



The shul office will be closed from August 23-27

The next Board meeting is scheduled for this Monday, August 23 at 8:15 P.M.

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Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Ki Tetze August 20-21, 2010 11 Elul 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:10 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:23 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 7:30 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:35 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*: 9:35 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:15 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 6:25 P.M. We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 16.
- *Mincha*: 7:25 P.M., followed by a *shiur* by Rabbi Ari Yablok
- *Maariv*: 8:30 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 8:39 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 22nd:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	5:12	5:13	5:14	5:15	5:16	5:17
<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>	7:25	7:25	7:25	7:25	6:00
<i>Maariv</i> :						7:00
	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	7:25

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.

Larry & Valerie Kahn invite the entire *kehilla* to a *kiddush* after *davening* in honor of Eli becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:15 P.M. 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 Rothwachs' *Bava Kama shiur*: Thursday evening (this week only) 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 & Friday - 7:00 A.M.

Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Eli Kahn on his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. *Mazal Tov* also to Eli's parents, Larry and Valerie Kahn.
- *Mazal Tov* to Andy and Rivka Fink on the birth of their daughter Sara Ahuva. *Mazal Tov* also to grandmother Beth Evans.
- *Mazal Tov* to Aaron and Naomi Mandelbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Esti and Yossi Ziffer. *Mazal Tov* also to great-grandmothers Jenny Michael and Frances Mandelbaum.
- *Mazal Tov* to Abe Zerykier on the birth of his granddaughter Shayli Aliza, born to his children Shuni Liba Zerykier and Jonathan Geis of Brighton, MA. *Mazal Tov* also to Jonathan's parents, Yaakov and Rachel Geis of Geneva, Switzerland, to Shayli's aunts and uncles, and to cousin Zahava Rey'ut of *Yerushalayim*.
- *Mazal Tov* to Avi Yasgur on his engagement to Kineret Sastiel of West Palm Beach, Florida. *Mazal Tov* also to Rabbi Moshe and Yedida Yasgur and to the entire Yasgur and Sastiel families.

The Men's Club is once again selling wine for the *chagim*.

Orders are due by this Sunday, 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.



Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

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 this Sunday, August 22nd (please note change of date), at 7:30 P.M., at the Amper home, 859 Red Road. For more information, 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. 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. 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 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.

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, 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:

- This Monday night, August 23rd, Beth Aaron's Youth Department invites all children from Pre-School to 5th Grade to **Dinner and a Movie**. At 5:30 P.M., we will enjoy a delicious pizza dinner and watch a movie in the Beth Aaron Movie Theater (downstairs). The cost is only \$4 a child, which includes pizza, drinks and the movie. Children are welcome to come in their pajamas.
- 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 21st, at 5:00 P.M., at the Kurz home, 200 Edgemont Place. Please bring your own *Mishnah* (*Masechet Shabbat*). For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, rkurz1@yahoo.com, or Esther Klavan, esksp@aol.com.

Shoresh NCSY

- On Wednesday, August 25th, **Shoresh Middle School** invites all 7th and 8th grade boys to join friends and meet new *Shoresh madrichim*. We will be going to the **Jets Training Camp** and then have dinner at Carlos and Gaby's. The bus leaves Beth Abraham at 3:00 P.M. and returns at 9:00 P.M. The cost is \$25. RSVP to shoresh@ncsy.org.
- On *Shabbat*, August 28th, we will have opening **Onegs** at 5:45 p.m. 7th graders will meet at the Rothwachs home, 96 Sussex Road, Bergenfield, and 8th graders will meet at the Yager home, 65 Lee Place, Bergenfield.
- On *Shabbat*, August 28th, **Shoresh High School** invites all high school boys to a **special *Elul* program**. It will begin with mincha at 5:30 P.M. at Bnai Yeshurun, followed by *chaburahs* with *Shoresh madrichim* and *Shalosh Seudot* at the Bodner home. There will be a special program for incoming 9th graders.

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 7:15 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 7:30 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 8:30 P.M.

