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A General Membership meeting is scheduled for this Sunday night at 8:15 P.M.

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Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Korach June 12, 2010 30 Sivan 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:40 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:54 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 8:10 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 8:15 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: **7:15 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*: 6:40 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:50 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 11-12.
- *Mincha*: 7:50 P.M., followed by *Siyum Mishnayot Seudah Shlishit*
- *Maariv*: 9:10 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 9:19 P.M.

Schedule for Week of June 13th:		Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
			13	14	15	16	17
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>		4:23	4:23	4:23	4:23	4:23	4:23
<i>Shacharit</i>		6:20	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>		8:15	8:15	8:15	8:15	8:15	6:45
							7:00
							8:15
<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.teanekshuls.org/daf
 - *Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study*: Sunday evening at 8:15 P.M.
 - Rabbi Daniel Feldman's *shiur*: Tuesday evening at 8:45 P.M.: "The Laws of *Lashon ha-Ra*, Part 2"
 - 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*: Monday and Thursday - 6:55 A.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:00 A.M.

Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Yoni Friedman on his Bar Mitzvah. *Mazal Tov* also to Yoni's parents, Howard and Rachelle Friedman, and to his grandparents, Rabbi Moshe and Nechama Feder of Montreal, Canada, and Simmy and Dorothy Friedman, of Modi'in, Israel, who are joining us for the Bar Mitzvah.
- *Mazal Tov* to Sophia (Tsipora Miriam) Deutsch on her Bat Mitzvah. *Mazal Tov* also to Sophia's parents, Joshua Deutsch and Helen Deutsch.
- *Mazal Tov* to Yael Furst on her marriage to Avi Pinsky of Valley Village, California. *Mazal Tov* also to Yael's parents, Yitzchok and Rachel Furst.
- *Mazal Tov* to Rabbi Chaim and Rachel Frazer on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Bracha and Ari Corman of Ariel, Israel. *Mazal Tov* also to Ari's parents, Richard and Jean Corman of Westfield, NJ.

Condolences:

- Condolences to Mishel Greenberg on the passing of his beloved brother Elliot Greenberg.

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! For more information, contact Larry Kahn, kahnclan@optonline.net, or Larry Shafier, bethaaronpres@optonline.net.

We thank the following sponsors of the *Siyum Mishnayot seudah shlishit*:

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Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

Next Monday evening, June 14th, at 8:30 P.M., Ellie Schlanger will be giving a **Rosh Chodesh shiur for women** at the Sheffey home, 248 Carlton Terrace. She will be speaking on "**The Jewish Months of the Year -- Comparing Biblical and Rabbinic Conceptions.**" If you would like to give or host a future *shiur*, please contact Tzippy Staum, (201) 862-0307, tzipper75@verizon.net

- 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, kiddush@bethaaron.org. You can also sponsor and pay online at www.bethaaron.org/kiddush
- 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.
- On *Shabbat*, June 19th, at 6:00 P.M., the Sisterhood will be having a **Women's Potluck Seudah Shlishit** 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**. Our softball game will start at 10:00 A.M., Youth programming, led by the Davids, will start at 10:30 A.M., and our awesome BBQ will start at 11:30 A.M. Bring the whole family. The cost is only \$5 per person, with a \$18 maximum per family. We would like to thank the Men's Club for helping to sponsor this event.

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 are gladly accepted at every level. Visit: nnjkids.org or call 201-244-4666. NNJKIDS: 600 South Prospect Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

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 (Kindergarten-2nd graders from 5:00 to 6:15 P.M., and 3rd-5th graders from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M.). The rain date is Wednesday, June 23rd (same times). The barbeque will include a talent show. Please RSVP to bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com and let us know (1) whether you will be coming to the barbeque, and (2) whether you intend to participate in the talent show.
- 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 12th, at 4:15 P.M. (note the time change), at the Neugroschl home, 100 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 12th, at 5:00 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, or Esther Klavan, esksp@aol.com.

On behalf of the Youth Department, we would like to thank you for all of your support this past year. This past year was a great success, thanks to your help. We are excited to continue in our role as youth directors next year and are looking forward to another amazing year.

There will be *Shabbat* morning groups running throughout the summer, as well as other special youth programs. Stay updated on youth events by referring to the weekly shul announcements, the youth bulletin board, and BAAAnnounce emails.

As *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* are approaching, we are looking to continue the amazing program we had last year. There will be babysitting for children in nursery-fifth grade on all days, as there was last year. In order to continue the religious aspect of the program, we will need some local educators to help out. The religious program runs for approximately one hour on each day of *Rosh Hashana*, and on *Yom Kippur* during shul. This is a great opportunity for those who would like to help out the shul. There will be compensation for these services. If you are interested, please email bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com.

