideas for future events. We can be contacted at bethaaron teens@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 5:15 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 5:00 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 5:15 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 6:13 P.M.

On President's Day, Monday, February 15th, the **Funkey Monkeys** will present a **children's concert** at Ben Porat Yosef, East 243 Frisch Court, Paramus. There will be two 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. For more information, call (201) 845-5007 x10 or funkeymonkeytix@gmail.com.

Yeshivat Ben Porat Yosef will hold its **eighth annual dinner** on Monday, February 15th, at 7:00 P.M., at Lubavitch on the Palisades in Tenafly. Among the honorees are Stanley Fischman (father of Beth Aaron member Aharon Fischman) and Galit and Jeffrey Cohen of Teaneck. For more information, to purchase tickets, or place a listing in the Scroll of Honor, call (201) 845-5007, ext. 11.

The Moriah School will hold its **44th Annual Dinner** on *Motzaei Shabbat*, February 20th at Congregation Keter Torah. This year's honorees are Shari and Nathan Lindenbaum, Morah Odelia Danishefsky and Mrs. Robin Wexler. To make a reservation or contribution, contact Director of Development Amy Vogel, (201) 567-0208 x373, avogel@moriahschool.org or online at www.moriahschool.org.

On Sunday, February 21st, the **Jewish Youth Encounter Program** will be holding its annual **Scholarship Breakfast** at the Torah Academy of Bergen County. At the breakfast, JYEP will be honoring their Big Brothers/Big Sisters who are high school seniors, including the following Beth Aaron members: Talya Adler, Yifat Adler, Ben Borodach, Jesse Friedman, Talia Friedman and Chaim Metzger. For more information, please go to www.jyep.org.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, at 8:00 P.M. at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, **Rabbi Dr. Nachum Amsel**, author of the new *hagaddah* "Making Seder of the Seder," will speak on "**Why is a Significant Part of the Seder Mentioned in Tanach Only in Megillat Esther?, and Other New Insights into the Hagaddah.**" After the talk, you can meet the author and purchase a signed edition of the new *hagaddah* at a substantial discount. For further information, please contact Rabbi Amsel, (212) 444-1656 (before 5:00 P.M.), namsel@netvision.net.il.

On Sunday, February 21st, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., The **Bat Torah**--Alisa M. Flatow Yeshiva High School for Girls will hold its "**Event of the Season**" at the school, 243 Frisch Court, Paramus. There will be free energizing exercise courses (for women and girls ages 10+), a stimulating *shiur*, cake decorating classes and a boutique. You will also have the opportunity to help Project Ezra prepare *Mishloach Manot*. The exercise class will start at 10:30 A.M., the *shiur* at 11:30 A.M., and the cake decorating classes at 12:30 P.M. The boutique will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. For more information, please contact Alecia Hirsch, mjat.hirsch@verizon.net.

On Sunday, February 21st, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., New Jersey Yachad presents a **Special Needs Parent Conference and Resource Fair** at the Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey, 666 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge. There will be workshops on emotional challenges in kids with dual diagnosis, choosing a school placement, social skills development, medication, estate and financial planning, vocational training and interventions for autism. **Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski** will speak on "**Community Rejection of My Child, Community Acceptance of My Child -- What Can I Do?**" You can register online at www.njcd.org/naim/event/nparentconference. For more information, please contact Chani Herrmann, herrmann@ou.org

On Monday, February 22nd, at 8:00 P.M. at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, 641 West Englewood Avenue, **Itamar Marcus**, Director of **Palestinian Media Watch**, will give a presentation on his organization. Film clips from Palestinian TV and slides from Palestinian schoolbooks will be shown, and you will find out how to team with Palestinian Media Watch to help Israel in the United States and throughout the world. Refreshments will be served. We are looking for sponsors for this event. For more information, or if you wish to sponsor, please contact Nancy Friedman, (201) 801-0337, friedman@cybernex.net.

The **Sinai Annual Dinner** will take place on Sunday, March 4th. Among the honorees are David and Alona Shapiro.

