



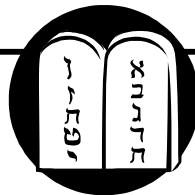
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## Greetings From Our Rabbi



*Rabbi Raphael  
Davidovich*

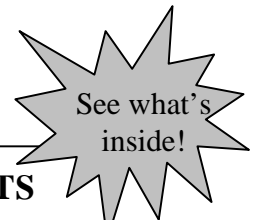
Lag B'Omer is an awkward holiday to explain. There are some well known reasons for the celebration: It is the day that a plague that killed 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva ended, or it is the day the father of Kabbalah died. Or it's both. Neither reason sounds especially cheerful. The 24,000 stopped dying because THEY ALL DIED. It's not that they stopped dying. There were only 24,000 of them! Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai's death hardly seems deserving of a holiday!

The secret to the celebration is the secret of death. Like nothing else, death allows for a new beginning. When great people are around, we let them carry our burden. When great people die, a renewed sense of responsibility is born. These are not things that are ordinarily celebrated. But Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai taught us that we should celebrate the opportunity to burn the old and start over. In ancient times, when a king died his subjects made a huge bonfire of the late king's possessions. A new king had to start anew.

When a crooked structure is allowed to stand, people put up with the rotting and suffering. But when it is blown to smithereens, it forces people to rebuild. For reasons that are difficult to fathom, but include a noticeable lack of interpersonal respect, Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 followers were not fit to lead the Jewish People. We celebrate his starting from scratch when he had to. One of Rabbi Akiva's first new students to emerge after the carnage was Shimon Bar Yochai. On the day Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai died, he shared new and stunning insights into Judaism that changed and improved the way people understand Torah to this day.

May the intimations of a new Beginning on Lag B'Omer lead us to recommit ourselves this Shavuot, as individuals and as a community, to a Torah which is intended to be new and fresh to us every day.

Rabbi Raphael Davidovich



## TORAH RIDDLE:



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Last month's solution:  
4=Cups of Wine on Pesach  
(#5 is Eliyahu's)

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# Learning Opportunities at HJC

## For Men and Women

### **Weekly Torah Portion:**

Shabbos, 8:30 AM

### **Nevi'im (The Prophets):**

Shabbos, 30 minutes before Mincha

The Rabbi is available before mincha for one-on-one chavrusa or small group learning. Please contact the rabbi to set something up.

Insights into Avos:

During Shalosh Seudos this year, Rabbi Davidovich explores a Mishna in Chapter Four of Pirkei Avos.



## For Men

### **Morning Gemara (Iyun Shiur):**

Monday through Friday, 6:15 AM most days

### **Sunday Night Gemara:**

Taught by Rabbi Yossi Kirsch, especially geared for newcomers.  
Sundays, 8:30 PM

Shalom Bayis Chabura:

Based on The Garden of Peace by Rabbi Shalom Arush.  
Shabbos afternoons at 6 pm. Location varies.

Please contact the Rabbi if you would like to host the discussion group or coordinate the rotation of hosts.

Back by popular demand!

## For Women

### **Aishes Chayil:**

**Discussion group led by Rebbitzin Deena Davidovich  
Mondays 11:00 am, at the home of Rochel Leah Cohen,  
3681 Shannon Rd. Children are welcome.**

## For Children

### **Shabbos Youth Program:**

10:30 to 11:15 AM

For ages 5 to 12

Led by Rabbi Yossi Kirsch

Babysitting

Shabbos 10AM until the end of davening

If you want to receive regular shul updates via email, please email [office@hjcs.org](mailto:office@hjcs.org).

## Coffee, Discussions, & Current Events



Join us for Sunday breakfast and enjoy thought-provoking discussion with Rabbi Davidovich.

Sundays, 9AM

## Shavuos All Night Learning



Starting at Midnight

Chavrusa learning and One hour classes offered by Rabbi Davidovich and others.  
Topics will include:  
Torah vs. rabbinic law  
Halacha vs. kabbala  
And more

Refreshments will be served

If you use a siddur or chumash in our shul that is defective, please give it to the office or a gabbai to be repaired or put in shaimos. On weekdays, please put a note on the siddur regarding the defect before handing it in.