This *Shabbat*, *Parashat Ki Tetze*, August 20-21, the **Teaneck Sephardic Center**, in conjunction with the Yeshiva Gedola, invites the entire community to a **Shabbaton** featuring **Rav Yitzchak Abadi**, *shlita*. The *Shabbaton* will be held at the Teaneck Sephardic Center/Lev Haim, 596 South Forest Drive. On Friday, *mincha* will be at 7:00 P.M., followed by a short roundtable "tisch" question-and-answer session. All are invited to join the *Rav* for personal conversation and *brachot* starting at 9:30 P.M. at 665 Northumberland Road. On *Shabbat*, *shacharit* is at 8:45 A.M. The *Rav* will hold another roundtable discussion following *musaf* at 11:00 A.M. A *shiur* for women will be held at 5:00 P.M., followed by a women-only roundtable discussion with *Rav Abadi*. A men's roundtable discussion with the *Rav* will be held at 6:45 P.M., followed by *mincha* at 7:25 P.M. For more information about the *Shabbaton*, please contact Chana, (201) 675-3454.

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.

On *Shabbat*, August 28th, at 5:00 P.M., at the home of Lois Blumenthal, 1358 Sussex Road, the **Hindy Weinstock Geula Chapter of AMIT Women** presents a lecture in memory of Anita Scharf. **Aliza Weinberg**, *tanach* instructor at Yeshivat Noam, will speak on "**David: King, Sweet Singer of Israel and Master of Teshuva**." Donations will benefit the children of Sderot. For more information, please contact Donna Hoenig, (201) 692-3934.

On Sunday, August 29th, the Young Israel of Teaneck, in conjunction with YU Connects, is sponsoring a **Bashert Bash** -- an **evening for modern Orthodox singles**, ages 23-30. It will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. at the Mocha Bleu Cafe, 1399 Queen Anne Road. The cost is \$18, and pre-registration is required. Meet your *bashert* while dining on a great meal, being enlightened by an inspirational speaker, and enjoying a fun and innovative speed-dating session. You will also have the opportunity to meet several amazing and very dedicated matchmakers. For more information, or to register, please contact bashertbash@gmail.com.

The **Jewish Learning Experience** will be hosting **FREE High Holiday services**, which will take place at the Torah Academy of Bergen County, 1600 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, and at Congregation Ahavath Torah, 240 Broad Avenue, Englewood. Over the past few years, the Jewish Learning Experience has had over 300 people in attendance. If everyone in the Orthodox community could invite just one person to these services, we could triple the attendance for this event. We need your help to make this happen! *Rosh Hashanah* services will be held on Thursday, September 9th, and Friday, September 10th at 10:00 A.M. (including *Shofar* blowing, and followed by a *Kiddush*). For *Yom Kippur*, *Kol Nidrei* will be held on Friday, September 17th, at 6:30 P.M., and the morning service (including *Yizkor*), will be on *Shabbat*, September 18th, at 10:00 A.M.

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@ujannj.org.

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

Parasha Questions for Parshat Ki Tetze

1. (a) How many of the 613 *mitzvot* are taught in *Parashat Ki Teitzei*? (b) Why do the laws of going to war at the beginning of this *parasha* follow the *mitzvah* of *egla arufa* at the end of *Parashat Shoftim* (4 reasons)? (c) (1) In which 5 mourning procedures was the *yefat to'ar* (woman of beautiful form) required to engage? (2) Why were these procedures required (3 reasons)? (3) When is the soldier permitted to have relations with the *yefat to'ar* (2 opinions)? (*Devarim* 21:10-13)
2. (a) How many times does a *ben sorer u-moreh* (wayward and rebellious son) appear before *beit din*? (b) What are 3 parenting lessons that the *halacha* of *ben sorer u-moreh* teaches? (*Devarim* 21:19-20)
3. (a) Under what 6 circumstances is one not required to return a lost object? (b) (1) Why are women and men prohibited from wearing each other's clothes (3 explanations)? (2) How did this law affect *Bnei Yisrael's* army? (3) In addition to not wearing women's clothes, how does this prohibition affect a man's appearance (2 ways)? (c) Why does the *Torah* (1) require sending away the mother bird before taking its eggs (4 reasons)? (2) promise long life for this *mitzvah* (2 reasons)? (*Devarim* 22:1,5,7)
4. (a) Why may a *mamzer* never marry in *Bnei Yisrael* (2 reasons)? (b) For what 2 reasons may *geirim* of *Amon* and *Moav* not marry women of *Bnei Yisrael*? (c) Why may *geirim* of *Mitzrayim* and *Edom*, unlike those of *Amon* and *Moav*, marry members of *Bnei Yisrael* after 2 generations (2 explanations)? (d) When did these prohibitions cease to be in effect? (*Devarim* 23:3-9)
5. (a) (1) When a man wishes to separate from his wife through divorce, why does the *Torah* require a written *get* (3 reasons)? (2) What are the 10 *ikarei gerushin* (fundamental requirements) for a divorce? (b) How do we fulfill the requirement of *zachor* (remembering) what *Hashem* did to *Miriam*? (*Devarim* 24:3, 9)
6. (a) Why does the *mitzvah* of honest weights and measures precede the *mitzvah* of remembering *Amalek*? (b) Which 3 of the 613 *mitzvot* concern *Amalek*? (*Devarim* 25:17-19)
7. In the *haftara*, what is the symbolism of: (a) the *mei Noach* (flood of *Noach*)? (b) the post-flood covenant? (*Yeshayahu* 54:9)