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**. Boxes are \$8 each or \$100 for 15. Checks should be made payable to AFOBIS (American Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro). To order, contact Becky Wolf, (201) 928-0542, gzwmom@yahoo.com. For more information, go to www.beitissie.co.il/eng.

Sharsheret is selling **Purim cards**. The cards come in packages of 12 for a contribution of \$36. They can be purchased online at www.sharsheret.org/purimcards.php or by calling (866) 474-2774.

Are you single and interested in being invited for a *Shabbat* meal? Or, are you married and interested in helping singles meet over a *Shabbat* meal? I have begun a program to help make this happen. Please contact Esther-Malka Stromer, ems5984@aol.com, for further information."

Parasha Questions for Parashat Mishpatim:

1. (a) Why do the civil laws found in *Parashat Mishpatim* directly follow *Parashat Yitro* (3 reasons)? (b) If an *eved ivri* (Jewish slave) refuses his freedom, why is the ritual to drill his ear performed at the door (3 reasons)? (c) Why does the *Torah* specify both the loss of (1) an eye and (2) a tooth, as limbs freeing an *eved Cana'ani* (non-Jewish slave) if a master injures a limb (2 reasons)? (d) How do we know "an eye for an eye" means payment for the injury and not injuring the other's eye (5 explanations)? (*Shemot* 21:1-6, 26-27)
2. (a) (1) Which 3 things must every husband provide to his wife? (2) How do we know this? (b) The *Torah* states that if an owner does not guard his ox that habitually kills people, and it kills someone, "its owner shall die"; how do we know that *Beit Din* does not execute the owner (3 explanations)? (*Shemot* 21:9-10, 29)
3. (a) When the *Torah* says "*Mechasheifa lo techayeh*" (a sorceress – you shall not permit to live), why does it not use the usual term "*mot yumat*" (shall be put to death) (3 explanations)? (b) Why does the *Torah* specify a sorceress, a woman, and not a man? (c) Why is sorcery prohibited? (d) Where must sorcerers be found to be liable for the death penalty? (*Shemot* 22:17)
4. (a) Why is the command to bring *bikkurim* (first fruits) to the *Beit ha-Mikdash* found in the same verse that prohibits *basar be-chalav* (meat cooked with milk)? (b) Why does the *Torah* state the prohibition as not "cooking" *basar be-chalav*, whereas, with respect to other forbidden foods (e.g., *tereifa*, *cheilev*, *neveila*), the *Torah* states only "do not eat it" (2 explanations)? (c) How is the method for getting rid of *basar be-chalav* stricter than for other forbidden foods (2 ways)? (*Shemot* 23:19)
5. (a) When did *Hashem* send an angel to lead and protect *Bnei Yisrael*? (b) (1) What is the *tzirah* that would drive away the *Cana'anite* nations (2 explanations)? (2) Where in *Eretz Yisrael* would the *tzirah* attack (2 opinions)? (*Shemot* 23:20,28)
6. (a) What was *Sefer ha-Berit* that the *Torah* says that *Moshe* read to *Bnei Yisrael* (5 opinions)? (b) When their response was "*na'aseh ve-nishma*," why did they say *na'aseh* (we will do) before *nishma* (we will listen) (2 explanations)? (*Shemot* 24:7)
7. In the *haftara*, since the *shekalim* that were annually contributed by *Bnei Yisrael* are designated for *korbanot* and other communal purchases, why did King *Yehoash* order some of the *shekalim* to be used for repairs to the *Beit ha-Mikdash*? (II *Melachim* 12:5)

