



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.

There will be a **Board meeting on Monday night, June 7th, at 8:20 P.M., in the shul basement**

The house next to the shul will be demolished soon, and we are seeking volunteer garage space and moving help in the form of vans, trucks and muscle. We would like to start as early as this Sunday!

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Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Shelach June 5, 2010 16 Sivan 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:40 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:51 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 8:06 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 8:10 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*: 9:09 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:50 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 7:00 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 11.
- *Mincha*: 8:00 P.M., followed by a shiur by Rabbi Rothwachs: "When Does an *Avel* Change his Seat in Shul?"
- *Maariv*: 9:06 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 9:15 P.M.

Schedule for Week of June 6th:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	4:24	4:24	4:23	4:23	4:23	4:23
<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>	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	8:10	6:40
						7:00
						8:15
<i>Maariv</i> :	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:50 P.M. For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to www.teanekshuls.org/daf
- *Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study*: Sunday evening at 8:15 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.; Monday and Thursday - 6:55 A.M.

Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to David Schachter and Pearl Neuman and to May Muskin on the marriage of their son Ariel Schachter to Chana Filler. *Mazal Tov* also to Chana's parents, Mordechai and Feigi Filler.
- *Mazal Tov* to Jeff and Marcy Manas on the marriage of their son Yair to Gillit Fishman of Ottawa, Canada.
- *Mazal Tov* to Sholom and Susan Fisch on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Chana.
- *Mazal Tov* to Gary and Ilene Stone on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Leah.
- *Mazal Tov* to Jack and Eve Wimpfheimer on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Alyssa and Mark Tenenbaum of Forest Hills.
- *Mazal Tov* to Rabbi Mark and Linda Karasick on the birth of their granddaughter Esther Perel, born to their children Rabbi Zev and Dr. Shoshana Karasick. *Mazal Tov* also to great-grandparents Rabbi and Mrs. Joseph Karasick and Mrs. Ruth Lang Ulevitch.
- *Mazal Tov* to Talia Friedman for receiving the Chabad Teens for the Community Outstanding Service Award.
- *Mazal Tov* to Ari Richter for receiving the Chabad Teens for the Community Outstanding Service Award.
- *Yasher Koach* to the *chevra Daf Yomi* who will be finishing *Masechet Sanhedrin* today. They will be starting *Masechet Makkot* on Sunday and all are invited to join in!

Condolences:

- Condolences to David Brusowankin and family on the passing of his beloved wife Rochi Lerner.

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, 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, or contact Alden Leifer, (201) 907-0309, 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, 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.

Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

- The **Sisterhood Book Club** will be reading "**Dough: A Memoir**," by Mort Zachter. We will be meeting to discuss this book this *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, 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. You can also sponsor and pay online at www.bethaaron.org/kiddush
- On *Shabbat*, June 19th, the Sisterhood will be having a **Women's Potluck Seudah Shlishit** at 6:00 P.M., at the home of Aliza Staiman, 103 Edgemont Place. To RSVP, call Rivka Fink, (201) 833-2527, or e-mail rivkafink@optonline.net.
- 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 (led by the Davids), 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

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, mensclub@bethaaron.org.

NNJKIDS - Matching Funds still available - All new contributions or increases through June 15th will be matched up to \$100,000 – doubling the impact of each dollar contributed! Please demonstrate your commitment to Jewish Education by subscribing to NNJKIDS. The suggested minimum is simply one dollar per day, or \$30 per month; however, donations gladly accepted at every level. Visit: nnjkids.org or call 201-244-4666. NNJKIDS: 600 South Prospect Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

Make a donation and pay your obligations online. Visit bethaaron.org/donate. Online payments must be made online by June 24 to be included in the shul's 2009/2010 budget. Donations made after 6/24 won't be posted until after 7/1.

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!
- Our **end of year BBQ** will take place at the Rothwachs home on Monday, June 21st (Kindergarden-2nd grade from 5:00 to 6:15 P.M. and 3rd-5th grade from 6:30 to 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, (732) 618-9473.
- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, June 5th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Breen home, 68 Edgemont Place. We will continue studying *Sefer Shmuel*. For more information, contact Doug Dubitsky, douglas_dubitsky@glic.com.
- The **learning group for 4th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, June 5th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Kurz home, 200 Edgemont Place. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Shabbat)*. For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, rkurz1@yahoo.com, or Esther Klavan, esksp@aol.com.

Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- All fifth graders are invited to a **5th Grade-Only Waffles and Wacky Pictionary event** this 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 3:15 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, (201) 247-7961.

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

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 7:55 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 8:10 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 9:09 P.M.

