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# Congregation Beth Aaron

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## Shabbat Announcements

### Parshat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim April 24, 2010 10 Iyar 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:05 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:19 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 7:27 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:30 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*: 9:29 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:10 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:20 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 9.
- *Mincha*: 7:20 P.M.
- *Maariv*: 8:27 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 8:36 P.M.

Schedule for Week of April 25th:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	5:02	5:00	4:59	4:58	4:56	4:55
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30	5:40	5:55	5:55	5:40	5:55
	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
<i>Mincha</i>	1:45					5:30
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	7:35	6:15
						7:00
<i>Maariv</i> :	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	7:40

#### Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:10 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: "Parshat Emor: Holiday Destination," Tuesday evening at 8:45 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*: Mon. & Thurs. - 6:55 A.M., Tues., Wed. & Friday - 7:00 A.M.

#### Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Dan and Ellie Schlanger on the birth of a baby girl.

#### Condolences:

- Condolences to Fred Schulman on the passing of his beloved father Bernard (Buddy) Schulman. Fred will be sitting shiva at his home, 246 Dewey Place, until Monday morning.

The Rabbinical Council of Bergen County and Yeshiva Gedola of Teaneck invite the entire community to an evening of *chizzuk* and reflection in memory of Ovadia Mussaffi z"l and Larry Krause z"l. It will be held this *Motzaei Shabbat*, April 24th, at 9:45 P.M., at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun. Rav Mayer Twersky, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, will speak on: "Looking into the Eye of the Storm: When Tragedy Strikes a Community."

There will be a **shul Board meeting** on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 P.M. Both the new and old Board members are invited. Dinner will be served.

MESSAGE FROM RABBI - Those who follow *Ashkenazic* custom may take a haircut next Friday April 30, in honor of Shabbos. Although normally one would not take a haircut before *Lag B'Omer*, in a year when *Lag B'Omer* falls on a Sunday, such an exception is made. This applies on Friday only, not Thursday night.  
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NOTE FROM THE DINNER COMMITTEE: By now, you should have received an invitation to **Congregation Beth Aaron's 34th Annual Dinner**, to be held at Congregation Keter Torah on Sunday, May 9th. If you have not yet received an invitation, please let us know, so that we can send you an invitation as soon as possible. Our annual dinner is the shul's most important fundraising event of the year. Please join us as we honor two most deserving couples -- Renee and Harry Harczstark, Guests of Honor, and Nechama and Steven Pudell, Service Awardees. We look forward to greeting you all on this special evening. Please forward any comments or questions to Sari Samuel, [sarisamuel@aol.com](mailto:sarisamuel@aol.com), or Valerie Kahn, [kahnclan@optonline.net](mailto:kahnclan@optonline.net).

A very important election is coming up. There will be elections for Township Council on Tuesday, May 11th. All individuals who are 18 years old on or before April 20th are eligible to vote. For further assistance, please contact [isalomon@optonline.net](mailto:isalomon@optonline.net).

**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, contact Rabbi Stephen Knapp, [RabbiKnapp@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiKnapp@gmail.com), (917) 837-2810.

The next **Sisterhood Book Club** meeting will be held this *Shabbat*, April 24th, at 4:30 P.M., at the home of Esther Chaitovsky, 43 Cranford Place. We will be discussing the book "**A Boy and a Pigeon**," by **Meir Shalev**. All Beth Aaron women are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Diane Fogel, [difogel@aol.com](mailto:difogel@aol.com), (201) 837-0651.

The 6th semi-annual **Beth Aaron Young Members' Lunch** will be held on *Shabbat*, May 1st. Please visit [www.bethaaron.org/youngmemberslunch](http://www.bethaaron.org/youngmemberslunch) for a flyer and more details.

**The shul's annual *Siyum Mishnayot* is approaching quickly!** Just a reminder to all those who signed up to learn for our annual *siyum* -- your learning must be completed by June 12th, *Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Tammuz*. If you are not sure which *mesechta* you chose, please look at the *Chevra Mishnayot* board in the *Beit Midrash* or contact Alden Leifer, (201) 907-0309, [aldenleifer@gmail.com](mailto:aldenleifer@gmail.com).

