

# BMH BJ

## Parashat Shemot

**December 29, 2018 - January 4, 2019 — 21 - 27 Tevet 5779**

A joint Shabbat service will be held in the Chapel at 9:15 am

Torah reading — pg 292, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 pg 1146 — Prof. Martin Mendelsberg

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 29**

Daf Yomi 8:00 am

Mincha, Chapel 4:25 pm

Havdalah 5:25 pm

**Sunday— December 30**

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm

**Monday— December 31**

**Offices Closed**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm

Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

**Tuesday— January 1**

**Offices Closed**

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm

**Wednesday— January 2**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Rabbi's Class 7:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm

**Thursday— January 3**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Ellyn Hutt Class 11:00 am

Mincha/Maariv 4:30 pm

**Friday— January 4**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Candle Lighting 4:29 pm

Happy Mincha 4:30 pm

**שבת שלום ומבורך!**



**Please join us for Kiddush in the Foyer 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.

Please note that our services are cell free zones.

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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 experiences of the Israelites about four centuries after they had come down to Egypt from Canaan. During this period the Israelites had grown from a small clan into a large, powerful people. The Egyptian kings considered them to be a threat, although they had been a productive people who had helped Egypt greatly over the centuries. A new Pharaoh comes to power, “who knew not Joseph,” and begins to persecute the Hebrews.

This new Pharaoh sets out a program to break the spirit of the Israelites. Firstly, he enslaves them giving them the hardest kind of labor. Next, he orders that all boy children be drowned in the Nile at birth. When Moses is born, his mother tries to save him by placing him in a basket set afloat on the river. The daughter of Pharaoh discovers the baby and saves him from drowning. Moses’s mother serves as his nurse for a time, but when he is old enough he is returned to Pharaoh’s palace and is given the education of a prince.

As he matures, Moshe develops pity for the Hebrew slaves in their unhappy condition and suffering. One day he accidentally kills an Egyptian in defense of a Hebrew slave. Before word gets to Pharaoh, Moses runs away to Midian, in the north where he becomes a simple shepherd, marries and leads a peaceful life.

One day while tending his flock near Mount Horeb, a voice speaks to him out of a burning bush. Moses is given a mission: He must return to Egypt to liberate the Israelite slaves. Moses is at first reluctant to take on this dangerous assignment because he is a modest man and questions, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, that anyone should listen to me?” But he is assured that it is G-d’s wish that the Israelites be freed and that his mission will be successful with the assistance of G-d.

Moses returns to Egypt where he meets his older brother Aaron. The two men become partners in the effort to free the Hebrew people and go together before Pharaoh to make a request that he let the Israelites rest from their work and celebrate a festival. Pharaoh is angered. He considers Moses and Aaron to be trouble makers and he orders them to stop meddling. To prove his point, Pharaoh orders harder labor to be demanded of the Israelite slaves. Moses, disappointed over the first frustrating meeting with Pharaoh, complains to G-d, but is reassured that Pharaoh will yet agree to let the Israelites go free.

## In Today’s Haftarah

The *Haftarah* is from the Book of Isaiah. The Prophet Isaiah, like most of the Hebrew Prophets both before and after, brings two kinds of messages to the people: one kind is critical and the other is comforting. In the *Haftarah* there are examples of both.

Isaiah, in the first part of the *Haftarah*, comforts them and gives the people hope for a better future. They are now suffering for the wrongs which they have done against G-d’s teachings. But in time to come, Israel will have changed its ways for the better. They will be forgiven by G-d and once more will the people return to its beloved Jerusalem.

In the second part of the *Haftarah*, the Prophet Isaiah criticizes the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom. They are interested only in a life of luxury and dishonesty. They will suffer punishment for their foolish selfishness. Finally, Isaiah returns to a message of hope for a better future in the life of Israel. G-d will remember and carry out the blessings he promised long ago to the Patriarchs, Abraham and Jacob.

The theme link between the *Sidrah* and the *Haftarah* is Israel’s suffering as a slave people in Egypt and G-d’s concern for their freedom and Israel’s suffering in the time of Isaiah with a parallel future redemption.

### 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
- ▶ **“Tell Me More...”** Tuesdays at 7:15 pm  
- Rabbi Chaitovsky (*beginning 15 January 2019*)
- ▶ **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 6 January 2019*)

**Birthdays** David Fogel, Kelsey Goldhirsch, Mike Gornbein, Moshe Levitt, Morton Mower (80), Jonathan Ramo-Cofino, Eva Ruda-Hull, Isaac Sar, Miriam Yehudah

## Anniversaries

Ronald & Audree Saliman (50) Jay & Deirdre Schreiber (6) Larry & Carol Mizel (48)

**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, Lionel Richman, Harriet Saliman, Lillian Schaeffer, Ben Streltzer, Beth Rosen (Shifra bat Ethel Brindel), David Weinstein, Terry Wolf

## HaMakom Yenacheim Etchem

To Bettina Plattner, Dr. Rina Plattner, Morey Plattner, and Ann Gugenheim on the loss of their husband, father and brother, our longtime member, **Sam Plattner, z"l**.