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

· On Sunday, August 29th, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Midreshet Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for women. The program, which will be held at the Shenk Shul in the Schottenstein Center (on West 185th Street, between Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenues), is open to participants of all ages, backgrounds and learning levels. Admission is free, and no registration is required. This week, *Midreshet Yom Rishon* will feature **Rabbi Meir Goldwicht** and **Mrs. Shoshana Schechter**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 A.M.; second *shiur* starts at 10:30 A.M. For more

information, or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, visit www.midreshetyomrishon.org or call (212) 960-0041.

· On Sunday, August 29th, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Kollel Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for men. The program, which will be held in Furst Hall Room 501 (500 West 185th Street, at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue), is open to participants of all ages, backgrounds and learning levels. Admission is free, and no registration is required. This week, *Kollel Yom Rishon* will feature **Rabbi Yona Reiss** and **Rabbi Baruch Simon**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 A.M., second *shiur* starts at 10:30 A.M. For more information, or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, please visit www.kolleyomrishon.org or call (212) 960-0041.

· On Sunday, August 22nd, the **Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group** will meet at the

Lewy home, 138 Grayson Place.

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:

- (a) 74 *mitzvot* (27 positive and 47 negative), representing 12% of the total – the most of any *parasha* (*Sefer ha-Chinuch*). (b) This teaches that: (1) when *beit din* puts intentional murderers to death, *Bnei Yisrael* may be assured of victory in its wars; (2) sending personal enemies to war together is prohibited – one could murder the other, pretending the victim was a war casualty; (3) only righteous men should be sent to war – the end of *Shoftim* says: “when you do what is upright in *Hashem's* eyes”; (4) the last word in *Shoftim* is “*Hashem*” – He will go out before *Bnei Yisrael* when they go to war (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (c) (1) She had to: (i) shave her head; (ii) let her nails grow – according to *Rashi*, or cut her nails – according to *Ramban*; (iii) wear mourning clothes; (iv) not leave her captor's house; and (5) mourn for her parents (*Ramban*). (2) they: (i) allow the Jewish soldier to see her for a month deprived of her external beauty – hopefully he no longer will want to marry her; (ii) allow her to get accustomed to her future husband and home after weeping and mourning over her separation from her parents; (iii) give her time to distance herself from idol worship prior to *geirut* (conversion); (3) (i) while she is in her heathen state (*Ramban – Hilchot Melachim 8:2-5*); (ii) only after she has completed the mourning rituals and converted (*Rashi*).
- (a) Twice – first, *beit din* warns him about his behavior and administers *malkot* (lashes); if there is no improvement, *beit din* tries him for a capital offense (*Rashi*). (b) Parents must: (1) inculcate correct *Torah* values, and not overlook a child's disobedience and gluttony (*Maharsha*). (2) emphasize their children's growth in *Torah* and *mitzvot*, and not put undue emphasis on good food, drink and other pleasures, except on *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* (*S.R. Hirsch*). (3) demonstrate greater love for *Hashem* than for their children, even bringing their son to *beit din* for punishment (*R. Bechaya*).
