



This week's *Shabbat* announcements are sponsored by **Gilla and Yitz Stern** in memory of Zlata bat R' Yitzchok, whose *yahrtzeit* is being observed on 6 Elul.

The shul office will be closed from August 23-27

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23 (not the 17th) at 8:15 P.M.

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Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Shoftim August 13-14, 2010 4 Elul 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:20 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:31 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 7:40 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:45 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: 7:30 A.M.
- *Tefillah shiur* by Rabbi Rothwachs: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:32 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- Sisterhood Pot Luck *Seudah Shlishit*: 5:30 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:25 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:35 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapters 16.
- *Mincha*: 7:35 P.M.
- *Maariv*: 8:40 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 8:49 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 15th: | Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| <i>Earliest Tallit</i> | 5:05 | 5:06 | 5:07 | 5:07 | 5:09 | 5:10 |
| <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> | 7:35 | 7:35 | 7:35 | 7:35 | 7:35 | 6:10 |
| | | | | | | 7:00 |
| <i>Maariv</i> : | 9:30 | 9:30 | 9:30 | 9:30 | 9:30 | 7:35 |

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*: 6:25 P.M. *Daf Yomi* begins *Masechet Avodah Zarah* this Monday, August 16th. For *Daf Yomi shiurim* and resources in Teaneck, go to www.teaneckshuls.org/daf/.
- **Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study**: Sunday evening at 8:15 P.M.
- **Rabbi Daniel Feldman**: Tuesday evening at 8:45 P.M. *Lashon Hara* on Matters of Public Knowledge
- **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 Yocheved and Nathan Lindenbaum upon Meir's upcoming marriage to Shani Gordon of Teaneck.
- *Mazal Tov* to Myron and Esther Chaitovsky on the birth of their granddaughter Ahuva Bina, born to their children Avi-Gil and Tamar Chaitovsky of Teaneck. *Mazal Tov* also to Tamar's parents, David and Sherry Snyder, and to all the great-grandparents, uncles and aunts.
- *Mazal Tov* to Rabbi Sam and Sharon Frankel on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Rachael and Adir Rovner of Cleveland, OH.
- *Mazal Tov* to Jesse Nowlin on his forthcoming marriage in Israel to Sheli Yona of Brooklyn. *Mazal Tov* also to the proud parents and grandparents, Barbara & Warren Wacholder and Jonas & Ruth Weiser.
- *Mazal Tov* to Eli Sinensky upon being awarded a fellowship from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Eli will be the Jewish leadership volunteer representative in Warsaw, Poland for the upcoming year and will be responsible for Jewish programming and health care services for the elderly and poverty stricken families.

Welcome to the Community:

Beth and Judah Isaacs moved to Magnolia (off Belle) from Detroit with their 4 children, Uri (10) Gavi (8) Eitan (4) and Chana (2). Their phone number is (201) 836-0958.

Tzeitchem l'shalom to Batya Karp and Esther Karp will be leaving on the Nefesh B'Nefesh flight on August 18 to make aliyah.

The Men's Club is once again selling wine for the *chagim*. Orders are due by August 22nd, with delivery of orders of over \$100 on or around September 5th (Teaneck only). Orders must be accompanied by a 12% donation to the Men's Club. You can get a copy of the wine list online at bethaaron.org/winesale. You can order online with paypal or on paper with a check. Send completed orders to Moishe B. Singer, 170 Edgemont Place, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Order forms are available in the shul lobby. If you have any questions, contact Moishe B. Singer, (201) 836-4040.



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 Sunday, August 22nd (please note change of date) at 7:30 P.M. (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, keytfilla@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.

This week's Men's Club *Kiddush* is sponsored by:

Esther and Myron Chaitovsky, in honor of the birth of their granddaughter Ahuva Bina.

Barbara and Norman Gildin, in honor of Leah and Jonathan Gildin's anniversary, Jennifer (Gildin) Lowy's birthday and for continued good health.

Dorothy and Louis Karp, in honor of Batya and Esther's forthcoming *aliyah*.

Laurie and Jerry Kasdan, in honor of the birthdays of their sons Michael and Daniel.

Gila and Arvin Levine, in honor of the birth of their grandson Hillel Betzalel, born to their children JJ and Tzipora Levine of *Yerushalayim*.

Michael and Devorah Reich, in honor of the birth of their daughter Eva, Chava Arielle.

L'via and Charlie Weisinger, in honor of all our children being home for "just one *Shabbos*" this year before they disperse once again.

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.

