



# Congregation Beth Aaron

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## Shabbat Announcements

### Parshat Vaetchanan/Nachamu July 23-24, 2010 13 Av 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:40 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:50 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 8:04 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 8:10 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: 7:30 A.M.
- *Tefillah shiur* by Allen Friedman: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:23 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- Sisterhood Pot Luck *Seudah Shlishit*: 6:00 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:45 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:55 P.M.  
 We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 14-15.
- *Mincha*: 7:55 P.M., followed by a *shiur* by Zvi Weissler, "Service of the Heart: Insights from the Rav and Rabbi Willig on the *Rambam's* and *Ramban's* Approaches to Prayer"
- *Maariv*: 9:04 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 9:13 P.M.

The Youth *Minyan* is seeking volunteers to *lain* and give *divrei Torah* during the summer months. To volunteer, contact Rabbi Stephen Knapp, [dukeknapp@aol.com](mailto:dukeknapp@aol.com), (917) 837-2810.

Schedule for Week of July 25th:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	4:45	4:45	4:46	4:47	4:48	4:49
<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>	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	6:35 7:00 8:00
<i>Maariv</i> :	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

#### Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:45 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 Rothwachs' Bava Kama shiur**: will be on hiatus until July 28th
- **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 Zvi Silverberg on his *aufruf* this *Shabbat* and his forthcoming marriage to Dina Pirutinsky of Monsey. *Mazal Tov* also to Zvi's parents, Dov and Lynn Silverberg, to his grandfather, David Steinmetz, to Dina's parents, Rafael and Sandi Pirutinsky, and to Dina's grandparents, Irwin and Julie Friedman.

There is no summer *kiddush* this week. The Silverberg family invites the *kehilla* to a hot (meat) *kiddush* after the main *minyan* in honor of Zvi's *aufruf*.

Congregation Beth Aaron would like to thank the following people for their efforts in making *Tisha B'Av* a more meaningful experience: Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, Rabbi Moshe Yasgur, Rabbi Shalom Hammer, Norman Gildin, Rabbi Benjamin Yablok, Rabbi Neil Lauer and Larry Kahn. *Yeyasher Koachachem!*

Please note that I will be in Israel from Sunday, June 27th through Tuesday, July 27th. For all time-sensitive questions, please feel free to contact Rabbi Pinchas Weinberger, (201) 837-1520, or Rabbi Michael Taubes, (201) 836-4334. In the event of an emergency, you may try to contact me on my Israeli cell phone, 052-616-4235. I hope that you have a pleasant few weeks, and I look forward to seeing you upon my return. — Rabbi Rothwachs

**Miscellaneous Shul Announcements**

The next Beth Aaron Sisterhood **Women's Potluck Seudah Shlishit** will be held this *Shabbat*, July 24th, at 6:00 P.M., at the home of Barbara Yaros, 910 Prince Street. To RSVP, contact Rivka Fink, (201) 833-2527, [rivkafink@optonline.net](mailto:rivkafink@optonline.net). All women are welcome to attend.

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 Benjy Rosenbluth, [bdrosenbluth@yahoo.com](mailto:bdrosenbluth@yahoo.com), (201) 357-5685, or Yehiel Levy, (201) 357-5495, [yehiel@optonline.net](mailto:yehiel@optonline.net).

We would like to perpetuate the **women's *tehillim* group** that met at the home of Rochi Lerner, a *h*. Between our members, we have always finished *Sefer Tehillim* each week. However, with summer at hand and changing schedules, we need help to finish weekly. If you have time, please join us. We meet every Monday, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., at the home of Sharon First, 21 Canterbury Court. For more information, please contact Sharon First, [keytilla@gmail.com](mailto:keytilla@gmail.com).

As an expression of their appreciation for Beth Aaron's support, **Beit Yatir** has sent the shul a **package of T-shirts** from their *kaitana* (day camp). Much of the text is in Hebrew about the *kaitana*, with the following wording in English: "Sponsored by Kehilat Beit Aharon." The T-shirts are available for free — while supplies last — in children sizes 4, 8, 10, 12 and 14, and adult small and medium. To obtain T-shirts, please contact Chana and Zvi Weissler, (201) 836-1606, [hweissler@yahoo.com](mailto:hweissler@yahoo.com).