Learning Opportunities

<p>• The Amud Yomi shiur meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. We will be starting <i>Masechet Ketubot</i> Motzei Shabbat Rabbi Reisman's satellite <i>Navi shiur</i>: 8:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p>Sunday • This Sunday, February 14th, from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., the Beth Din of America, in conjunction with Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future, presents a Conference on the Agunah Crisis: Understanding the Problems and Their Solutions, at Furst Hall (500 West 185th Street, at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue). The program is open to both men and women, and no registration is required. Presenters include Rabbi Yona Reiss, Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Rabbi Michael Broyde and Rabbi Shlomo Weissmann. For more information, please go to www.kolleyomrishon.org or call (212) 807-9042.</p>	<p>• The Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group will meet this Sunday, February 14th, at the Cohen home, 630 Tilden Avenue.</p> <p>Monday • Each Monday, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., a Tehillim group will meet at Rochi Lerner's home, 274 Johnson Avenue.</p> <p>Tuesday • Rochi Lerner's Tehillim shiur takes place every Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M. at Rochi Lerner's home, 274 Johnson Avenue.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>• Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening shiur takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.</p> <p>Thursday • Rabbi Yissocher Frand's weekly shiur will be</p>	<p>broadcast at 9:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p>• Each Thursday evening, at 8:30 P.M., at the Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue, Rabbi Roberts gives a Parasha Shiur, followed by <i>maariv</i> at 9:30 P.M.</p> <p>• Rochi Lerner's gives her Thursday morning shiur at Yeshivat Noam at 11:00 A.M. The shiur explores the characters of <i>Yitzchak</i> and <i>Shimshon</i>.</p> <p>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 <i>mussar</i>, <i>gemara</i> and <i>halacha</i>. You can attend one or more of the <i>shiurim</i>. For more information, call Bob Oppenheimer, (201) 280-1780, Hertzal Benji, (201) 261-1453, or David Sivetsky (201) 836-8291.</p>
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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)

This *Motzaei Shabbat*, February 13th, at 8:30 P.M., **Rabbi Menachem Leibtag**, Rav at Yeshivat Har Etzion, will be speaking at Congregation Rinat Yisrael on **"Judaism without Jerusalem": The Theme of Sefer Yechezkel vs. the Prophetic Setting of Megillat Esther."**

Answers to Parasha Questions:

- (a) To teach that: (1) just as the *Aseret ha-Dibrot* are from *Sinai*, so too are these laws; (2) *Yitro* ended with laws of the *mizbeiach*; therefore, the *Sanhedrin*, which judges civil cases, should judge near the *mizbeiach* (*Rashi*). (3) Since the *Aseret ha-Dibrot* end with a prohibition against coveting one's neighbor's property, the civil laws teach us what actually belongs to one's neighbor (*Sforno*). (b) (1) During *makkat bechorot*, *Hashem* spared *Bnei Yisrael* from the plague and made them His servants when they put blood on the doorposts; the drilling ceremony takes place at the door, which "witnessed" *Hashem* making *Bnei Yisrael* slaves of Him only (*Rashi*). (2) The door leads to the street; passersby would see the ceremony and reprimand the slave for choosing servitude (*Kiddushin 22b*). (3) The ceremony conveys the slave's duty to guard the entrance to his master's home (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (c) (1) If the *Torah* mentioned only an eye, we would think the law applies only to organs the *eved* had at birth, and not to teeth, which he did not have at birth; if the *Torah* mentioned only teeth, we would think it applies even to a baby tooth, which will be replaced; therefore, the *Torah* mentions an eye to indicate that the law applies only to permanent teeth (*Rambam, Hilchot Avadim 5:4*). (2) The *Cana'anim* were cursed to be slaves because of *Cham's* sin of seeing his father uncovered and telling his brothers; slavery was punishment for his sinning with his eyes and mouth; when the master blinds an eye or knocks out a tooth, the slave, punished through his eye and mouth, atones for *Cham's* sin and deserves freedom (*Midrash Lekach Tov*). (d) (1) If someone injures an animal, the injurer's animal is not injured; he only pays for the injury (*Vayikra 24:18*); the same certainly is true if one injures a person; (2) if one murders another person, he loses his life (*Bamidbar 35:30*), implying that if he only injures someone's limb, he does not forfeit a limb; (3) since two persons' eyes may not have the same strength or ability, equal compensation can be only monetary; (4) if someone is blind, he cannot pay by losing an eye; thus, the payment must be monetary; (5) removal of the injurer's eye could kill him, resulting in unequal compensation (*Bava Kama 83b-84a*).
- (a) (1) (i) Food; (ii) clothes; (iii) marital relations; (2) since a master must provide these 3 things to a maidservant; certainly a husband must provide them to his wife (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 46*). (b) (1) The *Torah* permits *Beit Din* to impose a ransom for the owner's life; since *Bamidbar 35:31* prohibits the ransom of murderers, the *Torah* must mean *mita bi-dei Shamayim* (death by the hands of Heaven) (*Mechilta*). (2) *Bamidbar 35:21* states that a person may be put to death only for a murder he commits, thus excluding a murder that his animal commits (*Rashi*). (3) The *Torah* states *yumat* (he will die), rather than *mot yumat* (he shall surely be put to death), implying that *Hashem* will cause him to die, not *Beit Din* (*Ramban*).
- (a) (1) Sorcerers prefer to work in seclusion; *mot yumat* would tell us to execute them only when we come across them; *lo techayeh* requires us to seek out and destroy them (*Rashbam*). (2) The penalty for sorcery is stoning; if we are unable to stone them, we must use the swiftest way to execute them (*Sanhedrin 67b*). (3) Normally, *Beit Din* is forbidden to execute more than one person per day, but many sorcerers may be executed in one day (*Sanhedrin 6:4*). (b) While the law applies to men, women most commonly performed witchcraft; (c) sorcery is performed through the power of *tuma* (impurity); *Hashem* requires us to choose to act with *kedusha* (holiness), rather than *tuma*; (d) only in *Eretz Yisrael* (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 62*).
- (a) The verse teaches that just as *basar be-chalav* is *asur be-hana'a* (prohibited to derive benefit from it), it is prohibited to derive any improper benefit from *bikkurim* (*R. Bechaya*). (b) (1) Mixing *basar be-chalav* creates a mixture that is spiritually harmful to us (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 92*). (2) Eating other forbidden foods is a sin only if he derives pleasure from the eating; with *basar be-chalav*, one may not eat it even if he derives no pleasure from eating it (*Pesachim 24b*). (c) (1) If *basar be-chalav* is destroyed by being burned, it is prohibited to derive any use from the ashes; (2) *basar be-chalav* cannot be thrown in the street for animals to eat, as can be done with other forbidden foods (*Shulchan Aruch – Yoreh De'ah 94:5*).
- (a) After *Moshe* died – while *Moshe* was alive, *Hashem* Himself led *Bnei Yisrael*, but He sent an angel to *Yehoshua* to lead him in the conquest of *Eretz Yisrael* (*Ramban*). (b) (1) (i) Deadly hornets (*Rashi*). (ii) A kind of leprosy (*ibn Ezra*). (2) (i) The *tzirah* helped *Moshe* only in his fight against *Sichon* and *Og* east of the *Yarden*, as indicated in *Yehoshua 24:12*; (ii) there were 2 *tzirahs*, one on the east bank that helped *Moshe*, and a second *tzirah* on the west bank that helped *Yehoshua* (*Sotah 36a*).
- (a) (1) All of the *Torah* from *Bereishit* till *matan Torah*, including the *mitzvot* that *Hashem* commanded at *Mara* (*Rashi*). (2) All the laws discussed up to this point, particularly those in *Parashat Mishpatim* (*Ramban*). (3) The *tochacha* (admonitions) in *Parashat Bechukotai* (*Chizkuni*). (4) The *Aseret ha-Dibrot* (*Paneiach Raza*). (5) The verse, *Shemot 19:5*, which denotes *Bnei Yisrael's* status as an *am segula* (chosen nation), if they obey *Hashem* (*R. Bechaya*). (b) (1) *Bnei Yisrael* had such complete faith in *Hashem* that they agreed to perform whatever He commanded before knowing what was required; (2) *Bnei Yisrael* relied on *Hashem* that He would not burden them with *mitzvot* they could not uphold (*Shabbat 88a-b*).
- For the 6 years of Queen *Ataliah's* reign, no *korbanot* were offered in the *Beit ha-Mikdash*, no *shekalim* were collected, and the *Beit ha-Mikdash* fell into disrepair. When King *Yehoash* asked the people to donate all the *shekalim* they should have contributed for 6 years, there was enough money for the communal purchases and for the repairs (*Radak*).