

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Parshas Ki Teitzei

Shabbos Times

Friday, Aug 28

Evening service
7:20pm

Candle Lighting
7:17 pm

Saturday, August 29

Morning service
10:00am

Evening Service
7:18pm

Shabbos Ends
8:15 pm

Sunday mornings

8:00am

Mon—Fri mornings

7:00am

Synagogue spiritual and physical safety guidelines due to covid We are currently open to our entire Bris Avrohom of Fair Lawn community

Who may enter?

Up to 45 Adults only, men and women, feeling healthy with no cold or flu symptoms at all, and have not been sick or had symptoms in the past two weeks, have not been in contact with anyone who has been sick or had symptoms in the past two weeks, and have not had temperatures above 100.4F in the past two weeks.

Who may not yet enter?

Children under age 8

Anyone who has not yet been out of the home since March.

Anyone that is coughing, sneezing, or is feeling sick like a cold or flu. Anyone that has had cold or flu symptoms in the past two weeks, has been sick in the past two weeks, or has been in contact with anyone who has been sick or had Covid or Covid like symptoms in the past two weeks, or has a temperature above 100.4F

While at synagogue:

- Wash hands with soap and water, or sanitize upon entering.
- Do not shake hands, hug or kiss anyone.
- Speak only with G-d, not with people, from the beginning of Prayer until the end.
- Keep conversation quiet before and after prayer to respect those who start early or end late.
- During the week, turn off your phone, or put on vibrate.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Do not bring in any food or drink, there is no coffee, tea or Kiddush on Shabbos.

- Do not touch or kiss the Torah as it is carried to and from the ark.
- Notify the Rabbi if you do not want an Aliya.
- Wear a mask, unless wearing a mask will be a detriment to your health.
- Announcements you may want to make must be approved by the Rabbi in advance.
- Address any concerns to the Rabbi in advance and privately by way of phone or message.

Staying safe and sane guidelines:

- Making eye contact with people poses no risk of infection and is healthy and encouraged.
- Please do not discuss politics or current events while at Synagogue.
- Nod to acknowledge and say hello and goodbye.
- Laugh, sing and smile to one another.
- Be polite to others by saying please, thank you and your welcome.
- Offer to help others.
- Spend quality time with your children.
- Read and watch less news and stay away from social media including WhatsApp.
- Engage in extra Torah study, Tzedaka, and prayer.
- Put yourself into your work, and other forms of educational and constructive uses of your time.
- Eat healthy, protein, vitamin c, drink plenty of water, get a good eight hours of sleep every night.
- Relax, do exercise.
- Be safe and trust in G-d!

With prayers for spiritual and physical health and safety to all.

We want Moshiach Now!!

A Word Of Torah

Why is the world so mesmerized by weddings? What exactly is it that so avidly captures the imagination? We wait with eager anticipation, we dress up, we get emotional at the ceremony, and even for the guests it can often be a romantic experience.

Part of it, I think, is that a young bride and groom starting afresh bring with them a sense of new hope. Especially for older, married veterans who may have become somewhat staid and perhaps even jaded, it represents a new beginning, a new opportunity, and a chance to do it right. Love will blossom again and hope springs eternal once more. Maybe we are hoping to get re-inspired ourselves.

The trouble is that fairytales are in books, movies, and maybe every now and then in Buckingham Palace. But in the real world we don't just ride into the sunset and live happily ever after. Love is a four-letter word that brings another one in its wake, W-O-R-K! Without work, even the most ardent love cannot survive. The wedding is but the beginning of a life-long journey of learn-

ing to communicate, understand, respect, and nurture our marriage partner.

We even have to learn how to fight! No matter how many years a couple may have been going steady, they would do well to attend a marriage preparation course before they marry. Along with improving communication skills, they will also learn about conflict resolution. In any partnership, conflict of one kind or another is inevitable. And there is a right way and a wrong way to fight.

I recall a couple that once came to see me about their own marriage problems. I asked how long they had been married. 18 years. I asked how long they'd been having problems. 18 years. I asked what they had done about it. They said they had just kept trying. I said it was like a guy driving on the highway who hears a noise from the back of the car, but he is determined to get to his destination, so he just keeps on driving. The noise gets louder, but he just keeps on driving. Now, surely, simple logic suggests that one should actually stop the car, get out, and see what's going on. And if the tire has a flat, you'd better fix it before you damage the wheel, the chassis, and more. In marriage too, we sometimes

have to stop to fix the problem. And if we cannot do it ourselves, we should call in someone qualified to help us. Just to keep trying on our own with no professional intervention is the same as the guy who keeps driving with his flat tire. He's going nowhere fast. Of course, love is natural. But so is life. Life doesn't always run on auto-pilot. Problems and unexpected issues regularly crop up in life, and marriage is part of life. Life takes work, and so does marriage. But when we are prepared to put in the work, it can work very well indeed.