Finally, we would like to publicly thank our talented, caring and dedicated youth group leaders for all of their hard work. There are several openings for new group leaders next year, as well as opportunities to substitute on certain weeks. If you would like to be a full-time group leader (8th-12th grade) or a substitute (6th-12th grade) next year, please email bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com, as we will be setting up interviews starting next week.

— Erica and Jason David

Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- This *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.
- This 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.

Beth Aaron Teens (grades 9-12):

- On Wednesday, June 16th, from 8:30 to 11:00 P.M., we will be going **Bowling** at Bowler City in Hackensack. Please come on time, as the sooner you come, the sooner we can get lanes! The cost is \$12 for two hours of bowling.
- Next *Shabbat*, June 19th, at 2:30 P.M., we will be having our final **Oneg** of the year in the shul basement. If the weather is nice, we will meet on the shul patio.

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 8:00 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 8:15 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 9:13 P.M.

This *motzaei Shabbat*, June 12th, at 10:00 P.M., the entire Teaneck community is invited to Congregation Keter Torah for a **Melava Malka concert, starring Yehuda Green**, to benefit **Kids of Courage** -- a volunteer-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and young adults with serious medical diagnoses, with all services provided free to the children and their families. There is no charge to attend the concert, but you are encouraged to RSVP to adlers@optonline.net if you plan on attending.

This Sunday, June 13th, at 7:00 P.M., Rabbi David Fohrman will speak at Congregation Rinat Yisrael on "**Does God Speak to Us Today? A Closer Look at Joseph and Pharaoh's Dreams.**"

This 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 this 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.

On Saturday night, June 19th, beginning at 10:20 P.M., at Congregation Ahavat Achim, 18-25 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, there will be a **night of inspiration and song** in memory of Cheryl Wigod, with Rav Judah Mischel, and a **concert featuring the Ta Shma Orchestra**. There is no charge, but you are encouraged to RSVP to cherylwigodmemorial@gmail.com.

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

A Women's Summer Study Group, featuring an **In-Depth Study of "Creation"**, led by **Shuli Taubes**, will meet on Wednesdays, June 29th-July 28th, at 8:00 P.M., at Congregation Zichron Mordechai, 268 West Englewood Avenue. The study group is open to women of all levels and backgrounds. Tuition is \$100. For more information, please contact Shuli Taubes, staubes@gmail.com, (201) 787-1812.

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.

Parasha Questions for Parshat Korach

- (a) When did *Korach* rebel (2 views)? (b) What does "*va-yikach Korach*" (*Korach* took) mean (10 views)? (c) Why did he think that: (1) *Moshe* treated him wrongly (4 reasons)? (2) he would survive a clash with *Moshe* (2 reasons)? (*Bamidbar* 16:1-3)
- (a) When *Moshe* heard *Korach's* complaints, why did he fall on his face (5 reasons)? (b) Instead of praying for mercy, as with previous sins, why did he ask *Hashem* to punish *Korach* and his followers with instant, unusual deaths? (c) What did *Bnei Yisrael* learn from (1) the earth swallowing *Korach, Datan* and *Aviram*? and (2) the burning of the 250 men? (*Bamidbar* 16:4,15, 32-35)
- (a) Why did *Hashem* assign *Elazar*, rather than *Aharon*, to collect the 250 pans used to offer *ketoret* (3 reasons)? (b) Why was the *ketoret* effective in halting the *negef* (plague) that was killing *Bnei Yisrael* after they complained about the deaths of *Korach's* followers? (c) Since the destruction of *Korach's* followers showed that *Hashem* selected only *Aharon* as *Kohen Gadol*, what was the purpose of showing that only *Aharon's* staff, among those of the 12 tribes, blossomed? (*Bamidbar* 17:2, 11-12, 17-20)
- (a) Why are the gifts to the *kohanim* called "*brit melach*" (salt covenant)? (b) Of the 24 gifts that *Bnei Yisrael* separated for the *kohanim*: (1) which 10 did the *kohanim* have to eat in the *Azara* (courtyard of the *Beit ha-Mikdash*)? (2) Which 4 could they eat in all of *Yerushalayim*? (3) Which 10 could they eat throughout *Eretz Yisrael*? (c) Why were *Bnei Yisrael* required to provide gifts to the *kohanim* related to firstborn sons, first fruit, firstborn male kosher animals and firstborn donkeys? (*Bamidbar* 18:8-19)
- (a) Did firstborns born in the *midbar* have to be redeemed (2 views)? (b) (1) If a woman gives birth to a boy after a miscarriage, is the father required to redeem this boy? (2) Why does redemption apply only after the baby is 30 days old? (*Bamidbar* 18:15)
- (a) Why does the *Torah* here call the *ma'aser* given to the *levi'im* "*terumah*," which term is normally used to refer to that which is given to a *kohen*? (b) After a farmer gives *ma'aser rishon* (first tithe) grain to a *levi*, who is permitted to eat it? (c) Does the *ma'aser rishon* requirement apply to: (1) vegetables? (2) grain that the farmer grows to sell, rather than eat? (*Bamidbar* 18:24-31)
- In the *haftara*, what does the *Navi* mean that "from month to month and from *Shabbat* to *Shabbat*" all people will prostrate themselves before *Hashem* (2 explanations)? (*Yeshayahu* 66:23-24)