Shabbat Hosting Is Now Easier Than Ever: The website www.shabbat.com enables people who want to host guests, and people who are looking for a host for *Shabbat*, to be matched easily. This site is a national resource, so it also enables people who are traveling to easily and quickly find a friendly "home away from home" for *Shabbat*. Hosts register and provide information such as whether they can provide meals or a place to sleep, whether they prefer to be asked early or can be available for a "Friday request", etc. After prospective guests register, they can search prospective hosts based on criteria such as location, family vs. singles accommodation, etc., and then send a request to a prospective host. Communication is by e-mail (but the e-mail addresses are not disclosed on the website, to protect privacy). This is a terrific opportunity for Beth Aaron families to bring *Shabbat* to fellow Jews who are yearning for reconnection to their heritage.

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 14th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Greengart home, 28 Grayson Place. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Shabbat)*. For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, rkurz1@yahoo.com, or Esther Klavan, eskslp@aol.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 7:25 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 7:40 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 8:40 P.M.

Yishai Fleisher will speak this Monday night, August 16th, at 8:00 P.M., at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, Yishai Fleisher is an internationally-recognized lecturer, show host, analyst and columnist. He is the founder of Kumah, serves as Director of Israel National Radio (Arutz Sheva), and is the host of the popular "Yishai and Friends" talk show. Yishai's intellectual approach gives listeners an insider's glimpse into the workings of Israel, while his contagious positive outlook illuminates a vision of what Israel can become. All are welcome

This Wednesday, August 18th, at 8:45 P.M., at Congregation Beth Abraham, **Rabbi Neuberger** will give a *shiur* for teenage girls on the topic "**Confidentially Speaking.**" There will be a question-and-answer session at the end. For more information, please e-mail yelli815@att.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 Sunday, August 22nd, from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M., at the home of Moshe & Eliza Skoczylas, 123 Highgate Terrace, Bergenfield, there will be an **art show** featuring **The Ner Art Gallery** by Eytan Dzikowski. A portion of the proceeds of this sale will go directly to **Chai Lifeline**. For more information, go to www.nerartgallery.com or e-mail ecm32@aol.com.

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, galeetl@ujannj.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.

Bnai Yeshurun Nursery School has one unexpected spot for the fall in our unique child-centered, *Torah*-based program. See your child's self-esteem soar in an atmosphere of *Torah* and *middot!* For more information, please contact Fern Amper, (201) 836-6871, fernemper@aol.com

Partners in Torah is seeking additional mentors for its Kohelet Institute program, targeted for parents of children attending Solomon Schechter day schools. Mentors will participate in eight learning sessions with these parents, conducted by phone, with the mentor covering a set curriculum during each of two semesters. The sessions will typically last no more than 45 minutes, and be conducted in the evenings once each week on a day and at a time convenient for the parents. The sessions are designed to be engaging, source-based discussions, rather than lectures or classes. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, or for more information, please contact Chana Bilek, cbilek@partnersintorah.org, (732) 917-6385.

Parasha Questions for Parshat Shoftim

- (a) Why does the *Torah* place the passage concerning *shoftim ve-shotrim* (judges and police) after the laws of the *regalim* (festivals) at the end of *Parshat Re-ai* (7 explanations)? (b) Why does the *Torah* use the double word "tzedek tzedek" *tir-dof* (righteousness, righteousness, you shall pursue) (3 reasons)? (c) Why does the *Torah* state the prohibition of planting an *asheira* (tree used for idol worship) after mandating the appointment of judges (2 reasons)? (*Devarim* 16:20-21)
- (a) (1) Which 3 *mitzvot* did *Bnei Yisrael* have to do right after settling in *Eretz Yisrael*? (2) Why did *Bnei Yisrael* not appoint a king to lead them in conquest of and apportioning the land before entering it? (b) Since the *Torah* commands, "You shall surely set over yourself a king" why did *Hashem* and *Shmuel* consider the request for a king to be evil (3 reasons)? (c) Why was the king not allowed to amass: (1) excessive horses (2 reasons)? (2) excessive wives? (3) great wealth? (*Devarim* 17:15-17)
- (a) Why were *Bnei Yisrael* required to give the: (1) foreleg, (2) jaw and (3) stomach of a slaughtered domesticated animal to a *kohen* (2 reasons)? (b) Why, in *Vayikra* 18:3, does the *Torah* forbid *Bnei Yisrael* from acting like the *Mitzrim* and *Cana'anites* but here forbids acting only like the *Cana'anites* (2 reasons)? (c) Why is consulting with diviners, charmers and mediums about the future prohibited? (d) What 3 sins by a *navi* warrant the death penalty: (1) by *beit din*? (2) *bi-dei shamayim* (by the hands of Heaven)? (3) Why is one who relates another *navi's* true *nevu-a* as his own punished? (*Devarim* 18:3,9-14,19-20)
- (a) (1) Why does the *Torah* prohibit someone from secretly moving a neighbor's landmark (2 reasons)? (2) What sin(s) would you violate for moving a boundary: (i) in *Eretz Yisrael*? (ii) outside *Eretz Yisrael*? (b) (1) In what 5 situations is the testimony of only one witness legally effective? (2) If a 2nd pair of witnesses contradicts a 1st pair as *eidim zomamim* (conspiring false witnesses), why do we believe the 2nd pair? (*Devarim* 19:14,15,19)
- (a) Before going to war, why did the *kohen* begin with "*Shema Yisrael*" (Listen, *Yisrael*), to tell the soldiers to trust *Hashem* and be unafraid (2 reasons)? (b) May *Bnei Yisrael* accept converts from the 7 nations of *Cana'an*? (*Devarim* 20:3-4,18)
- (a) Under what 4 situations is cutting down a fruit tree not a violation of *bal tashchis* (do not destroy wantonly)? (b) In the ceremony of *egla arufa* (calf whose neck is broken): (1) why is the calf destroyed on barren soil? (2) why do the elders of the city nearest the crime break the calf's neck? (3) why do the elders chop off the calf's head? (4) why do the elders wash their hands? (5) why do the *kohanim* ask *Hashem* for atonement for the murder? (*Devarim* 20:19, 21:4-8)
- In the *haftara*, the *Navi* says that in the future, *Yerushalayim* will be protected from the "*arail*" (uncircumcised) and the "*tamei*" (unclean); who is referred to as: (a) *arail*? (b) *tamei*? (*Yeshayahu* 52:1)

