



This week's announcements are sponsored by Barry Weissman in honor of his daughter Ali's birthday

The unveiling for **Morris Weissman** will take place on Sunday, June 6th, at 1:00 P.M. at the Old Montefiore Cemetery, 121-83 Springfield Blvd., Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. The grave is located at Gate 33, Block 331, Row 1, Section L.

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## Shabbat Announcements

### Parshat Behaalotecha May 29, 2010 16 Sivan 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:35 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:46 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 8:01 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 8:05 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: 7:30 A.M.
- Rabbi Rothwachs' *Tefillah shiur*: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:10 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.

- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:45 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:55 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 10.
- *Mincha*: 7:55 P.M., followed by a *shiur* by Rabbi Rothwachs: "Please Insert the Name at the Appropriate Time" *Mi Sheberach*: Does it Really Work?"
- *Maariv*: 9:01 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 9:10 P.M.

Schedule for Week of May 23rd:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	30	31	1	2	3	4
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	4:27	4:26	4:26	4:25	4:25	4:25
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30	<b>6:30</b>	5:55	5:55	5:40	5:55
	7:15	<b>7:15</b>	6:30	6:30	6:20	6:30
	8:00	<b>8:00</b>	7:15	7:15	7:10	7:15
	8:45	<b>8:45</b>	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
<i>Mincha</i>	1:45	<b>1:45</b>				5:30
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	8:05	8:05	8:05	8:05	8:05	6:40
						7:00
						8:10
<i>Maariv</i> :	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

#### Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:40 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.

- Rabbi Feldman *shiur*: 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**: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:00 A.M.; Thursday - 6:55 A.M.

#### Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Arlene and Michael Sand on the engagement of their son Avram to Elizabeth Moskatel of Los Angeles.
- *Mazal Tov* to Isio and Marcia Jacobovitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Rafael.

#### Refuah Shleima:

*Refuah shleima* to Bob Wolf, who is recovering from surgery.

The shul office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in honor of Memorial Day.

**Seudah Shlishit sponsors are needed.** Participants and non-participants alike are encouraged to sponsor the *seudah shlishit Siyum Mishnayot*, which will take place on *Shabbat Rosh Chodesh, Parshat Korach*, June 12th. As in past years, we are planning a special gala *seudah shlishit* to mark the wonderful accomplishment of completing all of *mishnayot* as a *kehillah*. Dedications will be accepted. **Contributor -- up to \$50; Sponsor -- up to \$100, and Supporter -- above \$100.** Please send checks and sponsorship information to the shul office, or go to [www.bethaaron.org](http://www.bethaaron.org), click on "Pay your bill online," and use the payment category "Other."

To all those who signed up to learn for our annual *siyum* -- your learning must be completed by June 12th. If you are not sure which *mesechta* you chose, please look at the *Chevra Mishnayot* board in the *Beit Midrash*, go to the *Siyum Mishnayot* link at [www.bethaaron.org](http://www.bethaaron.org), or contact Alden Leifer, (201) 907-0309, [aldenleifer@gmail.com](mailto:aldenleifer@gmail.com).

**Choice mesechtot are still available for 2010-11!** The sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby, or send your requests to [aldenleifer@gmail.com](mailto:aldenleifer@gmail.com), and please mark the subject line "*Siyum Mishnayot*." Consider including your child(ren) or spouse (or both) as a *chavruta*. Remember that the *Chevra Mishnayot* has a lending library of pocket-sized English *Kahati mishnayot* for your use. Please contact Alden as soon as possible, as all requests are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

As many of you know, **we have recently hired a new custodian -- Joe Del Lago.** For Joe to serve the shul properly, he has been instructed to accept directions from only a few authorized people. If you have not been authorized by the Rabbi or President, please do not provide instructions or guidance of any kind to Joe. If you need Joe's assistance with something, please contact Larry Shafier or David Goldberg. We appreciate your cooperation.  
—Rabbi L. Rothwachs and Larry Shafier

