

Parashat Mishpatim, Shabbat Shekalim, Mevarchim February 10-16, 2018 — 25 Shevat-1 Adar 5778

Torah Reading — page 416, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — II Kings 12:1-17 page 1213 — Cantor Joel Lichterman

Rabbi's Sermon "Fate or Faith: The Choice is Yours"

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Justice we learn in this *parashah* is for all equally, regardless of class or place of origin. Laws (*mishpatim*) define the righteousness of a people. The theme link between the *Haftarah* and the special *Sidrah* is the institution of a system of collection of funds to support the upkeep of the *Mishkan* in the desert and the Temple (*Beit HaMikdash*) in Jerusalem.

Please join us for Kiddush in Fisher 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.

Our services are cell free zones.

Service Times

Saturday— February 10 Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit, Sanctuary 9:00

Shacharit, Sanctuary 9:00 am Shacharit, Chapel 9:15 am Taste of Torah 10:00 am Mincha, Chapel 5:05 pm Havdalah 6:12 pm

Sunday — February 11

Daf Yomi 7:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm

Monday— February 12

Daf Yomi 5:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

Tuesday - February 13

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm

Wednesday - February 14

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am Cantor's Torah Class 7:30 am Wednesday Wisdom 10:00 am Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm Wednesday Wisdom 7:30 pm

Thursday— February 15 Rosh Chodesh Adar

Daf Yomi 5:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am Ellyn Hutt's Class 11:00 am Mincha/Maariv 5:15 pm

Friday— February 16 Rosh Chodesh Adar

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am Mincha 5:15 pm Candle Lighting 5:17 pm שבת שלום ומבורך!

Parsha Summary

First Torah Reading - Exodus 21-24

The *Sidrah* sets forth some of the many laws that must be fulfilled by the *Bnei Israel*. The purpose of these laws is to assure justice for all men, whether they be strong or weak, rich or poor. Justice (*mishpat*) is achieved by carrying out the laws (*mishpatim*).

Some of these laws in the Sidrah are:

Laws regarding Slaves: If a man is forced to become a slave to work off a theft which he has committed, he must be set free on completion of six years of work for his master.

Laws concerning Murder: A distinction is made between deliberate murder and accidental killing. The person who has killed another human accidentally shall have certain places in which he might find safety from revenge.

Laws concerning Injury to Others: Punishment for the hurting of others by neglect, for example, not watching your animal which then runs off and injures a person; or digging a well and failing to put a cover over it, thereby injuring someone who may fall in.

Laws dealing with Theft: Heavy punishment is handed out for stealing. The thief must pay the penalty for wrongdoing.

Laws concerning Loans: These laws are for the protection of the poor who must borrow money to live. One must not take advantage of the poor at any time.

The *Sidrah* points out the fact that there must be absolute fairness in administering the law towards all: the poor and the stranger alike. The *Sidrah* goes on to deal with laws concerning Shabbat and the Sabbatical Year and the three Pilgrimage Festivals: Passover (*Peisach*), Shavuot and Sukkot.

Second Torah Reading - Exodus 30:11-16

Whenever a census is taken, every adult Israelite of army-age shall contribute one half-shekel towards the maintenance of the Sanctuary. The half-shekel was a form of ransom for the soldier who was a potential although unwilling taker of human life. The portion also emphasizes that both the poor man and the rich man are equal in the eyes of the Lord, therefore all must donate an equal amount, half-shekel, to the Sanctuary.

Haftara Summary

Only once during the 347 years of its existence did the Kingdom of Judah suffer a revolution. Jehoram who was King of Judah from 849 to 842 B.C.E. died and his widow, Athaliah, took over the Judean throne. It was Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, who promoted Baal worship in Judah. There was much opposition to this cruel queen's idolatrous ways and it led to a Judean revolt against her. Athaliah was removed from the throne by the people and she was succeeded by her grandson, Jehoash. Jehoash cleansed the temple of all idol forms. The *Haftarah* is read on *Shabbat Shekalim* when we are reminded of the half-shekel given to maintain the ancient Tabernacles of Israel. In the *Haftarah* we read of Jehoash instructing the *Kohanim* to gather money for the repair of the Jerusalem Temple.

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
- ► Sefer Shemot Wednesdays at 7:30 am
- Cantor Lichterman

- ► Women's Parasha Shiur Thursdays at 11:00 am
- Ellyn Hutt
- ► Taste of Torah Shabbat at 10:00 am
 - Essie Fleischmann
- ► Ten Minutes of Text Shabbat at Seudah Shelishit
 - Rabbi Chaitovsky
- ► Wednesday Wisdom 10:00 am and 7:30 pm
 - -Rabbi Chaitovsky

Congratulations to our BMH-BJ Preschool on a fantastic **Father's Breakfast** this past Thursday morning! Over 80 fathers came to school with their children for a morning of celebration, bonding, and fun. Hinei Ma Tov – it's lovely to see families coming together at our shul.

Part-Time Job? We have a congregant looking for part-time work. If you have anything available, please contact llene Rosen at 303-951-8232. Thank you very much for considering our community first.

