



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

There will be a shul **Board meeting** on Wednesday, March 10, at 8:15 P.M. in the shul basement.

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Shabbat Announcements

Parashat Tetzaveh - Zachor February 27, 2010 13 Adar 5770

- Latest Candles: 5:26 P.M.
- *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 5:30 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: 7:30 A.M.
- Rabbi's *Tefillah shiur*: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:21 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 4:10 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 4:20 P.M.
- *Mincha*: 5:20 P.M.
- *Maariv*: 6:26 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 6:35 P.M.

Purim Schedule

Saturday Night

Megillah: 7:05 P.M.
 Youth *Megillah* 7:05 P.M.



JLE *Megillah*: 8:00 P.M.
 2nd *Megillah*: 9:00 P.M.



Sunday (Purim Day)

Shacharit: 6:00, 7:00, 8:30 A.M.
 Youth *Megillah*: 9:00 A.M.
Megillah only: 10:00 A.M.

Schedule for Week of February 28th:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	28	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	5:31	5:30	5:28	5:27	5:25	5:24
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:00	5:40	5:55	5:55	5:40	5:55
	7:00	6:20	6:30	6:30	6:20	6:30
* Youth <i>Minyan</i>	8:30	7:10	7:15	7:15	7:10	7:15
<i>Mincha</i>	9:00*	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
	1:00					
	4:00					
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>		5:30	5:30	5:30	5:30	5:40
<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*: 4:10 P.M.
 For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to 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*: "Over the Calf?" - 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**: Mon. and Thurs. - 6:55 A.M.; Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 7:00 A.M.

Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Dr. Andy and Rivka Fink on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son Mayer. *Mazal Tov* also to grandparents Beth Evans and Dr. Morris and Marilyn Fink, and to aunt Wendy Fink.
- *Mazal Tov* to Jack and Miriam Rudman on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Zvi and Sharonne Rudman of Englewood.
- *Mazal Tov* to Addam and Annette Berger on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son Yair.
- *Mazal Tov* to Rabbi Yitzchak and Rachel Furst on the engagement of their daughter Yael to Avi Pinsky, of North Hollywood, California

To commemorate the *Chag ha-Semikhah* of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), at which 23 *musmakhim* from Teaneck and Bergenfield will be recognized, **Rabbi Menachem Penner**, Director of Professional Rabbinics, RIETS, will speak at Congregation Beth Aaron on *Shabbat Parshat Ki Tisa*, March 5-6. On *Shabbat* morning, Rabbi Penner will give the *drasha* at the main (8:45 A.M.) *minyan*: "**What Dovid ha-Melech Can Teach Us about the Disabled.**" At 4:40 P.M. (before *mincha*), he will give a *shiur* on "**Breaking the Luchot: What Moshe Rabbeinu Can Teach Us about Leadership.**" Between *mincha* and *maariv*, he will speak on "**What the Avot (and the Yankees) Can Teach Us about Tefillah.**"

This *Shabbat*, February 27th, between *mincha* and *maariv*, Rabbi Rothwachs will give the last in a series of three *shiurim* on "**Revealing the Hidden in Megillat Esther,**" based on the Rama's commentary *Mechir Yayin*.

Due to the inclement weather, the **iRabbi oneg** scheduled for this Friday night has been postponed.

We thank the sponsors of this week's Multi-Sponsored Kiddush:

- Beth Evans**, in honor of her grandson Mayer Fink's *Bar Mitzvah*
- Andrew & Rivka Fink**, in honor of their son Mayer's *Bar Mitzvah*
- Marilyn, Morris and Wendy Fink**, in honor of Mayer's *Bar Mitzvah*
- In honor of **George Friedman's** birthday, from his wife, children and grandchildren
- Tom & Marsha Friedman**, in honor of the birth of their newest granddaughter, Ariella Ahuva Price, to their children Nechama and Jonathan Price
- Larry & Valerie Kahn**, to commemorate the 24th *yahrtzeit* of Valerie's father, Yisrael Yitzchak ben Tzvi
- Mark & Linda Karasick**, in honor of Mark being honored as *Chatan Torah* in Israel
- Jerry & Laurie Kasdan**, to commemorate the first *yahrtzeit* of Jerry's father, Irving Kasdan
- Esther & Rinaldo Toporovsky**, to commemorate the 24th *yahrtzeit* of Esther's father, Joseph Eizik ben Meyer Kopel
- Barry Weissman**, in honor of the birthday of his mother, Pearl Weissman

Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

An innovative and intensive eight week **Bar Mitzvah training class** is being held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M. at TABC. This seminar affords your son 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, Rabbi-Knapp@gmail.com, (917) 837-2810.