**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.

- It is that time of year again! The first **Sisterhood Womens' Potluck Seudah Shlishit** will be held this *Shabbat*, May 29th, at 6:00 P.M., at the Rothwachs home, 288 Schley Place. To RSVP, contact Rivka Fink, (201) 833-2527, [rivkafink@optonline.net](mailto:rivkafink@optonline.net). You can also sign up online at [www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/BASisterhood1](http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/BASisterhood1).
- The **Sisterhood Book Club** will be reading "**Dough: A Memoir**," by Mort Zachter. We will be meeting to discuss this book on *Shabbat*, June 5th, at 5:00 P.M., at the home of Renee Brown, 127 Edgemont Place. All Beth Aaron women are welcome. Please contact Diane Fogel, [difogel@aol.com](mailto:difogel@aol.com), to be added to our email list or for any questions.
- The **Young Members Committee** is pleased to host a **dessert reception** on *Shabbat* afternoon, June 19th at 3:00 P.M., for members of the current Beth Aaron family along with all Young Singles and Families of the greater Teaneck Community. We look forward to greeting you and seeing the beginning of our expansion together.
- **The Men's Club annual graduation Kiddush** is scheduled for *Shabbat*, June 19th, *Parshat Chukat*. Celebrate your graduate from birth to doctoral level (and everything in between) with a \$72 donation. As always, regular sponsorships are available (starting at \$200). If you are commemorating a *yahrtzeit*, celebrating a *simcha*, or simply want to say "thank you," please consider sponsoring. To sponsor, please contact David Goldberg, (201)-530-0996, or [kiddush@bethaaron.org](mailto:kiddush@bethaaron.org). You can also sponsor and pay online at [www.bethaaron.org/kiddush](http://www.bethaaron.org/kiddush)
- On Sunday, June 27th, the shul will be having its **annual BBQ in Phelps Park**. We will be having an exciting softball game, a great youth program, activities for middle school students, and of course great eats! Please watch the weekly announcements for more details. We hope to see you there!

The **Men's Club is looking for some new faces on its Board**. If you would like to get involved, please contact Moishe B. Singer, (201) 836-4040, [mensclub@bethaaron.org](mailto:mensclub@bethaaron.org)

Beth Aaron's Men's Club is looking to participate in the **Township of Teaneck's Annual Clean & Green Weekend**, Sunday, June 13th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. For more details, or to join our team, please contact Moishe B. Singer, [moishe+mc@gmail.com](mailto:moishe+mc@gmail.com).

**Beth Aaron Youth:**

- **Tefillah and shoko** will not take place this *Shabbat*. We will resume next *Shabbat* morning at 9:15 A.M.
- Our **end of year BBQ** will take place at the Rothwachs home. Monday, June 21st (Kindergarden - 2nd grade from 5:00-6:15 P.M. and 3rd-5th grade from 6:30-7:45 P.M.). Rain date: Wednesday, June 23 (same times).
- 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*, May 29th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Schwartz home, 641 Cumberland Avenue. 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*, May 29th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Sklar home, 700 Queen Anne Road. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Shabbat)*. 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):**

- All fifth graders are invited to a **5th Grade-Only Waffles and Wacky Pictionary event** on Sunday, June 6th, from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M., at the shul. The cost is \$10.
- On *Shabbat* afternoon, June 12th, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., we will have our final **Oneg** of the year in the shul basement.
- On Sunday, June 13th, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., we will have a monster-sized **Mini Golf Event** at Monster Mini Golf, 49 East Midland Avenue, Paramus. The cost is \$13.
- 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):**

The Beth Aaron Teen Youth Department (grades 6-12) is looking to offer **CPR** courses on several dates between June and September. Each class will last about 4 to 5 hours and will be limited in size, to allow a better understanding of the concepts taught. There will be a charge for the courses. For more information, or if you (or your teen) are interested in taking a course, please contact Mo-b Singer, [moishe+cpr@gmail.com](mailto:moishe+cpr@gmail.com)

## 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 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 7:50 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 8:05 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 9:04 P.M.

This *Shabbat* afternoon, May 29th, at 6:45 P.M., at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Dr. Ellie Schainker will speak on "**Family Ties: Converts and Community in Imperial Russia.**" She will discuss the substantial archival trail of converts from Judaism in nineteenth-century Russia, and the many indications of ongoing social, economic and religious ties between apostates and their Jewish kin.

On Wednesday, June 2nd, at 9:25 P.M., at Congregation Beth Abraham, 396 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, "**The Shmuz**" (a monthly 45-minute Torah lecture) will be held, accompanied with snacks. The *shiur*/talk will be on "**Understanding Life Settings.**" Using the backdrop of a famous event recounted in the *Talmud*; this *Shmuz* focuses us on some of the big picture issues of life, helping us understand "life settings," as they apply to each person. Why is it that some people are born with amazing capacity, and others are created so simple? Why is there autism and Down's Syndrome? If in fact God is just, why not mete out talents and abilities in an equal manner to all people?

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 [www.hasc.net](http://www.hasc.net).

