



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

Q: What's the single most important thing you can do this year to help Israel? A: see p. 2

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

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**Shabbat Announcements**

**Parashat Terumah**  
**February 20, 2010 7 Adar 5770**

- Latest Candles: 5:18 P.M.
- *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 5:20 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*: 9:27 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 4:00 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 4:10 P.M.
- *Mincha*: 5:10 P.M.
- *Maariv*: 6:18 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 6:27 P.M.

Schedule for Week of February 21st:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	21	22	23	24	25*	26
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	5:42	5:40	5:39	5:37	5:36	5:34
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30	5:40	5:55	5:55	<b>5:30</b>	5:55
	7:15	6:20	6:30	6:30	<b>6:05</b>	6:30
	8:00	7:10	7:15	7:15	<b>7:00</b>	7:15
	8:45	8:00	8:00	8:00	<b>8:00</b>	8:00
<i>Mincha</i>	1:00					
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	5:25	5:25	5:25	5:25	<b>5:15/6:05</b>	5:30
<i>Maariv</i> :	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	
	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

\***Ta'anit Esther**: Fast begins 5:21 A.M. *Zman Maariv* 6:05 P.M. Fast ends 6:13 P.M.

- Weekly Shiurim:**
- *Daf Yomi. Shabbat*: 4:00 P.M. For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to [www.teaneckshuls.org/daf](http://www.teaneckshuls.org/daf)
  - **Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study**: Sunday evening at 8:15 P.M.
  - **Parshat ha-Shavua shiur by Rabbi Neil Lauer**: We continue *Sefer Shemot*: "Yield of Prophet in Vestment" - Tuesday evening, 8:45 to 9:30 P.M.
  - **Rabbi Rothwachs' Bava Kama shiur**: Wednesday 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 - 6:55 A.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:00 A.M.; Thursday - 6:45 A.M.

**Mazal Tov:**

- *Mazal Tov* to Isaac and Heather Hagler on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dani.
- *Mazal Tov* to Alta Lukashevich on the birth of a grandson, Chizkiyahu Simcha, born to her children Nechama and Pinchas Shutyak.

**Condolences:**

- Condolences to Howard Kaufman on the passing of his beloved father Ben Kaufman. *Shiva* will be observed at the Kaufman home, 885 Queen Anne Road, through Monday morning. *Mincha* will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. On Sunday, *Shacharit* will be at 8:00 A.M. and *Mincha/Maariv* will be at 5:20 P.M. *Shacharit* on Monday morning will be at 6:15 A.M. Visitors on Sunday are requested to arrive before 9:30 P.M.
- Condolences to Larry Feder on the passing of his beloved father Joe Feder. *Shiva* will be observed at the Feder home, 710 Queen Anne Road, through Wednesday morning. *Mincha* will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. *Shacharit* will be at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, 7:05 A.M. on Monday, and 7:10 A.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday. *Mincha/Maariv* will be at 5:20 P.M. Sunday through Tuesday.

We are pleased to announce our annual **Pesach Hospitality Program**. If you or someone you know would like to be invited for a *seder* or any other *Pesach* holiday meal (including *Shabbat Chol ha-Mo'ed*), or would like to host a person or family, please contact Joshua Zakheim, [jhz\\_is@yahoo.com](mailto:jhz_is@yahoo.com), with name(s), date(s), number of people and whether or not you eat *gebroschs*.

Rabbi Rothwachs will be giving a series of *shiurim* on "**Revealing the Hidden in Megillat Esther**," based on the Rama's commentary *Mechir Yayin*. The two remaining *shiurim* will be given on **Monday, February 22nd, at 8:15 P.M.**, and on **Shabbat, February 27th, between mincha and ma'ariv**. Several interesting and challenging questions will be discussed: What is the purpose of life? Why was I created? Whom should I value most? When will I find rest from life's challenges? How will I know if I have achieved success? All are welcome. *Shiurim* can also be downloaded on the shul website, <http://tinyurl.com/REVEALINGtheHidden>.

