

# BJC Wensa

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## PARSHA OF THE WEEK....

### BEHAR

This week's reading, on the mountain of Sinai, G-d communicates to Moses the laws of the Sabbatical year: Every seventh year, all work on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, man and beast.

Seven Sabbatical cycles are followed by a fiftieth year—the Jubilee year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured servants are set free, and all ancestral estates in the Holy Land that have been sold revert to their original owners.

Behar also contains additional laws governing the sale of lands, and the prohibitions against fraud and usury.

### BEHAR POEM

When you grow up, what will you be?  
For years this has been our mentality.  
You need a profession, work hard and train,  
If you have a family that you need to sustain.

No work—no profit, or probably loss,  
Life is expensive, necessities cost.  
A break is a luxury you might not afford,  
It's this working mentality that we seem to award.

In biblical times, the “in thing” was farming,  
They spent their days sowing, plowing and reaping.  
Toiling arduously, all day on their feet,  
Well, that's what it takes to make ends meet.

### BEHAR POEM (CONT.)

G-d gave us the land and He wants us to work it,  
But every once in a while he tells us to “quit it!”  
“For six years you shall work,” in the land you invest,  
But come the seventh year, Shemittah, now sit back & rest.

It's a nationwide break for man, woman, child,  
Put down your tools, let the fields grow wild.  
All produce is free—no buying, no sale,  
It's Shabbat on a yearly scale.

Just imagine the many doubts and fears,  
If you shut down your business for an entire year.  
Not doing anything to guarantee your survival,  
That's sitting back and watching your field lie idle.

What will we eat in this coming year?  
Who will sustain us? The answer is clear.  
Shemittah expresses our faith deep inside,  
We put our trust in Hashem, knowing He will provide.

It's our chance to step back and let G-d run the show,  
Relinquish our hold on life, just let go!  
Don't worry too much about the possible loss,  
Relax for a moment and remember Who's boss!

G-d gave the earth the power to grow,  
He can make it bring produce, whether or not we sow.  
Work hard, invest effort, but never forget,  
It's in G-d's hands, not yours, if you'll see benefit

G-d blesses the earth on a constant routine,  
For six years this blessing is through nature's means.  
Comes the year of Shemittah, G-d opens our eyes,  
The earth bears on its own, without the “work” disguise.



# In The News...



## Luxe jewelry designer draws inspiration from the past

BY: TIMOTHY MITCHELL  
APRIL 29, 2014

*JEWELRY DESIGNER SHARON KHAZZAM LOVES A GOOD STORY.*

*IN A WELL-LIT CORNER OF BARNEYS, SHE POINTS TO AN ASYMMETRICAL ENGAGEMENT RING ENCASED IN GLASS AND REVEALS SHE NAMED IT AFTER NAPOLEON BONAPARTE'S FIRST WIFE, JOSEPHINE. KHAZZAM EXPLAINS SHE WAS INSPIRED BY THE INVERTED PEARLS OF THE 18TH CENTURY'S TREASURES THAT EARNED KHAZZAM A SPOT IN THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF JEWELRY HISTORIANS JUST LAST YEAR. BUT WHILE HER PIECES MAY PAY HOMAGE TO THE PAST, KHAZZAM'S ORIGINALITY MAKES HER MODERN IN HER GREAT NECK, N.Y. STUDIO. THE DESIGNER DRAWS AND PAINTS HER ONE-OF-A-KIND PIECES IN CRAFTSMANLIKE DETAIL, SELECTING VIBRANT GEMSTONES FOR BAUBLES THAT MAKE FOR COLORFUL MOSAICS. KHAZZAM FOLLOWS MOODS, NOT TRENDS, AND SHE'S WILLING TO EXPERIMENT, WHICH IS SURPRISING CONSIDERING HER TRADITIONAL BACKGROUND.*