- (a) If the object: (1) has no identifying characteristics, e.g., money; (2) fell in a place where the owner gives up hope, e.g., in a heathen marketplace; (3) was lost in a body of water; (4) has a value less than a *peruta*; (5) is found by an elder, and it be below his dignity to pick it up; (6) is in a graveyard, and the finder is a *kohen* (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 538*). (b) (1) The prohibition: (i) makes us respect and uphold *Hashem's* distinction between men and women (*ibn Ezra*). (ii) deters men and women from mingling, preventing immodest and immoral behavior; (iii) prevents *avoda zara*, where idolaters typically cross-dressed; (2) weapons are considered men's apparel; the *mitzvah* prohibits women from carrying weapons and assuming fighting roles (*Mitzvah 542*). (3) A man may not: (i) wear jewelry or other adornments intended for women; (ii) pluck white hairs from among the black hairs in his scalp/beard or dye his hair in the manner that women do (*Mitzvah 543*). (c) (1) This law: (i) is a *chok* – a decree, with no explainable reason; (ii) shows *Hashem's* mercy towards animals, by preventing the distress of a bird seeing its children taken away (*Berachot 33b*). (iii) is intended to cause the bird distress, leading *Hashem* to have mercy on those who are suffering (*R. Bechaya*). (iv) prevents the extinction of each bird species (*Mitzvah 545*). (2) (i) If an “easy” *mitzvah*, such as this one, which entails no monetary loss, merits this reward, how much greater is the reward for a difficult *mitzvah* (*Rashi*). (ii) Just as fulfilling the *mitzvah* of honoring parents, who sacrifice for their children, promises long life, sending away the bird that risks its life for its children gives us a comparable reward (*Chulin 141b*).
- (a) (1) Since his parents committed adultery to bear him, their slyness, incompatible with *Torah* values, is transmitted to the child. Thus, he may not be part of *Bnei Yisrael's* community (*Yerushalmi Kiddushin 40b*). (2) The *mamzer* has a *moom zar* (blemish foreign to *Torah*) (*Yalkut Reuveini*). (b) (1) *Amon's* men did not offer *Bnei Yisrael* bread and water in the *midbar*, even though their ancestor *Lot* was hospitable (*Ramban*). (2) *Moav's* men hired *Bilam* to curse *Bnei Yisrael* and lead them into immorality; selfishness and immorality have no place in *Bnei Yisrael* (*Rashi*). (c) (1) Although the *Mitzrim* subsequently oppressed *Bnei Yisrael*, they did host *Ya'akov* and *Yosef* during a famine; converts of *Edom* may marry women of *Bnei Yisrael* because their ancestors, *Ya'akov* and *Eisav*, were brothers; (2) both the *Mitzrim* and *Edomim* tried “only” to destroy *Bnei Yisrael* physically, by drowning them and by the sword; whereas *Amon* and *Moav* tried to make *Bnei Yisrael* sin to destroy them spiritually, which the *Torah* considers far worse than physical destruction (*Rashi*). (d) When King *Sancheirev* exiled the 10 *shevatim*, he mingled all the nations of the world, and *Amonim*, *Moavim*, *Mitzrim* and *Edomim* became indistinguishable from other peoples. From then on, *Chazal* no longer required that a *ger's* background be investigated – all *geirim* became permitted in marriage as soon as they converted (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 561*).
- (a) (1) A written document: (i) thwarts immorality by preventing an adulterous woman from claiming that her husband verbally divorced her before her sin; (ii) provides proof for a woman that she is legally entitled to remarry; (iii) prevents a man from hurrying a divorce – during the long, complicated process of writing and executing a *get*, his fury may subside, and he will make peace with his wife; (2) (i) The man must grant a *get* by his own will; (ii) the divorce must be in writing; (iii) the writing's theme must be that he has removed her from his domain; (iv) it must state that their bond is severed; (v) it must be written especially for her; (vi) it may not be lacking in any action after its writing except its transmission; (vii) he has to put the *get* in her domain; (viii) witnesses must see him give it; (ix) he has to represent the *get* as an article of divorce and not as some other document; (x) the husband or his agent must give it to her (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 579*). (b) By not speaking *lashon ha-ra* (*Ramban*).
- (a) The *Torah* teaches that if you are dishonest with weights and measures, you will have to worry about enemy attacks (*Rashi*). (b) (1) to remember what *Amalek* did to *Bnei Yisrael* when they left *Mitzrayim* (*Sefer ha-Chinuch – Mitzvah 603*); (2) to eradicate *Amalek's* offspring (*Mitzvah 604*); (3) not to forget what *Amalek* did when *Bnei Yisrael* left *Mitzrayim* (*Mitzvah 605*).
- (a) The flood symbolizes our *galut* (exile); (b) the post-flood covenant represents the *geula* (redemption) (*Radak*).