

# Ha Shavuah B' Sha'arey Israel

April 17 - 23, 2009

23 - 29 Nisan, 5769



Candle lighting time 7:48 p.m.  
Friday April 17

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

**Parashat Shmini** (Torah commentary on pg. 2)  
Annual: Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47 (Etz Hayim, p. 630)  
Triennial: Leviticus 10:12 - 11:32 (Etz Hayim, p. 635)  
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1 - 7:17 (Etz Hayim, p. 645)



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

Laurel Robinson, Hannah Mizrahi, Dan Toland, Vickie Brown, Molly Katz, Tali Toland and Alex Goodrich

**This week we remember the Yahrzeit of:**

Bertha Schwartz, Dena Lehman, Cecile Ruth Ginsberg Schlesinger, Anne Brahn, Seymour Brown, Florence Oliner, Fruma Scharfman, Nathias Adler, Lena Singer and Mark Turetsky

**This week's Sunday School principal is Richard Singer**



**Community Yom Hashoah Services**  
**This Sunday April 19 7:00 p.m.**  
**at Temple Beth Israel**

**Make your reservations NOW!!**

Family Shabbat Dinner Friday April 24  
Services will feature the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade religious school class  
These students have worked very hard and are excited to share what they have learned. Please show them your support.



**Lunch & Learn is on hiatus while the program is being re-designed.**  
**Stay tuned.**



Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut **Friday May 1** with a community-wide Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring Daron Shultzeiner, visiting lecturer in the Political Science and History departments at Emory University. **6:15 p.m.** at CSI

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**Interested in participating more in Shabbat service?**

**Lead a portion of services**  
**Read Torah**  
**Chant the Haftarah**

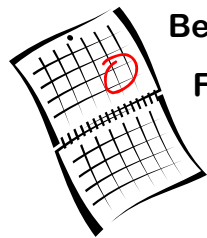
**Call Rabbi Bat-Or and she will help you make it happen.**

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**Be sure to save these dates:**

**Friday May 22 – Confirmation and Family Shabbat Dinner**  
**May 29 & 30 –Will Finkelstein's Bar Mitzvah**  
**Sunday May 31 – Annual Congregational Meeting**

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**Parashat Tzav**

*This week's commentary was written by Rabbi Joyce Newmark for USCJ Torah Sparks*

On the eighth and final day of the ordination ceremony Moses instructs Aaron, his sons, and the Israelites in the proper rituals of consecration. Aaron offers his own purification offering and burnt offering. He then offers a purification offering, a burnt offering, and an offering of well-being on behalf of the people. Aaron and 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 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 cud. Animals that have only one of these signs and therefore are not permitted 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 to guard against defilement and to be concerned about ritual purity is given.

1. Food for Thought

Speak to the Israelite people thus: These are the creatures that you may eat from among all the land animals. (*Leviticus 11:2*)

I maintain that the food that is forbidden by the Torah is unwholesome. There is nothing among the forbidden kinds of food whose harmful character is doubted... (*Rambam, Guide for the Perplexed, (Rabbi Moses ben Maimon), 1135-1209, Spain and Egypt*)

According to the sense of Scripture, and in answer to the heretics, all the flesh, fish, fowl, or vermin forbidden to us are unwholesome and harmful to the body; on this account they are termed "impure". (*Rashbam (Rabbi Shmuel ben Meir), 1080-1158, France, grandson of Rashi*)

We would do well to bear in mind that the dietary laws are not, as some have asserted, motivated by therapeutic considerations. God forbid! Were that so, the Torah would be denigrated to the status of a minor medical treatise and worse than that. Apart from that, the alleged ill effects could be treated with various drugs, just as there are antidotes to the most powerful poisons. In that event the prohibition would no longer apply and the Torah would be superfluous. (*Akedat Yitzhak (Rabbi Isaac Arama), 1420-1494, Spain*)

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