



Dear Friend:

Why do we celebrate Shavuot, the holy day of the giving of the Torah, with a seemingly hedonistic ice cream party and a calorie-infested piece of cheese cake? How does this reconcile with a spiritual beginning of a G-dly nation? The same question emerges about Lag BaOmer which we just celebrated and for that matter every single Jewish festival emphasis on food?

Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day of the Omer counting, which we celebrated yesterday, is the yartzeit of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai - one of the greatest Sages of the Talmud and the author of the Zohar, the fundamental text of the Kabbalah - Jewish mysticism. Customarily, we commemorate Lag BaOmer by outings; taking our children out to the forests and the fields, marching in parades and celebrating outdoors.

This raises an obvious question: Is it right to honor the passing of a great scholar by dismissing our studies and going out to the fields? Rabbi Shimon was described as one who made Torah study his occupation - his entire life revolved around these teachings. **Why then do we commemorate his life by taking a vacation from school?**

The point is that Lag BaOmer may be a vacation from school, but not a vacation from the Torah. On the contrary, the intent is to show how Rabbi Shimon's teachings give us the insight to extend the Torah beyond the confines of the school building. Forests and fields are not usually associated with the Jewish way of life, and yet, Rabbi Shimon provides us with the mind set to extend the Torah's wisdom into such settings.

This is dependent on Rabbi Shimon's mystic teaching. The Zohar, which he authored, gives us the conceptual underpinnings to spiritual G-dliness in every environment, and to understand how every element of our existence reflects spiritual truth. So from outings to cheese cakes to Shavuot ice cream parties - let's celebrate by imbuing within our great universe real spirituality.

Shabbat Shalom,

Areyah

**דמוני הדלקת הנרות**

Candle Lighting Times for New Albany, OH (Based on Zip Code 43054):

Shabbat Candle Lighting:  
Friday, May 8 8:15 pm  
Shabbat Ends: 8:19 pm  
Shabbat, May 9 9:19 pm

Torah Portion: **Emor**



**Schedule of Services**

The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center offers a full schedule of Shabbat services.

Come and be inspired for the rest of the week! For more information, please call us at 614-939-0765.

**13 Iyar 5775**

**Saturday, May 9, 2015**

**Morning Services: 9:30 a.m**

**Yizkor: 11:00**

**Moshiach Seuda: 6:00**

**CKids - ages 5-12: 10:45 a.m.**

**Torah and Tea: 10:00 a.m.**

*\*this class is now Dedicated in memory of Rashi Minkowitz, ob"m, a community leader, mother and Shlucha*

**Tot Shabbat for 4 and under: 11:00 a.m.**

**KIDDUSH - 12:00 pm**

**14 Iyar, 5775**

**Sunday, May 10, 2015**

**Shachrit: 9:45 a.m.**

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**לחמודעות**

**Upcoming Events**

**Hebrew School - regular class**  
May 12, 2015 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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**LifeTown Legends Luncheon**  
May 12, 2015 - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[More Info >](#)

**Thurs night Parsha class**  
May 14, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**Hebrew School - regular class**  
May 17, 2015 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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**JLI-Art of Parenting**  
May 17, 2015 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Rosh Chodesh - Soulmates**  
May 19, 2015 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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**Thurs night Parsha class**  
May 21, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**פרשת השבוע**

**Parshat Emor**

The Torah section of Emor ("Speak") begins with the special laws pertaining to the *kohanim* ("priests"), the *kohen gadol* ("high priest"), and the *Temple service*: A *kohen* may not become ritually impure through contact with a dead body, save on the occasion of the death of a close relative. A *kohen* may not marry a divorcee, or a woman with a promiscuous past; a *kohen gadol* can marry only a virgin. A *kohen* with a physical defect cannot serve in the Holy Temple, nor can a deformed animal be brought as an offering.

A newborn bull, lamb or kid must be left with its mother for seven days before being eligible for an offering; one may not slaughter an animal and its offspring on the same day.

The second part of Emor lists the annual Callings of Holiness—the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the second day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day, a "remembrance of showing blowing" on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival—during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the "Four Kinds"—beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the "eighth day" of Sukkot (*Shemini Atzeret*).

Next the Torah discusses the lighting of the menorah in the Temple, and the showbread (*lechem hapanim*) placed weekly on the table there.

Emor concludes with the incident of a man executed for blasphemy, and the penalties for murder (death) and for injuring one's fellow or destroying his property (monetary compensation).

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**מגזין שבועי**

This Week @ [www.ChabadColumbus.com](http://www.ChabadColumbus.com)

**your questions**  
**Rabbi Y: Why Do Jews Still Insist on Speaking Yiddish?**  
Why are Jewish people living in the United States speaking German? Can't they speak in English, or at least Hebrew?

**lag baomer: celebrating the inner world**  
**Raise your Hand if You'd Like to Change Something About Yourself**

**women**  
**I Was a Street Child in Ukraine**  
The true story of a girl who learned to believe in herself

**parshah**  
**Learn the Parshah in Depth**  
Join the sages of yesteryear as they explore the deeper meaning of this week's Parshah. As quoted from the Talmud, Zohar, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law, and more...

**CELEBRATE OUR LIFETOWN CHAMPIONS**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2015**  
Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel

More info: <http://tinyurl.com/legends2015>

See Arlene and Esther on NBC14 and learn about LifeTown, our luncheon, and the Big Give!



**You're invited to join us for a SHAVUOT ICE CREAM PARTY**  
**Sunday, May 24, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**You're invited to a Shavuot Ice Cream Party!**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2015**  
**11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

- Experience the reading of the Ten Commandments
- Ice cream party
- Food crafts
- Dairy dinner buffet
- For the entire family

\$5 per person  
For more information email [chabadcolumbus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chabadcolumbus@sbcglobal.net) or call 614-939-0765

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**SOULMATES**

**ROSH CHODESH Soulmates - Jewish Secrets to Meaningful Relationships**

Next Lesson - Tuesday, May 19

Course synopsis by chapters [here](#):

**Upcoming classes:**

Tuesday, May 19 - "Becoming a Better Half"

Classes are from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Gourmet lunch will be served.

Cost: \$105 registration for entire year includes textbook; or \$20 per individual class.

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**Weekly Torah study**  
Please join us for "A Journey into the Soul of Torah", a weekly Torah study. The class will continue on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center. Open to all and free of charge.

**Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

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