## Yahrzeits

**Shabbat, December 29, 2018 / 21 Tevet 5779** Jerome Aronoff, Amalia Banker, Jennie Cooper, Hal Davis, Ralph Fisch, Dr. H. Harold Friedman, Chaya Risha Goldfarb, Lillian Goldsmith, Benedict Gordon, Leonard "Lonnie" Kline, Mildred Koltitz, Elaine Krakover, Mark Miller, Radine Pepper, Marvin Pooley, Jeanne Rose, Irving Rosenblat, Rose Rubin, Ruth Singer, Sarah Slavsky, Yute Smayovits, Doris Tuteur, Dvoyra Ulman

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 / 22 Tevet 5779**

Joseph Batisch, Harry Becker, Mae Bemel, Samuel H. Berger, Cynthia Brooks, Thelma Coffee, Israel (Srul) Fuchs, Morris Isaac Goldman, Isiah Horowitz, Lynn Finer Karlson, Joan Knoll, Earl E. Morton, Evelyn Nelson, Rae Olesh, Fannie Ornstein, Isadore Richards, Paul Rothman, Rose Samelson, Max Sherman, Ida Spector, Ann VanAlstine, Joseph Weinberger, Naum Zlotnikov, Richard Zuckerman

**Monday, December 31, 2018 / 23 Tevet 5779** Max Arbitman, Alta Cohen Asarch, Yefin Averbukh, Harry Balaban, Ann Garlett Benov, Zavel Berger, Lawrence Berman, Arline Druckman, Edna Eckstein, George Albert Goldstein, Bernard Greenberg, Sarah Greenwald, Harry Hartzman, Manuel Manny Hoffman, Lena Cohen Levine, Jeannette Male, Paul Mandel, Anna Goodman Netsler, Bertha Ostroff, Herman Pringle, Leah Ethel Schatz, Harry Sidon, Nathan Hyman Solnick, Henry Winter, Anna Youngman

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 / 24 Tevet 5779** Ada Abramson, Burkho Bachayeva, Myndl Beker, Abraham J Berenstein, Chaim Brand, Gerald Colson, Charlotte Diamond, Joseph Dick, Blanche Felsen, Ruth Fliegelman, Louis Fogel, Sam Gardenswartz, William Goldstein, Jennie Helper, Phil Kaplan, Marne LeCompte, Ethel Mermelstein, Morris S. Reflow, Yitzchok Roth, Aaron Seiver, Anna Shuster, Jerome Symonton, Dora Taubina, Abe Zinn

**Wednesday, January 2, 2019 / 25 Tevet 5779** Jacob Asarch, Andy Boxer, Myron Butterman, Jacob Cashman, Robert Engbar, Irving Fogel, Anne Sarah Gilbert, Herman Judd, Fern Kesselman, Rose Klausner, Salomon Klebe, Yuliy Kroychik, Isroel Levitt, Louis Mandelbaum, Lillian Markson, Irving Pack, Lewis Robinson, Norman Rosenbaum, Maurine Ruddy, Grace Sherman, Isaac Winter, Abe Zelkin

**Thursday, January 3, 2019 / 26 Tevet 5779** Moshe Assa, Harry Bilker, Dorothy Weinberg Butler, Louis Fowler Cohn, Harvey A Eisen, Harold I Emeson, Rose Gelbman, Roman Glasser, Anna Goldberg, Agnes Mandel Grosby, Marjorie H. Hartman, Emerich Kasztl, Harry Kippur, Steven Kirshenbaum, Yetta Peimer Lampert, Dr. Ed Levitas, Sam Markin, David Miller, Abe Milstein, Charles Rich, Ruchel Richman, Herman Stone, Sarah Susman, Oscar Sussman, Philip Donald Winn

**Friday, January 4, 2019 / 27 Tevet 5779** Harold Bender, Blanche Berman, Joseph Berman, Ida Chappell, Louis Coffee, Thelma Fischer, Barney Frank, Rivka Glasser, Yehuda Halfon, Martin Kamine, Zlota Pasha Kapin, Tevel Katz, Jennie Mastrofsky, Harry W. Methner, Meyer Millenson, Marvin I Pepper, Bruce Perch, Jacob Nathan Phillips, Esther Rabinoff, Marsha Rubinowitz, Dr. Henry K. Silver, Moses Turetzky, Louis Witkin

## Winter Break Hours

**We are open for daily Shacharit and Mincha** — *Please check the calendar for service times*  
**Office and Gift Shop are closed Dec 31-Jan 1 / Preschool is closed until Tuesday, January 8**

## Happenings @ BMH-BJ

**Happy Minyan** —Friday, January 4 at 4:30 pm 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.*

**Kabbalah and Jewish History**—Sundays January 6 – February 10 at 10:45 am in the Chapel

*A six week course with Cantor Marty. Join us 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 has been channeled through the Human Chariots of the sefirot such as Abraham and Moses. No prior knowledge necessary just an open mind.*

**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>*

**"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.*

**Shabbat Shira and New Member Shabbat** —January 19

*A Shabbat dedicated to song and community — we look forward to seeing you there!*

**Fourth Friday Shabbat Dinner** —January 25 at 6:15 pm

*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.*

### Purim Carnival Volunteers Needed!

The Purim Carnival is one of our preschool's biggest fundraisers of the year. We need volunteers to help run games and activities, assist with food stations, and manage setup and take down.

Reach out to [Programs@BMH-BJ.org](mailto:Programs@BMH-BJ.org) to sign up.