**Beth Aaron Youth:**

- **Tefillah and Shoko** continues this *Shabbat* morning at 9:15 A.M. (before the start of youth groups). Learn about *tefillah* while enjoying chocolate milk and cookies!
- On Sunday, May 2nd, at 3:30 P.M. the Beth Aaron Youth Department will be hosting a **Lag ba-Omer BBQ and Festival** at the shul. There will be a hot dog BBQ with ices, BA Boys' Choir concert, *Shabbat* ticket trade-in, arts & crafts projects, and much more. All Nursery-fifth graders are invited, along with their families. There will be a small charge for the food. See you there!
- For more information on youth activities, please contact Erica and Jason David, [bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com), (732) 618-9473.
- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, April 24th, at 5:00 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*, April 24th, at 5:30 P.M., at the Samuel home, 860 Red Road. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Shabbat)*. For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, [rkurz1@yahoo.com](mailto:rkurz1@yahoo.com), or Esther Klavan, [esksp@aol.com](mailto:esksp@aol.com).

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

- This Sunday, April 25th, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., we will be having a **Mystery Dinner** at the shul. The starting quarterback for the Teaneck Titans was kidnapped the night before the championship game. Do you know what happened? We need your help to solve the mystery! The cost is \$10, and a Chinese dinner will be served.
- On *Shabbat*, May 1st, from 7:30 to 9:45 P.M., we will be having a **Seudah Shelishit**, followed by **Havdalah** and a **Lag ba-Omer Bonfire** with smores, at Noa Barta's home, 192 Chadwick Road. If you wish to attend this event, you must RSVP! To RSVP, please e-mail us at [bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com). Please *daven mincha* before you come to this event.
- On Tuesday, May 4th, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., we will be having a **Spring Regional Psych-Up Night** in the shul basement. Come help us prepare to win the "Chapter of the Year" award by making banners and learning our new cheer and the "Walk-In" skit.
- **Spring Regional** will take place from Thursday, May 6th to Sunday, May 9th at Camp Morasha. To register, go to [njncsy.com](http://njncsy.com) and click on the "Spring Regional" link. The cost is \$195 (until May 2nd), but scholarships are available (call Aaron Horn, 646-306-3356). Join your friends from Teaneck Junior NCSY, as well as all of the other Junior NCSY chapters, at the last *Shabbaton* of the year! Buses will be leaving from school (more information on busing will follow).
- Great news! **Daniel Altaras** has joined our Beth Aaron Junior NCSY family as an advisor! Daniel is from Clifton, and he graduated Salutatorian from JEC in Elizabeth. He spent a year and a half in Yeshivat ha-Kotel in *Yerushalayim* and is now studying economics at YU and plans to go into law.
- 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):**

- Beth Aaron Teens is having an *oneg* this *Shabbat*, April 24th at 6:00 P.M. We hope the weather is nice enough to hang out in the shul's "backyard." If not, the *oneg* will take place in the shul basement. We hope to see you there!
- 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 [bethaaron teens@gmail.com](mailto: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 *minyan*. This Friday, *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat* will begin at 7:15 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 7:15 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 7:30 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 8:30 P.M.

On Sunday, April 25th, at 8:00 P.M., at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, **Dr. Efrat Sobolofsky**, Director, YU Connects, will speak on **"The Dating Mazein 2010 – A Primer for Parents and Educators."** Using modern-day scenarios and a short trigger film, this interactive presentation will highlight some of the relationship building skills and values we can help impart to our youth as they prepare to date and marry. A question and answer session will follow.

This Sunday, April 25th, at 8:15 P.M., at the shul, **Rabbi Chaim Jachter**, a faculty member of TABC and *Dayan* of the Beth Din of Elizabeth, and **Judge Michael Dressler**, Bergen County Surrogate, will speak on **"Wills and Estates in Jewish Law,"** as well as the procedures for administration of estates in the Bergen County court system.

On Tuesday, May 4th, at 8:15 P.M., **Prof. Ephraim Kleiman** will speak at the shul on **"Israel and the Palestinian Economy: Integrated or Separated?"** As a long-time student of the Palestinian economy, and as the senior economic advisor to the Israeli delegation at the Israel-PLO economic negotiations in Paris in 1993-94, Prof. Kleiman, Professor of Economics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is uniquely qualified to talk about this topic. He has published articles in many areas, including international trade, public finance, and the history of economic thought, with special reference to economic thought in the Talmud. For more information, please contact Meylekh Viswanath, [pviswanath@pace.edu](mailto:pviswanath@pace.edu)

On the *Shabbat* of May 7-9, at the Stamford Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Stamford, Connecticut, **Project Inspire** will be holding its inaugural convention with the theme **"Uniting the Jewish People."** Featured speakers include Rabbi Zev Leff, Rabbi Mordechai Becher, Rabbi Motty Berger, Rabbi Eliyahu Bergstein, Rabbi Yerachmiel Milstein, Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky, Rabbi Bezalel Rudinsky, Rabbi Yaakov Salomon, Rabbi Chaim Sampson, Rav Yosef Viener, Rebbetzin Lori Palatnik and Mrs. Debbie Greenblatt. For reservations and information, please contact [convention@projectinspire.com](mailto:convention@projectinspire.com), or call (212) 660-0269 or (646) 461-3316.

