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Shabbat April 14th, 2018, כט' ניסן תשע"ח / 29 Nissan 5778
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Shabbat Prayer Times

שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	6:05 p.m.
מנחה Minha	6:20 p.m.
קבלת שבת Kabalat Shabbat/Lechu Neranena	6:35 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	6:55 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:35 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
דף יומי Daf Yomi	5:30 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:45 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:15 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:45 p.m.

Ereb Shabbat, Friday April 20th, 2018
Minha 6:25 p.m. (Candle Lighting 7:00 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:50 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:50 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	7:45 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	8:25 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:36 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:21 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:00 pm

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda and Aleeza Eisenberger on the birth of a baby boy
Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin and Luna Igelman, Mr. and Mrs. Dovid and Estee Eisenberger
Proud Great Grandparents: Mrs. Alegria Igelman, Mrs. Gimol Melul, Mrs. And Mrs. Abe and Leah Rovner, Mr. and Mrs. Chaim and Agi Eisenberger

Kiddush

This Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben and Naomi Benquesus in honour of their son Yaakov Shlomo reading Perek Rishon. Everyone is welcome.

Seuda Shelishit

This weeks Seudah Shelishit is sponsored by
Mr. Leon Sibony in loving memory of his wife Monique Hanna Sibony ז"ל,
Mr. & Mrs. Saul and Patricia Benadiba in loving memory of her mother Vida Benoudiz ז"ל,
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin and Luna Igelman in loving memory of her father Simon Melul ז"ל, Everyone is welcome.

Nahalot

Avraham Hassan ז"ל, Vida Benoudiz ז"ל 29 Nissan/ Shabbat April 14th
Clara Assayag ז"ל 30 Nissan/ Sunday April 15th
Blaine Stein ז"ל, Avraham Elfassy ז"ל 1 Iyar/ Monday April 16th
Esther Ebidia ז"ל, Monique Hanna Sibony ז"ל, Rica Benchimol ז"ל 2 Iyar/ Tuesday April 17th
Haya Messodi Zrihen ז"ל, Habib Kissati ז"ל 4 Iyar/ Thursday April 19th
Simon Melul ז"ל, Meny Abikhzer ז"ל 5 Iyar/ Friday April 20th

Nahalot for the following week

Maurice Shalom Wizman ז"ל 6 Iyar/ Shabbat April 21st
Tuba Kissati ז"ל 7 Iyar/ Sunday April 22nd
Aaron Bensimhon ז"ל 8 Iyar/ Monday April 23rd
Menora Tabesh ז"ל 10 Iyar/ Wednesday April 25th
Estrella Sibony ז"ל, Estrella Laredo ז"ל 12 Iyar/ Friday April 27th

Synagogue News

Rosh Hodesh Iyar

Rosh Hodesh Iyar will be on Sunday and Monday April 15th and 16th respectively.

Daf Yomi Siyum

Please join us this Shabbat for a special Seudah Shelishit as we celebrate a momentous stage in our Daf Yomi cycle, completing Masechet Horayot and ending Seder Nizikin.

There is still plenty to learn and never too late to join the group as we continue forward, learning Masechet Zevachim with Haham Assayag one hour daily before Minha.

Social Hall Update

We would like to remind the entire community that the Social Centre will be available for use by any member of the community, from Tuesday to Thursday, between the hours of 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM, and Sundays between 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

The Centre will be closed during all Jewish holidays.



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Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakob

Brunch and Learn - Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM

Join Hacham Assayag every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM for a special breakfast and open-ended learning session.

Topic: The underlying reasons behind the Minhagim.

Tefila begins at 9:00 AM. For more information contact Hacham Assayag.

Daf Yomi

Please join us daily for Gemara Daf Yomi with Haham Assayag, one hour before Minha in the Midrash upstairs.

Tuesday Night LIVE with Tomer Malca

Please join Tomer Malca on Tuesday nights in the Midrash at 7:30 PM. for a shiur on relevant halacha topics of the day.

Night Yeshiva - Wednesday Nights at 8pm

Attention high school and university boys: Come and enjoy a learning session followed by an intense game of basketball. Every Wednesday beginning at 8pm. Special activities and trips take place bimonthly. For more information contact Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson.

