Women's Empowerment Shabbat & Eruv Appreciation Shabbat

January 12 - 18, 2019 — 6 Tevet - 12 Shevat 5779

Torah reading — pg 340, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg
Haftarah — Jeremiah 46:13-28 pg 1151 — Fred Mechanik

Taste of Torah parashah shiur with Essie Fleischman at 10:00 am in the Gallery
Prayer Pearls: Connecting Tefilah with Reb Noam Horowitz at 11:00 am in the Foyer
Ellyn Hutt will speak on "A Real Women's March: Jewish Women's Through History" in the Sanctuary

Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky — Executive Director
Ilene Rosen — Executive Director
Jeff Kline — Shul President

Cantor Martin Goldstein
Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman
Cantor Emeritus Zachary Kutner

Please join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by BMH-BJ with an enhancement by the Ruda, Moskowitz and Hull families on the occasion of the yahrzeit of their mother, Sylvia Ruda, z”l, and an ice cream enhancement by Jeff and Marsha Mechanik on the occasion of their son Fred’s 35th bar mitzvah anniversary.

If you wish to sponsor a Kiddush, breakfast, or rent space in the synagogue please call us at 303-388-4203. Please respect the sanctity of our services by refraining from entering or leaving while the ark is open, Mourners Kaddish, Kedusha and Sermon.

Life & Legacy - Live On. Make a difference in your lifetime by making a difference in our future. For more information or to learn how to be a part of Life & Legacy contact one of our committee members: Brian Story, Lisa Engbar, Mel Engbar, Rabbi Chaitovsky, Ronit Williamson, Andy Schwartz, Jeff Kline, or Ilene Rosen.
Parashah Summary

The last three of the Ten Plagues are visited upon Egypt: a swarm of locusts devours all the crops and greenery; a thick, palpable darkness envelops the land; and all the firstborn of Egypt are killed at the stroke of midnight of the 15th of the month of Nissan.

God commands the first mitzvah to be given to the people of Israel: to establish a calendar based on the monthly rebirth of the moon. The Israelites are also instructed to bring a “Passover offering” to God: a lamb or kid is to be slaughtered, and its blood put on the doorposts and lintel of every Israelite home, so that God should pass over these homes when He comes to kill the Egyptian firstborns. The roasted meat of the offering is to be eaten that night together with matzah (unleavened bread) and bitter herbs.

The death of the firstborn finally breaks Pharaoh’s resistance and he drives the children of Israel from his land. So hastily do they depart that there is no time for their dough to rise and the only provisions they take along are unleavened. Before they go, they ask their Egyptian neighbors for gold, silver and garments—fulfilling the promise made to Abraham that his descendants would leave Egypt with great wealth.

The children of Israel are commanded to consecrate all firstborn and to observe the anniversary of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from their possession for seven days, eating matzah, and telling the story of their redemption to their children. They are also commanded to wear tefillin on the arm and head as a reminder of the Exodus and their resultant commitment to God.

In Today’s Haftarah

The Haftarah shows the punishment God visited upon Egypt centuries after the Jewish Exodus, through the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. God reveals Egypt’s fate to Jeremiah: Egypt will be helpless and great destruction will occur at the hands of the Babylonians. The Haftarah ends with God’s assurance to the Jewish people not to fear, for though they too will be punished and exiled, ultimately they will be redeemed:

“You fear not, O Jacob My servant, and be not dismayed, O Israel! for behold, I will redeem you from afar, and your children from the land of their captivity, and Jacob shall return and be quiet and at ease, and there shall be none who disturb his rest. You fear not, My servant Jacob, says the Lord, for I am with you, for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you.”

Clergy Classes—Come Learn!

“Tell Me More…” — Tuesdays at 7:15 pm in the Gallery beginning January 15
From Creation to the Second Temple—a crash course in biblical literacy. A fast-paced, guided tour of the characters, contents, and important ideas of every book of the Bible/Tanach.

Kabbalah and Jewish History — Sundays, January 6 – February 10 at 10:45 am in the Chapel
Join Cantor Marty as we continue to explore the basics of Kabbalah and how it is woven into the fabric of Jewish history. We will delve into thought-energy and the power of Love, Kindness and the Sharing aspects of Hashem that have been channeled through the Human Chariots of the sefirot such as Abraham and Moses. No prior knowledge necessary just and open mind.

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Birthdays

Abbie Bender, Steven B. Chotin, Maeve Cooper, Garrett Duman, Wayne Gardenswartz, Renee Goldstein, Stuart Heller, Simon Kaufman, Kenneth Kauvar, Batsheva Magency, Morey Melnick, Ella Peterson, Hydee Pringle, Chia Penina Bat Itzchak, Ava Raphaely, Sandi Schwartz, Steve Schweid, Farrell Sher, Carol Singer, Bernice Tarlie

Anniversaries

Michael Engleberg & Robin Engleberg (14)
Max Furer & Jeannette Furer (25)
Herzl Melmed & Hazel Melmed (54)

Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery

Gayle Boxer, Chaim Binyamin ben Sara, Sara Behmoaras, Ann Jill Drucker, Deborah Dunn (Devorah Leah bat Ita Liba), Linda Fox, Dr. Stuart Gottesfeld, Crystal Hickman, Doniel Kaye, Sandy Kline, Dr. Mickey Mandel, Jerry Marcus (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam), Aileen Marcus (Amalia Ester bat Chana), Mark Millenson, Tamar bat Phoebe, Toby Mower, John Peterson, Lionel Richman, Harriet Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Beth Rosen (Shifra bat Ethel Brindel), David Weinstein, Terry Wolf

