



TW@Kesher
Sivan 25-26 / June 24-25
Parshat Shelach, Shabbat Mevarchim
Shabbat Shalom!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Kabblat Shabbat	6:30pm
Candle Lighting	8:13pm
Shabbat Day	
Beit Midrash	8:45am
<i>Followed by Kiddush sponsored by Kara & Oren Epstein</i>	
Latest Time for Keriat Shema	9:12am
Main Sanctuary	9:15am
<i>Kiddush in the tent sponsored by Lisa & Daniel Friedman in honor of Zachary's Bar Mitzvah.</i>	
Babysitting with Geeta	9:30am
Youth Groups	10:15am
Toddler-Parent Group	10:15am
Women's shiur	5:00pm
Daf Yomi	7:30pm
Mincha	8:15pm
<i>Seudat Shelishit sponsored by Tzvi Feferkorn, who visited Kesher last shabbat while with family at Englewood hospital, in gratitude for the warm welcome he received and in memory of his grandmother, Perel Penina bat Yechiel Michel</i>	
Havdalah	9:23pm

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 26	
Shacharit	8:30am
Mincha/Maariv	8:15pm
Monday-Tuesday June 27-28	
Shacharit	6:30am
Mincha/Maariv	8:15pm
Wednesday-Thursday June 29-30	
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	
Shacharit	6:20am
Mincha/Maariv	8:15pm
Next Friday July 1	
Shacharit	6:30am
Mincha/	
Kabblat Shabbat	7:00pm
Candle Lighting	8:13pm

KESHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal Tov to Tamar & Uri Moche on Rosie's Bat Mitzvah. Mazal tov to siblings, Victor, Leo and Sabina.

Mazal tov to Lisa & Daniel Friedman on Zachary's Bar Mitzvah! Mazal tov to siblings, Gabriella and Jacob.

Mazal Tov to Alyssa & Marc Dannenberg on the birth of Ella!

We are deeply grateful for the service of Suzanne Anziska, Joel Carter and Larry Solomon who formally step down from their roles on the Board of Trustees this week. THANK YOU!

Let's Bake! Friday, June 24, 10:30am-12:00pm

Sixth grade girls are invited to close out an amazing bat mitzvah year with some pre-Shabbat baking!

Block residence: 191 Glenwood Road, Englewood. Please contact Debbie to RSVP or with any questions dlb286@gmail.com (914) 525-0517

Kayama Women's Shabbat Mevarchim Lecture Series
Parshat Shelach, Shabbat June 25, 5pm

Topic: By the Pricking of My Thumbs, Something Wicked This Way Comes? An Exploration of the Teshuva of Lady Macbeth
 Led by Samantha Kur

Hosted by Rachel Wainberg, 168 Elm Street, Tenafly
Samantha Kur is the chair of the English Department at Ma'ayanot High School.

Kayama Book Club Selection, Sunday, June 26 at 8pm
Hosted by Samantha Kur at 218 King Street, Englewood

When We Fell Apart
By Soon Riley

Youth WhatsApp Groups

To help our growing congregation connect, the Youth Committee has created **WhatsApp groups for parents** to use as a resource to get to know the families with child(ren) in the same grade(s). To join a WhatsApp app group visit [here](#).

We regret to inform you of the passing of

Mr. Gideon Adler z'l

beloved father of our member
 Oren Adler

May the Adler family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Consider sponsoring a hot Kiddush for \$800 for an upcoming simcha or yearzeit. Contact [Ruth](#) in the office.

SIGN UP TO LAIN AT KESHER

Volunteer to lain your bar mitzvah parsha or any upcoming parsha. Sign up [here](#) or email laining@keshernj.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society (RCCS) presents MODI live! A night of comedy in support of RCCS's life-saving services for cancer patients in Bergen County. **Thursday, June 30 at Ahavath Torah, Englewood. Tickets - www.MODI4RCCS.org . Info - dcofnas@rccscancer.org**

The Beit Midrash of Teaneck, located at JCT/Heichal HaTorah, 70 Sterling Place, Teaneck is open for its Spring Trimester, and welcomes the community, both men and women, to its weekly Tuesday shiurim on parsha and Jewish history. This week's parsha shiur (10:30-11:30am) will be delivered by **Rebbetzin Emma Katz**, of Congregation Anshe Chesed in Linden, NJ. The Jewish History shiur (11:45-12:45) will feature **Dr. David Berger**, dean of Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, who will give a shiur entitled, "The Blood Libel: Origins & Impact".

Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey is hosting a **Cybersecurity presentation on Wednesday, July 13 at 11:00am.** Federation is excited to be partnering with the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell for the program. Cybersecurity awareness for your organization is critical; a cyberattack occurs in the US every 39 seconds! Register for this hybrid event [here](#).

DIVREI TORAH

[Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks](#): Assembling Reminders

[Rabbi Aviva Richman](#): Believing in Ourselves: Owning Our Inheritance

DVAR TORAH FROM RABBI BLOCK

Yours

Three times in our Torah reading the Jewish people are challenged to take ownership of some entity that is before them. The first time is the challenge of taking ownership of the land that Hashem had promised to give them. However, the report of the spies, meant to be a preparatory step toward taking ownership of the land, became instead the trigger for the people to refuse that challenge, to repudiate it and run from it.

The second time the people are commanded to take ownership is found in the last section of our parsha, which commands us to make tassels (tzitzit) on the four corners of our garments. The Torah explains that by looking at these tassels we will be saved from straying after false perceptions (*v'lo taturu acharei levavchem*) and, instead, perform God's Will. But this result is not actually guaranteed. The tassels are not magic charms. For after commanding us to make these tassels and before telling us to look at them, the Torah adds a short phrase, often overlooked: "*v'haya lachem l'tzitzit,*" "*And it shall become tzitzit for you.*" (*Bemidbar 15:39*) *The very tzitzit mentioned in the previous sentence as already being the site for the tassels, is in need of becoming for you such a significant corner of fabric. That is, even though the tzitzit exist objectively, they must yet become yours, they must be owned as personally significant if they are to be significant at all. We must take ownership of them and make them our own, just as we were meant to take ownership of the land sitting right before our eyes.*

Finally, the Torah concludes with one more challenge for us. Hashem tells us that He was the One who took us out of Egypt, and did so for a particular purpose: "*lihiyot lachem Lelokim,*" "so that I might become Almighty God for you." (15:41) Hashem is already and was always our Almighty God, but it is still up to us whether we will take ownership of Him as our own. Just as the tzitzit can be transformed from a meaningless artifact into a richly evocative spiritual trigger, so can Hashem be transformed from a theological abstraction into a Divine Partner, from something distant and detached into something that is close to us, something that is ours.

We failed the first of our challenges - to take ownership of the land. But the other two challenges are still before us, to succeed or fail at them every day. How will we respond?

Shabbat shalom.