Kollel Yismach Moshe

Please join us every Wednesday night at 8:20 PM upstairs in the Midrash for a very inspiring learning experience with the Avreichim of the Kollel Yismach Moshe. Topics will vary.

Life Matters - Thursdays at 8:00 PM

Join Hacham Amram Assayag every Thursday night for a discussion on deep and profound insights on life and Torah values. Refreshments to be served.

For more information contact Max Benatar.

Kehila Boys Mishmar Program- Grades 5-8

Boys Grades 5-8, come out for a great time and see your friends from all schools! Every Wednesday we'll be meeting in the Red Room at 7:00 PM for some learning, snacks and prizes followed by our own basketball league in the gym.

For any questions or for sponsorship opportunities, please contact yosazulay@gmail.com

If you have a Mazal Tob that you would like to share with the congregation or if you have a change of address or email please contact the office at (905) 669-7654 Ext. 1.

Please be advised that the cutoff time for insertion in the bulletin is Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

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TORAH BITES By RABBI KADOSH

The death of Aharon's two sons, Nadav and Avihu, have been etched in the minds of all those who study the Torah religiously. How can two such holy individuals perish so quickly? Why were they deserving of such a fate? Many commentators use this story as a segue to teach the importance of acceptance of God's will even though we don't really understand why He does things. We are aware of Aharon's response of "silence" during such difficult times and we attempt to emulate such behavior whenever our lives take a difficult turn. Any attempt to lay blame or list causes for the death of Nadav and Avihu can only be done by our holy sages of the past; and therefore, I turn to HaRav HaHida (*Kise Rahamim*) to provide some sort of meaning to this tragic episode.

He writes that Nadav and Avihu sinned with regards to five things which can be alluded to by the words: **אש זרה**.

They did not get married (**אשה** – א)

They drank wine (**שתו** – ש)

They did not have children (**זרע** – ז)

They did not wash their hands and feet when entering the Mishkan (**רחיצת ידים ורגלים** – ר)

They taught *halacha* in front of their teachers (**הורו הלכה בפני רבם** – ה)

It's been told that Nadav and Avihu would walk behind Moshe and Aharon while the rest of Bene Yisrael would follow them. At which point Nadav would say out loud, "when will these two old ones die, so that we can lead the people?" When Avihu heard this, he stayed silent, in agreement with Nadav. The verse hints to this when it writes that that each took **מחבתו** (his pan).

The word **מחבתו** can be rearranged to spell **תחת משה ואהרן**. They put on the pan "אש" which stands for **שנאה & איבה**. Through their actions, Nadav and Avihu undermined the power of Moshe and Aharon and instilled, hatred and hostility towards them, because of their jealousy and lust for power and honor. We are taught that these traits are reasons to be removed from the world: Rabbi Elazar HaKapar used to say: Jealousy, lust and honor, remove a man from this world (Avot 4:21).

While this may provide us with a reason as to why they needed to be killed, it isn't enough to explain why they committed such actions when in fact they were so holy. Claiming that they were not holy is not an adequate explanation based on the numerous commentaries and midrashim that claim they were beyond any level of holiness that we're used to. Therefore, I will not attempt an answer at this time and continue to search for meaning in this peculiar event in our history.

HALACHA CORNER By RABBI ELI MANSOUR

If One Counted the Wrong Day of the Omer, or Had the Wrong Day in Mind While Reciting the Beracha

If a person recited the Beracha over Sefirat Ha'omer thinking the wrong number, for example, if he had in mind it was the fourth night when it was really the fifth night, but he caught his mistake in time and counted the correct number, he has fulfilled his obligation. Even though he had the wrong number in mind when he began reciting the Beracha, he nevertheless fulfilled the Misva and does not have to repeat the counting, since he ultimately counted the correct number. According to some authorities, however, if one had the wrong number in mind until after he completed the Beracha, he must repeat the counting even if he then realized his mistake and counted the correct number. In this case, according to this view, one must repeat the counting since he was thinking the wrong number throughout the entire recitation of the Beracha. Halacha, however, does not follow this view, and thus as long as one counted correctly, he has fulfilled his obligation regardless of his incorrect intention while reciting the Beracha. The Halachic authorities also address the reverse case, where a person had the correct number in mind while reciting the Beracha, but then counted the wrong number. For example, a person on the fifth night of the Omer recited the Beracha with the intention of counting the fifth night, but then mistakenly thought that it was actually the fourth night, and thus counted four instead of five. The Shulhan Aruch, surprisingly, rules that a person fulfills his obligation in such a case, since he had the correct counting in mind when he recited the Beracha. Later authorities, however, questioned this ruling, and wondered how the Shulhan

