

### Shabbos Times

<b>Friday, February 17, 2017</b>	
Candle Lighting	5:16 pm
Evening Services	5:20 pm
<b>Saturday, February 18, 2017</b>	
Morning Services	9:30 am
Kiddush lunch & L'Chaim	11:45 am
Afternoon Services	5:05 pm
Shabbos Ends	6:16 pm

### Daily Prayer Services

#### Morning Services:

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

#### Evening Services:

Sun: 5:20 pm (with Mincha)  
Mon - Thurs: 8:15 pm

#### Wednesday

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



**JTEEN TALKS**  
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:30 - 8:30PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**PURIM**  
at the **FAIR**  
Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 11:00am



MOMS AND KIDS  
**Hamantaschen Baking**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 5:00PM



*Grand*  
**PURIM BANQUET**  
*for Adults*  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 | 6:00PM

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## A Word of Torah

The introduction to the Ten Commandments we will read in this week's Parshah is, And G-d spoke all these words, to say... In Hebrew, leimor.

Now, when the Torah uses the word leimor, "to say," it is usually because G-d is telling Moses something important which Moses in turn should pass on and tell the Children of Israel. So the word leimor makes perfect sense. He said it to him to say it to them. But here we have a problem. You see, every Jew was present at Sinai, and according to the mystics, that includes even the unborn souls of future generations. So there was no need for Moses to pass on anything to anyone.

All the Jews heard the Ten Commandments directly from G-d. So why the word leimor? To say to whom?

Rabbi DovBer, the great Maggid of Mezeritch, explained that here the word leimor means to speak to you. That these words should not remain mere words, but should resonate and say something meaningful to you personally. They should be said and heard so that they continue to reverberate forever after in your minds, heart and deeds. The Ten Commandments must not remain an abstract idea, an unhitched engine, a nice philosophy or an interesting cultural practice - something of no more significance to yourself than the rituals of ancient Incas of Peru. The Ten Commandments must be relevant enough to make a difference in our lives; otherwise, whom did G-d say them to and whatever for?

The Talmud describes a thief who prays to G-d for success before breaking in to commit a burglary. The epitome of hypocrisy--G-d told you, "You shall not steal," and you have the audacity to ask Him to help you succeed in defying His wishes? This has got to be the ultimate chutzpah! How do we get a handle on this Talmudic thief's hypocrisy? The answer is that this thief, too, is a believer, but his faith is superficial and doesn't permeate his being sufficiently to influence his behavior. Deep down he has faith but he remains a religious goniff!

We all believe and we all want to do mitzvahs, big and small. The trick is to translate our inner piety into outer practice. What does my faith do for me? Does it speak to me? How does it transform my behavior, my life? Does it make any tangible difference in my everyday behavior? The Torah must not remain a theory on the drawing board. The Ten Commandments do indeed speak to us. The question is, are we listening?

- Adapted from Rabbi Yossi Goldman

## Parsha Poetry

Legal documents lie on your desk in a stack,  
Once you've signed 'I agree' there's no turning back,  
You pore over each line, making sure it's no steal,  
Won't sign 'til you're sure that you've got the best deal.

Now magnify this on a much larger scale,  
Where the terms and conditions aren't just for a sale,  
These are guidelines dictating each day of your life,  
For your entire nation - not just you and your wife.

Such a life changing decision should be really thought out  
At least flick through it briefly, see what it's about.

But when G-d gave the Jews the Torah  
They replied right away, "Na'aseh venishma,"  
"First we'll do then we'll listen," that order precise:  
Follow G-d's laws, without thinking twice.

Irrational, rash, a real thoughtless call,  
Our ancestors didn't bargain at all?!  
Commit to the job without hearing the rules?  
Just blindly have faith - are they utter fools?

It's blind faith that's true, but not where your sight dies,  
It's when you step back for a moment, and let G-d be your eyes.  
He's greater, He's wiser, knows better than me,  
And I want to live life how He says it should be.

Far stronger than reason is our deep rooted faith,  
We'll follow the Torah in any case,  
Of course we should learn, understand what we can,  
But if it doesn't make sense - we still follow His plan.

Listen to the voice speaking from within you  
Put aside calculations, take the plunge and just do!  
Surrender yourself to His will 'cause it's true,  
He's worked it all out and it's perfect for you.

By Chana Engel  
From Chabad.org



This Shabbos, the 22nd of Shvat marks the 29th yahrtzeit of the Rebbitzin Chaya Mushka, wife of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The Rebbetzin's influence on the Lubavitch movement was enormous, but she deliberately remained outside of the limelight.

An erudite and wise woman, Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka carried the mantle of her revered and exalted position in a most humble and unpretentious fashion. All her life she fulfilled the ideal of the psalmist, "The entire honor of a king's daughter is within."  
To learn more about the Rebbitzin's life [click here](#).

## A Biselleh Humor

Four Israelis are sitting in a restaurant in Tel Aviv. For a long time, nobody says a word. Finally, one man groans, "Oy."  
"Oy vey," says the second man.  
"Nu," says the third.  
At this the fourth man gets up from his chair and says, "Listen, if you guys don't stop talking politics, I'm leaving."

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

- How was Jethro related to Moshe?
- How many children did Moshe have?
- Did Moshe take his father in laws advice?
- In which month did the Jewish people arrive at Sinai?
- For how many generations does G-d pay a person his rewards?
- Which of the Ten Commandments do you think is the hardest? And which is the easiest?

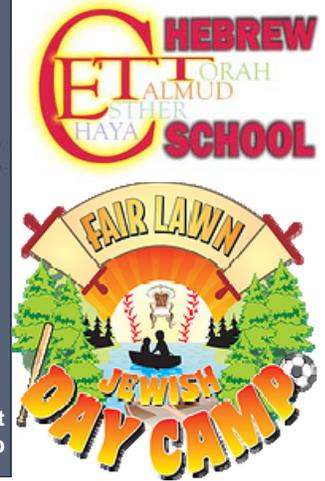


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We are here to help you and serve you and look forward to seeing you soon!

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