

# BMHBJ

## Parashat Yitro

February 15 - 21, 2020 — 20 - 26 Shevat 5780

Torah reading — Ex. 18 - 20; pg 394, Baal Korei — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5-6; pg 1154 — Randy Weiner

Taste of Torah parashah shiur with Essie Fleischmann at 10:00 am in the Gallery

**Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky**

**Ilene Rosen—Executive Director**

**Jeff Kline—Shul President**

**Cantor Martin Goldstein**

**Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman**

**Cantor Emeritus Zachary Kutner**

### The Week Ahead

**Saturday— February 15**

Daf Yomi 8:00 am

Shacharit (Sanct.) 9:00 am

Shacharit (Chapel) 9:15 am

Mincha 5:15 pm

Havdalah 6:18 pm

**Sunday— February 16**

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm

**Monday— February 17**

**Offices, Gift Shop, Preschool closed for Presidents Day**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit 6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm

Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

**Tuesday— February 18**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit 6:45 am

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm

**Wednesday— February 19**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit 6:45 am

Rabbi's Class 7:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm

**Thursday— February 20**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit 6:30 am

Ellyn Hutt Class 11:00 am

Senior Chavurah 1:00 pm

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 pm

**Friday— February 21**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit 6:45 am

Mincha 5:20 pm

Candle Lighting 5:23 pm

**שבת שלום ומבורך!**



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

**Seudat Shlishit is sponsored by Sheri, Ed, Mark and Richard in memory of their father, Leland S. Huttner, z"l.**

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.

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, Rabbi Chaitovsky, Andy Schwartz, Jeff Kline or Ilene Rosen.

## Parashat Yitro (Ex. 18 - 20; pg 394)

The *sidrah* tells of the continuing experiences of our ancestors after they had left Egyptian slavery. They are now in the Sinai Desert country making their way slowly north, towards Canaan.

Moses is reunited with his wife and children who had been separated from him during the long period when he was negotiating with Pharaoh. Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, brings his wife and children to him. Jethro sees what a great responsibility Moses has in governing and in judging the several hundred thousand Israelites and makes a number of very good suggestions about government, particularly about a system of law courts. With such a court system, justice can be properly carried out for the people.

Two months after becoming a free people, Moses prepares them to receive the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. Now, the greatest event in all of Israel's history is about to take place. With the acceptance of the Ten Commandments they are to become G-d's covenanted people. The Ten Commandments are to become the foundation on which Israel is to build a life of justice and holiness.

The Ten Commandments are:

- 1) I am the Lord thy G-d, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. . . .
- 2) Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. 3) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy G-d in vain.
- 4) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. 5) Honor thy father and thy mother.
- 6) Thou shalt not murder. 7) Thou shalt not commit adultery. 8) Thou shalt not steal.
- 9) Thou shalt not bear false witness. 10) Thou shalt not covet.

These instructions at Mt. Sinai which were revealed to Israel, made ethical living a part of religion for the first time. Living up to the Ten Commandments became the great challenge to our people.

## In Today's Haftarah (Judges 4:4 - 5:31; pg 1152)

The *haftarah* discusses Isaiah's vision of the Heavenly Chariot (the *merkavah*), a revelation that was experienced by all the Israelites when G-d spoke the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai—an event recounted in this week's Torah reading.

Isaiah perceives G-d sitting on a throne surrounded by angels. Isaiah vividly describes the angels and their behavior (in anthropomorphic terms). During the course of this vision, Isaiah volunteers to be G-d's emissary to transmit His message to the Israelites. He is immediately given a depressing prophecy regarding the exile the nation will suffer as punishment for their many sins—and the Land of Israel will be left empty and desolate, though there will be left a "trunk" of the Jewish people that eventually will regrow.