Aruch could consider a mistaken counting valid on the basis of the person's intent while reciting the Beracha. Therefore, in such a situation one should count again, correctly, but without reciting a Beracha. If a person counted the wrong day – such as if he recited "Hayom Arba'a Yamim" ("Today is the fourth day") on the fifth night – but he then immediately corrected his mistake and recited "Hamisha Yamim" ("the fifth day"), he has fulfilled his obligation. Since he corrected his mistake within a few moments – the period known as "Toch Kedeh Dibur" – he has fulfilled his obligation and does not have to repeat the counting. In the reverse case, where somebody counted correctly and then immediately changed his mind and counted the wrong number, he has also fulfilled his obligation. Since he did, after all, count the correct number, he has fulfilled the Misva and does not have to repeat the counting.

There is a debate among the Halachic authorities concerning the case of one who recited the Beracha over Sefirat Ha'omer and then paused silently for a few moments – longer than the period of "Toch Kedeh Dibur" – before counting. For example, a person did not have the Sid-dur opened to the correct page or did not find the place on the page before reciting the Beracha, and then after reciting the Beracha he had to scramble to find the place. According to the Magen Abraham (Rabbi Abraham Gombiner, Poland, 1637-1682), one does not fulfill the Misva in this case, since there was an extended pause in between the Beracha and the counting. Others, however, maintain that as long as one did not speak in between the Beracha and the counting, the Misva has been fulfilled. The Mishna Berura (Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan of Radin, 1839-1933), in Siman 206 (Se'if Katan 12), indicates that Halacha follows the lenient view in this regard, that one fulfills the Misva even if there was an extended pause after the Beracha. However, needless to say, it is proper to ensure not to recite the Beracha until one has the Siddur open or the calendar in front of him and is prepared to count immediately after reciting the Beracha, in order to avoid this Halachic dispute.

Summary: If one had the wrong counting in mind while reciting the Beracha over Sefirat Ha'omer, but in the end counted correctly, he has fulfilled the Misva. If one had the correct counting in mind while reciting the Beracha but ultimately counted incorrectly, he must count again, correctly, but without a Beracha. If one counted incorrectly and then immediately corrected his mistake and counted the proper number, he has fulfilled the Misva. If one counted correctly and then immediately counted the wrong number, he nevertheless fulfilled the Misva since he initially counted the correct day. One must ensure to be prepared to count immediately after reciting the Beracha. Nevertheless, if one paused in between the Beracha and the counting, he has fulfilled the Misva, as long as he did not speak in the interim.

INSIGHTS ON THE TORAH By HAHAM AMRAM ASSAYAG

Rosh Hodesh IYAR

The first Rosh Hodesh Iyar after the Exodus of Egypt was on Shabat. It was on that day that the Jews requested water and found only bitter waters in a place called Mara. Hashem ordered Moshe to throw into the water a piece of bitter tree and the miracle occurred and the waters became sweet from which the entire nation drank.

On that same day Hashem gave Moshe part of the Mitzvot of the Torah. Specifically the laws of Shabat, the laws of Para Aduma and the laws of ownership and litigation.

On the second Rosh Hodesh Iyar after leaving Mitzrayim, the first census of the Jews was taken. All males of the age of 20 and up were counted according to their respective tribes. Including in this census the tribe of Levy was also counted from the age of one month old and up. This tribe was to replace the Becharot – the first born – in their sanctity and in their services in the Tabernacle.

Another prominent historical event took place on Rosh Hodesh Iyar as well: Shelomo Hamelech began the construction of the first Bet Hamikdash.

It was on coincidence when the building of the second Bet Hamikdash began on the first day of Iyar as well. May we soon be worthy to enjoy the splendor of the third Bet Hamikdash.



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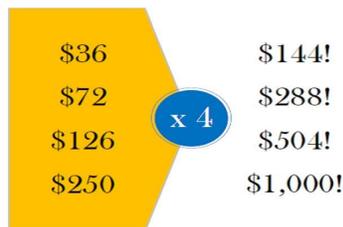
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