Birthdays Varda Abrahamsson, Rem Bashari, Gayle Boxer, Fay Finkelstein, Brian Friedman, Danielle Geller, Solomon Geller, Lincoln Geller, Cookie Gold, Shane Hirsekorn, Michael Joshua, Grant Kraus, Cheryl Makovsky, Niabaka Samake, Alla Shcherbina, Shirya Sisk, Penina Warren

Anniversaries Paul Goldstein & Zelda Goldstein (67) Jeff Warren & Linda Warren (28)

Jason Williamson & Ronit Williamson (19)

Brian Friedman & Dana Friedman (20)

Brian Story & Alana Story (54)

Bill Mackiernan & Melissa Mackiernan (18)

Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery Felix Banker, Sara Behmoaras, Iran Emeson, Fay Finkelstein, Joyce Fishman, Josh Flaum, Linda Fox, Hazel Gensberg, Zelda Goldstein, Paul (Pip) Goldstein, Elaine Greenberg, Francine (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba) Greenberg, Crystal Hickman, Paula Hutt, Leland Huttner, Doniel Kaye, Jerry (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam) Marcus, Arlene Moss, Elizabeth Naidu (Batsheva bat Sarah, John Peterson, Lilian Schaeffer, Scott Smith, Yaakov ben Freidel (Jeff Warren), David Weinstein, Mildred Zerobnick

Yahrzeits

Shabbat, February 10, 2018 / 25 Shevat 5778

Harry Bender, Emma Berman, Morris H. Eber, Raizel Eskanos, Morris Garner, Polie Goldberg, Abraham Isaac Goldfarb, Jean Grass, Pauline Rose Green, Roberta Greenberg, Daniel Kleinman, Sally Lewinnek, Dorothy Metler, Betty Mintz, Gertrude Montrose, Ida Moskovitz, Nathan Nemirow, Jordan Pells, Minnie Putterman, Abraham Reiser, Goldie Rosenbaum, Francine Rosenberg, Meyer Sachter, Peter Ronald Shapiro, Fanny Singer, Mary Slavsky, Henry Sperber, Leyb Abram Welenson, Sarah Zoller Sunday, February 11, 2018 / 26 Shevat 5778

Jankel Leib Abrahamsson, Edward Allen, Samuel Banner, Craig Bowers, Morris Butterman, Abraham S. Edelman, Dora Flaks, Rose Friedman, Jacob L. Garlett, Edith Goodman, Aaron Gottlieb, Emmanuil Kalikhshteyn, Adolph Kaufman, Max Lopatin, Flora Mizel, Mildred K. Morrison, Anna Robinson, Betty Saltzman, Esther Schneider, Stephen Sigman, Milton Teper, Fannie Yetta Wolkoff, Abraham Wolpo, Louis Youngman

Monday, February 12, 2018 / 27 Shevat 5778

Judith Rae Alterman, Harry Arkin, Richard Cohen, Yakov Dubinskiy, Ethel Dworkin, Harry Finkelberg, Michael David Grodney, Oscar Kessel, Phyllis Kippur, Harry Levin, Jean Levy, Elizabeth Licht, Recha Rosina Marx, Sitta M. McLinden, Bernard Miller, Chaya Yudit Noy, Rebb. Esther Golda Parczewski, Lisl Penzias, Sam Pluss, Bessie F. Primock, Daniel Seltzer, Perry Strear, Israel Waldman, Harry Wittlin, Norman Wolach

<u>Tuesday, February 13, 2018 / 28 Shevat 5778</u> Miriam Bender, David Charles, Michael Neil Cohen, Louis Corn, Jacob Diamond, Sophiya Efros, Joseph Gergis, Hyman Goldberg, Tauba Halpern, Leo Lee, Leon Lewkowitz, Jack H. Lopata, Stuart Markowitz, Helene Reinsch, Samuel Saltzman, Minnie Scharfer, Clara Schneider, Rebecca Schott, Betty Sharoff, Teresa Sigman, Eva Steinberg, Esther Strick, Lee Valas, Erika Weitzman, Jack Wetzner, Dave A. Wolf

<u>Wednesday, February 14, 2018 / 29 Shevat 5778</u> Isaac Binstock, Flora Brandt, David Charzak, Isadore Esbitz, Ralph Field, Lois Goodman, Bertha Katzson, Miriam Kauvar, Marjorie Kleinman, Leonard Krautman, Sam Leder, Ann Lenefsky, Sam Lutz, Shirley Morein, Sarah Myers, Bertha Pasternak, Bertha Phillips, Gregory Marc Reich, Lena Reichman, Esther Sachter, Morris Schwartz, Frank C. Silverberg, Harry Weinstein, Ike W. Zweibel

Thursday, February 15, 2018 / 30 Shevat 5778 Kotlovich Abram, Emelie Aknin, Sylvia Z. Baker, Effie Berger, Jacob Harry Boutcher, Sadie Gvirtz, Harry Kaller, Gloria Kaplan, Joann Kolb, Sidney B. Leight, Paul Messinger, Sylvan Moses, Bruce Plattner, Ida Heller Schwartz, Joseph Schwartz, Philip Shapiro, Mose Sharon, Irving Sherman, Alfred Smollin

Friday, February 16, 2018 / 1 Adar 5778

Abraham Aaron, Aaron Zaterman, Edna Lissauer Berger, Monzte Ben Daniel, Cory Dulberg, Hannah Sher Licht, Sam Engbar, Ethel Hayutin Engbar, Sofiya Golub, Dr. Stanley N. Goodman, Norton Handler, Herbert Hatch, Herman Helrich, Leopold Herold, Fritz Kahn, Adolph Koch, Morris P. Lampert, Harris Sheldon Levine, Sol Edelman, Jack Lubowitz, Leah Mandelbaum, Sara C. Nadler, Ben Piehl, Martin Rogell, Gertrude Richman, Sarah Zendlowicz, Joseph Scher, Joshua Schwartz, Benjamin Shapiro, Manuel Spector, Devon Strauss, Jennie Wedgle, Jacob Weiman, Bayla Wolf, Rose Aronson, Anna S. Rosenthal



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