The **Beth Aaron Sisterhood** will be having their annual **Shmura Matza sale**. The *matza* is from the Shatzer *Shmura Matza* factory in Brooklyn. The prices are: One-pound boxes of regular or whole wheat: \$20.50 each. Two-pound boxes of regular or whole wheat: \$41.00 each. The deadline for all orders is Tuesday, March 9th. Pickup will be on Sunday, March 21st, from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon, at the Gellerstein home, 445 Claremont Avenue. Checks can be made out to Beth Aaron Sisterhood and either dropped off or mailed to Judy Gellerstein. The order form is available on the Beth Aaron website, [www.bethaaron.org](http://www.bethaaron.org). For more information, contact Judy Gellerstein, [jlgellerstein@yahoo.com](mailto:jlgellerstein@yahoo.com).

The **Men's Club pre-Pesach wine tasting and sale** will take place on Sunday, March 7th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. Kevin and staff from Queen Anne Wine & Spirits Emporium will showcase some wines from around the world. This is an opportunity to buy wine for *Pesach* and the rest of the year and support the shul.

**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! Stay tuned for more details!

### Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

An innovative and intensive **Bar Mitzvah training class** will continue this Sunday morning, February 21st, 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](mailto:RabbiKnapp@gmail.com), (917) 837-2810.

This 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 this **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](mailto:franshel@optonline.net).

The next **Men's Club Multi-Sponsored Kiddush** is scheduled for Shabbat, 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).

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](mailto: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](http://www.norpac.net), or call NORPAC, (201) 788-5133, or Allen Friedman, (201) 906-3715.

#### Beth Aaron Youth:

- **Parent-Child Learning** will take place this *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 this 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, cotton candy, popcorn, snacks, surprises and much more! We look forward to seeing you there.
- On *Shabbat* afternoon, February 27th, at 4:00 P.M., all Nursery-2nd grade children and their parents are invited to a fun-filled **Purim puppet show** An *oneg Shabbat* will follow the show, with snacks for all.
- 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](mailto:bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com).
- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, February 20th, at 3:30 P.M., at the Bolton Home, 606 Wyndham Road. 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*, February 20th, at 4:00 P.M., at the Samuel home, 860 Red Road. Please bring your own Mishnah (Masechet Beitza). For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, [rkurz1@yahoo.com](mailto:rkurz1@yahoo.com), or Esther Klavan, [eskslp@aol.com](mailto:eskslp@aol.com).

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

- This *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!
- This 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.
- On *Shabbat* afternoon, February 27th, at 4:45 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!
- The Beth Aaron **Junior NCSY Shabbaton** will take place on *Shabbat*, March 5th-6th! To register, go to [www.njncsy.com](http://www.njncsy.com) and click on the Beth Aaron *Shabbaton* link. If you are interested in hosting our guests, please 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](mailto:bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com), (201) 247-7961.

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

- This Friday night, 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 this *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 this Sunday, February 21st, from 1:00 to 4:30 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 [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 *minyan*. This Friday, *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat* will begin at 5:25 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 5:10 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 5:25 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 6:21 P.M.

The **Moriah School** will hold its **44th Annual Dinner** this *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](mailto:avogel@moriahschool.org), or go to [www.moriahschool.org](http://www.moriahschool.org).

This 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 honor 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, go to [www.jyep.org](http://www.jyep.org).

This Sunday evening, February 21st, at 8:00 P.M. at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, **Rabbi Dr. Nachum Amsel**, author of the new *haggadah* "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 *Haggadah*."** After the talk, you can meet the author and purchase a signed edition of the new *haggadah* at a substantial discount. For further information, please contact Rabbi Amsel, (212) 444-1656 (before 5:00 P.M.), [namsel@netvision.net.il](mailto:namsel@netvision.net.il).

This 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](mailto:mjat.hirsch@verizon.net).

This 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. 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/njparentconference](http://www.njcd.org/naim/event/njparentconference). For more information, please contact Chani Herrmann, [herrmann@ou.org](mailto:herrmann@ou.org).

This Sunday, February 21st, at 7:30 P.M., there will be a showing of the film "**Faces of Israel: A Discussion About Marriage, State, and Religion in the Jewish Homeland**" at Congregation Rinat Yisrael. The film, presented as part of the 12th Annual UJA of NNJ Israel Film and Cultural Festival, poses a series of questions regarding what it means to live in both a Jewish and democratic state, and features interviews with Israelis, ranging from secular university students to ultra-Orthodox Jews, including exclusive footage with Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi. The cost is \$8.

