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Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Re'eh August 6-7, 2010 27 Av 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:25 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:39 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 7:49 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:55 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: 7:30 A.M.
- *Tefillah shiur* by Rabbi Rothwachs: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:29 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.

- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:00 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapters 15-16.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:40 P.M.
- Presentation by Avi Abelow: 7:00 P.M.
- *Mincha*: 7:40 P.M., followed by a *shiur* by Rabbi Rothwachs: "Safety and Liability on Construction Sites."
- *Maariv*: 8:49 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 8:58 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, (917) 837-2810.

Schedule for Week of August 8th:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	4:58	4:59	5:00	5:01	5:02	5:03
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30	5:40	5:35	5:35	5:40	5:55
	7:15	6:20	6:10	6:10	6:20	6:30
	8:00	7:10	7:05	7:05	7:10	7:15
	8:45	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
<i>Mincha</i>	1:45					5:30
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	6:20 7:00 7:45
<i>Maariv</i> :	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

Beginning Monday, August 23rd, through Friday, September 3rd, there will be an additional 8:45 A.M. *shacharit minyan*. For more information, contact Alvin Reinstein, alauberreinstein@aol.com, (201) 692-7715.

Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:40 P.M. For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to www.teaneckshuls.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: Monday and Thursday - 6:55 A.M.; Tuesday and Wednesday - 6:50 A.M.; Friday - 7:00 A.M.

Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Ellen Chazan on the birth of her grandson Itai Aryeh, born to her children Ilana Rosenberg and her husband Michah Gottlieb.
- *Mazal Tov* to Moshe and Pearl Markovitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Lea Tzipora, born on *Tu b'Av* to their children Dr. Jacob and Shari Markovitz of Teaneck. *Mazal Tov* also to Shari's parents, Sheldon and Marilyn David, and to her grandparents, Dr. Jack and Anita Walker, both of Flatbush.
- *Mazal Tov* to Chaya Devorah Hirsch on her engagement to Benyamin Yaakov Clayman of Youngstown, OH. *Mazal Tov* also to Chaya Devorah's parents, Meir and Alicia Hirsch, and to Benyamin Yaakov's parents, Joel and Devorah Clayman.

This week's summer kiddush is sponsored by:

Erica & Jason David, in honor of the birth of their daughter Gavriella Liba.

Shannon & Ari Gononsky, in honor of Beth's 9th birthday.

Marcy & Jeff Manas, to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Marcy's father, Emanuel Birnbaum.

Pearl & Moshe Markovitz, in honor of the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Dr. Jacob and Shari Markovitz.

Miriam & Izzy Salomon, to commemorate the *yahrtzeit* of Izzy's father, Tobi Salomon, Tuvia ben Yaakov.

Alona & David Shapiro & family, to commemorate Eitan's eighth *yahrtzeit*.

This *Shabbat*, August 7th (*Parashat Re'eh*), **Avi Abelow** will speak at the shul at 7:00 P.M., on "**Destruction and Renewal, the Redemption Process and Comforting (Nachamu).**" He will discuss Israel today, the wonderful processes taking place before our eyes, and the challenges that face all of *Am Yisrael* in bringing about *tikkun olam* and *geula*. Avi is an Israel advocate, the producer of the movie *Home Game*, the director of 12Tribe Films, and the acting director of Chizuk Now. He is also an expert on online video marketing and serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Veobrand. Avi is married to Rachel. They live in Efrat and are the proud parents of four children. Avi and Rachel lived in Riverdale for five years and were frequent guests in Teaneck before they made *aliyah*.

Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

The next **Sisterhood Women's Potluck Seudah Shlishit** will be held on *Shabbat*, August 14th, at 5:15 P.M., at the home of Lisa Breen, 68 Edgemont Place. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Shannon Gononsky, (201) 836-4644, shan1yael@yahoo.com.

The next **Sisterhood Book Club** selection will be "**The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust**," by Edith Hahn Beer with Susan Dworkin. The discussion will take place on *Shabbat*, August 21st (time and location to be announced). For more information, please contact Diane Fogel, (201) 837-0651, difogel@aol.com.

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, (201) 357-5685, or Yehiel Levy, (201) 357-5495, 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, keyfilla@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.

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.

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, send an email to 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.

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.

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 no 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, or contact Rivka Fink, (201) 833-2527, rivkafink@optonline.net, or Michelle Cooper, (201) 837-1999, benandmi@yahoo.com.

Welcome to the Community:

Jordana and Sam Farbstein moved to Johnson Avenue from Englewood with their 2 children, Eytan (3 in September) and Liana (1½). Jordana's cell number is (201) 956-1636.

