

The Tribe Weekly Newsletter



This week's parasha is Shemini

Shabbat Times in London

Shabbat begins: 7.46pm

Shabbat ends: 8.53pm

This week's Parasha (Weekly Torah Portion) is Shemini and refers to the day after Aharon (Aaron) and his sons had completed their inauguration, after which they assumed their duties.

Many offerings were brought on the Mizbeach (Altar) and Aharon (Aaron) blessed the Jewish nation. The deaths of Nadav and Avihu, two of the four sons of Aharon (Aaron) are recorded at the very same time that fire came down from heaven to light the Mizbeach (Altar).

Moshe (Moses) instructed Aharon (Aaron) and his two living sons, Elazar and Itamar to continue the service of the Mizbeach (Altar). (One of the very special qualities of Aharon - Aaron - was his love for peace. He would always go out of his way to seek a peaceful solution to every situation.)

The basic laws of Kosher and non-Kosher animals, fish, birds and insects are written in this week's Parasha (Weekly Torah Portion). Only animals with both completely split hooves and which also chew the cud are kosher and only fish with both fins and scales are kosher.

All birds of prey are not kosher and the vast majority of insects are also forbidden to be eaten.

Song for Shabbat

Here is a link to a song about Shabbat which you can listen to before Shabbat if you so wish and sing as a whole family.

The Maccabeats – It's Shabbat!

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=shabbat+song+by+maccabeats&docid=607990497685802606&mid=52649D233114D70E7C0F52649D233114D70E7C0F&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>



Upside-Down Family Quiz!



- Based on the Parasha (Weekly Torah Portion)

This quiz is unusual because you have to work out the question!

1. The 2 sons of Aharon (Aaron) called Nadav and Avihu.
2. Aharon
3. Aharon, Elazar and Itamar
4. On the Mizbeach
5. Have split hooves and chew the cud
6. Fins and scales.
7. Chicken, duck, turkey
8. Pig, horse, camel
9. Salmon, cod, herring
10. Eagle, raven, vulture

Unscramble These Words From The Parasha

(use the clues to help you)



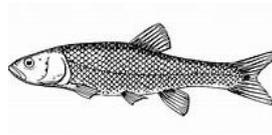
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A Story about Peace!



One day the most peaceful inhabitants from the Earth asked one very powerful wizard to stop all wars on the planet.

‘It is simple’ said the wizard. — ‘I will destroy all weapons on the Earth, and nobody will be able to fight anymore.’

‘That would be great!’ people exclaimed.

The wizard waved his magic wand and it was done. There were no more weapons on earth.

There was peace in the world for three days, as the majority of those who were prone to fight, sought and could not find a weapon. When they understood that they would never find a weapon, they took wood from young trees and started to make weapons again.

When the wizard heard this bad news, he said, ‘Don’t worry. I will destroy all the young trees, so that these people will not be able to make weapons from them.’

After two or three days of searching for young trees, suitable for making spears, the rebellious people started to cut giant trees, make weapons from them. So, the Wizard destroyed all big trees. But these reckless people made knives and swords of metal and the wizard destroyed all metal on the earth. But people began to throw stones at each other, so the stones were also destroyed.

The good people of the earth began to worry; all trees have disappeared; there is no metal and stones. How will we live and what will we eat now? There will be no vegetation soon. This is the wrong solution!

Suddenly, one clever child turned to the Wizard and said, ‘I know what you should do. Let people feel, how others perceive their actions. If one person hurts someone, let him/her feel the same pain, and if s/he brings joy to someone, let him/her feel the same joy. So, no one will hurt each other, because s/he will feel the pain immediately too and would have to stop.’

All the people were inspired with the greatness of this child’s idea and the wizard returned all the trees, the stones and metals.

Since that day nobody on the earth tried to hurt their neighbour, because they would have to feel the same pain too. People began to help each other, because they liked the sense of joy they felt at this moment. And they began to live in harmony and joy.



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHEMINI: KINDNESS ALL ROUND!