The **Beth Aaron Men's Club *kiddushim*** will continue throughout the summer, as construction permits. Sponsorships for the summer *kiddushim* are \$54. Sponsorships will be announced from the *bima* and printed in the weekly announcements. To sponsor a summer *kiddush*, or to learn about single-sponsored (*simcha kiddush*) pricing, contact Ari Gononsky, (201) 836-4644, [kiddush@bethaaron.org](mailto:kiddush@bethaaron.org).

An ***Hachnasat Kallah Gemach*** has been established to assist *kallahs* in need. We are looking for donations of new, unopened and unused engagement or wedding gifts of Judaic or household items. For more information, please contact Carrie Cooper, (201) 801-9028, [candscooper@gmail.com](mailto:candscooper@gmail.com).

Teaneck's first **centerpiece *Gemach*** has been established *le-Zecher nishmat* Shoshana Geula bat Yaakov ha-Kohen (in memory of Shelley Goldberg). We have beautiful centerpieces for your *simchas*. Proceeds will go to the Beth Aaron Sisterhood.

As we continue to grow, we are accepting donations of centerpieces in excellent condition that you longer need. We will be glad to pick them up from you. We are also in need of storage space in homes to house the centerpieces. Please contact us if you have some space in your garage or basement.

For more information, visit [bethaaron.org/gmach](http://bethaaron.org/gmach), or contact Rivka Fink, (201) 833-2527, [rivkafink@optonline.net](mailto:rivkafink@optonline.net), or Michelle Cooper, (201) 837-1999, [benandmi@yahoo.com](mailto:benandmi@yahoo.com).

The **Teaneck Baby *Gemach*** has formula, diapers and clothing up to size 4T for girls and boys. It is open to anyone in Bergen County **regardless of financial status**. If you would like to receive items anonymously through the *gemach*, you may send an email to [jrfleisher@gmail.com](mailto:jrfleisher@gmail.com) with the items you need and they will be put out on the front porch for you to pick up at a designated time. We are still low on the following items and would appreciate donations of diapers, specialty formula (Soy, Gentlease, Nutramigen, etc), onesies, pajamas and one-piece outfits. We also give and receive donations of baby food.

**Beth Aaron Youth:**

- 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 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](mailto:bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com).
- ***Tefillah* and *Shoko*** will meet this *Shabbat* morning at 9:15 A.M. (before the start of youth groups). Learn about *tefillah* while enjoying chocolate milk and cookies!
- For more information on youth activities, contact Erica and Jason David, [bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com), (732) 618-9473.
- The **learning group for 4th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, July 24th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Felsen home, 937 Prince Street. 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).

**Baruch Goldberg's learning group for boys going into the 6th and 7th grades** will meet this *Shabbat*, July 24th, at the shul (in the *beit midrash*), at 6:45 P.M. They will continue to learn *Mishnayot Makkot*. For more information, please contact Baruch Goldberg, [baruchsemail@gmail.com](mailto:baruchsemail@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.

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](mailto:aryehstechler@yahoo.com)

On Monday evening, July 26th, **Eminah of America** presents a Real Runway Pink Tartan **Pre-Fall Fashion Show** at Mocha Bleu, 1399 Queen Anne Road. A light buffet and wine will be served at 7:45 P.M., and the show begins at 8:45 P.M. Raffles may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit Eminah.

On *Tu B'Av*, Monday, July 26th, FutureSimchas.com invites young men and women to "Dishes and Dating" --a FEED dating event at the new NoBo Wine & Grill (formerly The Pasta Factory). The evening will feature intimate tables for two and exquisite dishes from the new menu, and each pair will taste one course or wine and discuss it until it's time to move to the next table. For more information, go to [www.futuresimchas.com/event](http://www.futuresimchas.com/event).

On Wednesday, August 25th, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., **Areyvut** will be holding its **Second Annual Summer Fundraiser** at Space Odyssey in Englewood. All proceeds will support Areyvut's Mitzvah Clown Training Program. For pricing, raffle and other information, please contact Areyvut, (201) 244-6702, [info@areyvut.org](mailto:info@areyvut.org), or go to [www.areyvut.org](http://www.areyvut.org).