Becca and Bruce Glassberg moved to Claremont Avenue (near Sagamore Park) from Forest Hills with their 2 children, Jonah (3) and a baby girl (1½). Becca's cell number is (917) 545-2107.

Faye and Moishie Rosenberg moved to Red Road from Brooklyn with their 3 children, Shai (7), Avi (5) and Freida (1). Their home phone is (718) 756-5460.

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.

- **Tefillah and Shoko will not meet this week and will resume after the Chagim**

- For more information on youth activities, contact Erica and Jason David, bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com, (732) 618-9473.

- The **learning group for incoming 5th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, August 7, 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, eskslp@aol.com.

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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 7:35 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 7:50 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 8:49 P.M.

This *Shabbat*, August 7th, at 5:00 P.M., at the home of Lani and Shimmy Tennenbaum, 500 Warwick Avenue, Emunah of America-Libby Kolb Chapter invites all women to a *shiur* by Elana Belizon entitled "**Don't Hate Me Because I'm Beautiful: The Torah's Perspective on Beauty.**"

On Tuesday, August 10th, at 8:30 P.M., Elissa Hochbaum will be giving a **Rosh Chodesh Shiur for women** at the Hager home, 1091 Belle Avenue. For more information, or if you would like to give or host a future *shiur*, contact Tzippy Staum, tzipper75@verizon.net.

On Saturday night, August 21st, from 9:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M., **Bonei Olam** -- an organization that helps families with issues of infertility -- will be holding a **Melave Malka** at the home of Tammi and Bennett Schachter, 43 Dover Court, Bergenfield. The featured guest singer will be Baruch Levine.

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, or go to www.aryevut.org.

Want to improve your Hebrew? UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey, through its Israel Programs Center, is offering **Ulpan classes** beginning October 11th. To get the early-bird registration rate, please contact Galeet Lipke, (201) 820-3908, galeet@ujanni.org.

The **Moriah School's Online Auction** is now open for bidding. Go to www.moriahschool.org and click on "auction" to place your bid on travel, sports and entertainment prizes, as well as other great items and opportunities. All proceeds help support The Moriah School. For questions regarding the online auction, please contact Lisa Schechter, (201) 230-1002, lisa_schechter@yahoo.com.

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, (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, or contact Sharon Rifkind, (201) 820-3947, sharonr@ujanni.org.

We thank the following people for their help this past Sunday in cleaning out the garage at 958 Queen Anne Road: Fred Cohen, Kal Staiman, Abe Leidner, Kalman Seidenfeld, David Goldberg, David Schnaidman, Ephraim Schnaidman, Valerie Kahn, Eli Kahn, Larry Kahn, Joe Dal Lago, Barry Weissman and Rabbi Rothwachs.

We thank the following people for their generous donation of storage space: Mishel & Bernice Greenberg, Amy Bodoff, Ari & Shannon Gononsky and The Sheli House

Parasha Questions for Parshat Re'eh

- (a) Why does the *parasha* begin with "*re'eh*" (see) in the singular, while the verses that follow are all in the plural (2 reasons)? (b) When *Moshe* said, "I present before you today a blessing and a curse," to what blessing and curse did he refer (3 views)? (c) After *Moshe* told *Bnei Yisrael* the obligation to destroy all places of idol worship in *Eretz Yisrael*, why did he add: "Do not do this to *Hashem*" – *Bnei Yisrael* surely would not destroy the *Beit ha-Mikdash* (4 explanations)? (*Devarim* 11:26, 12:4)
- (a) The verse, "In your cities, do not eat: *ma'aser* of your grain, wine, oil, your cattle and flocks' firstborn, all your vow and free-will offerings, and what your hand raises up," includes which 8 of the 613 *mitzvot*? (b) In forbidding eating blood, why does *Moshe* add: (1) "*chazak*" (be strong) (5 reasons)? (2) "do not eat the soul with the meat" (2 reasons)? (*Devarim* 12:17, 23)
- (a) Why is a *meisit* (one who entices someone to serve other gods) treated harshly (4 reasons)? (b) Which 6 of the 613 *mitzvot* concern the *meisit*? (*Devarim* 13:7-12)
- (a) Why did *Moshe* state: (1) "you are *Hashem*'s children" before prohibiting cutting one's skin to mourn the dead (3 views)? (2) for the ban on making a bald spot on one's head to mourn, not to make it "between your eyes"? (3) the *ma'aser* laws after prohibiting *basar be-chalav* (milk and meat together)? (b) Why must *ma'aser sheini* be eaten in *Yerushalayim* (2 reasons)? (*Devarim* 14:1,21-23)
- (a) At what time during the *shemita* year are debts of fellow Jews cancelled? (b) If the borrower freely chooses to return the cancelled loan as a gift to the lender, may the lender accept the gift? (*Devarim* 15:3)
- (a) Why is *matza* called "*lechem oni*" (6 reasons)? (b) Why does the *Torah* first say, "for 7 days, eat *matzo*" (16:3), then, "For 6 days, eat *matzo*" (16:8)? (c) In commanding us to rejoice on *Sukkot*, why does the *Torah* include the word "*ach*," saying, "*ve-hayita ach samei'ach*" (you will be "*ach*" happy) (4 reasons)? (d) For what purpose did *Hashem*, through the *halacha* of *sefeika de-yoma* (calendar doubt), cause *Bnei Yisrael* to observe 2 *yom tov* days *chutz la-Aretz* (2 reasons)? (*Devarim* 16:3,8,15)
- In the *haftara*, when the *Navi* says "all who thirst should go to the water" and "go buy wine and milk with no money and no barter," what is symbolized by: (a) water (2 explanations)? (b) wine? and (c) milk? (*Yeshayahu* 55:1)

