



# Of Note for May 2012

## Young Israel of Sharon

Friday, May 4

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit  
7:00 p.m. Candle lighting, Minchah, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv  
7:30 p.m. Standard Candle Lighting

**Shabbat, May 5**

**Parashat Aharei Mot – Kedoshim  
Adira Smirnov, Bat Mitzvah**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
9:30 a.m. Tefillat Nashim  
6:45 p.m. Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
7:30 p.m. Minchah, Mishneh Torah Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
8:36 p.m. Maariv, Havdalah

Sunday, May 6

Pesach Sheni  
8:00 a.m. Shacharit  
7:30 p.m. Minchah/Maariv

Weekday Schedule for May 7-11

Monday - Thursday

Shacharit:  
6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Monday & Thursday  
6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday  
Minchah/Maariv:  
7:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday  
Thursday – Lag BaOmer

Friday, May 11

6:10 a.m., 6:50 a.m. – Shacharit  
7:00 p.m. Candle lighting, Minchah, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv  
7:37 p.m. Standard Candle Lighting

**Shabbat, May 12**

**Parashat Emor  
Adam Greene, Bar Mitzvah**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
6:45 p.m. Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
7:37 p.m. Minchah, Mishneh Torah Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
8:44 p.m. Maariv, Havdalah

Sunday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Shacharit  
7:34 p.m. Minchah/Maariv

Weekday Schedule for May 14-17

Monday - Thursday

Shacharit:  
6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Monday & Thursday  
6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday  
Minchah/Maariv:  
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Friday, May 18

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7:43 p.m. Standard Candle Lighting

**Shabbat, May 19**  
**Parashat Behar – Behukotai**  
**Daniella Hanau, Bat Mitzvah**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
Tefillat Nashim  
7:00 p.m. Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
7:43 p.m. Minchah, Mishneh Torah Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
8:53 p.m. Maariv, Havdalah

Sunday, May 20  
**Yom Yerushalayim**  
8:00 Yom a.m. Shacharit  
7:43 p.m. Minchah/Maariv

Weekday Schedule for May 21-25

Monday - Thursday  
Shacharit:  
6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Monday & Thursday  
5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, Rosh Hodesh  
6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Wednesday  
Minchah/Maariv:  
7:43 p.m. Monday – Thursday

Friday, May 25  
6:10 a.m., 6:50 a.m. – Shacharit  
7:00 p.m. Candle lighting, Minchah, Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv  
7:50 p.m. Standard Candle Lighting

**Shabbat, May 26**  
**Parashat Bamidbar**  
**Erev Shavuot**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
7:50 p.m. Minchah, Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
**Shavuot**  
9:01 p.m. Maariv, Havdalah

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

11:00 p.m. Women's Shiur  
12:00 a.m. Shiurim every hour until Early Shacharit

Sunday, May 27

**Shavuot First Day**  
4:06 a.m. Early Shacharit  
9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
7:50 p.m. Minchah, Shiur  
9:02 p.m. Maariv

Monday, May 28

**Shavuot Second Day**  
7:30 a.m. Hashkamah Minyan  
9:00 a.m. Later Minyan  
10:30 a.m. Yizkor  
7:50 p.m. Minchah, Shiur  
9:03 p.m. Maariv, Havdalah

Weekday Schedule for May 29-31

Monday – Wednesday  
Shacharit:  
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6:00 & 6:50 a.m. Thursday  
Minchah/Maariv:  
7:47 p.m. Monday – Wednesday

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## *From the Rabbi: Shavuot: a Celebration of Torah Tradition and Torah Creativity*

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The reading of Megillat Rut on Shavuot is not just a reflection of the seasonal connection to the spring harvests that frame the action of the story. At the heart of this Megillah is a critical halakhic issue that illuminates the very essence of Torah that Shavuot celebrates.

The climactic scene of the Megillah is a courtroom drama. Boaz, in devotion to Rut, gathers seeks legal recourse before an assembled Beit Din to redeem the land that belonged to her deceased husband and marry her at the same time, not as a technical levirate marriage, but as a way of honoring the memory of the deceased, as Ibn Ezra explains. First, however, Boaz needs to alert an anonymous kinsman that this kinsman has legal priority to redeem the land. But to do so he must also marry Rut, since, as Rashi explains, Rut will only agree to the redemption of the land if the redeemer marries her as well. In a tense moment, the kinsman says he is willing to redeem the land, but Boaz reminds him: with the land comes marriage to Rut. The kinsman responds "I cannot redeem it myself, lest I destroy my inheritance, so you should redeem my redemption, for I cannot (Rut 4:6)." According to the Midrash Rabbah, the kinsman is concerned that Rut, a Moavite, is prohibited in marriage according to the Torah, and he remembers that the premature deaths of Machlon and Kilyon at the beginning of the Megillah were popularly attributed to their having married Moavite women. Boaz, on the other hand, knew that the rabbinic court had discovered an innovative interpretation of this halakhah, that the marriage prohibition stated in the Torah speaks only of a *Moavi*, that is, a Moavite man, but excludes a *Moavit*, a Moavite woman. This interpretation was not a change in Torah law, it was a discovery of an eternal halakhic truth that was already present and implicit in Torah, hidden in the precise wording of Torah and in Oral Law, but had not yet been recognized. Boaz had full faith in the interpretive authority of the Rabbis and the Oral Law, while his kinsman did not. Some interpretations regard Boaz as the head of that innovative court. On the basis of his trust in the Sages and the Oral Law, even though this was a newly-discovered halakhah, Boaz was confident that his marriage to Rut would be halakhically sanctioned, and according to Rabbi Abahu in the Gemara Ketuvot (7b), he gathered a minyan and Beit Din to publicize this halakhah.