*AFTER EARNING A DEGREE IN JEWELRY DESIGN FROM FIT IN 1984, THE IRANIAN-BORN BLONDE WAS HIRED AS THE SOLE IN-HOUSE DESIGNER AT ASPREY, THE CENTURIES-OLD COMPANY K  
GLITZY CROWNS AND SCEPTERS SINCE 1993. SHE WAS CREATING PIECES*



Jewelry designer Sharon Khazzam

*HER PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LUXURY RETAILER INDUCED THE LAUNCH OF AN EYONYMOUS LABEL IN 2001, WHICH THEY'VE EXCLUSIVELY SOLD EVER SINCE. AND KHAZZAM CREDITS BARNEYS FOR ALLOWING HER TO DEVELOP HER METICULOUS CRAFT OUTSIDE OF THE STATUS QUO.*

*"WHEN YOU'RE A NEW DESIGNER, YOU'RE AFRAID TO TAKE RISKS," SHE ADMITS. "BARNEYS HELPED ME FIND THE COURAGE TO DO THINGS THAT AREN'T TRADITIONALLY DONE IN FINE JEWELRY."*

### G-d's Accuracy

Contributed by Mirra Zara



The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with Our life. If we try to regulate our own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only G-d, who made our brain and heart, can successfully guide them to a profitable end. I Pray G-d Bless You In Ways You Never Even Dreamed Of! When G-d solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities; When G-d doesn't solve our problems HE has faith in our abilities. G-d's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs:

- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days
- eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days;
- the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

G-d's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. G-d planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.  
A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

THINGS LIKE HER SIGNATURE QUIRK — SETTING BEACH-FOUND SEASHELLS IN CONCRETE TO MAKE THEM LAST FOREVER. KHAZZAM QUIPS: "SO I DON'T LOSE MY SENSE OF HUMOR."

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!  
-Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains and the next row an odd number. Amazing!
- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number.
- The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.
- All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks. G-d has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

**Life without G-d is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.**

# BJC Happenings...

**BJC SISTERHOOD PLANT SALE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED! APRIL 27, 2014**

**CONGRATS TO DUTCH SEASHORE FOR WINNING THE RAFFLE!**



**WE CELEBRATED YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HATMAOUT CELEBRATION AT THE BJC**

**THANKS FOR THE INSPIRING STORY BY AN ISRAELI SOLDIER...**

**CONGRATS TO ALICE FOR WINNING THE RAFFLE OF THE MINI IPAD (ON HER BIRTHDAY!) AND THE WINNERS OF THE BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT**



# JOKE



An old man lived alone in an American town. His only son was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son

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Shortly, the old man received this telegram:  
**'For Heaven's sake, Dad,  
 don't dig up the garden !!  
 That's where I buried the GUNS !!'**  
 At 4 a.m. the next morning, a dozen FBI agents and local police officers showed up and dug up the entire garden without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what had happened, and asked him what to do next. His son's reply was: **'Go ahead and plant your potatoes, Dad. It's thebest I could do for you, from here.'**

*Moral : TRUST and RESPECT cannot be LEARNED, PURCHASED or ACQUIRED. They can only be EARNED...*



## QUOTES



“Just remember there is someone out there that is more than happy with less than what you have.”

Believe you can and you're halfway there.  
 –Theodore Roosevelt

There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness. –Han Suyin

“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.”

**This Family Shabbat was sponsored by:  
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 Mr. Jacob Maslavi**



### BJC Reminders:

**Sat. May 17**, Congressman Steve Israel, & Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth coming to BJC services (regarding Iraqi artifacts)

**Sun. May 18**, 11:30AM, BJC Lag B'Omer picnic at Steppingstone Park

**Tues. May 20**, 7:00 Larger Than Life Gala at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation

**Thurs. May 22**, 7:00PM, Carol Basri Movie at BJC

**Fri. June 6**, Deadline for BJC calendar ads

**Thurs. June 12**, 7:30PM, BJC Expansion Gala at Lake Success

**Sat. June 14**, Last Family Shabbat before summer



The powerful women of The BJC!

### *The Last Tango in Baghdad*

by Dr. Albert Khabbaza is available at all online booksellers. For more info visit:

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