This Sunday, June 6th, at 9:00 A.M., the **Torah Academy of Bergen County** will be holding its **5th Annual Scholarship Breakfast**, honoring Miriam and Elie Berman and the TABC Teen Learning Program, at the home of Murray and Millie Leben, 1325 Trafalgar Street. For more information, please contact Ceil Olivestone, (201) 837-7696, ceil.olivestone@tabc.org.

On Tuesday, June 8th, at 8:00 P.M., there will be a **Parlor Meeting** at the Gutfreund home, 74 Glenwood Drive North, Bergenfield, to learn about **Yeshiva Tiferet Shmuel Ezra -- The Jewish Foundation School of Staten Island (JFS)**. JFS provides an excellent *limudei kodesh* and secular education 40 minutes from Bergenfield/Teaneck. Graduates attend the finest Yeshiva High Schools in New York and New Jersey, and tuition is very affordable. For more information, contact Uri Gutfreund, Uri.Gutfreund@SingerNelson.com.

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, (718) 686-5920, or 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, or register online at www.moriahschool.org.

Yeshiva University Teaneck Summer Kollel presents **Learning Programs for Kids** this Summer, from June 28th to August 5th. On Tuesdays, at 5:30 P.M., it will offer **Dinner (BBQ) and a Din**, and on Thursdays, at 5:30 P.M., it will offer **Parsha and Pizza**. The programs are for children ages 7 to 11 (there will be separate classes for each grade). The cost is \$5 per class, or \$30 for the summer (\$50 both courses). There will also be the opportunity for one-on-one learning with members of the YU Kollel. Prices for Chavruta learning are significantly reduced for 2010. The YU Summer Kollel is hosted at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue. For more information, or to register, please contact Rabbi Aryeh Stechler, (908) 456-0506, aryehstechler@yahoo.com

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.

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, (201) 357-5685, or Yehiel Levy, (201) 357-5495, 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, (646) 701-1255.

Parasha Questions for Parshat Shelach

- (a) Why does the *Torah* relate the *meraglim* incident right after *Miriam's tzara'at* (2 reasons)? (b) (1) On what date did *Moshe* send them? (2) How do we know this (2 ways)? (c) Why does the order of the *shevatim* of the *meraglim* differ from that of the census (1:5-15) or inauguration *korbanot* (7:12-83)? (d) (1) Who were *Calev's* 2 wives? (2) Who was his son? (e) Why is *Yehoshua* called "bin" (son of) *Nun* instead of "ben"? (*Bamidbar* 13:2-16)
- (a) Why did 10 *meraglim* decide to report negatively about *Eretz Yisrael*? (b) Since their report did not contain overt lies, why were they punished? (c) (1) When the verse states, "they [the *meraglim*] ascended in the *Negev*, and he arrived at *Chevron*," why does the *Torah* change from plural to singular? (2) Why did *Yehoshua* not go to *Chevron*, too? (*Bamidbar* 13:22-29)
- (a) Why did *Hashem* want the *meraglim* to return on the night before *Tisha B'Av*? (b) What did *Yehoshua* and *Calev* mean by "[the *Canananim's*] protection has left them" (2 explanations)? (c) Why did *Hashem* decree that *Bnei Yisrael's* additional time in the *midbar* after the sin of the *meraglim* would be 38 years (2 reasons)? (d) Which 5 groups were excluded from *Hashem's* decree that *Bnei Yisrael* die in the *midbar* and not enter *Eretz Yisrael*? (e) Why did *Hashem* punish only men between the ages 20 and 60? (f) From where do we learn that those causing others to sin are not given a chance to do *teshuva*? (*Bamidbar* 14:1,9,28-34)
- (a) (1) When did *Bnei Yisrael* begin performing the *mitzvah* of *chala*? (2) Why do the *nesachim* (libations) and *chala* laws follow the sin of the *meraglim* (2 reasons)? (b) Why do we separate *chala* today, even though it cannot be given to a *kohen*? (c) (1) How much dough requires separation of *chala*? (2) How do we know this? (d) To which 5 grains does the *chala* requirement apply? (e) How much dough has to be separated as *chala*? (f) If a liquid other than water is used to knead the dough, is separation of *chala* required? (g) How does a woman's separating *chala* atone for *Chava's* sin? (*Bamidbar* 15:5,20-21)
- (a) When did the *mekosheish* (man who gathered twigs on *Shabbat*) incident occur (2 opinions)? (b) Who was the *mekosheish*? (c) Which *melacha* did he commit on *Shabbat* (3 opinions)? (d) Why did he sin (2 opinions)? (*Bamidbar* 15:32-33)
- (a) Why are men required to wear *tzitzit*? (b) Why not women? (c) *Tzitzit* prevent one from straying from which sin: (1) "after your heart"? (2) "and after your eyes"? (d) Why did *Hashem* require *tzitzit* on a garment's 4 corners (3 reasons)? (e) Why are *avoda zara* laws followed by the *mekosheish* incident, which in turn is followed by the *tzitzit* laws? (*Bamidbar* 15:38-41)
- In the *haftara*, how did the mission of *Yehoshua's meraglim* differ from the mission of *Moshe's meraglim*? (*Yehoshua* 2:1)

