

Ha Shavuah B' Sha'arey Israel

(this week at CSI)

February 21 - 28, 2008

Adar I 15 - 22, 5768



Candle lighting time 6:08 p.m.

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Services begin at 6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Parashat Ki Tissa {Torah Commentary on page 2}

Annual: Exodus 30:11 – 34:35 (Etz Hayim, p. 523)

Triennial Cycle: Exodus 30:11 - 31:17 (Etz Hayim, p.523)

Haftarah: I Kings 18:1 - 39 (Etz Hayim, p.548)



We wish a Happy Birthday this week to:

Barbara Boylan, Libby Cohen, Robert Rosengart, Harriette Carter, Isaac Cohen, Drew Denisar and Denise Tudor

And Happy Anniversary to:

Alisa & Teddy Gribbins

This week we remember the Yahrzeits of:

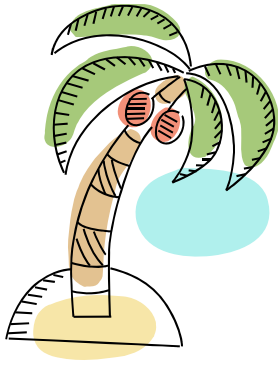
Lawrence Haskins, Sonia Segal Cohen, Esther Goodrich Padove,
Barney S. Glyck, David G. Haskins, Helen Kalman, Katie Macey,
Norman Cohen, Syma Glick, Elaine Hirsh, George Nirenstein, Sarah
Miriam Zarks, Fannie Adelstone, Edward Bashuk, Lillian Klein Brown,
and William Wolf Kessler

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## Back by popular demand Adult Education presents: Movie Night

featuring the movie *Left Luggage*

**Sunday, March 2nd at 4:00 PM** at the Frolich's house 103 Covington Pl.  
Please bring a dairy dish for supper & email Bill Singer if you plan to  
attend at [wsinger@alltel.net](mailto:wsinger@alltel.net).



Find your Hawaiian shirt and get ready for  
**A BEACH BOYS PURIM**

**Thursday March 20**  
**6:00 Dinner Followed by Megillah Reading**



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Lunch & Learn every Wednesday at noon at Barnes & Noble on Tom Hill Sr. Blvd.
Plan to buy your lunch at the cafe and learn with Rabbi Bat-Or.
The topic is *Israelite history as found in the Tanakh* .
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A special message from Aaron Brown:

**Please bring a canned good or non-perishable food item every time you come to synagogue through April 4<sup>th</sup>. These will be donated to the Food Pantry in Milledgeville as part of my Bar Mitzvah project. Labeled baskets will be in the foyer or hall.**  
**Thank you.**  
***Aaron***



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Got News? If you or someone you know has something to celebrate or if someone needs a visit or a call from the rabbi please let us know.
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**A Summary of Ki Tissa**

*This week's commentary was written by Rabbi Charles Savenor, associate dean of the Rabbinical School, JTS.*

In this week's Torah portion, Ki Tissa, the Children of Israel stand at a crossroads between faith and fear, commitment and rebellion. Only several months into their new life of freedom, the Jewish people have experienced so many miracles that we can hardly keep track of them all—the splitting of the Red Sea, water from the rock, manna from heaven, and, of course, the Revelation at Sinai. The loving bond between God and Israel appears to be as strong as one between two newlyweds, both aspiring to enter into a life of mutual respect and devotion.

Unfortunately, when Moses returns just one day late from meeting with God on Mount Sinai, something has gone terribly wrong. Without Moses' guiding presence, the Children of Israel feel lost, yearn for security, and in desperation, build a Golden Calf. The Golden Calf is not a random selection or an original creation. By choosing this image, the Israelites conjure a familiar image from their long sojourn in servitude in Egypt. Their actions, so soon after their Sinai experience, represent a regression. This ignominious incident constitutes the darkest moment in Israel's history, so much so that the Midrash in Aichah Rabbah relates that there is not a generation that does not suffer from the sinful reverberations of this faithless act.

