

# BMH BJ

## Parashat Vayechi

**December 22-28, 2018 — 14 - 20 Tevet 5779**

Torah reading — pg 268, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — I Kings 2:1-12 pg 1145 — Yoni Buckman on the 15th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

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

**Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky**

**Ilene Rosen—Executive Director**

**Jeff Kline— Shul President**

**Cantor Martin Goldstein**

**Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman**

**Cantor Emeritus Zachary Kutner**

### Service Times

#### **Saturday— December 22**

Daf Yomi 8:00 am

Shacharit, Sanctuary 9:00 am

Shacharit, Chapel 9:15 am

Mincha, Chapel 4:20 pm

Havdalah 5:21 pm

#### **Sunday— December 23**

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm

#### **Monday— December 24**

##### **Offices Closed**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm

Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

#### **Tuesday— December 25**

##### **Offices Closed**

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm

#### **Wednesday— December 26**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Rabbi's Class 7:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm

Conversation Hebrew 7:00 pm

#### **Thursday— December 27**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Ellyn Hutt Class 11:00 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 pm

#### **Friday— December 28**

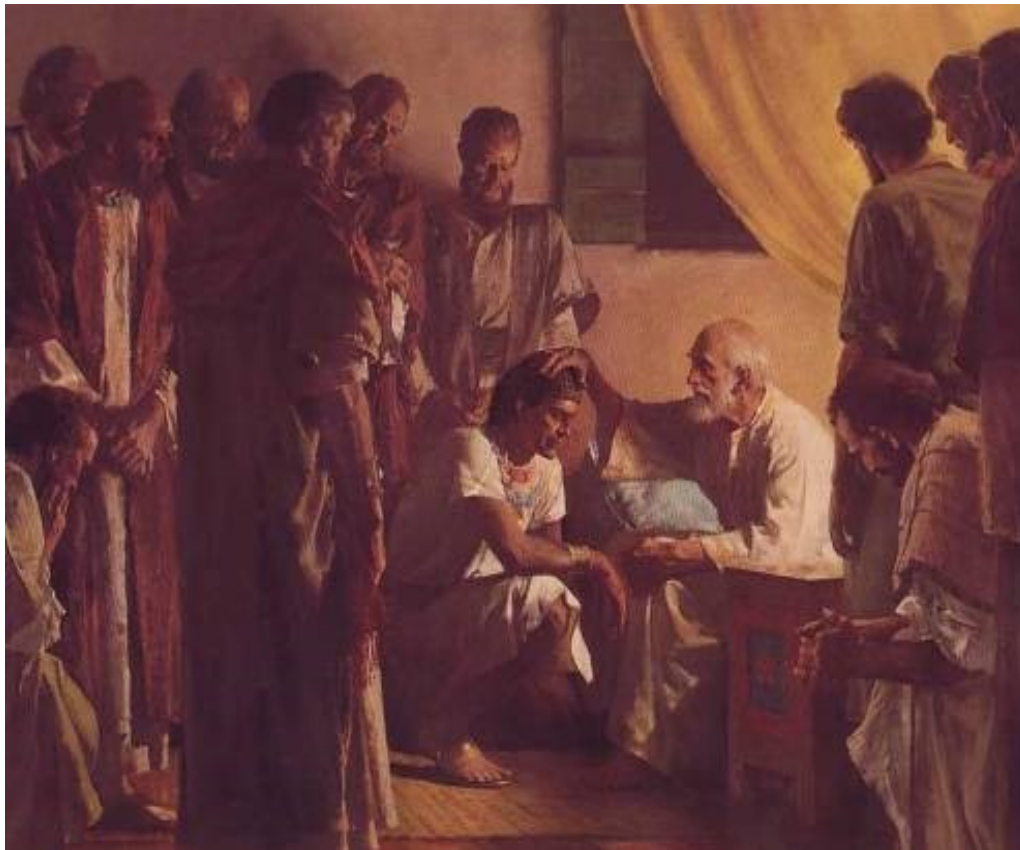
Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Candle Lighting 4:23 pm

Mincha 4:25 pm

**שבת שלום ומבורך!**



**Please join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by BMH-BJ.**

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, Andy Schwartz, Jeff Kline, or Ilene Rosen.

## Parashah Summary

The *Sidrah* tells of the last period of Jacob's life. He and all of his family have settled in Egypt at the invitation of Joseph. This must have been the happiest years of Jacob's life. He has been reunited with Joseph. He has seen peace come among all of the members of his family. These are seventeen good years for all of them.

But Jacob is now an old man and knows that his life is coming to an end. He asks all of the brothers to gather together for his final message and blessing. As he speaks to each of the brothers he points out to them their strengths and weaknesses.