This Monday, February 22nd, at 8:00 P.M. at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, **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, contact Nancy Friedman, (201) 801-0337, [friedman@cybernex.net](mailto:friedman@cybernex.net).

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

On Saturday night, March 6th, at 8:30 P.M., at the home of Joy and Barry Sklar, 95 Norfolk Street, Bergenfield, **Emunah** will be having a **Comedy Event and Chinese Auction**. The cost is \$72 a couple. Dinner and dessert will be served. For more information, please contact Shira Marks, (201) 338-8155, Orite Rubinstein, (201) 357-4682, or Terri Karasick, (201) 370-5147.

On Saturday evening, March 13th, at Congregation Keter Torah, **Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School** will be holding their **Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner**. The honorees include Debbie & Michael Rapoport, Reva Judas, Leah Shteingart and Elise Vitow. To make reservations or place an ad, please call (201) 833-4307 ext. 110.

On Sunday, March 14th, TorahWeb.com will be presenting a program at Congregation Beth Aaron. At 8:00 P.M., **Rav Mordechai Willig** will speak on "**You're Looking for WHAT!? Priorities and Expectations in *Shidduchim***". This *shiur* is intended for both singles and their parents. At 8:45 P.M., **Rav Michael Rosensweig** will speak on "**When Do I Ask the Rabbi? Which Rabbi?**" All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Two very important elections are coming up. There will be elections for the Teaneck Board of Education on Tuesday, April 20th, and for the Township Council on Tuesday, May 11th. These two governing bodies are responsible for about 90% of our real estate taxes, and these elections will shape the future of Teaneck and the quality of life here in town. If you are not registered to vote, register online at [www.njelections.org/form\\_pdf/09-voter-regis-forms/bergen-voter-reg-form-080309.pdf](http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/09-voter-regis-forms/bergen-voter-reg-form-080309.pdf). The deadline for voter registration is March 29th. All individuals who will be 18 years old on or before April 20th are eligible to vote. If you have difficulty accessing this link, please e-mail your name and address to [vote07666@gmail.com](mailto:vote07666@gmail.com), and the registration form will be mailed to you. For further assistance, please contact [isalomon@optonline.net](mailto:isalomon@optonline.net).

### Parasha Questions for Parashat Terumah:

- (a) What were the 5 purposes of the *Mishkan*? (b) How does the "terumah" at the beginning of this *Parasha* – *Bnei Yisrael's* contributions to construct the *Mishkan* – relate to the "terumah" that was the portion of his crops that a farmer gave to a *kohen*? (*Shemot* 25:2-8)
- (a) Why does the *Torah* repeat *Shemot* 25:16: "into the *aron* (ark), you shall place *ha-eidut* (the tablets)" (2 reasons)? (b) How did this affect the construction of the second *Beit ha-Mikdash*? (c) What did the *keruvim* represent (4 explanations)? (d) Why was it prohibited to remove the staves from the *aron* (2 reasons)? (*Shemot* 25:21-22)
- (a) Which 3 vessels in the *Mishkan* had a decorative rim like a crown? (b) What did each rim represent? (c) Which is the greatest crown? (d) How does the *Torah* tell us this? (*Shemot* 25:10; 30:1; 25:23)
- (a) What requirement of kingship did the *shulchan* convey? (b) What was the symbolism of: (1) the *shulchan* being built of wood but overlaid with gold? (2) its length being 2 *amot*? (3) the border along its edge? (c) Why did the *Torah* require that the *lechem ha-panim* (showbread) be continuously on the *shulchan*? (*Shemot* 25:23-30)
- (a) What did the *menorah* represent? How do we know this? (b) Why was it made: (1) from one gold piece? (2) from pure gold? (3) with 22 goblets? (4) with 7 branches (2 reasons)? (c) Why did *Hashem* command that the *Mishkan's* ritual objects be made in the following order: (1) the *aron*? (2) the *shulchan*? (3) the *menorah*? (*Shemot* 25:31)
- (a) How many animal hide covers were on the *Mishkan* (2 opinions)? (b) What was a "tachash"? (c) (1) What 4 historical events occurred at the location of the *mizbeich ha-nechoshet* (Copper Altar)? (2) What 3 miracles occurred with respect to the *mizbeich*? (*Shemot* 26:14,27:1)
- In the *haftara*, why does the *Navi* tell us that *Shlomo* began building the first *Beit ha-Mikdash* 480 years after *yetziat Mitzrayim*? (I *Melachim* 6:1)

