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**Z'MANIM:
 PARSHAS BEHAR**

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

34th day of the OMER
The EARLIEST time to start
Shabbat this week is 6:40PM.
Candle Lighting 7:49PM
Mincha followed by Kabbalas Shabbos
and Ma'ariv 7:00PM
Those davening in Shul should light
candles no later than..... 7:20PM

SHABBOS:

35th day of the OMER
Shacharis 9:00AM
Mincha followed by
Shalosh Seudos 7:30PM
Ma'ariv 8:42PM
Havdalah not before 8:46PM

WEEKDAY:

SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY

Shacharis 7:30AM
Mincha / Ma'ariv 7:00PM

NEXT SHABBOS:

Candle Lighting..... 7:52PM

With so many of our members away for the summer, we ask that those remaining, please make an extra effort to attend minyanim as we are already finding it difficult to get Minyanim for Mincha and Maariv.

The Rabbi's Monday night class will resume in the fall.

This week's Kiddush is being sponsored by Milt & Shirley Sabin to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Milt's mother, Nattie Sabin, Nasach Faiga bas Meir Yitzchak, A"H.

To sponsor a Kiddush, contact Stanley Greenberg at 561-498-0468.

Check out our website at www.delrayorthodox.org. The website has many photos from past events. Simply click on "Past Events".

To make a donation or pay your dues, go to: www.delrayorthodox.org/payment.php. Any problems? Contact Sandy Geiger at sanford.geiger@live.com. For announcements, contact Sandy Geiger at delrayorthodox@live.com by 6PM on Wednesday.

AMAZON SMILE

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SCRIP is available for Glick's in Delray Beach and K kosher Marketplace in Boca Raton. It is also available for Century Grill and Asia in Boca Raton. Please do not go out to eat or go shopping without first buying SCRIP from Rose, Estelle, or Milt. Thank you for supporting this program which benefits DOS.

Cards for all occasions, call Roz Ferman at (561) 638-5438.

For Additions to the "TREE OF LIFE", Memorial Plaques, & Seforim donations, Call MORTY LEVIN AT (561) 637-4662

For ERUV STATUS, call 561-499-0970.

SISTERHOOD:

Sunday, June 12 – Shavuot luncheon following morning services. The luncheon will be catered by CEK, the caterer who catered the Evening of Tribute dinner. The cost is \$30 per person. Send check to:
Renee Heyden; 15262 Fiorenza Circle; Delray Beach, FL 33446.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THIS SUNDAY MAY29TH. WE HAVE OVER 50 PEOPLE AND SOCIAL HALL CANNOT HOLD MUCH MORE. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

There is now a SISTERHOOD Box in the Kornfeld/Schwartz Social Hall near the door to the Women's section for reservation forms and checks.

Sisterhood thanks all those who help to set up before Shabbat Kiddush. Your help is very much appreciated.

For all Sisterhood information, call Rochelle Rush, Sisterhood President, at (201) 310-2096.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

We need you to help secure our synagogue. As you come to DOS, please be aware of your surroundings. If you see something out of the ordinary, please let the Security Committee know about it. This will help keep everyone safe.

WE WISH A HEARTFELT REFUAH SHELAIMAH TO:

Judy Mindick (Yehudis bas Devorah)

Dr. Jay Rothschild (Yehudah HaCohain ben Zissel Bryndel)

YAHRTZEITS FOR MAY 28, 2016 – JUNE 3, 2016

Saturday, May 28, 20 of IYYAR

Grandfather of MARTIN GEIGER, Isaac Israel, Yitzchok ben Mordechai, Z"L

Sunday, May 29, 21 of IYYAR

Father of ARTHUR BIRN, Mordechai ben Natan Yechiel, Z"L

Monday, May 30, 22 of IYYAR

Mother of SOLOMON ROSEN, Pauline Rosen, Peshah Grendl bas Baruch BenTzion HaLevi, A"H

Father of HERBERT STOLTZE, Edwin Stoltze, Yisroel ben Yisroel, Z"L

Tuesday, May 31, 23 of IYYAR

Father of REVA LEVENSON, Ben Spiro, Binyamin ben Avraham, Z"L

Mother of JUDITH GOLDREICH, Peshah bas Yaakov, A"H

Father of GOLDA STOLTZE, Reuben Arkanase, Reuven ben Avrohom, Z"L

Wednesday, June 01, 24 of IYYAR

Father of ANITA DIZENGOFF, Reuven ben Binyamin Halevi, Z"L

Friday, June 03, 26 of IYYAR

Mother of OLGA ROSENSON, Drayzel bas Shlomo Yosef, A"H

MAY THEY ALL MERIT AN ALIYAS NESHAMAH

RABBI'S MESSAGE

In the beginning of this week's Parsha, the Torah outlines the laws of Shmitah, the obligation of letting the land in Israel lie fallow every seventh year.

