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.

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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 (Pesach), 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.

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► Daf-Yomi one hour before Shacharit
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  - 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
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  - 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.

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                Brian Story & Alana Story (54)  Bill Mackiernan & Melissa Mackiernan (18)

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