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.yutorah.org, www.kollelyomrishon.com and</p>	<p>www.midreshetyomrison.com websites.</p> <p>· The Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group will meet this Sunday, June 13th, at the Fogel home, 926 Queen Anne Road.</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 Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue,</p>	<p>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) After the inauguration of the *Mishkan*, when *Moshe* selected *Aharon's* family as *kohanim* (*ibn Ezra*). (2) After *Moshe* told *Bnei Yisrael* they would die in the *midbar* due to the sin of the *meraglim* (*Ramban*). (b) He: (1) separated himself from the assembly in protest (*Rashi*). (2) engaged in a bad "*lekach*" ("deal") (*Sanhedrin* 109b). (3) took people to his side by bribery (*Torah Temimah*). (4) took a mob (*Rashbam*). (5) took *Datan*, *Aviram* and the 250 men (*Sforno*). (6) took the initiative (*Ramban*). (7) spoke up (*Septuagint*). (8) committed himself (*ibn Yanach*). (9) plotted (*Radak*). (10) came forward (*Sa'adia Gaon*). (c) (1) (i) When *Hashem* took away the *Mishkan's* *avoda* from the *bechorim* after the *cheit ha-eigel*, *Korach* saw *Moshe* appoint his own brother *Aharon* as *Kohen Gadol*; he thought that since he did not join in the *cheit ha-eigel*, while *Aharon* did, he was more deserving to do the *avoda*; (ii) *Moshe* and *Aharon* were sons of *Amram*, *Kehat's* oldest son. As firstborn of *Yitzhar*, *Kehat's* second son, *Korach* believed he should be *nasi* of the *Kehat* family; yet, *Moshe* designated *Eltzafan*, the middle son of *Uziel*, *Kehat's* youngest son, as *nasi*; (iii) *Korach* believed that his father was named *Yitzhar*, meaning "oil" that always floats to the surface, because *Yitzhar's* sons were superior and deserving anointment with the *shem ha-mishcha* for royalty or *kehuna*; (iv) he believed that *Moshe* fabricated some seemingly illogical *mitzvot*, in order to humble him; (2) (i) he saw with *ruach ha-kodesh* that his offspring would include *Shmuel ha-Navi* and 14 groups of *levi'im* serving in the *Beit ha-Mikdash*; he did not realize that his sons would survive, but he would die; (ii) since he was very wealthy, he thought *Hashem* favored him (*Bamidbar Raba*).
- (a) *Moshe* (1) was desperate, since this was the 4th time, after the *cheit ha-eigel*, *mit'onenim* and *meraglim*, that he appealed to *Hashem* to forgive *Bnei Yisrael* (*Rashi*). (2) prayed to *Hashem* (*ibn Ezra*). (3) showed he was humiliated by *Korach's* false and insulting charges (*Chizkuni*). (4) humbled himself to show that he sought no authority over others, as *Korach* claimed (*Tiferet Zion*). (5) thought that perhaps *Korach* was right, i.e., he was acting vainly in leading *Bnei Yisrael*; he fell on his face for soul-searching and realized he was doing *Hashem's* Will (*Ba'al ha-Tanya*). (b) *Datan* and *Aviram* brought the *Torah* into disrepute by publicly ridiculing *Hashem's* messenger *Moshe*; *Korach* claimed that *Moshe* made up some of the *Torah* laws. Had they gone unpunished for even a short time, they would have put the *Torah's* Divine origin in doubt. *Moshe* accepted their attacks on him and *Aharon*, but not on the *Torah* (*Malbim*). (c) It showed that: (1) contrary to the claims of *Korach*, *Datan* and *Aviram*, *Moshe* was *Hashem's* true messenger; (2) *Hashem* chose only *Aharon* and his offspring as *kohanim* (*Ramban*).
