

## The Tribe Weekly Newsletter



### **This week's Parasha is Emor**

**Shabbat Times in London**

**Shabbat begins: 8.21pm**

**Shabbat ends: 9.33pm**

This week's Parasha (Weekly Torah portion) is Emor which means 'Say' and it begins with God telling Moshe (Moses) to 'say to the Cohanim (Priests)' and tell them all the special laws which applied specifically to the Cohanim (Priests) and the Cohen Gadol (High priest).

The Cohanim (Priests) were told that they may not become spiritually impure through contact with a dead body except for the death of a close relative. In addition, a Cohen may not marry a divorcee and a Cohen Gadol (High Priest) was not allowed to attend the funeral of even his closest relatives and could only marry a woman who had never been married before.

A Cohen who was unwell could not serve in the Beit Hamikdash (Holy Temple) and an animal with an injury could not be brought as an offering.

A new-born calf, lamb or kid had to be left with its mother for its first seven days and only after eight days could it be used in the Beit Hamikdash (Holy Temple).

The Parasha (Torah Portion) of Emor then lists a number of festivals in the Jewish year. It begins with Shabbat, which occurs every single week and then goes on to the bringing of the Paschal lamb (Passover offering) on 14th Nissan.

The festival of Pesach (Passover) was to begin on 15<sup>th</sup> Nissan and the Omer offering, made up of the first barley harvest, was offered on the second day of Pesach (Passover). On that day, the Counting of the Omer began and lasted for 49 days, with the festival of Shavuot (Pentacost) being celebrated on the fiftieth day. Nowadays, we still count 49 days from the second day of Pesach (Passover) until Shavuot (Pentacost). The Parasha (Weekly Torah portion) continues to list other festivals including, Rosh Hashana on 1<sup>st</sup> Tishrei, Yom Kippur on 10<sup>th</sup> Tishrei and Sukkot, during which Jewish people live in a Sukkah (temporary hut) for seven days. They are to also take the Arba Minim (The Four Species) during the festival and Sukkot (Tabernacles) was to begin on 15<sup>th</sup> Tishrei. The eighth day of the festival was to be called Shemini Atzeret.

The Parasha (Weekly Torah Portion) then reminds the Children of Israel of their duty to provide pure olive oil for the lighting of the Menorah (Candelabra) inside the Beit Hamikdash (Holy Temple). There was also a reminder that the Showbread was to be made of twelve rows of fine flour and arranged in two rows.

On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> it is the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer and is called Lag B'Omer - (The word Lag is made up of a Lamed which equals 30 and Gimel which equals 3. So, it is the number 33 in Hebrew.

Lag B'Omer is celebrated because the students of the famous Rabbi Akiva stopped dying on this day and we celebrate the life of another famous Rabbi, Shimon bar (son of) Yochai.

## [Song for Lag B'Omer Dance](#)

***Here is a link to a soundtrack you can play on Lag B'Omer (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May), which you can dance to as a whole household.***

Bar Yochai/ Lag B'omer Dance Track!!! By Lavi Klein


<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=lag+bomer+songs+for+kids&docid=608032790306294132&mid=4C66D40053AE2287D32E4C66D40053AE2287D32E&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>






# Story – So Many Festivals!

(Use the Pictures to help tell the Story) You can use the key at the bottom to help






Let me introduce you to , who are brother and sister and one of the things that makes them so excited, is when they get to celebrate a Jewish.



They just can't wait for the next Jewish    to come around and as they wait, they get more and more excited and the reason they get excited






is because of all the wonderful laws and customs connected to each   .



When it's time to clean the  for Pesach, it means that one of their favourite festivals is on its way!



love the , the grape juice, the , the  nights and they love finding the Afikomen and getting to choose their prize. But we've got to wait a




whole year for  to come again!





Then, 7 weeks later, along comes  and  can't wait to taste




their mum's most delicious  and cheese blintzes. The highlight of



for , is listening to the  and eating their favourite



. But we've got to wait a whole year for




 to come again!

Benny and Rachel love Rosh Hashana because they go to shul and listen to the



being blown. They even love Yom Kippur because they can't wait

to hear the story of . But we've got to wait a whole year for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur to come again!