Learning Opportunities

<p>· The Amud Yomi shiur meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. For more information, contact Mordechai Ungar, (201) 741-3920.</p> <p>Motzaei Shabbat</p> <p>Rabbi Reisman's satellite <i>Navi shiur</i>: 10:30 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>· The Yeshiva University Kollel and Midreshet Yom Rishon programs are on summer break. Recordings of previously <i>shiurim</i> may be accessed on the www.kollelyomrishon.com,</p>	<p>www.midreshetyomrishon.com, and www.yutorah.org websites.</p> <p>· The Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group will meet this Sunday, June 6th, at the Cohen home, 630 Tilden Avenue, Teaneck.</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>· Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening <i>shiur</i> takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>· 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</p>	<p>Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue, Rabbi Roberts gives a Parasha Shiur, followed by <i>maariv</i> at 9:30 P.M.</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>· The Bergen County Kollel for Baalei Batim 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) Even though the *meraglim* saw *Hashem* punish *Miriam* for *lashon ha-ra*, they failed to learn from this incident, but spoke *lashon ha-ra* about *Eretz Yisrael* (*Rashi*). (2) *Moshe* sent them on the day *Miriam* finished her *tzara'at* isolation; (b) (1) 29 *Sivan* of *Bnei Yisrael's* second year in the *midbar*; (2) (i) *Bnei Yisrael* left *Har Sinai* on 20 *Iyar* of the second year (*Bamidbar* 10:11), traveled 3 days (*Bamidbar* 10:33) until 23 *Iyar*, and camped at *Kivrot ha-Ta'ava*, where they demanded meat. *Hashem* provided meat for a month (29 days) (*Bamidbar* 11:20) until 22 *Sivan*, when they arrived in *Chatzeirot*. On this day, *Miriam* spoke *lashon ha-ra* and was afflicted with *tzara'at* for 7 days (*Bamidbar* 12:15) until 29 *Sivan*, and *Moshe* sent the *meraglim* on that day. (ii) The *meraglim* returned to *Bnei Yisrael* on 8 *Av* (the day before *Tisha B'av*) after spending 40 days in *Eretz Yisrael* (*Bamidbar* 13:25); therefore, they had left *Bnei Yisrael* on 29 *Sivan* (29-30 *Sivan* (2 days), plus 1-30 *Tamuz* (30 days), plus 1-8 *Av* (8 days), for a total of 40 days) (*Taanit* 29a). (c) The *meraglim* are listed in the order of their personal stature before their emotions caused them to sin (*Ramban*). (d) (1) (i) *Miriam* (*Sifri*); (ii) *Batya*, *Pharaoh's* daughter (*Megilla* 13a). (2) *Chur* (*Sifri*). (e) *Bin Nun* sounds like the word "*bina*" (understanding); the *Torah* emphasizes *Yehoshua's* great understanding of *Torah* (*Ramban*).
- (a) Under *Moshe's* leadership, they were *nesi'im*, but they knew from the prophecy of *Eldad* and *Meidad* that *Yehoshua* would lead *Bnei Yisrael* in *Eretz Yisrael* and probably appoint new *nesi'im*. They thought that, by detaining *Bnei Yisrael* in the *midbar*, they would remain leaders (*Torah Ohr*). (b) While the *meraglim* began by giving factual information, they showed a lack of faith in *Hashem* by using the word "*efes*" ("but") to express their opinion that despite the land's goodness, it was unconquerable (*Ramban*). (c) (1) While the *meraglim* went south, as *Moshe* had instructed, only *Calev* went to *Chevron* to daven at *Me'orat ha-Machpeila* that *Hashem* save him, in the merit of the *avot*, from the *meraglim's* plot; (2) *Yehoshua* did not need to ask *Hashem* for help at that time because *Moshe* already had davened for him (*Bamidbar* 13:16), when he added the letter *yud* to his name (*Sotah* 34b).
