

Parshat Emor
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Shabbas

Pre-Game Farbrengen:	7:15pm
Candle Lighting:	7:39pm
Mincha:	7:25pm
Sunset:	7:57pm
Shacharis:	8:30am
Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone	9:45am
Shabbos Groups:	9:45am
Mincha:	7:30pm
Maariv:	8:40pm
Shabbos ends:	8:49pm

Next Week

Shacharis (Sunday):	8:30am
Shacharis (Monday – Friday):	6:45am
Mincha at Kollel:	1:45pm
Mincha & Maariv:	7:45pm
Nightfall/Shema after:	8:45-8:51pm
Arvei Pesachim (Monday):	8:30pm
Maariv at Kollel:	9:15pm

Coming Up...

Pirkei Avot Study Groups on Shabbas at 4:30pm
@ the Bochner home at 307 Monmouth
Shavuos Food and Bake Sale - 5/17

Mazel Tov to the Baum family for the birth of a girl.
Mazel Tov to the Gore family for the birth of a boy.

Kiddush is sponsored by the Roller and Gluck families in honor of the Dinner Committee: Eve Cantor, Adena Rosin, Shuie Bochner, Aviva Kamienny, Amy Halickman, and Daniel Peretz. Thanks to you and the entire Young Israel family for an amazing dinner on Sunday.

Seudas Shlishi is sponsored by Duke McCarthy. All Glory, Praise, and Honor, and blessings to Hashem. May He bless all Young Israel and families, and Jews all over the world, with peace, prosperity and all things for the good. Amen.

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\$250 First year at YI—Single
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In this week's parsha, we learn about the mitzvah of Omer which involves counting seven weeks from Pesach until Shavuos, the time period we are currently in the middle of. The Torah tells us that the Korban Omer, which was brought in the Beis Hamikdash on the second day of Pesach, must be "waved before G-d." This waving is clearly an integral part of the mitzvah, but it is not explained. What is the significance of the waving and how does this mitzvah connect to the seven-week Omer period in which we currently find ourselves? The Omer offering was composed of barley, which was considered to be a food for animals. In contrast, the bread offering of Shavuos was composed of wheat - a more dignified grain, appropriate for human consumption. By comparing these two korbanos we can begin to understand the goal of these seven-weeks. During this time between Pesach and Shavuos, we have the opportunity to develop our more animalistic tendencies, driven by our physical desires, and channel its energy into the pursuit of a more meaningful, spiritually-oriented existence.

According to the Slonimer Rebbe, the Nesivos Shalom, this is the purpose of waving the Omer offering. Waving represents shaking off - in this case, shaking off layers of self-centered physicality and materialism in order to elevate our existence. We see a hint to this idea in the parsha itself (23:9-22), which mentions waving seven times, corresponding to the seven weeks between Pesach and Shavuos. Each week we have the ability to shake off another layer and elevate ourselves as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah on Shavuos.

May we maximize the remaining time we have until Shavuos to properly prepare ourselves for kabalas hatorah by "shaking off" our gashmiyus, and channel it towards ruchniyus. Please avail yourself of the many learning opportunities the shul offers to connect to your innermost neshama and strive towards a more meaningful, purposeful, and spiritual existence.

This week's Dvar Torah was written by Rebbetzin Sarah Bienenfeld. Participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project contacting isaacbenmass@gmail.com to sign up.