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## Shabbos Schedule

Date	Candle Lighting	Shabbos Ends	Parsha
June 8, 2012	7:53 PM	8:51 PM	Baha'alotecha
June 15, 2012	7:55 PM	8:53 PM	Shelach
June 22, 2012	7:57 PM	8:55 PM	Korach
June 29, 2012	7:57 PM	8:55 PM	Chukat
July 6, 2012	7:57 PM	8:55 PM	Balak
July 13, 2012	7:56 PM	8:53 PM	Pinchas

**Rosh Chodesh Tammuz:** June 20-21, 2012

**Rosh Chodesh Av:** July 20, 2012

**Fast of Shiva-Asar B'Tammuz:** Sunday, July 8, 2012

**Fast of Tisha B'Av:** Sunday July 29, 2012



## Restaurant

We wish to thank "Rare" for the wonderful and delicious meals served for Shabbos and Shavuot. You truly enhanced our Yom Tov. Thank you.

## Hurricane Season

The hurricane season is here. **IF LEAVING YOUR APARTMENT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME PLEASE REMOVE ALL OBJECTS FROM YOUR PORCHES.** Any hurricane damage at Tower 41 was the result of personal property being blown off the balconies or through the glass sliding doors. Please cooperate.

## Tower 41 Newsletter

If you have anything special you would like to share with the residents of the Tower 41 Condominium, please let the manager know by the last day of each month so we can include it in the following month's newsletter.



## Funnies

### What's in a name?

The famous Olympic skier Picabo Street (pronounced Pee-Ka-Boo) is not just an athlete. She is now a nurse currently working in an Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital. She is not permitted to answer the hospital telephones any longer. It caused too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, Picabo, I.C.U.

A young man was having some money problems, and needed \$200 to get his car fixed and road-worthy again but had run out of people to borrow from. So, he calls his parents via the operator, and reverses the charge and says to his dad, "I

need to borrow two hundred dollars." At the other end, his father says, "Sorry, I can't hear you, son, I think there may be a bad line." The boy shouts, "Two hundred. I need two hundred dollars!" "Sorry, I still can't hear you clearly," says his father. The operator cuts in, "Sorry to butt in, but I can hear him perfectly." The father says, "Oh, good. YOU send him the money!"

Q: What do you call steaks ordered by 10 Jews?

A: Filet minyan.

Q: What is the proper blessing to recite before logging on to the internet?

A: "Modem anachnu lach..."

Q: If a doctor carries a black bag and a plumber carries a toolbox, what does a mohel carry?

A: A Bris-kit

Moishe walks into a post office to send a package to his wife. The postmaster says, "This package is too heavy, you'll need another stamp."

Moishe replies, "And that should make it lighter?"

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## Cheese Blintzes

**BATTER:**

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk or water (milk makes a more tender shell)
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sifted flour

Beat eggs well and add salt. Add flour all at once. Add milk gradually and beat to a smooth batter. This will make a very thin batter.



**CHEESE FILLING FOR BLINTZES:**

- 1 pound dry cottage cheese or Farmers Cheese
- 1 teaspoon sugar (optional)
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

Melt butter in a skillet. Pour in 2 tablespoons of batter, swirling around to make a circle. Fry until lightly brown on bottom and turn out on waxed or parchment paper, browned side up. Fill pancakes with a tablespoon of cheese filling; fold over from both sides and then into envelope shape.

Just before serving, fry in a little butter in a hot skillet until a golden brown on all sides.

Serve hot with sour cream or applesauce, or cinnamon and sugar, or fruit preserves.

Makes 12 blintzes. Blintzes freeze well.

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# What are the Three Weeks?

## The Three Weeks in a Nutshell

The Three Weeks is an annual mourning period that falls out in the summer. This is when we mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple and our launch into a still-ongoing exile.

The period begins on the 17th of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, a fast day that marks the day when the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans in 69 CE.

It reaches its climax and concludes with the fast of the 9th of Av, the date when both Holy Temples were set aflame. This is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, and it is also the date of other tragedies spanning our nation's history.

### Observances:

There are various mourning-related customs and observances that are fol-

lowed for the entire three-week period (until midday of the 10th of the Hebrew month of Av, or—if that date falls on Friday—the morning of that day). We do not cut our hair, purchase new clothes, or listen to music. No weddings are held.

**17 Tammuz** is a fast day, on which we refrain from eating and drinking from dawn to nightfall.

**Those who mourn the destruction of Jerusalem will merit seeing it rebuilt with the coming of Moshiach.** The final **Nine Days** of the Three Weeks are a time of intensified mourning. Starting on the first of Av, we refrain from eating meat or drinking wine, and from wearing freshly laundered clothes.

**9 Av** is a more stringent fast than 17 Tammuz. It begins at sunset of the previous evening, when we gather in the

synagogue to read the *Eichah*, Book of Lamentations. Besides fasting, we abstain from additional pleasures: washing, applying lotions or creams, wearing leather shoes, and marital relations. Until midday, we sit on the floor or on low stools.



There is more to the Three Weeks than fasting and lamentation. Our sages tell us that those who mourn the destruction of Jerusalem will merit seeing it rebuilt with the coming of Moshiach. May that day come soon, and then all the mournful dates on the calendar will be transformed into days of tremendous joy and happiness.

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