**Birthdays** Michael Joshua, Fay Finkelstein, Shiryah Sisk, Danielle Geller, Jackie Cooper, Natalie Joshua, Devra Barter, Shoshana Leftin, Robert Hochstadt, Ofir Harari, Roberta Fishman, Margalit Rotbart, Leah Schweid, Cathy Huttner, Matt Rotbart

**Anniversaries** Brian & Dana Friedman (22) Brian & Alana Story (56) Bill & Melissa Mackiernan (20)

**Mazal Tov** to Rabbi Refoel & Rochelle Levitt on the birth of their granddaughter.

### 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 (in the Gallery)
- ▶ **Verse by Verse through the Torah**  
Wednesdays at 7:30 am - Rabbi Chaitovsky

- ▶ **Conversational Hebrew Class** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
- Roberta Feinsmith (in the Library) *\*on break\**
- ▶ **Women's Parashah Shiur** Thursdays at 11:00 am  
- Ellyn Hutt (in the Gallery)
- ▶ **Taste of Torah** Shabbat at 10:00 am  
- Essie Fleischmann (in the Gallery)
- ▶ **Ten Minutes of Text** Shabbat at Seudah Shelishit  
- Rabbi Chaitovsky
- ▶ **Junior Congregation Schedule** at 10:30 am  
- Joel Rozansky on Feb. 22, Mar 14 & 28 (in room 113)

## **Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery**

Avrom ben Moishe, Avraham ben Sara, Bracha bat Basha, Dan Akiva ben Devorah, Daniel ben Batya, Esther bat Chana, Sara Behmoaras, Hally Bregman (Tzvi Arye ben Devorah), Eliya Feivel ben Miriam, Dr. Bernice Dinner, Linda Fox, Frimette bat Miriam, Michael Goldstein (Michael Eliezer ben Alta Chaya Sara), Michelle Perlmutter (Chaya Sara bat Feiga Rachel), Paul (Pip) Goldstein, Elaine Greenberg, Francine Greenberg (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba), Yitzchak ben Beile (Isaac Krajmalnik), Shraga Feivel ben Sima (Fabian Krajmalnik), Belinda Krajmalnik, Dona Mandell, Menucha bat Bayla Zelda, Mark Millenson, Rabbi Larry Moldo (HaRav Tzvi Liev ben Nechama), Mordechai ben Ida, Mordechai ben Pauline, Barbara Oxman, Ron Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Shmuel Yaakov ben Chana, Jay Stark, Tamar bat Phoebe, Terry Wolf, Tziviya Trana bat Rivka, Yitzchak ben Feige, Yehudah ben Aliza, Pam Zeldin

## **HaMakom Yenacheim Etchem**

to Roberta Feinsmith, Samuel Feinsmith (Sarah-Bess Dworin), Sarah Feinsmith and Daniel Feinsmith on the loss of her husband and their father, **Marvin Feinsmith, z"l**

to Charlene Wandel, Stephen Wandel and Rayna Wandel, Hazel Gensberg and Sura (Norman) Veta on the loss of their husband, father, son and brother, **Arden "Ardie" Wandel, z"l**

to Rachel (Brett) Brakel, Sarah Atereth, and Leonard (Linda) Rubinowitz on the loss of their father and brother **Dr. Martin Rubinowitz, z"l** The funeral will be on Sunday, February 16 at 12:30 pm in the Adelman Chapel.

## **Yahrzeits**

**Shabbat, February 15, 2020 / 20 Shevat 5780** Sigmund Amter, Esther Block, Stanley Boscoe, Kathy Lynn Boxer, William J. Dunevitz, Clarence Goldblatt, Joseph W. Goldstein, Sallie Goldstein, Bruce Green, Ida Rose Greenspoon, Ben Horwitz, Lawrence Kalish, Carl Kawa, Ykutil Kawa, Leon Kutner, Janet Berger Leaffer, Morris Lesser, Esther Lock, Abraham Abe Meyer, Solomon I. Miller, Gittel Pearl, Sally Prince, Miriam Reinhardt, Evelyn Roth, Paula Seewald, Lillian Sicker, Yetta Spector, Al Susman, Joy Tulper, Esther Wagner, Eva Wagner, Edward Weinberg

