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A Letter From The Rabbi

Dear Sinai Family,

As many of you know, the Torah obligates each Jew to formally count the days and weeks for forty-nine days, from the second day of Passover until the holiday of Shavuot. This obligation is called the mitzvah of *sefirat ha'omer*. I want to share a few facts and concepts connected with this mitzvah.

During the Biblical period and for centuries following, Pesach marked the beginning of the *barley harvest* which was the first important harvest of the spring season.

Aviv, which is the Modern Hebrew word for *spring*, actually means *ripe barley* in Biblical Hebrew.

The term *Omer* refers to the *barley offering* that the Jewish People brought to the Temple on the second day of Pesach. Prior to that offering, the Jews in the Land of Israel were not allowed to partake of the spring produce. Therefore, from the second day of Pesach, after the *omer* was offered, the new spring produce became permissible.

During the Biblical period and through the period of the Talmud, barley was extremely rough and therefore unfit for human consumption. The barley crop was nevertheless very valuable, as it was appropriate fodder for domesticated animals.

Seven weeks after Pesach, around the time of the holiday of Shavuot, was the commencement of the *wheat* harvest. To mark this event, the Jews were obligated to offer two loaves of wheat-bread – known as *shetay halechem* – at the Temple on Shavuot. The loaves were waved (like a *lulav*!) before the altar and then they were apportioned among the *kohanim* who were officiating at that time.

The mitzvah of *sefirat ha'omer* (counting the omer), therefore, forces us to forge a link between the barley harvest and the wheat harvest, between food for animals and food for human consumption. This correlates with the historical significance of this time period, as Pesach commemorates our freedom from slavery - from being treated as beasts of burden - and Shavuot commemorates our receiving the Torah at Sinai, therefore becoming wheat-consuming humans - representatives of Godly values to the entire world.

The mitzvah of *sefirat ha'omer* thus reminds us that freedom alone is of little value unless we utilize it properly by committing our time and resources to the realization of Godly values as revealed in the Oral and Written Torah.

May Hashem give us the strength and wisdom to “count our days” - and weeks - conscientiously, and utilize our time in this world appropriately.

I hope to see you with friends and family at the deluxe Kiddush luncheon tomorrow in honor of the State of Israel's sixtieth birthday.

Shabbat shalom,

Moshe Berger

Mark Your Calendar !

Board Meeting

**The Board will
meet on May
18th, 2008**

Annual Meeting

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held Sunday June 15th, 2008 at 10:15 am at Fuchs Mizrahi School, 2301 Fenwick Rd.

The Agenda for this meeting includes the election of officers and board members and an update. The nominating committee will consist of Harriet Gould, Chair, Aaron Leizman, Irving Kaye, Cari Flox, and Irving Auerbach. Unable to attend, but polled—Larry Mervine, Marty Rabinowitz and Leo Weiss.

2008 Nominations

Slate Of Officers:

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Life Members:

Aaron Leizman, Edwin Robins, Marshall Rosenberg, Dennis Seaman, David Warren, Milton Weinstein, Herman Weiss, Leo Weiss, Daniel Worthington, M.D., Gerald Zahler

***The Next Kiddush
will be on June
28th, 2008***

***Please call the office
if you would like to
help sponsor this
Kiddush***

Yahrzeits for May/Iyar 2008

Iyar 3 - Morris Katz, Betty Leiken, Jacob Weiss

Iyar 4— Rae Gisser

Iyar 5— Dorothy Katz

Iyar 6 - Sol Weiss, Samuel Altshuler, Gizella Benis, Helen Beil, Sidney Davis

Iyar 7— Marcus Scheps, Edith Brover, Thelma Cherry, Jack Cohen, Isaac Levin, Rose Man-

Iyar 8— Harry Seucher,

Iyar 9- Helen Agronoff, Sam Auerbach, Robert Hertz

Iyar 10— Aron Pincus

Iyar 11— Sadie Rosenthal

Iyar 13— Joseph Brover

Iyar 14— Ben Tansky, Bene Beck

Iyar 15— Samuel Birnbaum, Mildred Congress

Yahrzeits for May /Iyar 2008

Iyar 16– Joseph Rehmar, Jean Cohen	Deborah Rose
Iyar 17– Esther Pincus, Max Resnick	Iyar 28– Rachel Savino
Iyar 18– Celia Swed	Iyar 29– Stanley Friedman, William Geller
Iyar 19– Frieda Turkel	
Iyar 21– Sidney Nagelbush, Louis Minsk	
Iyar 24– Leon Grossman, Klein Family	
Iyar 25– HaRav Yitzchak Auerbach	
Iyar 26– Henry Gisser, Abraham Mandel,	

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To: The Moses/Pressman family and to Beth Moses on becoming Bat - Mitzvah

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Refuah Shleimah

We wish a speedy recovery to Meyer Berman, Albert Wasserman, Goldie Loeb, Saittle Bas Chana and Hadasa bat Chaya

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Condolences

To: Mrs. Ella Amsterdam, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Amsterdam Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lander, Marilyn Dachner and the entire family on the passing of Past President Norbert Amsterdam.

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Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

Rosh Chodesh : 6:30 am

Candle Lighting for April:

May 9 - Earliest C/L - 7:03 pm ~ Latest C/L - 8:14 pm

May 16 - Earliest C/L - 7:09pm ~ Latest C/L - 8:21 pm

May 23 -Earliest C/L - 7:14 pm ~ Latest C/L - 8:28 pm

May 30 -Earliest C/L - 7:19 pm ~ Latest C/L - 8:34 pm

Important Dates

May 11—Mother's Day

May 23 - Lag B' Omer

May 26—Memorial Day