1. Reuben: though he is the first-born and should stand at the head of all his brothers, he is undependable.

2. & 3. Simeon and Levi have been violent men.

They must guard their tempers or there will be trouble for them in time to come.

4. Judah: he is courageous and blessed with the strength of a lion. His descendants shall be rulers some day.

5. Zebulun: his descendants shall be a seafaring tribe.

6. Issachar: his descendants shall be a hard-working tribe living peacefully on the land.

7. Dan: his descendants shall be judges among their people.

8. Gad: his descendants shall have to battle against enemy peoples around them.

9. Asher: his descendants shall be happy, prosperous farmers.

10. Naphtali: his descendants shall be spokesmen for their people and they shall carry out successful military missions.

11. Joseph: he is outstanding among them all and many blessings shall come upon his descendants.

12. Benjamin: his descendants shall be warriors who love battle.

When he ends his blessing, Jacob requests that his body be brought to Canaan to be buried in the Cave of Machpelah at Hebron. When Jacob dies he is taken back to the land of his fathers. Eventually, having lived a full life, Joseph dies as do all of the brothers. Thus ends the Book of Genesis.

## In Today's Haftarah

The *Haftarah* is from the First Book of Kings. It tells of the final blessing which King David offers to his son, Solomon, who is about to succeed his father to the throne of Israel.

Here we share some highlights of David's life. As a daring youth he fights and kills Goliath, the Philistine giant. He is a talented poet and musician and becomes a close friend of Jonathan, King Saul's son and marries Saul's daughter, Michal.

Unfortunately, King Saul becomes suspicious of the popular David, fearing him as a rival for the affection of the people. David must run away to save himself from Saul's insane anger. When King Saul and Jonathan die in battle against the Philistines, David becomes, at first, King of Judah, later King of all Israel.

### Daily/Weekly Torah Learning

► **Daf-Yomi** one hour before Shacharit

- Rabbi Fleischmann

► **Law, Legend & Lore** daily after Mincha

- Rabbi Chaitovsky

► **Sefer HaChinuch** Mondays at 8:00 pm

- Rabbi Stern

► **Verse by Verse through the Torah**

Wednesdays at 7:30 am - Rabbi Chaitovsky

► **Conversational Hebrew Class**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm - Roberta Feinsmith

► **Women's Parasha Shiur** Thursdays at 11:00 am

- Ellyn Hutt

► **Taste of Torah** Shabbat at 10:00 am

- Essie Fleischmann

► **Prayer Pearls** Shabbat at 11:00 am

- Reb Noam Horowitz

► **Ten Minutes of Text** Shabbat at Seudah Shelishit

- Rabbi Chaitovsky

► **Kabbalah & Jewish History** Sundays at 10:45 am

- Cantor Goldstein (*will recommence January 6, 2019*)

## Birthdays

Hally Bregman, Yonatan Buckman, Eric Drucker, Jacob Eskanos, Michael Freiheiter, Mark Goldberg, Beverly Hirsekorn, Justin Kimel, Sarah Male, Meir Ephraim Neustadt, Jeffrey Parris

## Anniversaries

Bernard & Ellen Spilka (65)

Michael & Batzion Goodman (37)

Jeffrey & Sharon Waldman (53)

## Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery

Chaim Binyamin ben Sara, Sara Behmoaras, Deborah Dunn (Devorah Leah bat Ita Liba), Linda Fox, Max Furer, Dr. Stuart Gottesfeld, Crystal Hickman, Doniel Kaye, 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, Sam Platner, Lionel Richman, Harriet Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Ben Streltzer, Beth Rosen (Shifra bat Ethel Brindel), David Weinstein, Terry Wolf

## HaMakom Yenacheim Etchem

To Ruth Potashnick and family on the loss of her mother and our longtime member, **Hedwig Schaffer, z"l.**

## Yahrzeits

**Shabbat, December 22, 2018 / 14 Tevet 5779** Shirley Witkin Brown, Harvey Burry, Rebecca Cohan, Elizabeth Cohen, Pauline Engleberg, Edward Friedman, Frances Garber, Laura Goldberg, Moritz Goldman, Carl Hoffman, Chaim Karsh, Tsilia Kivovitch, Sarah Lipsitz, Saul Mintz, Louis Pitler, Dr. William E Robinson, Rhoda Russ, Samuel Shakin, Gabriel Springer, Israel Toltz, Joseph Tyor