**Sunday, February 16, 2020 / 21 Shevat 5780** William Aronson, Allene Cohn, Jake Cooper, Esther Ephraim, Kibby Gart, Walter Gettinger, Max Jultak, Rachel Katz, Joan Kupetz, Ruth Laufer, Joseph Mandels, Dorothy Melnick, Mayer Orenstein, Roy Pendergist, Jacob B. Pizer, Edward Revis, Hannah Rosenberg, Rose Saphir, Belle Smernoff, Sarah Sundell, Russell Volk, Morris Ziskin

**Monday, February 17, 2020 / 22 Shevat 5780** Ruth Bagully, Henry Bayer, Saul Cashman, Eva Diamond, Effie Epstein, Edwin Z. Fiss, Ethyl Friedberg, Philip Gelbman, Svetlana Igolkina, Janet Jarvis, Herbert Kamph, Gertrude Levy, Sam Menkofsky, Bessie Morris, William Samuel, Obby Shames, Solomon Yosef Slansky, Sulamif Sluzevsky, Isadore Tulper, Hertha Weinberg, Raymond Lee Weiner, Jason M Wichter, Bernard Winber

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020 / 23 Shevat 5780** Ann Saliman Alterman, Evelyn Ber, Edward L. Bleistein, Abe S. Flaks, Irvin Fleischer, Brandon Friedman, Sima Grinshteyn, Leland Huttner, Helen D. Kaminsky, Peter Zelek Katz, Ben P. Lampert, Fannie Levy, Maxine Lutz, Lillian Marchick, Rebecca Marcus, Bessie Missan, Leah Rifka, Regine Rochlin, Shirley Rothberg, Toby Sheftel, Elaine Singer, Bessie Bluma Willins, Earl Woolf

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 / 24 Shevat 5780** Joan Madelon Berenbeim Axelrod, Sara R. Baer, Anna Mazer Dootson, Sol Felsen, William Goldberg, Amelia Goldblatt, Joe Goldstein, Bernard Halpern, Janet Hirschfeld, Fred Kaufman, Adele Kohn, Wolf Koladicki, Sessel Kuper, David Charles Lapidus, Lea Levin, Leonard Mell, Goldie Mintz, David Putterman, David E. Rayor, Sarah Rothchild, Sallie Kay Siegel, Harry Weinstock, Melford Wolf, Jack Woolf, Barry Scott Zelinger

**Thursday, February 20, 2020 / 25 Shevat 5780** Harry Bender, Emma Berman, Morris H. Eber, Raizel Eskanos, Morris Garner, Polie Goldberg, Abraham Isaac Goldfarb, Jean Grass, Pauline Rose Green, Roberta Greenberg, Elaine Katz, Daniel Kleinman, Sally Lewinnek, Dorothy Metler, Betty Mintz, Gertrude Montrose, Ida Moskovitz, Nathan Nemirow, Jordan Pells, Abraham "Al" Reiser, Goldie Rosenbaum, Francine Rosenberg, Meyer Sachter, Peter Ronald Shapiro, Mary Slavsky, Henry Sperber, Leyb Abram Welenson,

Sarah Zoller **Friday, February 21, 2020 / 26 Shevat 5780** Jankel Leib Abrahamsson, Edward Allen, Samuel Banner, Craig Bowers, Morris Butterman, Abraham S. Edelman, Dora Flaks, Jacob L. Garlett, Aaron Gottlieb, Emmanuil Kalikhshteyn, Adolph Kaufman, Max Lopatin, Flora Mizel, Mildred K. Morrison, Elizabeth Naidu, Anna Robinson, Betty Lee Saltzman, Esther Schneider, Stephen Sigman, George Skigen, Yoav Stern, Milton Teper, Fannie Yetta Wolkoff, Abraham Wolpo, Louis Youngman