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.

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. For more information, contact Judy Gellerstein, jljgellerstein@yahoo.com.

The **Men's Club pre-Pesach wine sale** is underway. Join us at the shul for a **wine tasting** on Sunday, March 7th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M., when Kevin and the staff from Queen Anne Wine and Spirits Emporium will showcase some outstanding wines from around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy wine for *Pesach* and the rest of the year at great prices and support the shul. Order sheets are available on-line at www.bethaaron.org/winesale and should have arrived in your mailboxes earlier in the week. Orders can be made by check, payable to "Cong. Beth Aaron Men's Club," and sent to Mo-b Singer, 170 Edgemont Place, Teaneck, NJ 07666, or on-line via Paypal using the above link. Orders will not be accepted without the minimum 12% contribution to the shul or after March 14th. Orders over \$100 will be delivered to your Teaneck home free of charge. Delivery will be during the week of March 21st. Orders of less than \$100 must be picked up at Queen Anne Wine and Spirits, 247 DeGraw Avenue. If you will be away, please call Kristine at Queen Anne Wine, (201) 692-1555, to make special arrangements. For more information, please contact Mo-b Singer, (201) 836-4040, moishe@gmail.com.

On Motzaei *Shabbat*, March 13th, at 8:30 P.M., all are invited to the shul for an evening of **Free Food and Fun**. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Shulamis Hes, meshanemazal@yahoo.com. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event (multiples of \$18 only), please contact Joy Sperber, (201) 862-0191, robjoy@optonline.net.

Beth Aaron Youth:

- This *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** for all Nursery - 5th graders, 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. To ensure proper decorum, all children must be accompanied by a parent.
- 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 27th, at 3:45 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.
- Due to inclement weather and the *eruv* being down, the **4th grade boys' learning group** is **CANCELLED** this *Shabbat*, February 27th.

Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- The **Nosh of Torah** program scheduled for this *Shabbat* afternoon has been **postponed**.
- On Thursday night, March 4th, at 8:30 P.M., we will be having a **Beth Aaron Shabbaton Psych-Up Night!** We will be learning the chapter cheers, practicing our chapter *shtick*, giving out chapter t-shirts, and **getting psyched!** If you would like a t-shirt, please bring \$7 to cover the cost.
- The **Beth Aaron Junior NCSY Shabbaton** will take place on *Shabbat*, March 5th-6th. The cost is \$48. To register, go to 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.
- 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, (201) 247-7961.

Senior NCSY:

This Sunday, February 28th, at 11:00 A.M., Senior NCSY will be going to Teaneck Care One to sing and have fun with the residents on Purim! All high school students are invited to come and bring a friend.

- On Wednesday, March 24th, Beth Aaron Youth, Junior NCSY and Beth Aaron Teens 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. (for a 7:30 P.M. game) and return about 10:00 P.M. The cost is \$30, which includes transportation. Spaces are limited, so please RSVP as soon as possible. No spaces will be reserved until payment is received. To RSVP, please contact your leader or advisor.

Beth Aaron Teens (grades 9-12):

- Thank you to all the Purim Carnival volunteers! We had a great time joining Junior NCSY to plan an exciting event for the shul's youth.
- We look forward to an exciting month of activities in March:
- Please join us in the shul basement for an **oneg** on Friday evening, March 12th, at 8:30 P.M. As usual, there will be games, snacks, friends and *divrei Torah*. We can't wait to see you there!
- Stay tuned for what BA Teens has in store for *Pesach*! If you'd like to host a **Shabbat Chol ha-Mo'ed Oneg** in your home, please let us know.
- We hope to see you (and your friends) at our events. All events are open to all local 9th to 12th graders. We'd love to hear feedback about past events and ideas for future events. We can be contacted at 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 5:35 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 5:15 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 5:30 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 6:29 P.M. *Megillah* at 7:00 P.M.

The **Jewish Learning Experience** will have an **explanatory megillah reading** Purim night (Saturday, February 27th) at 8:00 P.M. at Congregation Beth Aaron. On Purim day (Sunday, February 28th), there will be an 11:30 A.M. explanatory *megillah* reading at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, followed by *mincha* at 12:40 P.M. and a *seudah* at 1:00 P.M. On Sunday, March 7th, there will be a slower-paced, instructional *minyán* at Beth Aaron at 9:30 A.M., followed by a light breakfast and *Torah* learning.