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.yutorah.org, www.kollelyomrishon.com and www.midreshetyomrishon.com websites.</p> <p>· The Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group will meet this Sunday, August 8th, at the</p>	<p>Feinsmith home, 15-13 Ellis Avenue, Fair Lawn, (201) 703-1006. Directions: Take Route 4 west to Route 208. Take the exit for Morlot Avenue West (the second Morlot Avenue exit) and bear right onto Morlot Avenue. After crossing the railroad tracks, continue to 17th Street and turn right. Make the next left onto Ellis Avenue. The house is in the middle of the block on the right. Please be on time to begin at 9:00 A.M. We will be starting a six-week <i>Ahavas Yisrael Chabura</i>.</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, 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) The world is balanced between good and evil – each person can bless or curse the world by tipping the scale either way with a *mitzvah* or sin (*Chasam Sofer*). (2) *Bnei Yisrael's* role is to act as a singular force to see that the *mitzvot* are fulfilled (*Tzror ha-Mor*). (b) (1) The blessings and curses that *Bnei Yisrael* will receive on *Har Gerizim* and *Har Eival* (*Devarim* 11:29) (*Rashi*). (2) The blessing is *Bnei Yisrael's* good fortune that results from observing the *mitzvot*, the curse is their poor life for not observing them (*Sforno*). (3) The blessings and curses that *Hashem* described in *Vayikra* 26:3-43, the *tochacha* in *Parashat Bechotai* (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (c) This prohibits *Bnei Yisrael* from: (1) offering *korbanot* any place they want, as idolators do (*Devarim* 12:2) – they may offer them only in the *Beit ha-Mikdash*; (2) erasing *Hashem's* name, while they must obliterate the names of idols (*Devarim* 12:3); (3) removing even a stone from the *mizbei'ach* or the *azara*, while they must destroy places of idol worship (*Devarim* 12:3); (4) behaving like idolators by committing sins that would cause the destruction of the *Beit ha-Mikdash* (*Rashi*).
- (a) The prohibition of eating the following 4 items outside *Yerushalayim*: *ma'aser sheini* (1) grain (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 442), (2) wine (*Mitzvah* 443), (3) oil (*Mitzvah* 444); (4) an unblemished firstborn (*Mitzvah* 445); the prohibition of eating outside the *Beit ha-Mikdash* the meat of a *korban*: (5) *chatat* or *asham* (*Mitzvah* 446), (6) *olah* (*Mitzvah* 447), (7) before the blood is sprinkled (*Mitzvah* 448); (8) the prohibition of *kohanim* eating *bikurim* before they are set down in the *azara* (*Mitzvah* 449). (b) (1) (i) Since it was common in *Moshe's* era to consume blood, he encouraged *Bnei Yisrael* to be strong and resist this; (ii) the *Torah* teaches how strongly we must exert ourselves in performing all *mitzvot* – if we must be strong to not consume blood, which people do not crave, we certainly must be strong in curbing practices that we strongly desire (*Rashi*). (iii) The *Torah* warns us to make strong efforts not to be overly involved in physical desires such as eating meat; these desires will consume our souls, represented by blood (*Vilna Gaon*). (iv) People believed that eating blood attached them to *sheidim* (demons) who have the power to reveal the future; we must strongly resist this (*Sforno*). (v) We must be strong in fighting libels accusing Jews of killing gentiles and consuming their blood (*Oznayim la-Torah*). (2) It also prohibits eating: (i) *eiver min ha-chai* (a limb severed from a live animal) and (ii) *basar min ha-chai* (meat from a live animal) (*Chulin* 102b).