The **Moriah School** invites all alumni from the **Class of 2006** to a **reunion**, to be held on Thursday, June 17th, at 11:30 A.M., at the school. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Erik Kessler, [ekessler@moriahschool.org](mailto:ekessler@moriahschool.org), or register online at [www.moriahschool.org](http://www.moriahschool.org).

**May is NNJKIDS Month!** NNJKIDS is kicking off its second year with a community-wide awareness month, encompassing synagogues, day schools and a large network of local businesses. Enroll for a monthly/annual contribution and be eligible to win two tickets to Israel. All new contributions or increases in May will be matched up to \$100,000 – doubling the impact of each dollar contributed! Please demonstrate your commitment to Jewish Education by supporting these programs and subscribing to NNJKIDS. The suggested minimum is simply one dollar per day, or \$30 per month; however, donations at every level are welcome. To sign up, please visit [nnjkids.org](http://nnjkids.org), or call (201) 244-4666. Check donations can be mailed to NNJKIDS, 600 South Prospect Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

The **Jewish Learning Experience** is pleased to announce a **new Sunday morning slower-paced instructional minyan**, which will take place every other week 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).

We are pleased to announce that the **Beth Aaron Boys' Choir** is available for shul functions and Beth Aaron Community's *simchas*. Updates on all activities are on the shul's website in the Youth section. For more information, or to join the choir, contact Benji Rosenbluth, [bdrosenbluth@yahoo.com](mailto:bdrosenbluth@yahoo.com), (201) 357-5685, or Yehiel Levy, (201) 357-5495, [yehiel@optonline.net](mailto:yehiel@optonline.net).

The students of **The Sinai School** are offering a **free pick-up service of clothing donations** in good condition to community members. A *tevilat keilim* service is also available. All pick-ups are on Thursday evenings. Dishes will be returned within two weeks of pick up. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for *tevilat keilim*. For more information, contact Rochel Weitzman, [Rrodina@sinaischool.org](mailto:Rrodina@sinaischool.org), (646) 701-1255.

### Parasha Questions for Parshat Behaalotecha

- (a) (1) Why did *Hashem* command the kindling of the *menora* after the *nesi'im* gave inauguration gifts? (2) Why did *Aharon* not offer gifts with the *nesi'im* (3 reasons)? (b) Why does the *Torah* say "*be-ha'alotcha*" (raise up), rather than *be-hadliykecha* (light) the lamps (3 reasons)? (c) Why did the 6 outside wicks point the toward the center branch (2 reasons)? (*Bamidbar* 8:2)
- (a) Why is the *Korban Pesach*, which was offered in *Nisan*, described after *Parashat Bamidbar's* census, which took place in *Iyar*, a month later (4 reasons)? (b) Who were those impure from contact with a corpse and unable to offer the *Korban Pesach* (3 opinions)? (c) How did the offering of *Pesach Sheini* in *Iyar* differ from the offering of the *Korban Pesach* in *Nisan* (2 ways)? (*Bamidbar* 9:1-6)
- (a) How did the *kedusha* of *Moshe's chatzotzrot* (trumpets) differ from that of the other vessels of the *Mishkan*? (b) Why were: (1) *Yehoshua* and subsequent leaders unable to use them? (2) they made of silver, not gold? (c) In the *Beit ha-Mikdash*, on which 6 occasions were trumpets scheduled to be blown? (*Bamidbar* 10:2)
- (a) What is the purpose of the inverted letters around the *parasha* of *va-yehi binsoa ha-aron* (when the *aron* would journey) (2 explanations)? (b) Why is the letter *nun* inverted (3 explanations)? (*Bamidbar* 10:35-36)
- (a) When *Hashem* was angry with the *mit'onenim* (complainers), why did He set fire "*biktzei ha-machaneh*" (at the camp's edge) (2 explanations)? (b) Why did *Bnei Yisrael* complain about a lack of meat, if, as stated in *Parashat Beshalach* (*Shemot* 16:13), they received *slav* (quail) every evening, as well as the *mon* each morning (4 explanations)? (c) (1) What was *Eldad's* and *Meidad's* prophecy in the camp (3 opinions)? (2) Why did *Yehoshua* tell *Moshe* "*kela'eim*" (jail or destroy them) (3 reasons)? (3) What was *Yehoshua's* error? (4) How was he punished? (*Bamidbar* 11:1,26-32)
- (a) How was *Miriam's* speaking *lashon ha-ra* about *Moshe* related to the *zekeinim* (elders) receiving *nevua* (prophecy)? (b) How were *Moshe's* visions different from those of *Miriam*, *Aharon* and all other *nevi'im* (prophets) (4 ways)? (*Bamidbar* 12:6-8)
- In the *haftara*, what does the *Navi's* prophecy of the *menora* sandwiched between two olive trees symbolize? (*Zecharia* 4:6)

