

# Ha Shavuah B' Sha'arey Israel

(this week at CSI)

March 27 - April 3, 2008

Adar I 20 - 27, 5768



Candle lighting time 7:34 p.m.

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

## Parashat Shemini {Torah Commentary on page 3}

### Shabat Parah

Annual: Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47 (Etz Hayim, p. 630)

Triennial Cycle: Exodus 9:1 - 10:11 (Etz Hayim, p.630)

Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16 - 38 (Etz Hayim, p.1287)



### We wish a Happy Birthday this week to:

Ellen Cohen, Debbie Oliner, Chana Dayne, Nicole Hill, Amanda Perofsky, Sarah Koplin, Jaden Adler

### and Happy anniversary to

Sam & Ellen Goodrich and Jenna & Drew Denisar

### This week we remember the Yahrzeit of:

**Anna Goldgar, Sarah Hirsh, Ben Zion Katz, Sol Schwaber, Jacob Morris Cohen, Leah Avrunin, Dorothy Jampole, Louis Winberg**



## **AARON BROWN'S BAR MITZVAH!!!!**

**FRIDAY APRIL 4 AND SATURDAY APRIL 5**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED GOODS OR  
OTHER NON-PERISHABLE FOOD  
ITEMS FOR AARON'S MITZVAH PROJECT.

Make your reservations now!!

Friday April 11, 2008

Family Shabbat Dinner

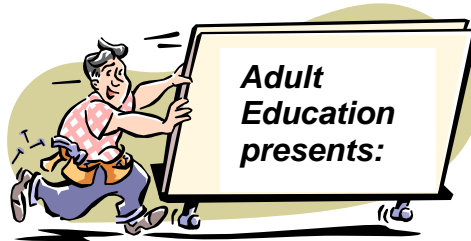
Service will spotlight our kindergarten and first grade  
religious school class!

Don't forget the CSI Gift Shop has beautiful Seder plates and Matzah Covers just in time for Passover.



**Lunch & Learn every Wednesday at noon** at Barnes & Noble's new location The Shoppes at River Crossing. Plan to buy your lunch at the cafe and learn with Rabbi Bat-Or. The topic is *The History of the Israelites in the Land of Israel from the Book of Judges*.

Don't forget to

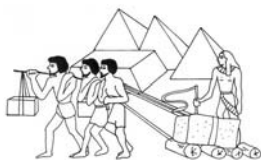


Discussion Night at the home of  
Marty and Evan Koplin  
130 Woodmere Trail  
Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM  
*Jewish Identity in American Film:*  
Images, Issues, and Controversy

What do those images say to the world? What do they say to us as Jews--and what do we say back? Join us for lecture/demonstration followed by a lively discussion, taught and moderated by Jan Lewis, Ph.D.

If you plan to attend, please bring a dairy dish for supper and email Bill Singer ([wsinger@alltel.net](mailto:wsinger@alltel.net)) that you are coming and what you will be bringing. Dessert will be provided.

**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.



Why shlep to Atlanta for your Passover groceries?  
Be sure to check your local grocery stores!!



## A Summary of Tzav

*Commentary on this week's portion comes from United Synagogue Torah Sparks and is written by Rabbi Joyce Newmark.*

On the eighth and final day of the ordination ceremony, Moses instructs Aaron, Aaron's sons, and the Israelites about consecration rituals. Aaron offers his own purification offering and burnt offering. Next, he offers a purification offering, a burnt offering, and an offering of well-being on behalf of the people. Aaron first, then Moses and Aaron together, bless the people. The Presence of the Lord appears and a fire comes forth and consumes the offering on the altar. Aaron's sons Nadav and Avihu offer "alien fire" before the Lord. A fire comes forth and kills them. Moses tells Aaron and his two remaining sons that they must not engage in the normal mourning rituals, but the rest of the Israelites will mourn. The kohanim are prohibited from drinking alcohol while they are engaged in their sacred duties. Moses instructs Aaron, Eleazar, and Itamar about which of the various portions of the offerings they may eat.

