

Shabbos Times

Friday, February 10, 2017	
Candle Lighting	5:07 pm
Evening Services	5:10 pm
Saturday, February 11, 2017	
Morning Services	9:30 am
Kiddush lunch & L'Chaim	11:45 am
Afternoon Services	5:05 pm
Shabbos Ends	6:08 pm

Today is Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the Jewish month Shevat, known as the "New Year for Trees". This is the day in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. We mark the day by eating fruit, particularly from the "seven kinds" that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land. These 7 kinds are: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates.

Daily Prayer Services

Morning Services:

Sunday: 8:00 am
Mon & Thurs: 6:45 am
Tues, Wed, & Fri: 7:00 am

Evening Services:

Sun: 5:10 pm (with Mincha)
Mon - Thurs: 8:15 pm

Wednesday

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Dads and Teens Tefillin Club - Sunday, February 12th at 10:00 am

Join dads & teens for Tefillin followed by breakfast every Sunday of Hebrew School.

Third Annual Community Gala - Sunday, February 12th at 5:00 pm

The Gala is an important celebration of community that brings us all together, and your participation will further support our efforts and bring awareness to the vital work that we do.

Honoring Max & Avital Borin, Alen & Renat Mamrout, and Yoni & Rina Mazor

Keynote Speaker - Rabbi Yosef Y. Jacobson • Musical Entertainment by Chony Orchestra.

For more information, please visit www.JewishFairLawn.org/Gala



JTeen Talks - Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 pm

For boys & girls ages 13-16. Teen Talks is the perfect social interaction for Jewish teens in a dynamic Jewish experience. Teen Talks will focus on exciting subjects that teens have to face daily.

Moms and Kids Hamantaschen Bake - Sunday, March 5th at 5:00 pm

Make your own traditional and not so traditional hamantaschen to take home and enjoy with your family!

Online before February 28: \$12 per person • Online after February 28: \$15 per person • Complimentary for Partners in Pride • By Reservation Only •

All, including Partners, make reservations at www.JewishFairLawn.org/Purim



Purim at the Fair - Sunday, March 12th at 11:00 am

Megillah reading! Hot dairy buffet! Huge ice cream stand!

Stilt walker, juggling acts, balloon creations, face painting and more! Music and kids costume masquerade! Gifts for each child!

Online before March 5th: \$12 per child, \$10 per adult • Online after March 5th: \$15 per child, \$12 per adult • At the door: \$18 per child, \$15 per adult • Complimentary for Partners in Pride

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A Word of Torah

How important is tradition in Judaism? I don't just mean for the Fiddler on the Roof -- I mean for me, you, and all the rest of us. How strong is the need for tradition in the spiritual consciousness of Jews today?

Despite the effects of secularism, I would venture to suggest that there is still a need inside us to feel connected to our roots, our heritage, and our sense of belonging to the Jewish people.

But for vast numbers of our people, tradition alone has not been enough. And that applies not only to the rebellious among us who may have cast aside their traditions with impunity, but also for many ordinary, thinking people who feel that to do something just because "that's the way it has always been done" is simply not good enough.

So what if my grandfather did it? My grandfather rode around in a horse and buggy! Must I give up my car for a horse just because Zayde rode a horse? And if my Bobba never got a university degree, that means that I shouldn't? So, just because my grandparents practiced certain Jewish traditions, why must I? Perhaps those traditions are as obsolete as the horse and buggy?

There are many Jews who think this way, and who will not be convinced to behave Jewishly just because their grandparents did.

We need to tell them why their grandparents did it. They need to understand that their grandparents' traditions were not done just for tradition's sake, but there were very good reasons why their forebears practiced those traditions. And that those very same reasons and rationales still hold good today.

Too many young people were put off tradition because some teacher didn't take their questions seriously. They were silenced with a wave of the hand, a pinch of the ear, the classic "When you get older, you'll understand", or the infamously classic "Just do as you're told."