## 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></p> <p>Rabbi Reisman's satellite <i>Navi shiur</i>: 10:30 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>· The <b>Yeshiva University Kollel and Midreshet Yom Rishon</b> programs invite you its final program of the season on Sunday, May 30. The program, which is 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. The</p>	<p>speakers will be <b>Rabbi Meir Goldwicht</b> at 9:30 A.M. and <b>Rabbi Kenneth Brander</b> at 10:30 A.M. For more information or to download <i>mar'ei mekomot</i>, call (212) 960-0041, or go to <a href="http://www.yu.edu/kollelyomrishon">www.yu.edu/kollelyomrishon</a> or <a href="http://www.yu.edu/MidreshetYomRishon">www.yu.edu/MidreshetYomRishon</a>.</p> <p>· The <b>Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group</b> will this Sunday, May 30th, at the Stobezki home, 1117 Trafalgar Avenue.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>· Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening <i>shiur</i> takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.</p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>· <b>Rabbi Yissocher Frand's</b> 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, <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></p> <p>· 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) (1) Since *Aharon* was perturbed that he, the *nasi* of *Sheivet Levi*, was not included with the other *nesi'im*, *Hashem* gave him the *mitzvah* of lighting the *menora* (*Rashi*). (2) (i) After participating in the *cheit ha-eigel*, *Aharon* was ashamed to offer gifts for the *Mishkan* without *Hashem's* command; *Hashem* never told *Moshe* that *Aharon* should do bring such gifts (*Medrash Tanchuma*). (ii) Since *Moshe* believed the *Mishkan* would move supernaturally, *Aharon* did not offer wagons, like the other *nesi'im* did; after *Hashem* accepted the wagons and *korbanot* of the *nesi'im*, he could no longer donate, since *Efrayim* and *Menashe* had completed the group of 12 *nesi'im* (*Tiferet Tzion*). (iii) *Hashem* told *Moshe* that instead of offering one-time donations of *korbanot* like the other *nesi'im*, *Aharon* merited 2 *mitzvot* for his *sheivet* to be done forever, even when there is no *Beit ha-Mikdash*, i.e., the *mitzvot* described immediately before and after the gifts of the *nesi'im* – *Birchat Kohanim* and lighting the *menora* (for *Chanukah*) (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (b) (1) The *mitzvah* was fulfilled by lighting each flame until it rose by itself; (2) The *menora* was on a platform with steps leading to it, which the *kohen* ascended to light it (*Rashi*). (3) Lighting the *menora* spiritually elevated the *kohen*; subsequently, lighting the *Chanukah menora* would spiritually elevate each Jew (*Medrash Tanchuma*). (c) (1) Pointing inward showed that *Hashem* does not need our light (*Rashi*). (2) The 3 right lamps symbolized those devoting themselves to spiritual matters – *Torah* learning, *tefilah* and *chesed*; the 3 left lamps symbolized those who engaging in farming, business and commerce to support their brethren. These activities should all be dedicated to *Hashem's* Will, which is represented by the middle lamp (*Sforno*).
- (a) (1) To teach that the *Torah* does not always recount events chronologically; (2) this was the only time *Bnei Yisrael* offered the *Korban Pesach* in the 40 years in the *midbar*, and it was a dishonor for them, because the *meraglim's* sin prevented them from entering *Eretz Yisrael* to offer it each year. Thus, the *Torah* chose not to begin *Sefer Bamidbar* on a negative note (*Rashi*). (3) Since *Sefer Bamidbar's* main focus is to show *Bnei Yisrael's* connection to the *Mishkan*, the *sefer* begins with their set up around it (*Ramban*). (4) It was impossible for only 3 *kohanim* (*Aharon*, *Elazar* and *Itamar*) to offer the *Pesach korbanot* by themselves for all of *Bnei Yisrael*; the *Torah* first describes the consecration of the *levi'im* (8:5-22), who assisted the *kohanim* (*Oznayim la-Torah*). (b) (1) Bearers of the coffin containing *Yosef's* bones; (2) the *levi'im* *Mishael* and *Eltzafan*, who removed *Nadav's* and *Avihu's* corpses from the *Mishkan* on 8 *Nisan*; (3) *kohanim* who had buried a *meit mitzvah* (an unattended, unidentified corpse) (*Sukkah 25a-b*). (c) Those offering *Pesach Sheini* could: (1) possess *chametz* when offering and eating the *korban*, because it was not the *Pesach* holiday; (2) perform *melacha* (labor) when they ate it, because it was not *Yom Tov* (*Rashi*).
