



Dear Friend:

Judaism considers personal growth a lifelong task for each of us, 365 days a year for every year of our lives. Nevertheless, every year, a period of time is set aside when these efforts become the focus of our attention. This reflects the spiritual significance of Sefirat HaOmer, the forty-nine-day period beginning on the second night of Pesach and continuing until Shavuos.

The Hebrew word Sefirah means "counting". Every night we count one of these forty-nine days. But Sefirah also means "shining". During these forty-nine days, we should endeavor to make our personalities shine.

According to the Kabbalah, we have seven fundamental emotional qualities. These qualities then interrelate, to create a total of forty-nine emotions. The cultivation of our spiritual personalities during the Counting of the Omer involves the refinement of our emotions, eliminating their coarseness and directing them to G-dliness. As we work to upgrade our emotional potential, we prepare ourselves to relive the experience of the giving of the Torah on the upcoming holiday of Shavuos.

Shabbat Shalom,

Areyah

**Mazel Tov to Ian Brawlasce on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Grace.**

**Happy Birthday to Arthur Feldman!**



**YOU'RE INVITED**

All current and former volunteers and their families, Friendship Circle families, community members and supporters are invited to the annual Volunteer Recognition dinner.

As part of our year of activities geared to healthy living, we'll be enjoying grilled veggies, smoothies, & salads.

All Friendship Circle volunteers and Baker Fellows will be recognized.

**Sunday, April 19, 2015  
5:30-7:00 pm**

At the Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center  
6220 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany, OH 43054

RSVP to Donna: [dnier.chabad@gmail.com](mailto:dnier.chabad@gmail.com)  
or call/text 614-783-7660 or call 614-939-0765

You may also RSVP online at [www.FriendsColumbus.com](http://www.FriendsColumbus.com)  
Please let us know how many from your family will be attending.

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| <p><b>FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE TEEN VOLUNTEERS</b></p> <p>Ableman, Leilah<br/>Agranoff, Mindy<br/>Alfonso, Izzy<br/>Alfonso, Victor<br/>Applebaum, Noah<br/>Biemer, MacKenzie<br/>Bloch, Emily<br/>Cohen, Micah<br/>DiPietra, Lily<br/>Dorochenko, Kat<br/>Dove, Rebekah<br/>Drobiz, Elizabeth*<br/>Green, Amelia<br/>Hirsch, Abby<br/>Kaltmann, Rochel<br/>Kaltmann, Simmy<br/>Kieppel, Jamie*<br/>Klinger, Presley*<br/>Margolies, Samantha (Sami)<br/>Maxwell, Jonathan<br/>Moulin, Lily<br/>Moulin, Lorelei<br/>Pattisam, Sarita<br/>Pattisam, Sonia<br/>Rabe, Julianne*<br/>Remer, Emily<br/>Schlonsky, Sari<br/>Schottenstein, Alyssa*<br/>Sharfin, Samantha<br/>Sher, Lilli*<br/>Shocket, Carly<br/>Slone, Evie<br/>Slone, Lily<br/>Spector, Julia<br/>Yalowich, Aaron<br/>Zats, Isabel*<br/>*Baker Fellows</p> | <p><b>FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OSU VOLUNTEERS</b></p> <p>Bloom, Jeff<br/>Ballengee, Samantha<br/>Barnett, Nick<br/>Bloch, Andrew<br/>Bolman, Lisa<br/>Bordia, Cory<br/>Boyer, Sarah<br/>Exner, Taylor<br/>Fenton, Hayley<br/>Fox, Emily<br/>Glassman, Sydney<br/>Glazer, Michelle<br/>Gold, Jake<br/>Guttman, Jeremy<br/>Hoffman, Kyle<br/>Hudock, Amanda<br/>Jacobs, Rebecca<br/>Kolanko, Kelsey<br/>Lipkus, Annaleah<br/>Natarus, Aaron<br/>Nurko, Ilana<br/>Palay, Jonathan<br/>Pierce, Hannah<br/>Poser, Rebecca<br/>Ringel, Richard<br/>Schmid, Calla<br/>Schoen, Max<br/>Seletz, Nikki (Nicole)<br/>Singer, Samantha<br/>Turoff, Sydney<br/>Tuschman, Hannah<br/>Yasinow, Spencer<br/>Young, Mami</p> |
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**Don't Miss Out!**

**LAST HOT SOUP UNTIL FALL!**

Mitzvah Soup... Good for the Body and Soul

**Father's (Gene & Aaron) Chicken Spaetzle Soup**

Available at the Chabad Center now until we run out!