**Rabbi Herschel Grossman**, *Rosh Yeshiva* of Yeshivat Ohr Yosef in Englewood, is looking to form a ***chavura*** to learn ***Gemara Bava Kama be-lyun*** every Monday morning at Beth Aaron, beginning at 9:00 A.M. The time is flexible, and the *chavura* could start earlier in the morning or take place on a different day if people are interested. If you wish to participate in this *chavura*, or would like more information, please contact Ze'ev Atlas, [zatlas1@yahoo.com](mailto:zatlas1@yahoo.com), (201) 801-0378.

Fall 2010 recruitment is underway for **Bergen Reads volunteers**. Bergen Reads combats illiteracy by matching volunteers who serve one hour per week during the school year as reading buddies to public school children in grades K-3 who need extra help with their reading skills. This past year, 120 volunteers volunteered their time as Reading Buddies. Our volunteers represent the full spectrum of Jewish affiliation and share the common values of *chesed* and *tikkun olam*. No prior experience is necessary, and training is provided. To volunteer, or for more information, go to [www.ujanni.org/bergenreads](http://www.ujanni.org/bergenreads), or contact Sharon Rifkind, (201) 820-3947, [sharonr@ujanni.org](mailto:sharonr@ujanni.org).

**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](mailto:staubes@gmail.com), (201) 787-1812.

### Parasha Questions for Parshat Vaetchanan/Nachamu

- (a) Why did *Moshe*: (1) again pray to be allowed to enter *Eretz Yisrael*? (2) use the word "*va-etchanan*" (and I prayed), instead of the usual "*va-etpaleil*" (2 reasons)? (b) Why did *Hashem* not allow him to: (1) enter *Eretz Yisrael* (4 reasons)? (2) be buried there, as *Moshe* did for *Yosef* when he ensured that *Yosef's* bones would be brought to *Eretz Yisrael*? (*Devarim* 3:25-27)
- (a) Since the *Torah* prohibits adding to *Hashem's* commands, why were *Chazal* allowed to add decrees (2 reasons)? (b) How does *Moshe's* prophecy that, before the exile, "*ve-noshantem ba-aretz*" ([*Bnei Yisrael*]) will live long in the land) show *Hashem's* mercy? (c) As a result of which 5 factors will *Hashem* bring about the final *geula* (redemption)? (*Devarim* 4:2,25-26; 29-40)
- (a) How many of the 613 *mitzvot* are included in the *Aseret ha-Dibrot* (10 Commandments) in: (1) *Yitro*? (2) *Va-etchanan*? (3) What is the difference between *lo tachmod* (do not covet) and *lo titaveh* (do not desire)? (b) The *Torah* says it is forbidden to make "*pesel kol' temunah*" (a carved image of any likeness) here, but in *Yitro*, it says "*ve-kol*"; why is there an extra "*vav*" there? (c) (1) Since *Hashem* commanded all the *mitzvot*, why does *Moshe* add the phrase "*ka-asher tzivcha Hashem*" (as *Hashem* commanded you) when teaching, in the *Aseret ha-Dibrot*, to observe *Shabbat* and honor parents (2 reasons)? (2) Why does the *mitzvah* of honoring parents follow the *mitzvah* of observing *Shabbat*? (*Devarim* 5:8,12,16, 18)
- (a) The *Shema's* first paragraph contains which 7 of the 613 *mitzvot*? (b) Why do we say "*Baruch Shem ...*" quietly after the *Shema's* first verse (2 reasons)? (c) How do we, by teaching *Torah*, fulfill the *mitzvah* to love *Hashem*? (d) Biblically, how much of the *Shema* must one recite to fulfill the *mitzvah* of reciting it each morning and evening? (*Devarim* 6:4-9)
- (a) What 4 social contacts with heathens are prohibited by the *mitzvah* of *lo techaneim* (you shall not favor them)? (b) Why does the *Torah* command "*lo titchatein bam*" (do not marry [a non-Jew])? (*Devarim* 7:2-3)
- Why is *Tu B'Av* (15<sup>th</sup> of Av) considered a joyous day (6 explanations)?
- In the *haftara*, when the *Navi* prophesizes: "*Nachamu nachamu ami*" (comfort, comfort, My people): (a) What is his goal in saying this in the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter? (b) When will this prophecy be fulfilled (3 explanations)? (*Yeshayahu* 40:1)

