



Young Israel of Cherry Hill

Dvar Torah: Tzvi Hirsh Yungreis

| Shabbos Times | |
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| Pre-game Farbrengen | 7:00 pm |
| Mincha & Maariv | 7:10 pm |
| Candle Lighting | 7:14 pm |
| Sunset | 7:32 pm |
| Shacharis | 8:30 am |
| Jr Minyan R' Binyomin | 9:45 am |
| Shabbos Groups | 9:45 am |
| Rabbi's Class | 6:40 pm |
| Mincha | 7:10 pm |
| Maariv | 8:14 pm |
| Shabbos Ends | 8:23 pm |

After we conquered Eretz Yisrael, farmers were obligated to bring Bikurim, the first ripened fruits, to the Bais HaMikdash. Each farmer presented his produce to the Kohen declaring gratitude to Hashem for His eternal and bountiful kindness. The pronouncement to the Kohen, upon the delivering of the Bikurim, started as follows, "I declare today to Hashem, your G-d, that I have come to the Land that Hashem swore to our forefathers."

Generations after Bnei Yisrael settled the Land they were still saying, "I declare today...that I have COME to the land..." How do we reconcile that the great grandchildren of the original settlers of Eretz Yisrael stated that they just came to the land?

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein explains that most places in the world are simply places to live. Eretz Yisrael is the exception; its holiness transforms its inhabitants and enables them to achieve a completeness of character unattainable in other environments.

When the farmer chooses to and give "back" his precious first fruits – which contain months of toil and great personal sacrifice and investment – to the Kohen, he fulfills the purpose of Jewish life in the Holy Land. In G-d's eyes, the farmer's actions show all good is really a gift from Above and not a "product" of our actions. Now the farmer can declare that he has "come to the Land that the L-rd swore...to give us," in that his own deeds catapulted him to a higher, more complete spiritual plane.

Without the Bais HaMikdash the mitzvah of Bikurim is not available to us. But there are countless mitzvah opportunities that G-d hands us almost every moment of every day to give back and perfect our homes and selves.

When we give of our fruits: ourselves – to foster our relationships with our spouse, children and friends, we do not call it a "sacrifice"; it is an "investment". The mitzvah of Bikurim and the High Holydays are a call to action to seize the moment and invest in our relationship with Hashem and the loved ones around us. (As heard from Rabbi Pinchas Avruch). Good Shabbos, Tzvi Hersh Jungreis

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All praise, glory, honor, and blessings to the only One, Glorious, Beautiful Holy G-d in Heaven above. Hashem is His name.

Please have mercy and love for Your people Israel as they approach the beautiful holiday of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. And please bless all Israel and Jews throughout the world with Torah learning, health, and wealth. Especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill, NJ. Please Amen.

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Membership

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\$775 Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years)
\$400 Young Single (under 30)
\$500 First year at YI—Family
\$250 First year at YI—Single
\$500 Associate Membership
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Mishmar—Matzei Shabbos 11 pm at the Halle Home

Chatzos—Slichos at 1 am Matzei Shabbos at YI

Newsletter deadline for submissions 4:00 pm on Thursdays.

Next Week

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| Shacharis (Sunday) | 8:30 am |
| Slichos & Shacharis (Monday-Friday) | 6:15 am |
| Mincha at Kollel | 1:45 pm |
| Mincha & Maariv | 7:10 pm |
| Nightfall/Shema after | 8:13 pm |
| Maariv at Kollel | 9:15 pm |