-adapted from www.chabad.org

A Biselleh Humor

A boy asks his father to explain the differences between irritation, aggravation, and misery. Dad picks up the phone and dials a number at random. When the phone is answered he asks, "Can I speak to Ralph, please?"

"No! There's no one called

Ralph here." The person hangs up.

"That's irritation," says Dad.

He picks up the phone again, dials the same number and asks for Ralph a second time.

"No—there's no one here called Ralph. Go away. If you call again I shall telephone the police." End of conversation.

"That's aggravation."

"Then what's 'misery'?" asks his son. The father picks up the phone and dials a third time:

"Hello, this is Ralph. Have I received any phone calls?"

Kids Parasha Lesson

For those of you who have been following the previous *parshiot*, you know that we've gone through lots of mitzvot. Well, this *parshah* brings lots more. Seventy-four more, to be exact. Let's get started!

Returning lost objects: When we find something that somebody has lost, if there's any way we can figure out who it belonged to, we must return it to the owner. This is a big mitzvah.

Burying the dead: Another biggie: Respecting the body of a dead person and burying it as soon as possible.

Protecting the mom: Before we take eggs or baby birds from a nest, we must send away the mother bird, so she won't see and be sad. We learn from this to be compassionate to all creatures.

Fencing: Anyone who builds a new house has to make a fence for the roof, so nobody will fall and hurt themselves. This teaches us to always take precautions to make sure there are no dangers that might trip up others.

No mixing: We must be careful not to create *kilayim*, which is a mixture of two different species. For example, we can't plant two types of plants too close to each other where they might cross-pollinate. Same with animals: we can't yoke together two different species, such as an ox and a donkey. Similar to this is the idea of *shaatnez*: we may not wear wool and linen mixed together.

Tzitzit: Any time we wear a four-cornered garment, we have to attach strings, called *tzitzit*, at the corners. In order to do this mitzvah at all times, we wear a special garment with four corners with the strings attached. That

garment is called *tzitzit* as well.

Eating on the job: When you have people working for you in the field, picking fruit or vegetables, you must let them eat whatever they want while they work. The worker can't take whatever s/he wants home, but eating on the job is his or her right.

A lesson from Miriam: If someone says something bad about another Jew, he is punished with *tzaraat*. We learned about this a while back in the *parshiot* of Tazria and Metzora. The Jews are reminded of this here, and Miriam is held up as an example. Because she spoke ill of Moses, she was struck with *tzaraat*.

The final mitzvah in this *parshah* is to remember Amalek, the evil nation who attacked the Jews after they left Egypt, and work to erase its memory.

Daily Dose

To Whom

To whom does a Jew pray?
Can He be described? Does He have a name?

No, there is no description with which to imagine Him, no name with which to grasp Him. Even the pronoun "Him" discloses too much to be true—as though He were something that is here or not here, hidden or revealed.

As though He were only light.
But He is not light. He is the source of light. At the source of all light, there is no hiddenness or revelation, no being or not being.
There is only "You." Here, now, known to all beings in Your unknowableness. As-
Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch wrote:
You that all know of You.

You that all put their trust only in You.
You that all plead only to You.
You that no creation nor emanation knows who and what You are.
And so we pray to You alone, for You alone, the Unknowable, are known to all.
By Tzvi Freeman

It's time to get back to normal, but, what is normal? Is there still a normal?

For us Jews the normal has always been and always will be consistent with our G-d given values, morals, and ethics. Our family first values and traditions, community life, prayer and the respect for, and celebration of life.

We are happy to report that our synagogue has been conducting daily and Shabbat services for a very small amount of regular attendees for a few weeks now. We have been adhering to all covid guidelines, and thank G-d all are well.

As of this Shabbat we will be officially opening to our Bris Avrohom of Fair Lawn community.

Please see below for schedule and services, as well as safety guidelines.

We will continue to provide our online Shabbat print resources for those that are not yet ready to return to Synagogue.

We look forward to seeing you soon, and drink L'chaim to our continued good health and happiness.

May we continue to share good news!

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

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Bris Avrohom of Fair Lawn

We are your center for everything Jewish, whatever your need may be, do not hesitate to contact us. Our ever popular holiday celebrations will enable you and your family to celebrate the Jewish holidays in style, with fun and educational ideas helping to make Judaism relevant to our youth.

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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