HaMakom Yenacheim Etchem
to our long time member Jerry Jurinksy and Danielle Jurinsky on the loss of their sister and aunt in Ohio, Riviann Joseph, z”l

Yahrzeits

Shabbat, January 12, 2019 / 6 Shevat 5779

Sunday, January 13, 2019 / 7 Shevat 5779
George Applebaum, Max Babe Baer, Helen Barkan, Ruby Barter, Khanna Bekker, Ramona Bivians, Edmund F. Breier, Burton Dunevitz, Leo Einbinder, Helen Fisher, Harry Glixman, Vivian Guzofsky, Aaron Isaac Jacobovits, Michael Jultak, Charlotte Kaminsky, David Klein, Evguenia Kolker, Nathan Aaron Lerer, Anna Liss, Joe Luby, Mania Lustman, Ursula M. Oliner, Bernice Rosen, Mark Shapiro, Celia Shapiro, Maxine Miriam Shatsoff, Ida Shimmel, Zlata Shneideris, Charlotte Tucker

Monday, January 14, 2019 / 8 Shevat 5779

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 / 9 Shevat 5779
Abe Berneman, Frieda Blumberg, Jacqueline Davis, Melvin Dinner, Morris Feldman, George Fine, Harry Fine, Dorothy Gensberg, Reuben Hollander, Sanford Kaplan, Dr. Jerome Kesselman, Benjamin Rudolph Krause, Earl M. Light, Earl Marcus, Berko Miaskovetski, Barney Nash, William Rosenfeldt, Jacob Sommer, Ben Steller, Sigmund Turner, Sidney H. Wandel, Garry Woodrow, Isaac Zeldin, Anne Stigman Zucker

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 / 10 Shevat 5779

Thursday, January 17, 2019 / 11 Shevat 5779

Friday, January 18, 2019 / 12 Shevat 5779
Leonard Alterman, Isaac Davis, Anna W. Farber, Harry Gliner, Devorah Goodman, David Kamen, Joseph D. Kentor, William King, Meyer Kleiner, Martha Kris, Rose K. Locke, Leo Moses, Shirley Perlmutter, Bertha Ross, Max Rothberg, Jacob Rothstein, Ben Schechter, Florence Schwartz, Herman Schwartz, Seymour Sheldon
Happenings @ BMH-BJ

Women’s League Hamantaschen Baking — every Sunday through March 17 at 9:30 am
Join us! Baking for Purim begins in January and we need volunteers weekly in the Dairy Kitchen.

Israel, President Truman, and a Taste of Bourbon
— Sunday, January 13 at 6:30 pm
B’nai B’rith Colorado President, Frank Goldman, will be speaking about his grandfather’s experience as President of B’nai B’rith International working with President Truman to recognize Israel as a state. Frank brings the story to life with a taste of bourbon for all participants. Register at https://www.bmh-bj.org/event/IsraelTrumanBourbon

Women’s Interfaith Group — Monday, January 14, 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Gallery
"Exploring the power of Human-Animal relationships" presented by Dr. Philip Tedeschi, Executive Director of the Institute for Human-Animal Connection University of Denver.

In the Crosshairs - Charting the Return of the Exiles — Thursday, January 17 at 1:00 pm
Corinne Joy Brown will speak about the ongoing return of the Anusim, Jews who were forced to abandon Judaism against their will, and the overwhelming rising tide of awareness and connection among the Jews of Spanish and Portuguese descent. She will also discuss new discoveries linking Jews and Hispanos -- specifically Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday, and Sukkot--(yes really!)

Shabbat Shira and New Member Shabbat — January 19
We will be honoring our new congregants at our New Member Shabbat on Shabbat Shira, January 19, 2019. Shabbat Shira, a musical highlight of the year, will feature the singing of old favorites as well as a new melody or two, all designed to raise our spirits in honor of Shabbat. Following services, both minyanim will join together for Kiddush, where we can all socialize and celebrate as a community.

20th Annual John C. Livingston Memorial Lecture — January 20 at 12:30 pm in Fisher Hall
Dr. Cynthia Francis Gensheimer will be speaking on Denver’s Early Jewish College Women: with a talk titled “From Gefilte Fish to Suffrage, Sisterhood & Social Work.” The event is put on by The Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society & Beck Archives, Center for Judaic Studies & University Libraries, and University of Denver.

Fourth Friday Shabbat Dinner — January 25 at 6:15 pm
The Fourth Friday Shabbat Dinner Series returns in January with a Tu’beshvat Shabbat. During a dinner with extra fruit and vegetables, Rabbi Chai and Cantor Marty will lead a Tu’beshvat sedar. Sign up at https://www.bmh-bj.org/event/Jan4Shab

BMH-BJ Goes to Dior — Sunday, January 27 at 11:00 am
The Young Professionals at BMH-BJ are heading to the Denver Art Museum to check out their latest exhibit, Dior: From Paris to the World. We are asking everyone to buy their tickets directly through the Denver Art Museum at https://tickets.denverartmuseum.org/DateSelection.aspx?item=1944 for the 11:00 Show. We will meet at 10:30 am in front of the museum for bagels and cream cheese.

Are you a woman, or have a female relative, who lived in Denver and attended college before 1920? Dr. Cynthia Francis Gensheimer would love to talk about the experience for her research with DU. Contact her at (913) 269-0500.