What about Sukkot? Benny and Rachel help their dad and mum decorate the




in the back garden, they go with dad to buy the



and they just

love to dance next to the  on Simchat Torah right at the end of Sukkot. But we've got to wait a whole year for Sukkot to come again!

But do you know which festival Benny and Rachel love the best? I'll give you a

clue; it happens every single week without fail. Yes, of course, it's  and we certainly don't need to wait very long for that special day to come again!

Key

Benny and Rachel



Ten Commandments



Festival



Ice-Cream



Home



The Shofar



Matzah



Jonah and the big fish



Shavuot



Arba Minim



Torah Scrolls



Shabbat







# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

EMOR - PESACH SHENI: SECOND CHANCES!

REMEMBER THE FINAL GAME OF THE INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT? FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, OUR TEAM WAS IN THE FINAL AND THE TROPHY WAS IN SIGHT.

ROAR!

BOO!

BOOT!

Tap!

IN MY HEAD I WAS SCORING THE WINNING GOAL, TAKING THE TEAM TO VICTORY. THE CROWD WOULD GO WILD - I WOULD BE THE HERO...

BUT IN FACT, IT WASN'T QUITE LIKE THAT. YOU EVEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE BUT IT WENT FOR A CORNER!

I WAS FEELING RUBBISH - MY TEAM HAD BEEN COUNTING ON ME AND I'D LET THEM DOWN!

ALL WAS NOT LOST! THERE WAS A PENALTY IN EXTRA TIME, GIVING ONE FINAL CHANCE TO WIN THE GAME. BUT WOULD THE TEAM TAKE A GAMBLE AND LET YOU HAVE ANOTHER GO?

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT - THE COACH PUT ME ON FOR THE PENALTY?! THE PRESSURE... I WAS EXCITED AND NERVOUS AT THE SAME TIME. WITH A SILENT PRAYER, I GAVE IT MY BEST SHOT. AND SCORED!!!!

SLAP!

PHEEP!

POW!

GOOOO!

MANY TIMES, WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, WE THINK THAT IT'S OVER. BUT THE TORAH SHOWS US THAT WE CAN PUT THINGS RIGHT AND HAVE ANOTHER GO.

THIS WEEK IS PESACH SHENI (LITERALLY THE SECOND PESACH). PESACH SHENI IS 14TH IYAR - ONE MONTH AFTER PESACH. IT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART IN THE PESACH OFFERING THE FIRST TIME AROUND, TO HAVE ANOTHER GO.

PESACH SHENI REMINDS US THAT WE CAN HAVE A SECOND CHANCE. WE CAN PUT RIGHT THINGS WE DID WRONG, CHANGE OUR BEHAVIOUR AND SOMETIMES, EVEN HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE THAT WINNING GOAL.

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## Parasha Wordsearch Challenge!

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### Words to find

Answers at the end of the newsletter

Cohanim	Emor	Shavuot	Sukkot	Festivals
Passover	Omer	Yom Kippur	Tishrei	Menorah

## Recipe of the week

### Easy Kid's Cupcakes

#### Ingredients

Serves: 24

- 170g (6 oz) butter or margarine
- 170g (6 oz) sugar
- 3 eggs
- 170g (6 oz) self-raising flour

For decorating

- 200g plain chocolate
- sweets to decorate (eg, jelly sweets, smarties etc)

#### Method

Prep:10min › Cook:20min › Ready in:30min



1. **Adult** - Preheat the oven to 180 C / Gas 4. Line a muffin tin with paper cases.
2. **Child and Adult** - Cream together margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating continuously. Sift in flour and mix gently.
3. **Child** - Spoon mixture into prepared muffin tin. **Adult** - Bake for 20 minutes (dependant on cake size) until golden brown and skewer comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.
4. To decorate: **Adult** - Melt chocolate either in a bowl suspended over a pan of simmering water, or in the microwave at 30 second intervals.
5. **Adult** - Drizzle melted chocolate on top of cupcakes and **Child** - decorate with sweets. Leave to set.
6. **Everyone** - Enjoy!



## Answer sheet

Y	H	T	Q	S	B	X	P	A	U	W	R	Y	P	E	D	F
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Shabbat Shalom! From everyone at Tribe