The **Sinai Annual Dinner** will take place on Thursday, 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, beginning at 9:00 A.M., the Sisterhood and Wellness Committee of Congregation Shomrei Torah of Fair Lawn are hosting a **Health Fair & Red Cross Blood Drive**. To pre-register for the blood drive, go to www.pleasegiveblood.org/donate, and use sponsor code: 12427. The Health Fair features booths for private consultation, demonstrations and lectures, with nutritionists, chiropractor, vision specialists, therapists and exercise specialists. For more information about the Fair, contact Neshama Kutin, (201) 796-4463, Neshama@enkutin.com. For information about the Blood Drive, contact Bernie Mintz, (201)791-3994, or Bernie Thau, (201) 314-8723.

NNJKIDS is pleased to announce its second quarterly distribution to Bergen County *yeshivo!* **Thanks to unprecedented, united community support, over 1,000 people have already contributed, and we have distributed over \$300,000 to the network of day schools during our first two quarters.** These crucial funds will mitigate future tuition increases. NNJKIDS is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization and represents a crucial first step in a broader, long-term initiative to ensure access to high-quality, dual-curricular Jewish education to all in our community. We invite you to join this communal effort and sign up today as an ongoing donor of NNJKIDS. We value donations at every level, and families are asked to consider a minimum donation of \$30 per month, or \$1 a day. For more information, go to www.NNJKIDS.org or call (201) 244-4666. Checks can be sent to: NNJKIDS, 600 South Prospect Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

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, with name(s), date(s), number of people and whether or not you eat *gebrochs*.

On Sunday, March 14th, TorahWeb.com will present a program at the shul. 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.

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.

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. Together, they 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. The deadline for voter registration is March 29th. If you are not registered to vote, register online www.njelections.org/form_pdf/09-voter-regis-forms/bergen-voter-reg-form-080309.pdf. 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, and the registration form will be mailed to you. For further assistance, please contact isalomon@optonline.net.

Parasha Questions for Parashat Tetzaveh:

- (a) Why is *Tetzaveh* the only *parasha* from *Moshe's* birth until *Devarim* in which his name is not mentioned (3 reasons)? (b) (1) What are the 3 occasions concerning the construction of the *Mishkan* in which the *Torah* says "ve-ata" (and you), referring to *Moshe*, rather than naming him? (2) What is the significance of the *Torah's* saying "ve-ata"? (*Shemot* 27:20)
- (a) (1) For which sin did each of the *Kohen Gadol's* 8 garments atone: (i) *ketonet* (shirt)? (ii) *michnasayim* (pants)? (iii) *mitznefet* (headdress)? (iv) *avneit* (belt)? (v) *choshen* (breastplate)? (vi) *eifod* (robe)? (vii) *me'il* (mantle)? (viii) *tzitz* (head plate)? (2) Why did *Hashem* select these sins for atonement? (b) Where are the *bigdei kehuna* (priestly garments) referred to in *Megilat Esther*? (c) From where do we know that a man should put on *tefillin shel yad* before *tefillin shel rosh*? (*Shemot* 28:2,6-43)
- (a) How many words and letters were engraved on each of the 2 stones placed on the *eifod's* 2 shoulder straps? (b) What words? (c) Which name was modified (2 opinions)? (d) In which order were the *shevatim* listed (3 opinions)? (e) When the *Torah* says that the 2 stones served as a *zikaron* (remembrance); for what were they a *zikaron* (3 explanations)? (*Shemot* 28:10-12)
- (a) How was *Aharon's chatat* (sin offering) during the 7 inauguration days of the *Mishkan* different from other *chatat* sacrifices? (b) Why? (c) What was the purpose of this *chatat*? (d) Why did 2 rams accompany this *chatat*? (*Shemot* 29:14)
- (a) Why is the *mizbeiach ha-zahav* (golden incense altar) described here and not in *Parashat Terumah*, along with the other vessels of the *Mishkan* (2 explanations)? (b) Since the word "*mizbeiach*" (altar) is derived from the word "*zevach*," meaning animal sacrifice, why was this altar called a *mizbeiach*, since only incense, and not animals, were offered on it? (*Shemot* 30:1)
- (a) Which 3 of the 613 *mitzvot* are contained in the *maftir* of *Shabbat Zachor*? (b) What 3 commands were *Bnei Yisrael* required to carry out when they entered *Eretz Yisrael*? (*Devarim* 25:17-19)
- In the *haftara*, why did *Shmuel ha-Navi* stress, in his instructions to King *Shaul*, that in addition to exterminating all the *Amalek* people, *Bnei Yisrael* had to destroy all the oxen, sheep, camels and donkeys (3 explanations)? (I *Shmuel* 15:3)

