



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Kiddish is sponsored by the Gershuny family in honor of Rachel's graduation from the IDF medic course.

Kiddish is sponsored by Duke McCarthy: All praise, glory, honor, and blessings to the Great G-d of the whole universe and the Holy G-d of Israel. May He bless the State of Israel and His chosen people, the Jewish people. And lead them and guide them in their quest to shine His Light throughout the world. May He bless all their families, especially Young Israel and families of Cherry Hill. Please, Amen.

Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	7:55 pm
Candle Lighting	7:58 pm
Sunset	8:16 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Navi Shiur	7:15 pm
Mincha	7:45 pm
Maariv	8:59 pm
Shabbos Ends	9:08 pm

Dvar Torah: Shmueli Berdugo

We are currently in the process of performing the mitzva of sfirat ha'omer. The generally accepted reason for this mitzva, as explained by the Sefer Ha'chinuch, is that we are counting towards receiving the torah. This approach has many problems but the most obvious one (which is dealt with by the Chinuch himself) is that the normal way to count towards an event is to count down the days to the event (ie there are 50 days left until we will receive the torah) but here the torah commands us to count up? Another question is why are we focusing on the weeks in the count? Also why don't we even mention matan torah, the only thing we reference is the korban ha'omer? Another telling question is the word Shavuot, the name holiday that the count culminates in. If the point of the count is to build up to the event of matan torah then why is the holiday called Shavuot, or weeks, a reference to the counting that led up to this day?

Rav Moshe Eiseman explains this using an idea introduced by the Kuzari. The Kuzari makes the observation that of all the units of time that people use (day, week, month, and year) the week is the only one that doesn't reflect an astronomic event, and yet the seven day week is used throughout the world. The only source for the seven day week is the seven days of creation. Rav Eiseman says the process of sfirat ha'omer is converting days, which are reflected by a physical event and represent physicality, into weeks which are purely spiritual. It is meant as a lesson, to put the physical part of your life, into the context of the spiritual, in other words to convert the days into weeks. This explains why sfira starts with the korban ha'omer which represents a persons livelihood and culminates with Shavuot, or weeks.

YI Board meeting June 2nd after Maariv

Women's swim will be beginning at the Katz jcc this upcoming Sunday (and every Sunday thereafter) from 6-7PM. Cost is \$10 and \$5 for JCC members. Feel free to email sarah.bienenfeld@gmail.com with any questions. This is not a shul program, just a community wide effort.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
- Eitz Chaim: \$120
- Weekly Newsletter: \$50

Scrip - Purchase on YI's website or by contacting Joyce at JJoseph5@aol.com

Tribute Cards— Support YI & mark any occasion by purchasing on YI's website.

Dvar Torah - to participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project, please contact Isaac Mass — isaacbenmass@gmail.com

Membership
\$1,525 Regular Family
\$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
For more info, contact Shmuel at Samuel.Gluck@gmail.com

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thurs-

Next Week

Shacharis (Sun & Mon)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Tues- Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	8:00 pm
Mincha (Fri)	8:00 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	9:11 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos-men (Mon)	8:30 pm
Parsha Class –women (Wed)	8:30 pm