### **The Tribe Weekly Newsletter**



## This week's parashot are Tazria and Metzora

Shabbat Times in London Shabbat begins: 7.58pm Shabbat ends: 9.06pm

This week there are two Parashot (Weekly Torah Portions). They are Tazria and Metzora and they discuss the laws of spiritual purity and impurity.

The Parashot (Weekly Torah Portions) then remind us about the command for every Jewish baby boy to be circumcised on the eighth day after they are born.

The Parashot (Weekly Torah Portions) continue by telling us about Tzaraat (similar to leprosy), a spiritual ailment which appeared on a person's house, clothing or on themselves if they spoke Lashon Hara (Evil gossip). If different coloured patches appeared on a person's skin, s/he was sent outside the camp of Israel for seven days, after which a Cohen (Priest) would inspect it. (By being alone for a period of time, it would remind the person how wrong it is to gossip about others). Looking at the size of the affected area, the Cohen (Priest) would then be able to decide whether that person was now Tahor (Spiritually pure) or Tamei (Spiritually impure). If it was the latter, then the person had to stay outside the camp for a further seven days.

When the Metzora (the person with Tzaraat) was completely healed, s/he was purified by the Cohen (Priest) with a special ceremony involving two birds, water in an earthenware jug, a piece of cedar wood, a scarlet thread and hyssop.

This week, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April (4<sup>th</sup> Iyar) it is Yom Hazikaron which is the national remembrance day observed in Israel for all Israeli military personnel who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of Medinat



Yisrael (The State of Israel) and for those soldiers and civilians who have been killed subsequently.

On the following day, 29<sup>th</sup> April (5<sup>th</sup> Iyar) it is Yom Ha'atmaut, Israel's Independence Day, celebrating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948. Both Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut are commemorated and celebrated in Jewish communities across the world and of course, in Israel. This year, we are celebrating 72 years since the establishment of the modern State of Israel in 1948.

## **Song for Yom Ha'atzmaut**

Here is a link to a song you can play on Yom Ha'atmaut, which you can sing and dance to as a whole household.

Chai - Ofra Haza Hologram and Sarit Hadad - Chai!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyuiqDgWI1A&feature=youtu.be







# Story – The potion of life!

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

Almost 2000 years ago, there lived a famous called Yannai who was a good and righteous man.



One day

Yannai went to the



and while he was



buying things for himself and his family, he noticed a





chanting, 'who will buy the



of life.



Yannai approached the



and asked him to reveal



his secret





refused, but



Yannai persisted. Finally, the



responded, 'you

don't need any special potions. The



to a long and good life









#### Now Rabbi Yannai truly understood what the

had been

saying. If we keep far away from badly about someone and if we keep away from arguments, then we have a better chance





ful and therefore much



life. 'That indeed,' said of life.'





**KEY** 



= Rabbi



= Market



= Poor Man



= Potion



= Key



= Speaking



=Calm



=Peace



=Longer



= Tongue



# Test Your Knowledge About Israel! Join up the Famous Place Names to the Correct Picture.

(The answers are at the end of the newsletter)

quite of the state	Tzefat
2.	Galilee
3.	The Kotel
4.	The Knesset
5.	Tel Aviv
6.	Masada
	The Dead Sea
7.	



# **Learn some Hebrew words**

Dakah	Minute
La'asot	To do
Yachol	Can
Karov	Near
Rachok	Far
Same'ach	Нарру



## **The Tribe Scribe**



NOVEMBER 2015 WAS A TRAGIC TIME FOR THE LITMAN FAMILY.

SARAH LITMAN WAS ABOUT TO GET MARRIED AND HER FATHER, RABBI YAAKOV, AND BROTHER, NETANEL, WERE ON THEIR WAY TO CELEBRATE THE AUFRUF WITH HER CHATAN ARON BIEGEL. SADLY, THEY WERE ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS AND KILLED. MANY FAMILY MEMBERS WERE ALSO INJURED.

And that's what happened! Sarah and Aron decided to invite the entire Jewish people to their wedding the following week – sending out an invitation to the public. THIS WEEK IS YOM HAZIKARON – ISRAEL'S MEMORIAL DAY. YOM HAZIKARON IS A TIME TO REMEMBER BOTH THE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR ISRAEL AND THE VICTIMS OF TERROR.



Instead of celebrating her wedding, Sarah Litman, the bride, and her family were in mourning – sitting Shiva for her father and brother. TONIGHT, INSTEAD OF WEARING MY WEDDING DRESS, I AM SITTING ON A LOW CHAIR WEARING TORN CLOTHES. BUT VERY SOON, WE WILL MARRY IN A LARGE AND HAPPY WEDDING. WE WILL GO ON TO BE HAPPY AS ABBA AND NETANEL ALWAYS WERE. WE WILL



Tens of thousands of people came to join in the celebration; to sing and dance with the new couple.

Don't make our enemies happy. We fell, but we got up.

With God's help, our wedding will take place next
Thursday, 26 November, 14 Kislev
at Binyanei Hauma in Jerusalem.

The Nation of Israel is invited to get up from the dust
and rejoice with us.

Sarah Techiya and Ariel

SARAH AND ARON LED BY EXAMPLE,
SHOWING HOW TIME AND AGAIN, THE
JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE
COURAGE TO MOVE PAST CHALLENGES
AND BECOME STRONGER TOGETHER.



AT THIS TIME OF YOM HAZIKARON,
SARAH AND ARON REMIND US TO
HONOUR THE MEMORY OF THOSE
PEOPLE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US
BY MAKING THEM PROUD AND MAKING
THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.



May their memories be a blessing.



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## Recipe of the week

## **Israeli Chocolate Cinnamon Rugelach Pastries**

7 ounces Butter

8 ounces Cream Cheese

¼ cup Sugar

1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract

2 cups All-Purpose Flour

1 tablespoon Cocoa

1 tablespoon Cinnamon

½ cup Sugar

½ cup Bitter-Sweet Chocolate (grated)

¼ cup Butter (melted)

1 Egg % cup Sugar

Adult & Child: In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and cream cheese together. Add sugar and vanilla, and mix until smooth.

Adult & Child: Add flour and mix lightly.

Child: Place the dough in the fridge dough for just over an hour.

Adult: Preheat oven to 350 F.

Child: Divide the dough into four balls. On a floured surface, using a floured rolling pin, roll one ball out into a circle until about 1/8-inch thick.

Child: In a small bowl, mix together the cocoa, cinnamon, sugar, and grated chocolate.

Child: Spread some melted butter on the centre of the circle. Sprinkle the chocolate mixture on top.

Adult: Cut the pastry into pie-shaped wedges. For bite-size and nice looking rugelach, the thick end of the wedge should about an 1- to 1 1/2-inch wide.





Child & Adult: Start at the wide edge of the wedge and roll the dough up toward the point.



Child & Adult: Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Place each pastry, seam-side down, on the paper.



Child: Brush each pastry with the egg and sugar.

Adult: Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden.





## **Answer Sheet**

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**Shabbat Shalom! From everyone at Tribe** 