Learning Opportunities

<p>· The Amud Yomi shiur meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. On March 1st, we will begin <i>Masechet Ketubot</i>. For more information, contact Mordechai Ungar, (201) 741-3920.</p> <p>Motzei Shabbat Rabbi Reisman's satellite <i>Navi shiur</i>: 8:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p>Sunday · The Kollel and Midreshet Yom Rishon programs at Yeshiva University will not meet this week on account of <i>Purim</i>. The programs will resume on Sunday, March 7. Please refer to the programs web sites for more information. Recordings of previously <i>shiurim</i> may be accessed on the www.kollelyomrishon.com, www.midreshetyomrishon.com, and www.yutorah.org websites.</p> <p>· The Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group will not be meeting on Purim day.</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. · Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening <i>shiur</i> takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.</p> <p>Thursday · Rabbi Yissocher Frand's weekly <i>shiur</i> will be 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 <i>shiur</i> at Yeshivat Noam at 11:00 A.M. The <i>shiur</i> 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. <i>Shiurim</i> 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)

Answers to Parasha Questions:

- (a) (1) After the *cheit ha-egel*, Moshe said that if Hashem did not forgive *Bnei Yisrael*, "erase me from Your book" (*Shemot* 32:32). Although He forgave them, a *chacham's* conditional curse always is fulfilled in some form. Moshe's curse was fulfilled by deleting his name in *Tetzaveh*, the last *parasha* before the *cheit ha-egel* (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (2) Moshe was destined to become the *Kohen Gadol*, but because he hesitated to lead *Bnei Yisrael* (*Shemot* 4:13), Hashem took away this privilege and gave it to *Aharon*; it was therefore inappropriate to mention him in this *parasha*, which focuses on the *bigdei kehuna* (*Rokeach*). (3) *Tetzaveh* is always read on the week of 7 *Adar*, when Moshe was born and died; his name is missing from this *parasha* to tell us that it is Hashem who is the true Lawgiver, and Moshe only belongs in the background as His messenger (*Aznayim le-Torah*). (b) (1) (i) *Ve-ata tetzaveh* (and you shall command) *Bnei Yisrael* to bring pure olive oil for the *menorah* (here); (ii) *ve-ata hak-reiv* (and you shall bring close) *Aharon* and his sons as *kohanim* (28:1); (iii) *ve-ata tedabeir* (and you shall speak) to the wise people of *Bnei Yisrael* to make *Aharon's* garments (28:3); (2) this emphasizes that all *Mishkan*-related actions (the donations, the construction and its functioning) are accounted by Hashem as if Moshe himself performed them; (i) the light of the *menorah* represents the *Torah's* wisdom, which Moshe exclusively transmitted; (ii) the *kohanim* performed their duties only by listening to Moshe; and (iii) *Bnei Yisrael* were successful only with Moshe's support (*Ohr ha-Chaim*).
- (a) (1) They atoned for: (i) *ketonet* - murders not punishable by *beit din* due to lack of witnesses; (ii) *michnasayim - gilui arayot* (immorality); (iii) *mitznefet - gos ruach* (arrogance); (iv) *avneit - hirhur ha-lev* (improper thoughts); (v) *choshen mishpat* - perverted justice; (vi) *eifod* - idol worship; (vii) *me'il - lashon hara* (improper speech); (viii) *tzitz - azut panim* (brazenness); (2) Hashem foresaw that these would be *Bnei Yisrael's* major sins during the periods of the *Batei ha-Mikdash* (*Zevachim* 88b). (b) The *bigdei kehuna* were made "*le-chavod u-le-tifaret*" (for glory and splendor). During his 180-day party, King *Achashveirosh* displayed *yekor tiferet gedulato* (his excellent majesty's splendor) (*Esther* 1:4); he displayed *tiferet* (splendor) by wearing the *Kohen Gadol's* clothing, which *Nevuchadnetzar* had looted from the *Beit ha-Mikdash* (*Megilah* 12a). (c) Hashem commanded making the *choshen*, which, like the *tefillin shel yad*, is placed opposite the heart, before making the *tzitz*, which, like *tefillin shel rosh*, is placed on the head; we must subdue our heart's passions before our mind's passions (*Aznayim le-Torah*).
