

## Shabbos Times

<b>Friday, July 15, 2016</b>	
Mincha/Maariv	7:15 pm
Candle Lighting	8:09 pm
<b>Saturday, July 16, 2016</b>	
Shacharis	9:30 am
Kiddush & L'Chaim	11:45 am
Mincha	8:05 pm
Shabbos Ends	9:15 pm

### Office Hours

From June 27—August 19 the shul office will be closed as we operate out of our camp facility.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Daily Minyan Times

#### Shacharis:

Sunday: 8:00 am  
Mon - Fri: 7:00 am

#### Mincha/Maariv:

Sunday - Thursday: 8:10 pm

### Tuesday

Kaballah Class with  
Rabbi Mendel Zaltzman  
*Finished for the summer*

### Wednesday

Talmud in Russian with  
Rabbi Berel Zaltzman  
9:00 pm  
At Bris Avrohom

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the devastating terror attacks in Nice, France.  
Lets light Shabbat candles this Friday and bring more spiritual light into the world.  
May we merit the coming of Moshiach now!



Fair Lawn Jewish Day Camp's 9th summer is off to an awesome start! We are celebrating the end of our third week today with G-d's help and we are all so happy!! Go ahead and check out our pictures!! To view daily pictures visit us at [www.Facebook.com/FairLawnCamp](http://www.Facebook.com/FairLawnCamp)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Community Calendar

The new Community Calendar will be published in August 2016 for the new 5777 Jewish year. The calendar will be bilingual (English & Russian), to accommodate all members of our community. Bursting with color and a new clean and elegant design, this calendar will feature the entire year of Holidays, programs, and days of significance as well as candle lighting times for Shabbos and Holidays. The calendar will be mailed free to over 2,000 homes in North Jersey, with an additional 1,000 distributed at local establishments.



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## A Word of Torah

Moses, in this week's Torah reading, is punished and denied entrance to the Promised Land for the seemingly minor infraction of hitting a rock instead of speaking to it?

The people are clamoring for water in the wilderness. G-d tells Moses to speak to a certain rock (he was meant to ask nicely) and promises that, miraculously, water will flow from the rock. Commentary enlightens us as to the behind-the-scenes reasons for Moses striking the rock instead of speaking to it, but in the end the miracle happens anyway and the people's thirst is quenched.

If your average rabbi today would make a rock produce water, even if the rock needed more than mere gentle persuasion, surely it would be hailed as the greatest miracle of the century and the rabbi would win the Nobel Prize for chemistry. But for Moses it's a sin? Even if (as the Torah points out) it would have been a greater sanctification of the Divine had he only spoken to the rock, still, for such a minor infraction, such a severe penalty?

The answer, we are told, is that responsibility is commensurate with the individual. If a child messes up, it is entirely forgivable. For an adult who should know better, we are less likely to be as forgiving. Likewise, among adults, from a person of stature we expect more than from an ordinary fellow.

A blemish on a coarse garment is not nearly as bad as it is on a piece of fine material. A stain on a pair of denims is not only acceptable, it is absolutely desirable. In fact, some people pay a premium for pre-stained jeans. Put the same stain on a silk tie and it's simply unwearable.

Moses was like the finest silk and, therefore, even the smallest, subtle hint of sin was considered a serious breach of conduct and the repercussions were severe.

I recall reading, in one of Rabbi Dr. A. J. Twersky's early books, an exposition of the well-known Yiddish expression, "es past nit" -- "it is unbecoming." When he was a child and his father would admonish him for doing the wrong thing, he would say "es past nit," i.e., for you, this sort of behavior is unbecoming. Not only did such a rebuke not shatter the child's self image, it reinforced it. A wise father was telling his child, "You are special, you are important, for someone like you this sort of conduct is unbecoming." There are behavior patterns that are not necessarily criminal or sinful. Yet for someone from an esteemed family background, es past nit, it is unbecoming. This was the kind of criticism that could actually build a child's self esteem.

How beautiful that even in chastisement one can find validation and praise.

Moses was the greatest prophet that ever lived. For him, the standard could be no higher. Luckily for us mere mortals, we will not be held to that exalted benchmark. But we will be held to our own standard. The standard of Jews who were called upon by G-d to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

- Adapted from Rabbi Yossi Goldman

## Children's Corner

This week's Torah reading, Chukas, includes a very enigmatic episode:

And G-d sent poisonous snakes among the people, and they bit the nation, and many perished of the people of Israel. And the people came to Moses, and they said, "we have sinned, because we spoke against G-d and against you; pray to G-d that He take away from us the snakes." And Moses prayed on behalf of the nation. And G-d said to Moses, "make for yourself a snake and put it on a pole, and it will be that anyone bitten will see it, and live." And Moses made a copper snake (nachash nechoshet), and set it on a high pole, and it was that if a snake bit a man, and he stared at the copper snake, that he lived. *Numbers 21:6-9*

After discussing this story, it is fun to make the poisonous snakes and/or the copper snake.

### **Materials:**

- Paper plate (or construction or cardstock paper)
- Paint or markers
- Scissors
- Googly Eyes
- Red felt

### **Instructions:**

- 1) Paint the plate either green or copper. Let it dry.
- 2) Cut out the spiral from the outside-in.
- 3) Glue on googly eyes and red tongue.
- 4) Add other decorations and designs, using markers or cut-outs.
- 5) Make a hole at the top and put a string to hang your snake/s.



- Adapted from ChallahCrumbs.com

## A Biselleh Humor

Jacob Bornstein was in his first year of college, away from home, soaking up the intellectual experience. In particular, Jacob enjoyed his first year philosophy class. For example, one day they spent an entire class debating whether a glass on the table was half full or half empty. Feeling pretty good about himself and what he was learning at university, Jacob went home and tried to continue the discussion with his family.

With maximum drama, he took a 12 ounce glass from the cupboard and poured in 6 ounces of water. Then took it into the dining room and placed it in the middle of the Shabbos table.

He proudly asked his family, "Can anyone tell me whether this glass is half full or half empty."

Without missing a beat, his grandma replied, "Depends if you're drinking or pouring."

**Find the answers to these questions in this week's Torah reading!**

- What was done to the red cow?
- What were the Jewish people complaining about now?
- What did G-d tell Moses to do?
- What did Moses do?
- What was Moses' punishment?



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Our Torah classes will give you a second opinion on any subject or matter you may be dealing with, our Holiday programs will allow you to celebrate your Jewish pride with your family and friends.

Our fun Hebrew School and Day Camp will fill your children with an educated sense of what it means to be Jewish and our synagogue services will give you the opportunity to pray, be inspired and experience spirituality.

From pregnancy and baby celebrations to weddings and after life services including Kaddish and unveiling, we will be there for you and help create a meaningful and memorable experience.

We are here to help you and serve you and look forward to seeing you soon!

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