Learning Opportunities

· The **Amud Yomi shiur** meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. For more information, contact Mordechai Ungar, (201) 741-3920.

Motzaei Shabbat

Rabbi Reisman's satellite *Navi shiur*: 10:30 P.M. at Keter Torah.

Sunday

· The **Yeshiva University Kollel** and **Midreshet Yom Rishon** programs are on summer break. Recordings of previously *shiurim* may be accessed on the www.yutorah.org, www.kollelyomrison.com

and www.midreshetyomrison.com websites.

· The **Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group** will not be meeting this Sunday, August 15th.

Wednesday

· Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening *shiur* takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.

Thursday

· **Rabbi Yissocher Frand's** weekly *shiur* will be broadcast at 9:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.

· Each Thursday evening, at 8:30 P.M., at the Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue,

Rabbi Roberts gives a **Parasha Shiur**, followed by *maariv* at 9:30 P.M.

Friday

· 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. *Shiurim* include *mussar*, *gemara* and *halacha*. You can attend one or more of the *shiurim*. For more information, call Bob Oppenheimer, (201) 280-1780, Hertzal Benji, (201) 261-1453, or David Sivetsky, (201) 836-8291.

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:

1. (a) This teaches that: (1) the *Sanhedrin's* judges shall determine the *regalim's* dates; (2) the court officers must compel people to bring their vow offerings during the *regalim*; (3) the judges should admonish *Bnei Yisrael* not to sin during the *regalim* when people dress in striking clothes, party with excessive food and drink, and men and women mingle; (4) judges must command the people to provide charity for the *regalim*; (5) the people must provide for the judges, *kohanim* and *levi'im* who study *Torah* in order to judge the people correctly; (6) just as all males were required to visit the *Beit haMikdash* during the *regalim*, one should visit his *rebbe* then (*Ba'al haTurim*). (7) Even though everyone went 3 times annually to the *Beit haMikdash* where they were able to inquire about *halachot*, they still had to maintain judges in every city (*Ra'avad – Hilchot Isurei Mizbei-ach 5:7*). (b) You must pursue justice: (1) in the most capable court (*Rashi*). (2) whether to your advantage or loss (*ibn Ezra*). (3) You must pursue righteous results only with righteous actions, not through improper means (*Rav Bunam*). (c) This teaches that: (1) appointing unqualified judges perverts *Hashem's* will, equivalent to planting an *asheira* (*Avoda Zara 52a*); (2) *Hashem* is present among judges; perverted justice, like idol worship, causes the *Shechina* to depart (*Torah Temima*).