So the drama of Megillat Rut is not only romantic, it is halakhic. The Megillah conveys the essential lesson of the power of the Oral Law and the authority of the Rabbis to interpret halakhah, and demonstrates the courage to follow legitimate, even newly-discovered interpretations of the eternal Torah. This is the quality we celebrate on Shavuot. It is this trust in the Oral Law and the courage of rabbinic leadership to interpret Torah responsibly and humanely that is essential to keeping Am Yisrael connected to the eternal wisdom and truth of Torah.

Rabbi Meir Sender

## *Shaylah:*

I was coming out of shul, going to the social hall to catch Kiddush and somebody accosted me with a question about carpooling. By the time I finished telling them that we should talk about this after Shabbos (and they finished telling me about their after-Shabbos plans), I had missed you making Kiddush. What should I do in such a case?

Teshuvah: The daytime Kiddush on Shabbat and Yom Tov is known as Kiddusha Rabba, the Great Kiddush, and it is obligatory for men and women alike. In actual fact, it's a very simple Kiddush: it is a mitzvah to make a berakhah over wine before eating the noontime meal of Shabbat. So the Kiddush is really just the Berakhah "Borei pri ha-gafen." The Sages added to this the relevant verse from the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:8) "remember the Shabbat day to sanctify it..." that is, in addition to sanctifying Shabbat when it enters on Friday night, remember Shabbat also during the day itself. The berakhah over wine effects this sanctification by preceding the meal and granting greater importance to the meal just by making it a meal preceded by wine, therefore the Kiddush berakhah should be made in the location of a meal or significant food. It is preferable that the verses and berakhah of this Kiddush should be said sitting, followed by the drinking of the wine, to emphasize that this Kiddush is the beginning of the meal that follows. For situations in which the verses and Berakhah are said standing, it is preferable that at least the drinking of the wine be done sitting. If wine or grape juice are not available, another culturally-important beverage can be used, with the appropriate berakhah "shehakol."

One person can say the berakhah on behalf of others; this applies to men and women alike. The person should have in mind to help the others fulfill the mitzvah, and those for whom he is saying the berakhah need to be present, they need to hear the berakhah and have in mind that this person's berakhah over the wine satisfies their requirement to say a berakhah before wine and drink it as Kiddush. The one leading Kiddush, or at least one of the listeners, should drink at least a cheekful of the wine. Some authorities require all those present to have a taste of the Kiddush wine, but most, following the Ro"sh, hold this is not necessary. If you did not hear the Kiddush, however, you need to make your own Kiddush before eating anything: it is prohibited to eat or drink anything, even water, before this Kiddush, and this prohibition begins immediately after the completion of Shacharit.

The Midrash Tanhuma, the Abudarham and the Zohar bring the minhag that the person making Kiddush should ask permission of the assembled group just before making the berakhah, asking "Savri," and everyone should respond "Le-Hayyim!"

Le-Hayyim!

Rabbi Meir Sendor

## *From Our President:*

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Dear Friends,

As we approach Shavuot, *“Zeman Matan Torateinu – the time of giving of the Torah,”* we ask why do we use the word “giving” and not “receiving?” Simply put, while the Torah was only given once at Har Sinai, it is ours to receive in every generation. How do we receive the Torah? Through education and learning.

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- Beit Midrash learning Tuesday evenings
- Gemara shiur Tuesday evenings
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It is well known that the key to Jewish continuity and the strength of Klal Yisrael is education. Please avail yourselves of the learning opportunities that Young Israel has to offer as we enrich ourselves, our families, and the entire kehillah.

Michael

## *What would you want YI Sharon to know about you?*

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We are renewing an old tradition for the newsletter—getting to know our members. Since some of us have been around so long that we might not remember what we said at any point, we're also going to be highlighting our members of longstanding. So if you get a call or email to answer a few questions, keep in mind that we're sharing it with the community!

Here is a couple who actually were featured in a newsletter when they first moved into town, but here are some things you may not know about them—Danny and Mandy Silverman.

Q: How long have you been living in Sharon?

A: 5 years

Q: Where were you living before you moved to Sharon?

A: Yardley, PA

Q: What are some of your favorite things to do as a family?

A: Family cuddle time; play Wii; visit St. Louis; go to the lake; make anything with sprinkles on top!

Q: What is something that people would be surprised to find out about you?

A: Danny and Mandy worked together for 7 years; 75% of us are left handed. ☺

The Silverman's then:



And now:



*("Now" by Portraits by Chaya)*

## Our Youth Corner

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Here are some photos from our Yom HaAzma'ut celebration. Kol HaKavod to our shluchot Sapir and Rotem for a wonderful daglanut! You can see more on our Facebook page.



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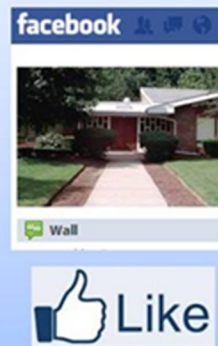
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