**Sunday, December 23, 2018 / 15 Tevet 5779** Maurice Moshe Banker, Samuel Barkan, Esther Birnbaum, Phyllis S. Bockman, Anne Chesler, Faye Devine, Milton Grossman, Jacob P. Karsh, Anna Karshen, Paul Katzman, Scott Levitan, Gloria Levitas, Leona Lieb, Edith Mandel, Iliouch Mocheev, Simpson Nadler, Jerry Olesh, Rose Reiner, Anna Esther Rollnick, Joe Schwartz, Sidney Schwartz, Shmul Shumsky, Sam (Simcha) Soldinger, Bernard Sorkin, Ferne M. Story, Roslyn Susman, Harold Talpers, Busya Veyber, Seymour Winterfeld

**Monday, December 24, 2018 / 16 Tevet 5779** Rachel Rae Bloom, Herman Bobrick, Lillian Cohen, Joseph Cohen, Louis Joseph Duman, Oscar Finesilver, Bella France, Jacob P. Golbert, Abraham Golden, Ben Goldstein, Jay Hailpern, Arthur Klipper, Sylvia Kronsberg, Arthur Lang, Rabbi David Miller, Jacob Miller, Alexander Vosk, Leonard Wolpa

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018 / 17 Tevet 5779** Molly Berkowitz, Leonard Bloch, Cain Cowan, Emanuel Dunevitz, Rose Friedman, Sam Green, Khaya Sara Khaykina, Naomi Khodadad, William Samuels, Helen Stern, Joe Strathman, Nadzia Weber, Mildred Zelinger, Minnie Zinn

**Wednesday, December 26, 2018 / 18 Tevet 5779** Betty Barmatz, Leo Cohen, Alter Goldman, Dora Goldstein, Joseph Greenfield, Alexandra Kaplan, Rae Katz, Yetta Rose Lampert, Sharon Lasky, Joe Levy, Hedwig Maier, H. D. Messel, Bella Mintz, Mathew Neumann, Fred Nordhauser, Lena Rubenstone, Lillian Schiff, Yitzchok Schwartz, Isaak Shapiro, Rakhilya Shimshanova, Nathan Sugarman, Louis Tannenbaum, Edward Lee Timbel, Edith Wolfe

**Thursday, December 27, 2018 / 19 Tevet 5779** Adolph Axelrod, Sarah Rachel Bluestone, Joseph Doctorman, August "Sonny" Ehre, Mary Fried, Ellen Beth Goldman, Margot Goldman, Carin Beth Handler, Max A. Heller, Phillip L. Hornbein, Fannie Kass, Sarah Klein, Joseph Kopelman, Beryl Miklin, Alfred O. Primock, Leah Pringle, Morris Replin, Anna Sarobnick, Albert Schiff, Sarah Shtul, Joseph B. Shaner, Abraham Shaoul, Goldie Sierota

**Friday, December 28, 2018 / 20 Tevet 5779** Esther Albert, Barbara Arkin, Sadie Heyman Bergman, Morris Epstein, Steven Fields, Louis Gerstein, Blanche Goodman, Mary Debber Goodman, Rakhil Gorkaya, Victoria Hertz, Sammy Hornbein, Ruth Kolnick, Jack Levinson, Harry Mandel, Susan Mason, Irene Morgan, Adolf Pernitz, Abraham Phillips, Bessie Pitter, Ira L. Quiat, Marian Sarah Rush, Rachel Schaffer, Ann Schiffer, Dr. Samuel Silverberg, Myrna Stern, Marian C. Turetzky, Bernice Zelinger

# Winter Break Hours

Preschool will be closed Monday, December 24—Tuesday, January 8

We are still open for daily minyan at Shacharit and Mincha

*Please check the calendar for service times*

Office and Gift Shop are closed Dec 24-25 and Dec 31-Jan 1

## Happenings @ BMH-BJ

**Jewbille Bash** —Monday, December 24 at 9:00 pm at Club Vinyl

*Come dance the night away with Jewish young adults from across the Denver community. Buy tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jewbilee-bash-denver-tickets-52246492666>*

**Combined Shabbat Service on Final Shabbat of the Year** —December 29 in the Chapel

*Joint services will be held in Shari Simcha due to maintenance in the Sanctuary.*

**Happy Minyan** —January 4 at 4:30pm in the Chapel

*A warm, friendly, upbeat Kabbalat Shabbat full of singing dancing led by Reb Noam that takes place the first Friday of every month. It is open to all and all are encouraged to join!*

**Young Professionals Happy Hour with the Den** —January 4 at 5:30 pm

*Following Happy Minyan, a young professionals happy hour will be hosted by The Den as part of their Shabbat Shindig. Please reach out to [programs@BMH-BJ.org](mailto:programs@BMH-BJ.org) for more information.*

**Women's League Hamentaschen Baking** —Every Sunday from January 6—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>*

**Fourth Friday Shabbat Dinner** —January 25

*The Fourth Friday Shabbat Dinner Series returns in January with a Tu' beshvat Shabbat.*

*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.*