2. (a) (1) (i) Appoint a king chosen by the *nevi'im* and *Sanhedrin*; (ii) destroy *Amaleik*; (iii) build the *Beit haMikdash* (*Rambam Hilchot Melachim 1:1*). (2) *Hashem* wanted *Bnei Yisrael* to know that the conquest was due not to a king's prowess and tactics, but to His will (*Sanhedrin 20b*). (b) (1) *Bnei Yisrael's* request was not for the *mitzvah's* sake, but from a desire to be ruled like the *goyim* (*Hilchot Melachim 1:2*). (2) As long as *Shmuel* lived, *Hashem* did open miracles for *Bnei Yisrael*; by prematurely requesting another leader during his lifetime, they rejected this supernatural way of life (*Malbim*). (3) While the elders asked for a king to fulfill the *mitzvah*, the unlearned asked with sinful intentions – *Shmuel* was angry at those with improper motives (*Sifri*). (c) (1) (i) The king should have enough horses for military purposes, not for arrogant pomp and pageantry (*Targum Yonatan*). (ii) *Hashem* forbade *Bnei Yisrael* to live in *Mitzrayim*, where most horse breeding took place – He did not want the king to buy many horses because it would cause his assistants to travel to *Mitzrayim* and live there (*Rashi*). (2) With more than the permitted number of 18 wives, the king would spend too much time engaging in physical pleasures, rather than governing according to *halacha* (*Ramban*). (3) The king should not spend his time lusting for money (*Seifer haChinuch – Mitzvah 415*).

3. (a) They were given in the merit of: (1) *Pinchas*, (i) whose forearm speared *Zimri*; (ii) whose mouth prayed for *Bnei Yisrael*; (iii) who stabbed *Cosby* in the stomach (*Rashi*). (2) the *kohanim*, (i) whose forearms slaughtered the *korbanot*; (ii) whose mouths blessed *Bnei Yisrael*; (iii) who examined the animals innards for blemishes (*ibn Ezra*). (b) (1) This was said by *Moshe* during his final days, and the new generation had forgotten *Mitzrayim's* sorcery; (2) Since *Cana'an* had only brief annual rain, the *Cana'anites* used divination to predict rainfall; *Mitzrayim* depended on the Nile – there was no need to divine rainfall (*Ha'amek Davar*). (c) *Hashem* wanted us to consult the holy counterparts to these people – the *nevi'im* and *urim ve-tumim* (*Rashi*). (d) One who prophesizes: (1) (i) what *Hashem* did not tell him; (ii) what he heard from another *navi*, saying he heard it directly from *Hashem*; (iii) in the name of *avoda zara*; (2) One who: (i) receives a true *nevu-a* but does not act according to it; (ii) holds back a *nevu-a* that *Hashem* provided him; (iii) refuses to obey a *navi* (*Rashi*). (3) When this *navi's* words come true, people will regard him as *Hashem's* agent; he will be able to mislead them when they follow his counsel (*Sefer haChinuch - Mitzvah 517*).

4. (a) (1) (i) It is theft (*Rashi*). (ii) *Yehoshua* distributed the land to each of *Bnei Yisrael* and their offspring; it was prohibited to alter the Divine lottery's results (*Ramban*). (2) (i) *Lo tasig gevu* (do not move a boundary) and *lo tiggzol* (do not rob); (ii) only *lo tiggzol* (*Rashi*). (b) (1) One witness' testimony about: (i) a debt forces the defendant to take an oath; (ii) forbidden things, e.g., *kashrut*, is valid; (iii) a *sotah* prevents her from drinking the water; (5) a murderer's identity prevents the *egla arufa* ceremony; (v) a husband's death allows the widow to remarry (*Sefer haChinuch – Mitzvah 523*). (2) Since a person cannot be a witness on his own behalf, the 1st pair of witnesses have no witnesses to refute the 2nd pair (*Mitzvah 524*).

5. (a) The *Torah* is telling us that reciting the *Shema* twice daily is so important that: (1) even if soldiers fulfilled no *mitzvah* except this one, in which they accept *Hashem's* sovereignty and *mitzvot*, they deserved to be saved in battle (*Sotah 42a*). (2) when we say *Shema* at the proper time, *Hashem* will save us from grief (*Chofetz Chaim*). (b) Yes, if they sincerely convert (*Rashi*).

6. (a) If the tree: (1) has high value, and the owner wants to sell it; (2) harms his other trees, or (3) other people's fields; (4) produces little fruit, not worth bothering with (*Sefer haChinuch - Mitzvah 529*). (b) (1) It symbolizes that the murderer left the victim barren of doing further *mitzvot* and having children; (2) since the murderer likely came from the nearest city, the elders need atonement for preventing the crime; (3) the spectacle will publicize the murder, leading someone to offer information that would detect the murderer; (4) they symbolically cleanse themselves of the *tuma* that rests in the murder area; (5) the crime may be attributed in part to the *kohanim's* shortcomings in their *tefila* and *avoda* (*Rambam – Hilchot Rotzei-ach 9*).

7. (a) *Arail* refers to the kingdom of *Edom*; (b) *tamei* refers to the kingdom of *Yishmael* (*Radak*).