This week we begin a new book of the Torah, Leviticus, and a new month.

In the additional Torah reading of Shabbat HaChodesh, Exodus 12:1-20, Israel is to remember Aviv or Nisan, as the month on the Hebrew calendar in which there took place the great event of deliverance from Egypt.

This event marked the beginning of a new era in Jewish history and is recalled at the beginning of every new month.

Please join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by Krista and Mark Boscoe on the birth of their grandson, Leo Moses Boscoe, son of Natalie and Adam Boscoe and brother of Stella Elizabeth.

Thank you to Leo & Stella's great-grandma Estelle Klubock and grandparents, Ann Jill & Dr. David Drucker for the beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary.

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.
Parshah Summary

First Torah Reading - Leviticus 1-5.26

The Sidrah tells about service to G-d, which for about thirteen centuries consisted of different kinds of sacrifices, only to be replaced by prayer after the destruction of the Second Temple. G-d instructs Moses on the five different kinds of sacrifices that were to be offered in the Sanctuary:

The olah or "burnt offering" was a voluntary sacrifice that had a high degree of sanctity and was regarded as the "standard" offering. The entire animal, except for its hide, was burned on the altar. (1:1-17)

The minchah or "meal offering" was a sacrifice made of flour, oil, salt, and frankincense that was partly burned on the altar and partly given to the priests to eat. (2:1-16)

The zevach sh'lamim or "sacrifice of well-being" was a voluntary animal offering from one's herd, sometimes brought to fulfill a vow. (3:1-17)

The chatat or "sin offering" was an obligatory sacrifice that was offered to expiate unintentional sins. This offering differs from the others in the special treatment of the blood of the animal. (4:1-5:13)

The asham or "penalty offering" was an obligatory sacrifice of a ram that was required chiefly of one who had misappropriated property. (5:1-26)

Third Torah Reading - Special Maftir for Rosh Chodesh - Numbers 28:9-15

This reading describes the Musaf, additional offerings, that were brought in the Temple on the Shabbat, New Moon, and festivals. Since by definition, they were to be offered as an addition to the Tamid, the daily continual offering, the Torah first describes that basic offering. When Moses beseeched G-d to appoint a new leader, G-d said, “While you charge Me regarding My children, why do you not charge My children regarding Me, that they not revolt against Me or exchange My service for that of idols?” Consequently, G-d commanded Moses regarding the offerings.

Haftarah Summary

The Shabbat before the beginning of the month of Nisan is designated as Shabbat HaChodesh. An extra portion of the Torah is read, in addition to the Sidrah. It is from Exodus 12:1-20 and it tells of the Paschal sacrifice on the first Passover just before the departure from Egypt.

The special Shabbat HaChodesh Haftarah touches on the Passover sacrifices, as the Prophet describes the restored Temple in Jerusalem. These special readings are intended to set our mood and our thoughts to the forthcoming festival of Passover.

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
Birthdays
Rachel Altman, Sari Blum, Samuel Boscoe, David Friedman, Gabrielle Gabbay, Phyllis Hayutin, Ronald E. Hull, Dr. Karen Jonscher, Aaron Leszman, Asher Lichterman, Cantor Joel Lichterman, Susan Madison, Barbara Metzel, Simcha Morse, Michelle Nikolayevsky, Hinda Faye Pester, LTC John Peterson, Charles Ruda, Simcha Sarett, Stephen Schomay, Evelyn Shafner

Anniversaries
Mark& Allison Pells (37)  Richard & JoAnne Fleischman (51)
Sam & Eunice Finer (70)  Richard & Susi Altman (22)  Karen & Pete Jonscher (27)

Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery
Joe Bean, Sara Behmoaras, Bruce Dinner (Baruch bat Esther), Marty Duman, Daniel Alexander Edwards, 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, Robert Hochstadt, Leland Huttner, Doniel Kaye, Jerry (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam) Marcus, Florence Melnick, Arlene Moss, Toby Mower, John Peterson, Lilian Schaeffer, Freda Schaffer (Bluma bat Masha), Scott Smith, Yaakov ben Freidel (Jeff Warren), David Weinstein

HaMakom Yenacheim Etchem
To Devin (Alison) Cooper, Shawn (Sue) Cooper, and Jason (Sara) Cooper and families on the passing of their mother, our long-time member, Bina Cooper, z”l
To Brian (Alana) Story on the passing of Brian’s brother, Donald Story, z”l, in Tucson

Yahrzeits

Shabbat, March 17, 2018 / 1 Nisan 5778

Sunday, March 18, 2018 / 2 Nisan 5778
Bertha Altman, Gertrude Blotberg, George Eisen, Ethyl Goldberger, Frank Golden, Werner Gross, Clara Hailpern, Mac Hersh, Zelda Hirsch, Jerry Karsh, Lillian Katzman, Millie Kean, Bryna Kippur, Morris Lankin, Isaac Levine, Hymen Lifshitz, Monash Milstein, Lee Neuwirth, Bessie Mandles Rude, Jacob Shames, Bruce Smith, Leo Tyor, Dr. Louis Weinstein, Ethel Yagoda, Avery Zisman