## 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</b> and <b>Midreshet Yom Rishon</b> programs are on summer break. Recordings of previously <i>shiurim</i> may be accessed on the <a href="http://www.yutorah.org">www.yutorah.org</a>, <a href="http://www.kollelyomrishon.com">www.kollelyomrishon.com</a> and</p>	<p><a href="http://www.midreshetyomrishon.com">www.midreshetyomrishon.com</a> websites.</p> <p>· The <b>Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group</b> will meet this Sunday, July 25th, at the Sara Stobezki, 1117 Trafalgar Street.</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,</p>	<p><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) After conquering *Sichon* and *Og*, *Moshe* already was on the land of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  *shevatim*; he hoped *Hashem* would now let him enter the rest of the land; (2) (i) humble *Moshe* asked *Hashem* for a free gift, not a reward for his righteousness – *va-etchanan* is from the word *chinam* (free) (*Rashi*). (ii) The *gematria* of *Va-etchanan* is 515, the same as “*tefila*” (prayer) and “*shira*” (song) – he asked in many ways to enter *Eretz Yisrael* (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (b) (1) (i) *Hashem* determined it was *Yehoshua's* time to lead, and two leaders cannot overlap; (ii) *Moshe* would have built a *Beit ha-Mikdash* with such great *kedusha* that it never could have been destroyed. *Hashem's* mercy caused the *Beit ha-Mikdash* to be built by lesser leaders; when *Bnei Yisrael* sinned, He punished them by destroying the *Beit ha-Mikdash*, rather than destroying them (*Ohr ha-Chaim*). (iii) *Hashem* showed that He punishes each sin, even one committed by *Moshe*; thus, *Bnei Yisrael* would learn to beware of violating the His Word; (iv) by dying with *Bnei Yisrael* in the *midbar*, *Moshe* brought them merit, ensuring their resurrection in *tehiyat ha-meitim* (*Siftei Kohen*). (2) *Yosef* deserved burial in *Eretz Yisrael* – when he was in prison, he stated that he was from the land of the *Ivrim* (Hebrews) (*Bereishit* 40:15), even though it brought him disgrace in the eyes of the *Mitzrim*; when *Moshe* heard *Yitro's* daughters call him an “*ish Mitzri*” (an Egyptian) (*Shemot* 2:19), he did not acknowledge that he was an *Ivri*, and therefore did not merit burial in *Eretz Yisrael* (*Devarim Raba*).
- (a) (1) Rabbinical decrees fulfill the requirement of *Vayikra* 18:30 -- “safeguard My charge” (*Yevamot* 21a). (2) These decrees do not add to the *Torah*; they maintain it (*Be'er Mayim Chaim*). (b) The *gematria* of *ve-noshantem* is 852, indicating that after *Bnei Yisrael* sinned in *Eretz Yisrael* for 852 years (a long period of time), *Bnei Yisrael* quickly will be utterly destroyed (verse 26). *Hashem*, in His mercy, exiled *Bnei Yisrael* to *Bavel* after only 850 years, so the prophecy of *Bnei Yisrael's* destruction would not be fulfilled (*Rashi*). (c) (1) *Bnei Yisrael's* distress in *galut*, (2) their *teshuva*; (3) His covenant with the *avot*; (4) His mercy; (5) arrival of the *geula's* predestined time (*Devarim Raba*).
- (a) (1) 14; (2) 1 – *ve-lo titaveh* (you shall not desire [your friend's house]); (3) one violates *lo tachmod* by pressuring someone to sell or give him something that he desires; one violates *lo titaveh* merely from lustful thoughts about someone's possessions (*Sefer ha-Chinuch* – *Mitzvah* 416). (b) The *vav* refers to the 6 forbidden forms in verses 16-18: (1) a male; (2) a female; (3) any animal; (4) any bird; (5) any creeping thing; (6) any fish (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (c) (1) (i) *Shabbat* is a day to cease earning a living and occupy oneself with *Torah*. In the *midbar*, *Bnei Yisrael* did not earn a living and were able to learn all day, every day; they observed *Shabbat* only because *Hashem* commanded