THIS WEEK'S PARASHA DISCUSSES KOSHER AND NON-KOSHER ANIMALS AND BIRDS. ONE OF THE NON-KOSHER BIRDS MENTIONED, THE CHASIDA BIRD, SHOWS KINDNESS BUT ONLY TO ITS OWN KIND. THIS TRUE STORY SHOWS US A WONDERFUL CONTRAST.



At the meeting...

Sol Werdiger, busy NY businessman (CEO of Outerstuff) and kind and caring community activist, was most surprised to receive a call from Mr Oh Joon, South Korea's Ambassador to the United Nations, inviting him to a meeting.



1. Everyday at 1.30pm, whatever is going on at the office, all those who want to pray stop their work and go, with others from nearby offices, to a room where they pray with sincerity and calm.

I HAVE ALWAYS HAD NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES ABOUT ISRAEL - THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT WAS. BUT RECENTLY MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN AN INTERN IN YOUR COMPANY. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR SHE HAS BEEN TELLING ME HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO WORK FOR YOU. PARTICULARLY IN 4 AREAS:



2. Every Friday, the office closes early in the afternoon in preparation for your holy Sabbath and is closed on Saturday. This includes all workers, whatever their faith or religion.



4. My daughter was treated with utmost respect and dignity.



3. My daughter noticed that there were many people who came to ask for charity. Every person was treated with respect and left with a cheque.



PLEASE LET ME PAY YOU BACK FOR ALL MY DAUGHTER'S EARNINGS.



ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOUR DAUGHTER WORKED HARD AND EARNED HER SALARY - SHE DESERVES HER PAY. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PAYMENT.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE VOTING RIGHTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. BECAUSE OF MY NEW APPRECIATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE I ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AGAINST ISRAEL ON THREE OCCASIONS, WHEN MY GOVERNMENT GAVE ME THE CHOICE. ONE OF THE TIMES, IT WAS MY VOTE THAT PREVENTED A RESOLUTION BEING PASSED AGAINST ISRAEL.



OF COURSE, MR WERDIGER AND HIS STAFF HAD NO IDEA WHO MR JOON'S DAUGHTER WAS, THEY JUST TREATED HER IN THE SAME WAY AS THEY DID ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF. BUT IT WAS ALL THE KINDNESS THAT RESULTED IN A FANTASTIC KIDDUSH HASHEM!



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What Shall I do with any Left-Over Matzot?

Here's a Good Recipe for you to try with an adult!



INGREDIENTS

- 4-6 unsalted matzot
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter or unsalted Passover margarine
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped chocolate chips or semi-sweet chocolate

PREPARATION

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line a large (or two smaller) cookie sheet completely with foil. Cover the bottom of the sheet with baking parchment — on top of the foil. This is very important since the mixture becomes sticky during baking.
2. Line the bottom of the cookie sheet evenly with the matzot, cutting extra pieces, as required, to fit any spaces.
3. In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine the butter or margarine and the brown sugar. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture comes to a boil (about 2 to 4 minutes). Boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and pour over the matzah, covering completely.
4. Place the baking sheet in the oven and immediately reduce the heat to 350°. Bake for 15 minutes, checking every few minutes to make sure the mixture is not burning (if it seems to be browning too quickly, remove the pan from the oven, lower the heat to 325°, and replace the pan).
5. Remove from the oven and sprinkle immediately with the chopped chocolate or chocolate chips. Let stand for 5 minutes, then spread the melted chocolate over the matza. While still warm, break into squares or odd shapes. Chill, still in the pan, in the freezer until set.
6. Enjoy!

Answer Sheet

Upside-down Quiz

1. Which 2 sons of Aharon (Aaron) died?
2. Who blessed the nation?
3. Who continued the service of the Mizbeach (Altar)?
4. Where were the offerings brought?
5. What are the signs of a kosher animal?
6. What are the signs of a kosher fish?
7. Name 3 kosher birds?
8. Name 3 non-kosher animals?
9. Name 3 kosher fish?
10. Name 3 non-kosher birds?

Unscramble the Words from The Parasha

Alter, Kosher, fins and scales, chew the cud, birds of prey

Shabbat Shalom! From everyone at Tribe