- (a) All of the vessels were *kadosh* forever; these *chatzotzrot* were *kadosh* and could be used only during *Moshe's* life (*Sifri*). (b) (1) These *chatzotzrot* were used to assemble all of *Bnei Yisrael* in one place; *Moshe* was the only leader who could gather all of *Bnei Yisrael* together to accept whatever he said (*Satmar Rav*). (2) Gold *chatzotzrot* would have recalled the *cheit ha-eigel* (*Sifri*). (c) (1) Each morning, upon opening the gates; during the (2) daily morning and (3) afternoon *korban tamid*, and (4) *korban musaf*; (5) on *erev Shabbat*, to signal the people to stop working; (6) when *Shabbat* was about to begin (*Sukkah 5:5*).
- (a) These symbols: (1) show that these verses are out of place; *Hashem* inserted them to separate 2 of *Bnei Yisrael* sins: (i) hurrying away from *Har Sina*, like children dashing out of school; and (ii) complaining about the *mon* and demanding meat; (2) indicate that these verses are a separate *Torah* Book (*Shabbat 115b-116a*). (b) (1) The *nuns* symbolize *Bnei Yisrael's* "turning their backs" on *Hashem* by sinning; if they had not sinned, they instantly would have crossed the *Yardein*, whose width is 50 (*nun*) *amot*; (2) *Va-yehi binsoa ha-aron* belongs after the verse stating that the *ohel moed* shall travel in the midst of the *levi'im* (*Bamidbar 2:17*); from that verse to here, there are 50 *parshiot* – the *nuns* indicate that these verses were delayed 50 *parshiot* (*Moshav Zekeinim*). (3) These 2 verses include the entire range (50 gates) of Divine wisdom, like the other *Torah* books (*Tiferet Tzion*).
- (a) (1) The *eirev rav*, the main complainers, were at the edge of the camp; (2) the "edge" refers to the leaders who failed to inspire the people's *emuna* (*Rashi*). (b) (1) The *slav*, unlike the *mon*, did not continue to fall daily after *Bnei Yisrael's* first year in the *midbar* (*Chizkuni*). (2) They were testing whether *Hashem* could supply abundant meat in the *midbar* (*Rokeach*). (3) *Bnei Yisrael* received small amounts of *slav* that did not suffice for a satisfying meal; they desired abundant meat; (4) the original *slav* came from Heaven and was spiritual food like the *mon* – it did not satisfy non-righteous people; subsequently, *Hashem* provided *slav* from the sea that was an earthly type of meat (*Siftei Kohen*). (c) (1) (i) *Moshe* will die, and *Yehoshua* will lead the camp; (ii) quail will fall all around the camp; (iii) *Bnei Yisrael* will defeat the camps of *Gog* and *Magog*; (2) because they: (i) prophesied in *Moshe's* presence (*Sanhedrin 17a*); (ii) predicted *Moshe's* death (*Rashi*); (iii) disobeyed *Moshe* by remaining in the camp (*Ramban*). (3) He gave a ruling about *Eldad* and *Meidad* in *Moshe's* presence; (4) he died without children (*Eruvin 63a-b*).
- (a) When *Moshe* was told that *Eldad* and *Meidad* were prophesying in the camp, *Tzipora* expressed to *Miriam* sympathy for their wives; she thought that their husbands would separate from them, just as *Moshe* separated from her. When *Miriam* heard this, she told *Aharon* (*Rashi*). (b) Other *nevi'im*: (1) received *Hashem's* Word either in dreams or a slumbering state, but *Moshe* was fully awake; (2) had to prepare for Divine communication, but *Moshe* heard Him without preparation; (3) trembled and fell to the ground when He spoke, but He spoke to *Moshe* "face to face"; (4) received prophecies in symbols, parables or riddles requiring interpretation, called *aspaklirya she-eina me'ira* (an indistinct vision), but *Moshe's* prophecies were clear and unequivocal, called *aspaklirya me'ira* (a clear and penetrating vision) (*Ramban – Hilchot Yesodei ha-Torah 7:6*).
- Just as the olive trees continuously provided oil to the *menora* without human input, so the second *Beit ha-Mikdash* will be built, "not by military force and not by the strength [of *Zerubavel*], but by My [*Hashem's*] spirit" (*Radak*).