## Learning Opportunities

· The **Amud Yomi shiur** meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. On March 1st, we will begin *Masechet Ketubot*. For more information, contact Mordechai Ungar, (201) 741-3920.

### Motzei Shabbat

Rabbi Reisman's satellite *Navi shiur*: 8:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.

### Sunday

· On Sunday, February 21, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Midreshet Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for women. The program which will be held at the Sherk 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 **Rabbi Meir Goldwicht** and **Ms. Miriam Krupka**. 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*, call (212) 960-0041 or visit [www.midreshetyomrishon.org](http://www.midreshetyomrishon.org).

· On Sunday, February 21, 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 Ezra Schwartz** and **Rabbi Zev Reichman**. 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*, call (212) 960-0041 or visit [www.kolleyomrishon.org](http://www.kolleyomrishon.org).

· The **Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group** will meet this Sunday, February 21st, at the Stobezki home, 1117 Trafalgar Avenue.

### 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 gives her Thursday morning *shiur* at Yeshivat Noam 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*. 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 the *cheit ha-eigel*, the *Shechina* departed from the earth; the *Mishkan* drew It back to *Bnei Yisrael* (*Sforno*). (2) The *Mishkan* retained for all generations the reflection of *Hashem's* glory manifested at *Har Sinai* (*Ramban*). (3) Performing the *avoda* in the *Mishkan* was a source of Heavenly protection for *Bnei Yisrael*; (4) when *Bnei Yisrael* saw the *kohanim* performing the *avoda*, the *Mishkan* inspired them to increase their *mitzvot*; (5) *Bnei Yisrael* witnessed obvious miracles in the *Mishkan* and *Beit ha-Mikdash* that continually proved *Bnei Yisrael's* special relationship with *Hashem* (*Tiferet Zion*). (b) The *Mishkan's* courtyard was 100 x 50 *amot*, or 5,000 square *amot*; the *Beit ha-Mikdash's* courtyard was 500 x 500 *amot*, or 250,000 square *amot*; the *Mishkan* thus was 1/50 of the size of the *Beit ha-Mikdash*. While the *Torah* specifies no set amount that the farmer had to give to the *kohen* as *terumah*, the average person gave 1/50 of his crops. Thus, the *Mishkan* here is referred to as a "terumah" toward the later construction of the *Beit ha-Mikdash* (*Ba'al ha-Turim*).

2. (a) (1) To teach that the *aron* could never be empty; the cover could be placed on it only when the *luchot* were already inside; (2) the first verse refers to the whole *luchot*; and the second verse refers to the broken *luchot*; both had to be inside the *aron*; (b) an *aron* for the second *Beit ha-Mikdash* could not be made, since *Bnei Yisrael* did not have *luchot* to put in it (*Or ha-Chaim*). (c) (1) We must believe in angels and prophecy; the *keruvim* represented the angels that transmitted prophecy to *Bnei Yisrael*; (2) just as the *keruvim* faced toward the *aron*, which represented *Torah*, but their wings were raised upward to Heaven, those studying *Torah* should constantly look to it to seek to reach *Hashem*; (3) the two embracing *keruvim*, a male and a female, represent the love between *Hashem* and *Bnei Yisrael* (*R. Bechaya*). (4) They had the form of a little boy and a little girl to emphasize the importance of teaching *Torah* to one's children (*Abarbanel*). (d) (1) From fear that if the *aron* had to be moved quickly, the staves would not be checked, and the *aron* could fall (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 96*). (2) The staves teach us that the *Torah* is not tied to any one place; *Bnei Yisrael* must transport words of *Torah* wherever they go (*Hirsch*).