Addressing this problem falls upon Moses' shoulders. "*Lekh rayd*," literally "Go down," God tells Moses; He is ordering the former shepherd to descend from the mountain and tend to his straying flock. The terseness of God's words capture the urgent action required to address the chaos and confusion unfolding within the Israelite camp and within their souls.

[Click here](#) to read more of this commentary

**Want to read more commentaries on this week's Torah portion? Check out these sites:**

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## *Israel 60 Years in 60 Seconds*



### The Haganah

There were several Jewish self defense organizations operating during the British Mandate. Modern Jewish organized self defense in Palestine dates back 100 years to the formation of the HaShomer or Guild of Watchmen in 1907 to protect kibbutzim. After Arab riots in 1920 and 1921, the leadership of the Yeshuv organized these groups into the Haganah. The Haganah became larger and more centralized after the Arab massacres of Jews in Jerusalem and Hebron in 1929. By 1936, the Haganah had 10,000 men on active duty and 40,000 reservists when it actively aided the British to quell the Arab revolt.

The Haganah generally observed a policy of *havlagah* or restraint such that it would defend Jewish communities but not initiate attacks against Arab gangs or their communities. Some members of the Haganah opposed this restraint as defeatist and part of the Haganah broke away to form the Irgun Tzvai Leumi or National Military Organization. The Irgun itself later split over the issue of whether, during World War II, to attack the British, who had banned Jewish immigration to Palestine. The breakaway group which favored such attacks was the

Lechi or Lochamei Herut Yisrael – Fighters for the Freedom of Israel – also known as the Stern Gang after its leader Abraham Stern.

The Haganah, through its elite strike force, the Palmach, organized illegal Jewish immigration into Palestine. Over 100,000 Jews managed to get past the British ban and enter the country. The Haganah also organized demonstrations against the British policy.

During World War II, the British enlisted the cooperation of the Haganah out of fear that the Axis powers would sweep across North Africa. After the British victory at El Alamein stopped Rommel's advance, British support for the Haganah faded.

After World War II, the Haganah engaged in anti-British actions such as the liberation of interned immigrants from the Atlit detention camp, bombing railroad lines, sabotaging British radar and bases and continuing to organize illegal Jewish immigration.

Shortly after Israel declared independence in May 1948, the Haganah was officially reorganized into the Tzevah Haganah L'Yisrael – Tzahal – the Israel Defense Force.

source <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haganah>

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Atlanta

LiMMUd

Southeast

Hevre: Please check out the website for Limmud Southeast--March 1st and 2nd. www.limmudse.org

There truly is something for everybody, from story telling to the Holocaust; from prayer to Jewish law; from Hebrew calligraphy to the politics of the Middle East; from philosophy to how to celebrate our holidays.

This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to increase our knowledge no matter where we are in our Jewish learning.

I hope you will be able to attend this event. Please talk to me or Terri Frolich if you have any questions about this.

Rabbi Bat-Or

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**AIPAC, American Israel Public Affairs Committee,  
Present their 2008 Atlanta Community Event**

Monday, March 3rd in Atlanta at the Intercontinental Buckhead, 3315 Peachtree Rd, NE-  
- at 7:30pm.

The programs includes: A Political Roundtable with **Whit Ayres**, president of a public opinion and public affairs research firm in Virginia;  
**Peter Beinart**, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and editor-at-Large of The New Republic;  
**Joe Lockhart**, Former Senior Advisor to President Bill Clinton;  
**Dan Senor**, Fox News Contributor & Republican Strategist.

RSVP by Feb. 27th

\$36 Couvert per person.

AIPAC is willing to rent a bus for us to travel to and from Atlanta for this event. Please let the Rabbi know if you would like to go.

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Here's a fun summer opportunity

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The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
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SUMMER PROGRAM 2008

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**Don't forget the CSI Gift Shop has new items just in  
time for Purim and Passover.**



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Here are two **easy** ways for you to help
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