However, there is a blatant distinction in the wording most commonly used in the Torah when Hashem enlists Moshe to instruct the Bnei Yisroel to perform a certain task, and the terminology used here.

Usually, the Torah uses the following phraseology: "Vayedaber Hashem el Moshe laimore [And Hashem spoke to Moshe, saying]."

In our Parsha, there are two additional words found to this frequently-used directive. Here it says:

"Vayedaber Hashem el Moshe 'Behar Seenai' laimore [And Hashem spoke to Moshe at 'Mt. Sinai' saying]."

This prompts many of the commentaries to ask the famous question, "Mah inyan shmitah etzel har seenai? [What is the purpose of the juxtaposition of the laws of Shmitah alongside the mention of Mt. Sinai?]"

All of the Jewish laws were given at Sinai! Why single out Shmitah more so than any other mitzvah?

Rashi addresses this question by suggesting:

Just as all of the nuances and fine details that pertain to this specific Shmitah law were given at Sinai, so it is true of ALL of the commandments. Each of their nuances and details were ALSO given at Sinai.

Rashi's answer only explains why it is necessary to single out any ONE law apart from the others, to teach us this lesson. However, seemingly, Rashi does nothing to clarify why, specifically, the laws of Shmitah were chosen to teach this most crucial lesson pertaining all of the other Mitzvos!

The Chasam Sofer offers a very insightful suggestion to resolve this query.

The chapter of Shmitah, more so than any other Mitzvah, indicates a proof that the Torah was given by Hashem and not written by man.

In the Parsha of Shmitah, Hashem makes us a promise that no human being could possibly guarantee. If a person abides by the Shmitah laws, the Torah states:

"I will ordain My blessing for you in the sixth year and it (the field) will yield a crop sufficient for the three years." (Vayikra 25:21)

Obviously, a human being could not possibly make such an assurance. How could any human possibly know what the land will or will not produce in the future?

It is for this reason that the Mitzvah of Shmitah was singled out from amongst the others. The laws of Shmitah are a testimonial.

Just like Shmitah, obviously conveyed to us by G-d himself, was given with all of its minute details at Mt. Sinai, so, too -- big or small -- every Mitzvah and ALL of its accompanying instructions was given to us at Sinai, by G-d as well.

Sometimes we have a very hard time with this concept. We tend to think that there are Mitzvos...and there are MITZVOS. As if to say that we can put more credence into some of the commandments than into others. Some seem so much more important to us than their counterparts.

Chazal tell us, "Ain atem yodim matan secharam shel Mitzvos." We do not know the rewards (or value) of one Mitzvah over another.

Nobody can possibly do ALL of the 613 Mitzvos. There are some commandments that some of us find harder to observe than others. We are, after all, only human.

What we can never allow ourselves to do is mock individuals who choose to be either stricter, or more lenient, than we chose to be, or to mock those who apply their efforts to observe different Mitzvos than we would have selected.

A very common and nasty habit is to make fun of someone else's commitment in order to play down the fact that we, ourselves, are not doing that same thing. Making fun of a Halacha because it is out of the realm of our observance is in-and-of itself a lot worse than not observing the particular Halacha in the first place.

We are not super-humans! We all have areas where we can improve our devotion to G-d. Sometimes a little guilt at being a bit lax is a good thing. It forges our character and makes us better.

Shmitah teaches us that ALL of the Mitzvos and ALL of their subdivisions came directly from Hashem.

Mt. Sinai, the smallest and most humble of all of the neighboring mountains, teaches us the humility that we must employ when implementing this concept. Incorporating humility into our lives teaches us how to better serve G-d and how to not judge our fellow man. This will bring us closer to G-d, closer to each other, and help to bring closer the arrival of the ultimate redemption as well.

Good Shabbos

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