- (a) On this date, *Ya'akov* defeated *Esav's* angel (*Bereishit* 32:25-31); thus, *Hashem* wanted *Ya'akov's* merit to help overcome the *meraglim's* *yeitzer ha-ra* to speak against *Eretz Yisrael* (*Zohan*). (b) (1) He nullified the power of the *Cana'anim's* guardian angels (*R. Bechaya*). (2) *Iyov*, whose virtue protected the *Cana'anim*, died (*Rashi*). (c) (1) *Hashem* punished them with exile of one year for each of the 40 days that the *meraglim*, who went during the second year in the *midbar*, were in *Eretz Yisrael* (*Rashi*). (2) The *Cana'anim* showed respect to *Sarah* at her funeral, as well as to *Avraham*, who was buried 38 years later; when they showed respect at *Iyov's* funeral, their reward was 38 more years before *Bnei Yisrael's* conquest began (*Oznayim la-Torah*). (d) (1) *Yehoshua* and *Calev*; (2) the generation's women, (3) members of *Sheivet Levi*, who did not participate in the sins of the *eigel* and the *meraglim*; (4) males under 20 years old; (5) men above the age of 60 (*Bamidbar Raba*). (e) They were eligible for the army but refused to combat the *Cana'anim* (*Chizkuni*). (f) The *meraglim* were punished instantly so that they could not repent (*Alshich*).
- (a) (1) When they entered *Eretz Yisrael* – not in the *midbar* (*R. Bechaya*). (2) (i) *Hashem* comforted *Bnei Yisrael* with laws for *Eretz Yisrael*, telling them they would enter the land despite their sin (*Rashi*). (ii) After the *cheit ha-eigel*, libations were required for communal *korbanot* to give a *rei'ach nicho'ach* (sweet savor); after the sin of the *meraglim*, libations were required to give a *rei'ach nicho'ach* for individual *korbanot* (*Sforno*). (b) So that this law should not be forgotten (we burn it instead of giving it to a *kohen*); (c) (1) an *omer* (size of 43.2 eggs); (2) *Bnei Yisrael* had to separate *chala* from "*arisoteichem*" (your kneading); the amount of *mon* with which *Bnei Yisrael* was familiar was an *omer* (*Sifri*). (d) wheat, barley, spelt, oats, rye; (e) The *Torah* sets no minimum; *Chazal* required that 1/24 of a private person's dough and 1/48 of a baker's be separated; (f) yes (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 385). (g) *Chazal* call *Adam*, when he was created, the "pure *chala* of the world"; *Chava* caused *Adam* to lose his purity by acquiring a *yeitzer ha-ra*, and her separating *chala* can return mankind's purity (*Shabbat* 32a – *Rashi*).
- (a) (1) On *Bnei Yisrael's* second *Shabbat* in the *midbar* (*Rashi*). (2) After the incident of the *meraglim* (*Ramban*). (b) *Tzelofchod*, whose daughters later requested a share in *Eretz Yisrael* (*Rashi*, *Bamidbar* 27:3). (c) (1) *Kotzeir* (breaking twigs off trees on *Shabbat*); (2) *me-ameir* (gathering twigs on *Shabbat*); (3) *hotza'a* (carrying wood 4 *amot* in a *reshut ha-rabbim* on *Shabbat*) (*Shabbat* 96b). (d) He: (1) rebelled against *Shabbat* restrictions; (2) saw *Bnei Yisrael's* lax *Shabbat* observance and sinned *le-shem shamayim*, so that they would take *Shabbat* seriously when they saw the penalty for *Shabbat* violation (*Targum Yonatan*).
- (a) As a constant reminder of all 613 *mitzvot*; (b) since women are exempt from time-bound *mitzvot*, *tzitzit's* reminder of all 613 *mitzvot* does not apply to them; (c) (1) reading and thinking about heretics (*apikorsis*); (2) immoral thoughts, fantasies and actions (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvat* 386-387). (d) *Tzitzit*: (1) are in all 4 directions to remind us not to sin wherever we turn (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (2) are 2 "witnesses" in front of us and 2 "witnesses" in back of us to warn us not to sin (*Rokeach*). (3) remind us always of the 4 phrases of redemption in *Shemot* 6:6-7 (*Rashi*). (e) Just as committing *avoda zara* equals violating all the *mitzvot*, violating the *Shabbat* also equals violating all the *mitzvot*, and wearing *tzitzit* equals performing all the *mitzvot* (*Rashi*).
- Moshe* sent *meraglim* to determine whether the land was good and whether the *Cana'anim* were strong or weak (i.e., how hard it would be to defeat them). Since *Yehoshua*, one of *Moshe's* *meraglim*, knew that the land was good, and *Hashem* guaranteed that *Bnei Yisrael* would defeat the *Cana'anim*, he sent *meraglim* so he could decide the best military strategy for *Bnei Yisrael's* conquering army (*Ralbag*).