3. (a) (1) The *aron*, (2) the *mizbeiach ha-zahav* (golden incense altar) and (3) the *shulchan* (table); (b) (1) *aron* – crown of *Torah*; (2) *mizbeiach ha-zahav* – crown of *kehunah*; (3) *shulchan* – crown of *malchut*; (c) *Torah*; (d) for the construction of the *mizbeiach* and the *shulchan*, the *Torah* commands "you shall make" in the singular, meaning *Moshe* shall make them; for the *aron*, the command is "they shall make" – all of *Bnei Yisrael* shall create the crown of *Torah* through *talmud Torah* (*Yoma 72b*).

4. (a) A king had to be benevolent and invite many people to dine at his table daily; (b) (1) although the king had to display splendor, he had to be humble in his heart; (2) it refers to the king's 2 responsibilities – enforcing justice and conducting warfare; (3) just as the *shulchan's* protective border prevented the *lechem ha-panim* from falling off, *talmidei chachamim* (scholars) restrained the king from departing from the *Torah's* ways (*R. Bechaya*). (c) The *lechem ha-panim* represented *Hashem's* provision of prosperity to *Bnei Yisrael*; by never leaving the *shulchan* empty of *lechem*, *Bnei Yisrael* asked *Hashem* to never allow prosperity to leave them (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 97*).

5. (a) *Torah* wisdom, as stated in *Mishlei* 6:23: "For the *mitzvah* is a lamp, and the *Torah* is light." (b) (1) The *Torah's* unity, i.e., all *halachot* and *agadot*, represented by the knobs and goblets, emanate from one Source; (2) the purity of *Hashem's* *Torah* wisdom; (3) the 22 letters of the *Torah's* alphabet (*R. Bechaya*). (4) (i) The 7 *Torah* books (see *Bamidbar* 10:35-36, where the *parasha* of *va-yehi binsoa ha-aron* constitutes a book in itself) (*Menachot* 29a-b). (ii) 6 arms represent the 6 *sedorim* of *Mishna*; the 7<sup>th</sup> branch symbolizes fear of *Hashem*, which is the basis of all *Torah* learning (*Shabbat* 31a-b). (c) The erection of the *Mishkan* paralleled the course of creation: (1) The *aron* was built first because the *Torah*, represented by the *aron*, preceded creation; (2) the *shulchan* with the *lechem ha-panim* represented agricultural bounty, and the earth produced grass, plants and fruit trees on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of creation; (3) the sun, moon and stars, represented by the *menorah*, were placed in heaven on the 4<sup>th</sup> day (*Medrash Tanchuma*).

6. (a) (1) According to *Rebi Yehuda*, there were 2 covers – one of reddened ram hides, and *tachash* hides above them; (2) according to *Rebi Nechemya*, there was one cover, made half with reddened ram hides and half with *tachash* hides; (b) a multicolored animal that existed when *Bnei Yisrael* were in the desert but became extinct when *Moshe* died (*Shabbat* 28a). (c) (1) (i) *Hashem* took earth from that spot to create *Adam*; (ii) *Kayin* and *Hevel* offered *korbanot* there; (iii) *Noach* built a *mizbeiach* there after the *mabul*; (iv) *Avraham* attempted to sacrifice *Yitzchak* there (*Rambam – Beit ha-Bechira* 2:2). (2) (1) Despite the continuous fire, the copper never melted and the *shitim* wood did not burn; (2) Although the *mizbeiach* was under the open sky, rain never extinguished the fire; (3) the pillar of fire rose straight toward heaven, unaffected by wind (*Kli Yakar*).

7. The period of time between *Moshe's* construction of the *Mishkan* and *Shlomo's* construction of the first *Beit ha-Mikdash* exactly equaled the period between *Shlomo's* construction of the first *Beit ha-Mikdash* and *Zerubavel's* construction of the second *Beit ha-Mikdash*. This underscored the gradual decline from the spiritual heights attained during the days of *Moshe*, when complete purity and holiness reigned, to *Shlomo's* days, when these already were lacking. To the very same degree, purity and holiness declined again in the days of the second *Beit ha-Mikdash* (*Abarbanel*).