- (a) (1) *Korach* had challenged *Aharon's* position as *Kohen Gadol* and *Elazar's* position as a *kohen*; *Hashem* had *Elazar* gather the pans to show *Elazar's* designation as a *kohen* (*Rokeach*). (2) *Aharon* was instrumental in their deaths; it would have been improper for him to collect their pans (*Or ha-Chaim*). (3) It showed that *Aharon* did not rejoice in his opponents' deaths (*Siftei Kohen*). (b) *Bnei Yisrael* believed that *ketoret* was a poison responsible for *Nadav's* and *Avihu's* deaths and now the 250 men; by using *ketoret* to end the plague, *Hashem* showed that sins cause death, not *ketoret* (*Rashi*). (c) Some of *Bnei Yisrael* believed that *Korach's* followers died from wrongly acting as *kohanim* by offering *ketoret* but that each *sheivet's* firstborn could do the tasks of the *levi'im*; the budding of the staff of *Sheivet Levi* showed that *Hashem* chose only *Sheivet Levi* for the service of the *Mishkan* (*Ramban*).
- (a) Just as salt preserves meat, giving gifts to the *kohanim* and to charity preserves our wealth (*Ketubot* 66b). (b) (1) (i) Parts of an animal *chatat*, and (ii) bird *chatat*, (iii) *asham vaday* (guilt offering); (iv) *asham talui* (pending guilt offering); (v) *shalmei tzibur* (*Shavuot she-lamim* offering); (vi) *log shemen metzora* (remainder of oil to purify a *metzora*); (vii) *shetei ha-lechem* (2 *Shavuot* loaves); (viii) *lechem ha-panim* (showbread); (ix) *sheyarei menachot* (remainder of flour offerings); (x) *minchat ha-omer* (remainder of the *omer* offering); (2) (i) *bechor* (male firstborn kosher animal); (ii) *bikkurim* (first fruits); (iii) *hamurim min ha-toda u-me-ayl nazir* (parts of *toda* and *nazir* offerings); (iv) *orot kadshim* (value of *korbanot's* hides); (3) (i) *terumah*; (ii) *terumat ma'aser* (tithe by *levi'im*); (iii) *chala*; (iv) *reishit ha-gaz* (first sheared wool); (v) *zero'ah lechayim ve-keiva* (shoulder, jaw and stomach of slaughtered animals); (vi) *pidyon ha-ben* (firstborn males' redemption money) and (vii) *peter chamor* (redeemed firstborn donkeys); (viii) *sedei achuza* (field consecrated to the *Beit ha-Mikdash* that was not redeemed by the owner); (ix) *sedei cheirem* (field dedicated to *cheirem*); (x) *gezel ha-geir* (property stolen from a convert that was returned after the convert died) (*Chulin* 133b). (c) Since our first acquisition is usually our most precious, we give of our "firsts" to the *kohanim* to show that *Hashem* truly owns of all that we possess (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 18).
- (a) (1) *Rebi Yochanan* – yes, all firstborns born after *Hashem's* command "*kadesh li kol bechor*" in *Mitzrayim* had to be redeemed; (2) *Resh Lakish* – no, those born in *Mitzrayim* and after they entered *Eretz Yisrael* required redemption, but not those born in the *midbar* (*Bechorot* 4b). (b) (1) No, he redeems only a son that "opens her womb"; (2) only after 30 days is the baby considered viable (*Mitzvah* 392).
- (a) It teaches that *ma'aseir* may not be eaten until the *kohen's* *terumah* is separated (*Rashi*). (b) After the *levi* separates *terumat ma'aseir*, *ma'aseir rishon* is *chulin gemurin* (completely non-holy), and any *levi* or *yisrael*, whether *tahor* or *tamei*, may eat it; (c) (1) under *Torah* law, it applies only to grain; *mi-de-rabanan*, *ma'aseir rishon* was extended to vegetables; (2) under *Torah* law, it applies only to grain the farmer eats; *mi-de-rabanan*, *ma'aseir rishon* was extended to grain to be sold (*Mitzvah* 395).
- (a) In *yemot ha-Mashiach*, those near *Yerushalayim* will offer *korbanot* each week; those farther away will offer *korbanot* every month (*Radak*). (b) The verse continues that all will see the corpses of the wicked – *Rebi Akiva* says that the wicked will suffer in *gehennom* for 12 months, from the month they died to the same *Shabbat* of the same month the following year; *Rebi Yochanan ben Nuri* says that less wicked people will be punished only for 7 *Shabbatot* – from *Pesach* until *Shavuot* (*Eduyot* 2:10).