- (a) 6 words totaling 25 letters; (b) each stone listed 6 *shevatim*, containing 25 letters; (c) since the 6 names on the second stone totaled 24 letters, (1) *Yosef* had an additional *hei* (pronounced *Yehosef*, as in *Tehillim* 81:6); (2) *Binyamin* was spelled with an extra *yud* before the final *nun*; (d) (1) *Tana Kama* - birth order (except for *Yehuda*, honored with the first position); (2) *R. Chanina* - the order listed in *Shemot* 1:1-5; (3) *Rav Kahana* - the order that the *Torah* listed the *shevatim* standing on *Har Gerizim* and *Har Eival* (*Devarim* 27:12-13) (*Sotah* 36a-b). (e) (1) When Hashem sees the *shevatim's* names on the stones, He will "remember" their righteousness and have mercy on them (*Rashi*). (2) Hashem will "remember" *Yosef's* righteousness; when *Yosef* contemplated sinning with *Potifar's* wife, he saw *Ya'akov's* face telling him that his name would be removed from the *eifod* stones if he sinned; and *Yosef* restrained himself; (3) Hashem will "remember" how *Bnei Ya'akov* accepted the yoke of Heaven before *Ya'akov* died, by saying "*Shema Yisrael, Hashem Elokeinu, Hashem Echod*" (which also contains 6 words and 25 letters), and *Ya'akov's* response "*Baruch Shem Kevod Malchuto le-olam va-ed*" (also with 6 words and 25 letters) (*Ba'al ha-Turim*).
- (a) The *kohanim* ate meat from *chatat* sacrifices whose blood was sprinkled on the outer altar in the *Mishkan's* courtyard; for this *chatat*, the bull was burnt completely; (b) the *kohanim* were ineligible to eat the meat until the *Mishkan's* sanctification was completed; (c) to atone for *Aharon's* role in the *cheit ha-eigel*; (d) to atone for any sins of *Elazar* and *Itamar* (*Ramban*).
- (a) (1) Since the purpose of the *mizbeiach ha-zahav* was to welcome Hashem to the *Mishkan* with incense after its completion, it is mentioned after all the vessels and the *bigdei kehuna* are described (*Sforno*). (2) Since the function of the *mizbeiach ha-zahav* was different from that of the other vessels in that its purpose was to protect the *kohanim* and *Bnei Yisrael* from being punished for performing improper service or wearing inappropriate clothing in the *Mishkan*, the rest of the *Mishkan* and *bigdei kehuna* had to be described first (*Ramban*). (b) The letters of this *mizbeiach* indicated its many benefits for *Bnei Yisrael*: (1) *mem* - *mechila* (forgiveness); (2) *zayin* - *zechut* (merit); (3) *beit* - *beracha* (blessing); (4) *chet* - *chayim* (life) (*Medrash Tanchuma*).
- (a) (1) *Zachor* (remember) what *Amalek* did when *Bnei Yisrael* left *Mitzrayim* (*Devarim* 25:17); we fulfill this annually by hearing the reading of *Parashat Zachor* before *Purim* (*Sefer ha-Chinuch - Mitzvah* 603); (2) "*timcheh* (blot out) his remembrance" (*Devarim* 25:19) by eradicating all descendants of *Amalek* - male and female, adult and young (*Mitzvah* 604); (3) *lo tishkach* (never forget) what *Amalek* did (*Devarim* 25:19); we are required to hate *Amalek* and never to cast away that hatred - we fulfill this *mitzvah* by "not forgetting" this hatred in our hearts (*Mitzvah* 605). (b) To: (1) appoint a king; (2) build the *Beit ha-Mikdash*; (3) eradicate *Amalek's* descendants (*Mitzvah* 604).
- (a) If anything were to remain from *Amalek's* booty, *Amalek's* remembrance would not have been obliterated, as the *Torah* requires; (b) *Shmuel* was careful to restate the biblical requirement, so that *Bnei Yisrael* could not claim ignorance (*Radak*). (c) The *Amalekites* were sorcerers, and they would change their bodies into animals (*Rashi*).