it. Similarly, people honor their parents in gratitude for their providing them with food, clothing and shelter; in the *midbar*, *Hashem* provided for the needs of the children of *Bnei Yisrael*, teaching that children must honor their parents, not just for what their parents provide them, but because *Hashem* commanded it (*Meshech Chachma*). (ii) *Shabbat* is not a day only for physical rest and pleasure; we also must rest spiritually by learning *Torah* as *Hashem* commanded. In the *midbar*, *Moshe* was confronted with people who had suffered for 40 years for their parents' sins; *Hashem* commanded honoring parents regardless of the suffering they cause (*Oznayim la-Torah*). (2) Just as we must honor our parents by providing them with food and clothing, we must honor *Shabbat* with special food and clothing (*Ba'al ha-Turim*).
- (a) To: (1) believe in *Hashem's* Oneness (*Sefer ha-Chinuch* – *Mitzvah* 417); (2) love *Hashem* (*Mitzvah* 418); (3) learn and teach *Torah* (*Mitzvah* 419); (4) recite the *Shema* each morning and evening (*Mitzvah* 420); (5) bind *tefillin* on one's hand (*Mitzvah* 421); (6) put *tefillin* on one's head (*Mitzvah* 422); (7) fasten a *mezuzah* on the one's doorposts (*Mitzvah* 423). (b) (1) At *Ya'akov's* deathbed, his sons proclaimed their belief by stating “*Shema Yisrael . . .*”; *Ya'akov* responded “*Baruch Shem . . .*” We say it since *Ya'akov* did, but quietly since it is not in the *Torah* (*Pesachim* 56a). (2) *Moshe* heard it from the angels; we say it quietly since our sins make us unworthy, except on *Yom Kippur* when our sins are forgiven (*Devarim Raba*). (c) When one teaches *Torah* in a way that the listener's emotion is ignited and his excitement and enthusiasm for *Torah* increases, he has fulfilled not only *Mitzvah* 419 (teaching *Torah*), but also *Mitzvah* 418 (loving *Hashem*) (*Sefer ha-Chareidim*). (c) Only the first verse, *Shema Yisrael*, per *Rebbi Yehuda ha-Nasi*; reciting the rest is required *mi-derabanan* (rabbinically) (*Berachot* 13b).
- (a) One may not: (1) sell *Eretz Yisrael* land to heathens; (2) praise their deeds; (3) give them gifts; (4) gaze at or praise their physical beauty (*Avoda Zara* 20a). (b) Spouses influence their partners; non-Jewish spouses will lure them to sins such as idol-worship and immorality and will ruin their children by drawing them to these sins (*Sefer ha-Chinuch* – *Mitzvah* 427).
- On *Tu B'Av* (a) of the 40<sup>th</sup> year in the *midbar*, *Bnei Yisrael* determined that no one else would die due the sin of the *meraglim*; (b) *Bnei Yisrael*, after they entered *Eretz Yisrael*, were allowed to intermarry members of other *shevatim*; (c) the woodcutters who chopped down trees for the *ma'aracha* (the woodpile for the *mizbeiach* in the *Beit ha-Mikdash*) completed the *mitzvah* of chopping the wood; (d) after the incident of *pilegish be-Giva* (the concubine of *Giva*) in which *Bnei Yisrael* had taken an oath not to marry members of *Shevet Binyamin*, *Bnei Yisrael's* leaders ruled that the subsequent generation could intermarry with *Shevet Binyamin* (*Shoftim* 21:1); (e) *Hoshea ben Eila*, the Northern Kingdom's last king, removed the sentries that *Yeravam ben Nevat* had stationed on the roads to *Yerushalayim* to prevent *Bnei Yisrael* from ascending to celebrate the *regalim* (II *Melachim* 17); (f) the corpses of those slain by the Romans during their conquest of *Beitar* were afforded burial (*Ta'anit* 30b-31a).
- (a) Until this point, *Yeshayahu's* prophecies concerned retribution and destruction; this verse begins those of consolation and the future *geula* (*Rashi*). (b) After the return from: (1) *galut Bavel* (*Ibn Caspi*). (2) *galut Edom* during *yemot ha-Mashiach* (*Rashi, ibn Ezra, Radak*). (3) both *galut Bavel* and *galut Edom* – the *Navi* therefore repeats the word “*nachamu*” (*Abarbanel*).