

Shabbos Times

Friday, May 8

Mincha/Maariv: 7:00

Candle Lighting 7:44

Shabbos, May 9

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Krias Shema: 9:23

Counting Towards Sinai: 6:00
at the Bohm home

Gemara Shiur: 6:40

Boys Perkei Avos: 7:10

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 7:40

Shekiah: 8:03

Nightfall/Maariv: 8:44

Weekday Times

Shacharis

Daf Yomi: 8:00

Sunday: 8:30

Weekday Shacharis

Kollel Boker: 6:20

Monday, Thursday: 6:40

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
6:45

Mincha

Sunday-Thursday: 7:50

Friday: 7:00

Candle Lighting next
Shabbos: 7:50

Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

Kiddush is sponsored by Raphael and Zivia Beniflah in honor of Emunah's engagement to Dovid Tzvi Daskal.

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sue and Nachum Fass in memory of the Yahrtzeits for Sue's father, Yitzchak ben Yisrael a"h, and Nachum's father, Yaacov Yosef ben Moshe Yisrael a"h.

Shalosh Seudos is also sponsored by the Daf Yomi Chabura in honor of their siyum on menachos!

Upcoming Programs

May 9: OU Women's Counting Towards Sinai

May 9: Boy's Shabbos Afternoon Learning Program

May 17: Breakfast and Learn: Tefillah in Crisis, Shoah, Soviet Union and Survival.

June 2: L'Chaim Initiative: American Treasure Tour Museum

June 14: Annual Shul Dinner

Mrs. Jen Airley: It was deeply inspiring to hear her speak about her son, about recognizing the hand of Hashem in the unfolding events in Israel, and about the profound growth that can emerge even through pain and challenge.

Thank you to the Chelkeinu Initiative for sponsoring the event and to Michael and Sherry Bohm for facilitating it.

KIDS KORNER

KIDS' KABOLOS SHABBOS

All kids old enough to sit with their parents are invited to join us for kabolos shabbos and will receive a prize!

YOUTH GROUPS

Back on! Beginning @ 9:30 with Shevi Burr.

We encourage our boys to participate and lead the end of davening!

BI POINTS

Given out all Shabbos to all participating kids. Accumulate and earn great prizes!

Nshei Lag Ba'omer Event

What a special night!

Thank you to our sponsors: Sherry Bohm - In honor of her niece, Sarah Raizel Sherman's upcoming 2 yr old birthday. Rifky Apfel - Zechus Zivug Hagun Chana Rochel bas Binyomin Kalman; Susie Wohlgeleinter and Sue Fass!

A special thank you to our Nshei Committee: Esty Becker, Emunah Beniflah, Chaya Friedman and Chani Sherman!

Ariana Lapushin for helping with the shopping!

M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE

This Week, That Thought

In a captivating and deeply emotional address, Mrs. Jen Airley spoke to us this week about the pain of losing a son who fell while protecting the Jewish people in the Land of Israel, while at the same time reflecting on the unmistakable hand of Hashem that accompanied her family through darkness and grief. Her words moved seamlessly between personal loss and the larger story of Am Yisrael, a nation that continues to suffer, endure and grow.

Among the many powerful ideas she shared, one image stood out with particular poignancy: "I did not bury my son," she said. "I planted him." Though Binyamin is buried, his life continues to bear fruit. Through Beit Binyamin in Tzfat, a home of comfort and healing for those impacted by the war, his legacy continues to nurture others. From unbearable loss emerged a place of refuge, warmth, and hope.

As Lag BaOmer came and went, it was impossible not to think as well of the Meron tragedy five years ago, when forty-five precious souls were lost in a matter of moments. Among them was Donny Morris z"l, an American yeshiva bochur whose passing struck especially close to home for many. Even in his short life, Donny's warmth, energy, and radiant smile left a lasting imprint on those around him. Like the other kedoshim of Meron, the sorrow of his loss remains profound, yet his life continues to inspire.



Between the Lines

"Ki Li Kol HaAretz" - *For the land is Mine*. In the defining message of Shemitah and Yovel, the Torah reminds us that we are never the ultimate owners of this world. During Shemitah, the land rests so that man can step back from the illusion of control and recognize Hashem's sovereignty over creation.

Perhaps this is also the painful yet profound message Beruriah conveyed to Rabbi Meir after the passing of their two sons. Before revealing the tragedy, she described an entrusted object that had now been reclaimed by its owner. Her message did not lessen the grief, but framed it within faith: the souls they cherished were precious gifts on loan from Hashem.

"Those who plant with tears will reap in joy"- Tehillim quoted by Mrs. Airley when referencing her son's burial as not a goodbye but planting.

The Maharal deepens this understanding through his description of kevarah, burial not as an end, but as a planting, like a seed placed into the earth awaiting future renewal and growth.

Mrs. Airley expressed this idea with haunting beauty when she said she did not bury her son; she planted him. Yet she spoke not only of future redemption, but of growth already emerging in this world. Through Beit Binyamin and the comfort and healing it provides to others, that "gift on loan" continues to illuminate lives far beyond its years here.

Perhaps this is one of the deepest mysteries of Jewish resilience: that even in moments of crushing tragedy, seeds are planted. Though the earth first receives them in tears, what ultimately emerges can continue bringing light long after.

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Pages of the Past

In a very different, yet still tragic and untimely loss for Klal Yisrael, Rabbi Moshe Isserles passed away on Lag BaOmer while still in his thirties or early forties. The Rama became the foremost posek of Ashkenazic Jewry, and his glosses on the Shulchan Aruch transformed it into the enduring halachic guide of the Ashkenazi world.

Following his passing in 1572, multitudes would flock to his kever on Lag BaOmer. Even Chassidim who came would daven in Ashkenaz nusach out of reverence for the Rama. Yet the gatherings were not marked primarily by festivity, but by Torah. Rabbanim and their students would assemble to discuss and resolve difficult questions in the Rama's rulings, continuing the very Torah conversation he had shaped during his lifetime.

Centuries later, his light continues to illuminate the path of Jewish life. Through exile, upheaval, and renewal, the Rama's voice remains one of the guiding forces of Ashkenazic Jewry in Europe, America, and Eretz Yisrael.



For the Table

- Judaism never asks a person to stop grieving, yet it often speaks about legacy, growth, and light that emerge afterward. How can we speak about hope after loss while still honoring the depth of pain someone carries?
- On Lag BaOmer, moments of joy and remembrance often exist side by side. What can we learn from the way Judaism creates space both for sorrow that remains and for the possibility of continued meaning?