God tells Moses and Aaron to instruct the people about the animals they are permitted to eat. Land animals must have cloven hooves and chew their cuds. Animals that have only one of these two markers and so may not be eaten are listed. Sea creatures must have fins and scales. No signs are given for birds; forbidden species are listed. Permitted insects are listed; all the rest are forbidden.

Animals whose carcasses transmit ritual impurity are listed. A general warning is given to guard against defilement and to be concerned about ritual purity.

[Click Here](#) for the rest of this commentary.

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

[Aish.com](http://Aish.com)

[JTS](http://JTS)

[AJU](http://AJU)

[My Jewish Learning](http://My Jewish Learning)

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## *Israel 60 Years in 60 Seconds*

### Israel 60 Years in 60 Seconds – Hank Greenspun



Herman "Hank" Milton Greenspun was born on August 27, 1909 in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in a poor neighborhood of New Haven.

Greenspun's father, a devout Talmudic scholar, bestowed upon his son a respect for his Jewish heritage that he would carry his entire life. His mother, who ran the family store and at one time bootlegged, taught Greenspun how to stand up for himself.

Once, as a youngster, Greenspun was insulted with anti-Semitic slurs when he came to collect money from a customer on his paper route.

When Greenspun returned home without his money, his mother marched him back to the neighbor's house and slapped the neighbor repeatedly while Greenspun kicked him in the shins. The next time Greenspun came to collect, the neighbor paid without incident. As Greenspun later recalled, "The episode taught me a lesson I would never forget: cowards generally avoid a target that hits back."

In March 1947, Greenspun, who had been a journalist in the Army and ran his own magazine, was hired by Ben "Bugsy" Siegel to write a column to promote the reopening of Siegel's Flamingo Hotel. Greenspun wrote the column for three months before quitting his job in June 1947 after Siegel was murdered.

A few months after Siegel's death, Greenspun, became involved with the Haganah, which was struggling to defend Jewish communities in the face of a British blockade and an international arms embargo. Greenspun purchased weapons from around the world and smuggled them to Haganah members. His activities were soon discovered, and in 1950 he was fined \$10,000 for violation of the Neutrality Act. Although he could have been sentenced to a prison term, the judge overseeing the case, citing Greenspun's "noble motives," did not send him to prison. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy pardoned Greenspun.

In 1960, Greenspun mediated the Moulin Rouge Agreement which removed all Jim Crow segregation in Las Vegas. In 1962, Greenspun unsuccessfully ran for Governor. In 1973, Watergate burglar James McCord admitted that "the Plumbers" had plotted to steal documents from Greenspun that were reputed to be damaging to a Democratic Presidential candidate.

Upon Greenspun's death in 1989, then Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres called Greenspun "a hero of our country and a fighter for freedom."

Source [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/lasvegas/peopleevents/p\\_greenspun.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/lasvegas/peopleevents/p_greenspun.html)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hank\\_Greenspun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hank_Greenspun)

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**The UGA Hillel *Uga's Open* golf tournament has been postponed until further notice.**

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### **SELLING OF THE CHAMETZ**

Any chametz owned by a Jew during Passover week becomes unfit for use and is forbidden for actual use of benefit forever. Since it is usually impossible to dispose all chametz before the Passover holiday, every Jew should arrange a formal "Mechiras Chametz", or sale of the chametz. Those wishing to do so may sell their chametz can fill out the form that you will find in your April issue of the Shofar. This form should be returned to the synagogue no later than Thursday, April 17, 2008.

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**There are so many events just over the horizon-  
Mark these dates on your calendar:**

**Saturday May 3** there will be a Kiddush luncheon following services to celebrate the Carol Kaplan's & Brenda Turetsky's birthday

.....more dates to remember.....

**Sunday May 4** at 12:30 TBI will be hosting a Community Celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut

**Sunday May 4** at 7:00 p.m. Community commemoration of Yom Hashoah at TBI

**Friday May 9** Macon & Middle GA Federation of Jewish Charities Are sponsoring a joint Shabbat Service to celebrate Israel at 60 8:00 PM at TBI with an Oneg following services

**Saturday, May 10** from 2pm - 4pm Join Sadie Gerson's family to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Gables Clubhouse 5228 Forsyth Rd

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