- (a) (1) Inciting someone to sin is more harmful than murder, since the *meisit* harms a person's immortal soul; (2) not favoring a *rasha* brings peace to *Bnei Yisrael* (*Ramban*). (3) The death of the *meisit* prevents him from sinning more – if he does *teshuva*, his death atones for his sins; (4) the harm he causes society is incalculable (*R. Yona*). (b) To: (1) show a *meisit* no affection (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 457); (2) hate him (*Mitzvah* 458); (3) not rescue him from death (*Mitzvah* 459); (4) not argue in his favor (*Mitzvah* 460); (5) present him in a negative light (*Mitzvah* 461); (6) not entice *Bnei Yisrael* to idolatry (*Mitzvah* 462).
- (a) (1) (i) Since you are *Hashem's* children, it is unseemly to mourn excessively for anyone else (*Sforno*). (ii) Since we are like a child whose father sends him to a better place, do not mourn greatly for one who leaves this world (*Ohr ha-Chaim*). (iii) Since *Hashem* loves you even more than your father does, do not mourn deeply – what He does is for your own good (*ibn Ezra*). (2) To teach that just as making a bald spot is prohibited where normally there is hair, *teflin* is not placed between one's eyes (6:5) – only where hair grows (*Ritva – Makkot* 20a). (3) *Basar be-chalav* is prohibited like *kilayim* (mixing species in the field) – if you observe these laws, *Hashem* will cook (i.e. ripen) your produce in the proper season, enriching you – the word "*te-aseir*" (take tithes) is like the word "*tit-aseir*" (you will prosper) (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (b) (1) By eating it in *Yerushalayim*, a person and his family, surrounded by *kohanim*, *levi'im* and the *Sanhedrin*, will learn to fear *Hashem* and increase *Torah* study and care in doing *mitzvot* (*Ramban*). (2) *Ma'aser sheini* induced wealthy people, who could not eat all their *ma'aser* during their stay in *Yerushalayim*, to send their sons to learn *Torah* there for a long period of time while dining on the *ma'aser sheini* (*R. Yona*).
- (a) At the *shemita* year's last moment – sunset of *Erev Rosh Hashana* that ends the year; (b) yes – the borrower is encouraged to give the principal of the loan as a gift to the lender (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah* 477).
- (a) *Matza*: (1) recalls the *oni* (affliction) caused by the *Mitzrim* (*Rashi*). (2) must be eaten in *aninus* (mourning) – not made from *ma'aser sheini* or *bikurim* grain which must be eaten in joy; (3) must be *oni* (poor) – not be kneaded with wine, oil or honey; (4) is bread on which we are *onin* (we declare) many things – *Hallel* and the *hagada*; (5) should be made from *oni* (unrefined) flour (*Pesachim* 36a). (6) to fulfill the *mitzvah* should be *oni* (broken) like a poor man's food (*Pesachim* 116a) (b) While one eats *matza* for the 7 days of *Pesach*, he may eat "*chadash*" (new grain) *matza* only for 6 days, starting on the second day of *Pesach*, after the *korban omer* is brought; (c) (1) *Ach* means "only" – we will be happy only if we properly celebrate the *Sukkot* festival; (2) *ach* teaches that we must rejoice not only on *Sukkot*, but also on *Shemini Atzeret* (*Rashi*). (3) *Ach* means "but," limiting our rejoicing – we cannot rejoice fully in this world, only in *olam ha-ba*; (4) *ach* instructs us to limit our rejoicing by not overdoing our feasting, so that our joy does not turn into frivolity (*R. Bechaya*). (d) (1) Having to observe 2 *yom tov* days will arouse *Bnei Yisrael* to ask Him to return them to *Eretz Yisrael* (*Tiferet Zion*). (2) Since they did not fulfill the one-day *yom tov Torah* law properly in *Eretz Yisrael*, He caused them to observe more days in *galut* as atonement (*S.R. Hirsch*).
- Water, wine and milk symbolize *Torah* words: Just as: (a) (1) the world cannot exist without water, it cannot exist without *Torah*; (2) water flows from a high place to a low place, *Hashem* preserves *Torah* in humble people; (b) wine causes the heart to rejoice, so does *talmud Torah*; (c) milk provides babies' sustenance, *Torah* sustains and nurtures our souls (*Ta'anit* 7a).