

Parshat Behar Sinai

Leviticus 25:1-17

First Aliyah

¹ The Eternal spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai: ² Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I assign to you, the land shall observe a sabbath of the Eternal. ³ Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield.

Second Aliyah

⁴ But in the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of complete rest, a sabbath of the Eternal: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. ⁵ You shall not reap the growth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your untrimmed vines; it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. ⁶ But you may eat whatever the land during its sabbath will produce—you, your male and female slaves, the hired and bound laborers who live with you, ⁷ and your cattle and the beasts in your land may eat all its yield.

Third Aliyah

⁸ You shall count off seven weeks of years—seven times seven years—so that the period of seven weeks of years gives you a total of forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall sound the horn loud; in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month—the Day of Atonement—you shall have the horn sounded throughout your land ¹⁰ and you shall hallow the fiftieth year. You shall proclaim release throughout the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: each of you shall return to his holding and each of you shall return to his family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, neither shall you reap the growth or harvest the untrimmed vines, ¹² for it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you: you may only eat the growth direct from the field. ¹³ In this year of jubilee, each of you shall return to his holding.

Fourth Aliyah

¹⁴ When you sell property to your neighbor, or buy any from your neighbor, you shall not wrong one another. ¹⁵ In buying from your neighbor, you shall deduct only for the number of years since the jubilee; and in selling to you, he shall charge you only for the remaining crop years: ¹⁶ the more such years, the higher the price you pay; the fewer such years, the lower the price; for what he is selling you is a number of harvests. ¹⁷ Do not wrong one another, but fear your God; for I the Eternal am your God.