On Monday, May 10th, at 7:30 P.M., at the *beit kneset* of the Moriah School, Rabbi Neil Winkler will give a *shiur* on **"Dry Bones and Living Prophecy: Understanding Yechezkel 37"** in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Erik Kessler, [ekessler@moriahschool.org](mailto:ekessler@moriahschool.org), (201) 567-0208 ext. 376.

On Sunday, June 13th, at 11:00 A.M., the Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC) and Bnot Yeshurun present a concert by **Uncle Moishy** at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun. Tickets are \$12 for a child and \$15 for an adult. Sponsorships are available. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Grant Silverstein, [Grant.Silverstein@hasc.net](mailto:Grant.Silverstein@hasc.net), (718) 686-5920, or go to [www.hasc.net](http://www.hasc.net).

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. FINAL SIGN-UP DEADLINE: MAY 1st. Register online, [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call NORPAC, (201) 788-5133 or Allen Friedman, (201) 906-3715.

The **Jewish Learning Experience** is pleased to announce a *new Sunday morning slower-paced instructional minyan*, which will take place at Beth Aaron at 9:30 A.M., and will be followed by *Torah* learning and a light breakfast. For more information, contact Rabbi David Pietruszka, (201) 966-4498, [rabbip@jle.org](mailto:rabbip@jle.org).

### Parasha Questions for Parshat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

- (a) Why does the *Torah* mention the deaths of *Nadav* and *Avihu* before describing the *Yom Kippur avoda* (2 reasons)? (b) When he performed the *Yom Kippur avoda* in the *Kodesh Kadashim*, why did the *Kohen Gadol* wear only his white linen garments (3 reasons)? (c) Why does the *Torah* call the requirements of *shevita* (resting) and *innui* (affliction) on *Yom Kippur* "*chukat olam*" (a statute forever) 3 times? (d) What does "*Azazel*" – where the *Kohen Gadol* sent one of the goats – mean (3 explanations)? (e) For what 4 kinds of sins does *Yom Kippur* not atone? (*Vayikra* 16:1,4,8,29,31,34)
- (a) Why was blood sprinkled on the *mizbei'ach* for atonement? (b) Why does the blood of a *kosher* bird or a wild animal have to be covered after *shechita*, but not the blood of a domesticated animal? (*Vayikra* 17:11,13)
- (a) What are 4 violations of *u-ve-chukoteihem lo teileichu* (do not follow [the gentiles'] laws)? (b) Why does the *Torah* list the *arayot* (forbidden relationships) after the commandment of "*ve-chai ba-hem*" (he shall live by [the *mitzvot*])? (*Vayikra* 18:3,5)
- (a) How does one fulfill the commandment of *kedoshim tihiyu* (you shall be holy) (2 explanations)? (b) Which *mitzvah* prohibits: (1) a storekeeper from selling non-kosher food to Jews, a dress shop from selling immodest clothes, or a bookstore from selling obscene or blasphemous books? (2) a parent from hitting an adult child? (3) lending money to a Jew without witnesses? (4) withholding testimony that would help a fellow Jew? (5) ignoring a hungry pauper's plea? (*Vayikra* 19:2,14)
- (a) (1) What are 5 ways to fulfill "*ve-ahavta le-rei'acha kamocho*" (you shall love your fellow as yourself)? (2) From where do *Chazal* learn that: (i) a *beit din* must carry out a capital punishment in the least painful manner? (ii) a man should not betroth a woman before physically seeing her? (iii) a man should not have marital relations in the light? (b) Why does the *Torah* prohibit: (1) the crossbreeding of animals? (2) mixing wool and linen (*sha'atnez*) in a garment (2 reasons) (*Vayikra* 19:18-19)
- (a) (1) In enumerating in *Parasha Kedoshim* the punishments for the forbidden marital relationships that previously were listed, which 2 relationships differ from what was stated in *Parashat Acharei Mot*? (2) Why? (b) Why does the *Torah* conclude the *parasha* concerning holiness with the prohibition of consulting *Ov* and *Yidoni*? (*Vayikra* 20:19,27)
- In the *haftarah*, what is the *sukkat David ha-nofalet* (*David's fallen sukkah*) that *Hashem* will raise (2 views)? (*Amos* 9:11)