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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Shabbos  |
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| 16  | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22   |
| Shacharis.....8:00 AM                                 | Gemara.....6:15 AM<br>Shacharis.....6:45 AM  | Erev Shavuot 6:15 AM<br>Gemara.....6:15 AM<br>Shacharis.....6:45 AM             | SHAVUOS<br>Early Shacharis...5:25 AM<br>Shacharis.....9:00 AM   | SHAVUOS<br>Shacharis.....9:00 AM<br>Yizkor after.....10:45 AM | Gemara.....6:15 AM<br>Shacharis.....6:45 AM                          | Parsha Shiur .....8:30 AM<br>Shacharis .....9:00 AM  |
| <b>Mincha-Maariv 8:25 pm</b>                          | <b>Mincha-Maariv 8:25 pm</b>   | Candlelighting...8:24 PM<br><b>Mincha-Maariv 8:25 PM</b><br>Kiddush.....9:32 PM | <b>Mincha-Maariv.....8:25 PM</b><br>Candlelighting after 9:33PM | <b>Mincha-Maariv.....8:25 PM</b><br>Yom Tov Ends.... 9:34 PM  |  | Navi Shiur.....7:50 PM<br>Mincha-Shalosh Seudos-Maariv.....8:20 PM<br>Shabbos Ends.....9:36 PM |
| 23  | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29   |
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| Shacharis.....8:00 AM<br><b>Mincha-Maariv 8:40 PM</b> | MEMORIAL DAY 31<br>Gemara.....CANCELLED<br>Shacharis.....8:00 AM<br><b>Mincha-Maariv 8:40 PM</b> | <b>Mincha-Maariv 8:35 pm</b>  | <b>Mincha-Maariv 8:35 pm</b>                                    | <b>Mincha-Maariv 8:35 pm</b>                                  |  | Navi Shiur.....7:55 PM<br>Mincha-Shalosh Seudos-Maariv.....8:25 PM<br>Shabbos Ends.....9:42 PM |



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Thank you for supporting Heights Jewish Center.

## Kiddush Sponsors

Barbara Seltzer in honor of the birthdays of Hillel and Zahava Seltzer.

## General Donations

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Isak & Marion Kampinski in honor of the Males' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Isak & Marion Kampinski wishing Lena Katz a speedy recovery  
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Robert & Maya Kleyman in honor of yahrtzeit of mother, Brana bas Elya

## Shalosh Seudos Sponsors

Harold & Faiga Males in memory of Harold's father.

## Erratum:

In the last newsletter the following information was noted incorrectly:

Marla and Martin Lipman sponsored Kiddush in memory of Marla's mother.

Chuck and Sandy Zeitler sponsored Shalosh Seudos in memory of Sandy's father.

Please note: This list reflects donations received from 2/16/10 through 4/15/10. If we inadvertently omitted your name or listed a donation incorrectly, please accept our apologies and notify us so that we can acknowledge your generosity in the next issue. Please note that a memo notation on your check allows us to credit the proper fund.

# Happy Birthday

Paula Baum  
Rae M. Reich  
Ruth Bregman  
Andrew Fenster  
Hebert Geduld  
Yossi Ireland  
U. Harold Males  
Jack Mandel  
Gerda Metz  
Yale S. Palchick  
Alyza Shapiro  
Zeev Sharaby  
Sheldon Steiger  
Eliana Abramov  
Holly Corbett



# Mazel Tov

Itamar & Alyssa Levi on the birth of a son.

Harold & Faiga Males on the birth of a great grandson and Rabbi Yehuda and Channah Appel on the birth of a grandson to Shaya and Shevy Appel.

Barbara Seltzer on the birth of a grandson.

## Condolences

To the family of Mrs. Millie Chrabry.

Beth Baker on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Estelle Rosenberg.

Hamakom yinachem eschem bsoch shaar aveilei Tzion V'Yerushalayim.

# Thank You! Fred Bolotin

for helping out with the Shabbos Hagadol  
meals in shul.

Thank you to everyone else who helped set up,  
prepare and serve these meals

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