There are answers. There have always been answers. All our traditions are founded on substance and have intelligible, credible underpinnings. If we seek answers we will find them in abundance, including layers and layers of meaning, from the simple to the symbolic to the philosophical and even mystical.

This week's Parshah features the Song of the Sea, sung by Moses and the Jewish people following the splitting of the sea and their miraculous deliverance from the Egyptian armies. In its opening lines we find the verse, "This is my G-d, and I will glorify Him; the G-d of my fathers, and I will exalt Him."

The sequence is significant. First comes my G-d, and only thereafter the G-d of my fathers. In the Amidah, the silent devotion which is the apex of our daily prayers, we begin addressing the Almighty as Our G-d and the G-d of our fathers... Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Again, our G-d comes first. So it is clear that while the G-d of our fathers -- i.e. "tradition" -- most definitely plays a very important role in Judaism, still, an indispensable prerequisite is that we must make G-d ours, personally. Every Jew must develop a personal relationship with G-d. We need to understand the reasons and the significance of our traditions, lest they be seen as empty ritual to be discarded by the next generation.

Authentic Judaism has never shied away from questions. Questions have always been encouraged and formed a part of our academic heritage. Every page of the Talmud is filled with questions -- and answers. You don't have to wait for the Passover Seder to ask a question.

When we think, ask, and find answers to our faith, then the traditions of our grandparents become alive, and we understand fully why we should make them ours. Once a tradition has become ours, then the fact that this very same practice has been observed uninterrupted by our ancestors throughout the generations becomes a powerful force that can inspire us and our children for all time.

- Adapted from Rabbi Yossi Goldman

Children's Corner

This week's Torah reading is full of drama with the Children of Israel finally leaving Egypt! As they reach the water's edge, G-d tells Moses to stretch out his arm and splits the Red Sea. There is definite cause for celebration as the Children of Israel are finally truly free. As part of that celebration, Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, pulls out a tambourine, draws out the women, and they all break out into dance. For this week's Torah Treat, have your kids make their own tambourine ice cream sandwiches!

Tasty Tambourines

Ingredients:

- Cookies of your choice - enough for 2 per tambourine
- Ice cream of your choice
- Non-pareil candies
- Frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Small candies of your choice for decoration



Directions:

1. Spread ice cream of your choice on the bottom of one cookie and then top with a second cookie
2. Stick non-pareils into the ice cream so that they stick out halfway from the cookie (like the cymbals on a tambourine)
3. Place frosting or marshmallow fluff on top of the top cookie to act as glue and then decorate with smaller candies of your choice
4. Do a little dance and enjoy!

- Adapted from ChallahCrumbs.com

A Biselleh Humor

Benjamin goes to see Rabbi Levy. "Rabbi," he says, "my life is in ruins. My Judith has left me and she's taken our children and our dog with her. She has also taken all my money and my car and as a result my business is in ruins. Please help me Rabbi, I don't know what to do."

After a few minutes thinking about the problem, Rabbi Levy replies, "Okay Benjamin, here is what you should do. Go home and open up your Bible to any page. Point randomly anywhere on that page and whatever it says, you must do. Do you understand?"

"Yes Rabbi," replies Benjamin, "I'll try."

So Benjamin goes home, takes his Bible from his bookcase, sits down with it, opens it to a random page, points and reads.

Six months later, Benjamin goes to see Rabbi Levy again. "Rabbi," he says, "since I saw you last, I've become a new man. I've remarried and become very successful in my business. I've even got a new dog and called it Levy after you. So I want to thank you Rabbi for the advice you gave me. It changed my life."

"If you don't mind me asking," says Rabbi Levy, "I've got a bad memory. What did I suggest you do that helped you so much?"

"Well Rabbi, you told me six months ago to open my Bible to any page, point, and to do what it says."

"So what did it say?" asks Rabbi Levy.

"Chapter 11," replies Benjamin.

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

- What caused the Red Sea to split?
- Where was the water while the Jewish people were walking through the sea?
- Who lead the Jewish women in song and dance?
- What did the manna taste like?
- How was Moses standing when they were fighting with Amalek?



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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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