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**Chabad Hebrew School**

For more information:  
[www.chabadhs.org](http://www.chabadhs.org)  
Call 614-939-0765 or 614-578-9318 or email [hebrewschool@chabadhs.org](mailto:hebrewschool@chabadhs.org)

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**NEW - Four Weeks of Camp Gan Izzy, with Extended Wednesdays**

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Monday through Friday  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

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New Albany Middle School Facility  
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New Albany, OH 43054

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**WEBSITE:**  
[www.cgicolumbus.com](http://www.cgicolumbus.com)

**CAMP RATES:**  
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*"Gan Izzy is a warm, fun and exciting summer program that made a tremendous impact on my son...While I knew that my son greatly enjoyed camp, I didn't realize just how connected he felt to the camp until after the program completed. He felt so close to his counselor... Throughout the year, he tells me how much he's looking forward to returning next summer."*  
- Elana Katz

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**SOULMATES**

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

**Next Lesson - Monday, April 20**  
"Sacred Space"

Romantic of all ages have waxed poetic on the notion of "soulmates," seeking that special someone who makes love and passion so potent, what drives the inexplicable magnetism between two people, and what makes true love last. Yet millennia of Jewish text and tradition are rich with insights on this very topic, from the mystical and spiritual to the no-nonsense and practical.

Course synopsis by chapters [here](#).

**Upcoming classes:**

Monday, April 20 - "Sacred Space"

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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Questions or to register: email [Esther.Kaltmann@chabad.org](mailto:Esther.Kaltmann@chabad.org)  
or call office at 614-939-0765

**The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center**  
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**IT'S THE BEST #SELFIE YOU'LL EVER TAKE.**

**COMPLICATED ME**

**Begins April 12**

Face your demons head-on as you get a true-to-life snapshot of what's lurking beneath your mask. You won't get all the answers. But you will get to discuss fascinating theories and case studies in psychology along with powerful Jewish insights to help figure yourself out, for yourself. Explore who you are, who you're not, and who you can become in a new six-session series for teens from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute.

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This program is made possible by the Jewish Education & Literacy Endowment Fund of the Columbus Jewish Foundation

Sundays 3:00-4:00  
Questions? Email [Esther.Kaltmann@chabad.org](mailto:Esther.Kaltmann@chabad.org)

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**LIFE TOWN** LESSONS FOR LIFE

LifeTown provides life skills training for children with disabilities. We rely on volunteers to make our unique program work. To volunteer, sign up at [SignUp.Genius.com](http://SignUp.Genius.com) or email volunteer coordinator [Nancy Eisenman](mailto:Nancy.Eisenman@chabad.org) for more information.

**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**  
Looking for a meaningful way to recognize a special day? Consider sponsoring a Kiddush. For more information, please contact the Chabad office at 614-939-0765.

**זמני הדליקת הנרות**

Candle Lighting Times for  
New Albany, OH [Based on Zip Code 43054]:

Shabbat Candle Lighting:	7:54 pm
Friday, Apr 17	
Shabbat Ends:	8:55 pm
Shabbat, Apr 18	
Torah Portion: <a href="#">Shemini</a>	

**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.

**29 Nissan 5775  
Saturday, April 18, 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 Minkovitz, ob"m, a community leader, mother and Shilucha*

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

**KIDDUSH - 12:00 pm**

**30 Nissan, 5775  
Sunday, April 19, 2015**

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

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**Upcoming Events**

**Hebrew School - regular class**  
Apr. 18, 2015 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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**JLI-Art of Parenting**  
Apr. 19, 2015 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More Info »](#)

**Rosh Chodesh - Soulmates**  
Apr. 20, 2015 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[More Info »](#)

**Thurs night Parsha class**  
Apr. 23, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**Hebrew School - regular class**  
Apr. 26, 2015 - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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**JLI-Art of Parenting**  
Apr. 26, 2015 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Thurs night Parsha class**  
Apr. 30, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**פרשת השבוע**

**Parshat Shemini**

On the eight day, following the seven days of their inauguration, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

Also in Shemini are some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the mikvah (a pool of water meeting specified qualifications) and the wellspring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to differentiate between the impure and the pure.

**המקור שבועי**

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

**essay**

**The Innermost Intelligence of the Smart Phone**

"A man is talking on the telephone behind a glass partition. We can't hear him, but we see his pointless pantomime. We wonder why he is alive."

**the holocaust: 70 years later**

**Before He Was Sent to Dachau, My Father Chose a Hebrew Name for Me**

A riveting story of one man's quest to fulfill his father's last wish seventy years later.

**living with the omer period**

**New for this Year: Questions and Answers on Pirkei Avot**

From "Vedivarta Bam," a compendium of questions and answers on the Torah portion, holidays, and many other aspects of Jewish life, available online for the first time on Chabad.org.

**your questions**

**Why Do We Count the Omer Specifically at Night?**

Join Rabbi Shurpin for a fascinating halachic discussion of why the preferred time for this mitzvah is during the night.