Monday, March 19, 2018 / 3 Nisan 5778

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 / 4 Nisan 5778

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 / 5 Nisan 5778

Thursday, March 22, 2018 / 6 Nisan 5778
Minna Alex, Ida Axler, Lottie Bernstone, Edward Billeck, Audrey Bloch, Itzki Modche Boxer, Gertrude Cooper, Daniel A. Friedman, Zelda Gutman, Samuel Jacobs, Henry Janison, Libby Katchen, Henry Kippur, Reba Kraut, Gene Kurland, Beulah Levitt, Frank Levitt, Ben Miller, Robert M. Pashell, Edna Rabinowitz, Sonia Rabson, Lillian Berger Reed, Paul L. Sanders, Sonia Simmons, Sam Saliman Sr., Gussie Stern, Samuel Susman, Rimma Torgovnikova

Friday, March 23, 2018 / 7 Nisan 5778
Happening @ BMH-BJ, Upcoming Events

Exhibit Opening - Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race — Thursday, March 22 • 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Introduction and performance by Cantor Joel Lichterman at 5:30 pm, followed by a presentation by Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH, "How Healers Became Killers." CU Anschutz Campus in Aurora, Fulginiti Pavilion for Bioethics and Humanities in the Gossard Forum on the ground floor. Free event, no RSVP necessary.

Shalom/Salaam Women's Group meeting — Thursday, March 22 • 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Is Matzo just another plague? Our two sisters, Linda and Rabbi Kim, will enlighten us with their stories of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Be prepared as they are two unusual story tellers. Located at the Mosaic Foundation, 10855 E. Bethany Drive. RSVP to light2u@comcast.net or Bobbi 303-388-8611.

4th Friday Night Shabbat Dinner & Speaker Series — Friday, March 23 at 7:00 pm
This month's dinner features Egyptian cuisine and speaker Dr. Seth Ward. Registration cut-off is March 20. Register online: www.bmh-bj.org/event/4th-Friday-March, Tickets are $25 adult, $15 child.

Pre-Pesach to do list:
* For the full Pesach schedule see our Pesach guide, also online at www.bmh-bj.org/pesach#guide
* Sell your Chametz with us by March 21 online at www.bmh.bj.org/pesach
* Kasher your utensils on Tuesday, March 27 from 5:00-7:00pm, in Fisher Hall
* Visit our Gift Shop — 20% off Passover items, March 11-30 (excludes books)

Pesach — sundown March 30—sundown April 7, 2018

Dr. Mordechai Kedar: “The Conflict Over Jerusalem – What is the Solution?” — Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm
Dr. Kedar joins us from Israel where he is a scholar of Arabic literature and lecturer at Bar-Ilan University. An expert on the Israeli Arab population, he served for 25 years in IDF Military Intelligence, specializing in Islamic groups, the political discourse of Arab countries, Arabic press and mass media, and the Syrian domestic arena.

Yom HaShoah Community-Wide Program — April 11 • 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Join the community-wide Holocaust Memorial Day service, hosted by area congregations and Jewish organizations. With clergy, survivors and their families at Temple Sinai, 3509 S Glencoe St.

Book Review: "Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean" — Sunday, April 15 at 10:00 am in Fisher Hall
Join Cantor Lichterman and Women’s League for a lively brunch and conversation about Edward Kritzler’s fascinating book “The Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean.” - a hidden chapter in Jewish history. Make your reservations now! A limited number of books available in the Gift Shop. Tickets are $15 ($18 at the door). Register online at www.bmh-bj.org/event/Book-Review-2018

BMH-BJ Senior Chavurah — Thursday, April 19 at 1:00 pm in the Gallery
The ins and outs of getting great credit and understanding personal credit reports and scores. The class will conclude with a brief conversation on talking to your children about money. Presented by mpowered.

Announcements

South Africa—Jewish Heritage Experience of a Lifetime — departing May 22, 2018
Only a few remaining places! Take this unique opportunity to join Cantor Joel. Please contact Cantor for information or to sign up either by phone 303-725-8889 or by email at JLichterman@bmh-bj.org

Time to Sell Chametz! — Rabbi Chaitovsky is available after morning and evening minyan throughout the week or by appointment to help you sell your chametz in person.

Have you downloaded our NEW app to your smartphone? Our new 2018 mobile app helps you access update information on programs and service times. The previous BMH-BJ app is no longer accurate, so please delete it from your phones. Use your phone’s browser to download the NEW app at www.bmh-bj.org/getapp and click on the appropriate icon “Available on the App Store” (for iPhone users) OR “Android App on Google play” (for Android users).