## Learning Opportunities

<p>· The <b>Amud Yomi shiur</b> meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. For more information, contact Mordechai Ungar, (201) 741-3920.</p> <p><b>Motzaei Shabbat</b> Rabbi Reisman's satellite <i>Navi shiur</i>: 10:15 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> · This Sunday, April 25th, Yeshiva University invites you to a <b>Morning of Jewish Scholarship with Faculty of the Bernard Revel Graduate School</b>. At 9:30 A.M., Dr. David Berger will speak on “<i>Halakhah, Hashkafah, and the Academic Study of Judaism</i>.” At 10:30 A.M., Dr. Ronnie Perelis will speak on “<i>These Indians are Jews: Lost Tribes, Secret Jews and Brave New Worlds</i>,” and Dr. Debra Kaplan will speak on “<i>Women, Marriage and Property: From the Rishonim to Early Modern Frankfurt</i>.” At 11:30 A.M., Dr. Mordechai Cohen will speak</p>	<p>on “<i>New Perspective on the Rambam: His Contribution to Parshanut ha-Mikra</i>,” and Dr. Jonathan Dauber will speak on “<i>Controversies in Early Kabbalah: On the Writing of the First Kabbalistic Texts</i>.” <b>Pre-registration is required.</b> For more information, to pre-register, or to download <i>mar’ei mekomot</i>, please visit <a href="http://www.kollelyomrison.org">www.kollelyomrison.org</a> or call (212) 960-0041.</p> <p>· The <b>Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group</b> will meet this Sunday, April 25th, at the Hager home, 87 Sterling Place. NOTE: There is no parking on Sterling Place.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> · Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening <i>shiur</i> takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> · <b>Rabbi Yissocher Frand's</b> weekly <i>shiur</i> 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, <b>Rabbi Roberts</b> gives a <b>Parasha Shiur</b>, followed by <i>maariv</i> at 9:30 P.M.</p> <p><b>Friday</b> · The <b>Bergen County Kollel for Baalei Batim</b> meets on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 9:45 A.M. in the basement of the shul. <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 Melachim Aleph; 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 Parsha Questions:

- (a) To teach that: (1) to avoid suffering the same fate as his sons, *Aharon* must be careful not to do anything which could cause his death when entering the *Mishkan* to perform the *avodah*, (*Rashi*). (2) just as *Yom Kippur* creates a favorable time for *Bnei Yisrael's* atonement, so do the deaths of *tzadikim* [*Nadav* and *Avihu*] (*Meshech Chachma*). (b) (1) *Aharon's* 4 golden garments evoked the *cheit ha-eigel*; if he entered the *Kodesh Kadashim* to achieve forgiveness for *Bnei Yisrael*, the “accusing angel” could argue: “After making the golden idol, you come to serve *Hashem* dressed in golden garments!” (*Rosh Hashana* 26a). (2) The *Kohen Gadol* resembled an angel – *Yechezkel ha-Navi* envisioned the Heavenly host wearing linen garments; (3) these garments symbolize humility in the presence of the *Shechina* (*Tiferet Tzion*). (c) (1) When the *kohanim* performed the *avoda* in the *Beit ha-Mikdash*, *Bnei Yisrael* nonetheless had to refrain from labor and fast on *Yom Kippur* (verse 29); (2) *shevita* and *innui* apply on *Yom Kippur* even when there is no *Beit ha-Mikdash* (verse 31); (3) when there is no *Beit ha-Mikdash*, *Yom Kippur* itself atones for *Bnei Yisrael's* sins (verse 34) (*Sforno*). (d) (1) The cliff off of which the goat was thrown was “*azaz*” (strong) and “*eil*” (mighty) (*Rashi*). (2) *Aza* and *Aza'el* were 2 angels dwelling among humans during the pre-flood days of *Tuval-Kayin* – their immoral depravity exceeded that of the generation of the flood; the goat atoned for immorality like that of these angels (*Yoma* 67b). (3) *Azazel* refers to the *Satan*, meaning that after *Hashem* had forgiven *Bnei Yisrael's* sins with the goat “to *Hashem*,” the other goat was “sent” to the *Satan*, who no longer was able to accuse *Bnei Yisrael*, whose sins had been atoned (*Zohar*). (e) (1) *Yom Kippur* atones only for sins committed against *Hashem*; sins committed against another person are not atoned without the victim's forgiveness; (2) if someone sins while assuming that *Hashem* will forgive him on *Yom Kippur*, he receives no atonement (*Yoma* 54a-b). (3) If the sin entails the penalty of *kareit*, *Yom Kippur* provides only partial atonement; the sin is erased through personal suffering; (4) if the sin involves a *chilul Hashem*, only the individual's death atones for the sin (*Mechilta*).
- (a) Since blood contains the animal's *nefesh* (soul), the *korban's* *nefesh* sprinkled on the *mizbei'ach* atones for the sins of the offerer's *nefesh* (*Rashi*). (b) Since eating an animal's meat while its life-spirit is poured out before us leads to *ketzat achzariut* (slight cruelty) in our souls, birds' and wild animals' blood must be covered. Since sprinkling domestic animals' blood was vital to the atonement of the souls of *Bnei Yisrael*, it could not be covered, and the *Torah* did not differentiate between *kodshim* (animals for *korbanot*) and *chulin* (domesticated non-holy animals). Since the *Torah* did not concern itself with the small number of birds that are *kodshim*, birds' blood must be covered (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 187).
- (a) Do not: (1) attend their theaters, circuses or stadiums; (2) follow their superstitions; (3) celebrate non-Jewish holidays; (4) wear their religious garb (*Shabbat* 66b-67a). (b) Although *ve-chai ba-hem* tells one to forego a *mitzvah* when it threatens one's life, *arayot* are an exception, requiring *yeihoreg ve-al ya'avor* (let yourself be murdered, but do not transgress) (*Ba'al ha-Turim*).
- (a) By: (1) separating oneself from the immoral *arayot* described in *Parshat Acharai Mot* (*Rashi*). (2) imposing on oneself restrictions and moderation in the physical pleasures the *Torah* permits; one cannot be holy if one conducts himself as a *naval be-reshut ha-Torah* (a depraved person acting within the confines of the *Torah*), with disproportionate permitted lustful relationships, gluttony of permitted foods, or self-centeredness (*Ramban*). (b) (1) *Lifnei iveir lo titein michshol* (do not put a stumbling block before the blind) by helping someone to sin (*Rambam - Sefer ha-Mitzvot*). (2) *Lifnei iveir* – the attack could cause the child to violate the *mitzvah* to honor one's parents; (3) *Lifnei iveir* – by causing the borrower, through forgetfulness, to falsely deny taking the loan (*Bava Metzia* 75b). (4) *Lo ta'amod al dom rei'echa* (do not stand by while your fellow's blood is shed) – your silence could cause him to lose his life or property (*Torat Kohanim*). (5) *Lo ta'amod* – your failure to help could cause him to die (*Ta'anit* 21a).
- (a) (1) (i) Do not take advantage or cheat him; (ii) be as careful with his money and property as you are with your own; (iii) speak to him in a respectful manner, without causing pain; (iv) share his happiness and do not be envious of him; (v) help him as you would want others to help you (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 219). (2) (i) *ve-ahavta le-rei'acha kamocho* (*Ketubot* 37b). (ii) *ve-ahavta le-rei'acha kamocho* – so that after they marry, he will not find something displeasing in her (*Kiddushin* 41a). (iii) *ve-ahavta le-rei'acha kamocho* – so that he does not see something that will make her undesirable to him (*Nida* 17a). (b) (1) When *Hashem* called the Creation “*tov me'od*” (very good – *Bereishit* 1:31), He indicated that the created creatures serve His purpose; by crossbreeding, we act against His will (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 249). (2) (i) In *Bereishit* 4:4-5, *Kayin* offered a *korban* to *Hashem* of flax, from which linen is made, and *Hevel* offered sheep, from which wool is derived; refraining from mixing wool and linen reminds us of *Kayin's* crime, encouraging us to maintain non-violence and peace with others (*Radal*). (ii) Since idolatrous priests used to wear garments of wool and linen, we may not wear them (*Rambam – Moreh Nevuchim*).
- (a) (1) The prohibition to marry: (i) 2 sisters is omitted; (ii) one's aunt is phrased differently from the other prohibitions – the usual wording “and a man who lives with” is omitted. (2) When *Moshe* read these laws to all of *Bnei Yisrael*, *Hashem* made these 2 changes to spare the honor of 2 *tzadikim* who did not observe them before *matan Torah*: (1) *Ya'akov*, who married 2 sisters; and (2) *Moshe's* father, *Amram*, who married his aunt *Yocheved* (*Rokeach*). (b) To teach *Bnei Yisrael* that if they serve *Hashem* properly, they will deserve *nevi'im* and will not need to use these magical ways to predict the future (*Ba'al ha-Turim*).
- The fallen *sukkah* refers to: (a) *Malchut Beit David* (the kingdom of the House of *David*), which will be reestablished on the day of *geula* (*Rashi*). (b) the destroyed *Beit ha-Mikdash*, which *Hashem* will rebuild (*Mahari Kra*).