## Happenings @ BMH-BJ

**We are accepting care package donations by the front office through February**

*Packages of water bottles, toiletry products and snacks will be prepared and delivered to Denver's homeless. Help us gather items for these packages and make a mitzvah for the needy.*

**Women's League Hamentaschen Baking** — every Sunday through March 1 at 9:30 am

*Please join us! Baking for Purim has begun and we need volunteers weekly in the Dairy Kitchen.*

*Questions? Call Ann Davis at 720-335-8297*

**Cantor's Kabbalah Series** — Sundays, February 16 & 23 at 10:45 am in the Chapel

*Talmud Eser Sfirot—A deeper study of the Ten Sfirot—Energy Intelligences. In this class, we will look more deeply into the meanings of the sfirot and the human connections they make on earth.*

**Revolutionizing Western Aliyah: a Conversation with Nefesh B'Nefesh** — Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 pm

*JNF and EDOS invite you to a rare opportunity to hear Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Nefesh B'Nefesh at EDOS. Come hear the story of modern-day Zionism and learn more about how JNF supports Nefesh B'Nefesh to bring more people to Israel from the US, Canada and the UK. RSVP required by Feb. 11 to: [jnf.org/COEDOS2020](http://jnf.org/COEDOS2020) or contact [RSVPMountainstates@jnf.org](mailto:RSVPMountainstates@jnf.org) or call 303-573-7095 x964. Free and open to the entire community. EDOS is at 198 S. Holly St., Denver 80246.*

**Stitch and Kvetch** — Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm

*We had so much fun at our last Stitch and Kvetch gathering that we have decided to make this a monthly event! Bring your project and enjoy conversation with chevrah.*

**Senior Chavurah** — Thursday, February 20 at 1:00 pm

*It's all Generational: How Millennials compare with their grandparents 50 years ago. Jill Eelkema from Western Care Partners further explores how developmental stages affect us and what typifies people who come from different generations. We will continue to look at our strengths as we mature in age.*

**Purim Carnival** — Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 am

*Our Under the Big Top Purim Carnival is open to the community and filled with topsy-turvy, wildly wacky, fun-filled festivities, including: balloon animals, more than 20 games and activities, airbrush "tattoos", two bouncy castles, velcro wall, Scholastic Book Fair, adopt-a-pet "petting zoo", delicious, homemade food, music, fun, and more!*

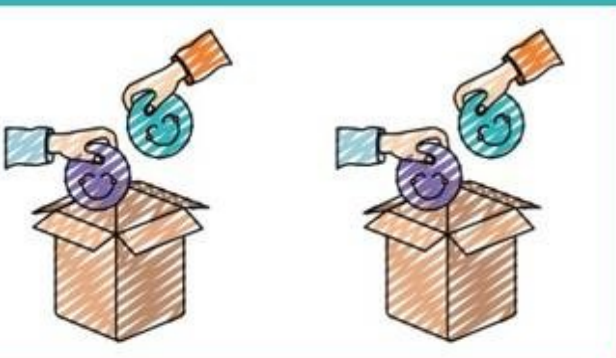
**Mardi Gragger Seudat Purim** — Tuesday, March 10 at 5:00 pm

*This year BMH-BJ is celebrating Purim in New Orleans style with kosher Cajun and gluten-free food, drinks, music, raffles with awesome prizes, mask-making, and photobooth. You are in for a very good time!*

**Annual Event** — Sunday, March 22 at 6:00 pm

*Celebrate our Women of Valor honoring Andrea Hyatt for her tireless work at BMH-BJ and elsewhere as well as Joe Silver Spirit Award recipients Lana and Tracie for their many years of dedication to our Preschool.*

**Tikun Olam Day** — Sunday, February 23 • 3-5



*Join BMH-BJ for a huge service project making care packages for the homeless.*

*Women's League*  
Gift Shop

**Yair Emanuel**

Hours  
Monday - Thursday 10 am - 4 pm  
Friday 10 am - 1 pm  
Closed Sundays for Summer  
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