

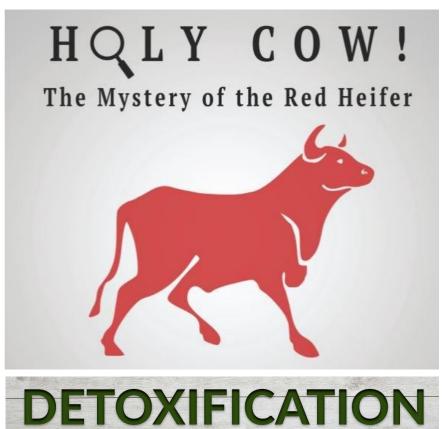
# Parashat Shmini, Shabbat Parah, Mevarchim

March 30 - April 5, 2019 — 23 - 29 Adar II 5779

Torah reading — pg 588, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg Maftir — Nu. 19:1 – 22 pg 838, Haftarah — Ezekiel 36:16-38 pg 1216 — Dr. Jerry Kopelman

Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky
Ilene Rosen—Executive Director
Jeff Kline— Shul President

Cantor Martin Goldstein
Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman
Cantor Emeritus Zachary Kutner



Please join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by BMH-BJ with an enhancement by Dr. Jerry and Marilyn Kopelman on the occasion of Jerry's 67th bar mitzvah anniversary and the yahrzeit of his mother Edith on 28 Adar II.

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, Mel Engbar, Rabbi Chaitovsky,

Andy Schwartz, Jeff Kline, or Ilene Rosen.

#### The Week Ahead

### Saturday — March 30

Daf Yomi 8:00 am Sanctuary 9:00 am Chapel 9:15 am Mincha 6:55 pm Havdalah 8:04 pm

### Sunday — March 31

Daf Yomi 7:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am Cantor's Class 10:45 am Mincha/Maariv 5:55 pm

### Monday - April 1

Daf Yomi 5:30 am Shacharit, 6:30 am Mincha/Maariv 5:55 pm Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

### Tuesday— April 2

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit 6:45 am Mincha/Maariv 5:55 pm Wednesday— April 3

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit 6:45 am Rabbi's Class 7:30 am Wednesday Wisdom 10:15 am Mincha/Maariv 5:55 pm Converse Hebrew 7:00 pm Wednesday Wisdom 7:15 pm

### Thursday— April 4

Daf Yomi 5:30 am Shacharit 6:30 am Ellyn Hutt class 11:00 am Mincha/Maariv 5:55 pm

### Friday - April 5

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit 6:45 am Happy Minyan 5:55 pm Candle Lighting 7:08 pm שבת שלום ומבורך!

# **Parshah Summary**

In the *Sidrah*, on the eighth day, following the seven days of their inauguration, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as *Kohanim* (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the altar and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in the face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right. G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

Also in Shemini are some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the *mikvah* (a pool of water meeting specified qualifications) and the well spring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to "differentiate between the impure and the pure."

# In Today's Haftarah

The *Maftir* reading for Shabbat Parah, Numbers 19:1-22, deals with the red heifer whose ashes were combined with water to ritually purify anyone who had been in contact with a dead person. Because only people who were pure could eat from the Passover sacrifice, a public announcement right before Nisan reminded anyone who had become impure to purify themselves before making the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

In the *Haftarah* for Parashat Parah, Ezekiel berates the people for defiling the House of Israel and taking G-d's name in vain. Their disrespect for God caused their exile and dispersion.

Connection to the *Maftir*: Just as the *maftir aliyah* for Parashat Parah presents an ancient rite of detoxification for those who have come in contact with the dead, the *Haftarah* explains how Israel will be purified by G-d and in fact brought back to life with a new heart and a new spirit.

## **Announcements**

# Call for Lifecycle Events for the summer Scribe -- April 1 deadline.

Is there a graduation, birthday, anniversary, bar or bat mitzvah, wedding, engagement, acknowledgement or other simcha you want the community to know about? If so, email <a href="mailto:clergyassist@bmh-bj.org">clergyassist@bmh-bj.org</a>

# Time to sell your Chametz!

It is time to prepare for Pesach in this time-honored tradition. You may do so in person, online, or via email using our chametz sales form found on our resource page at <a href="https://www.bmh-bj.org/pesach">www.bmh-bj.org/pesach</a>

# **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
- ► Verse by Verse through the Torah
- Wednesdays at 7:30 am Rabbi Chaitovsky
- ► Wednesday Wisdom Wednesdays at 10:15 am and again at 7:15 pm Rabbi Chaitovsky

- **►** Conversational Hebrew Class
  - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Roberta Feinsmith
- ► Women's Parashah Shiur Thursdays at 11:00 am
- Ellyn Hutt (no class on April 4th or 25th)
- ► 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
- ► Cantor's Class Sundays at 10:45 am
  - Cantor Goldstein (last meeting March 31st!)

**Birthdays** Gale Bender, Jesse Blum, Zacary Cummings, Paul Goldstein, Alyson Hyatt, Sorah Levitt, Evelyn Male, Scott Pringle, Luca Raizman, Shelley Rotenberg, Beverly Silver, Jan Silvey, Scott Tene

**Anniversaries** Jason & Sara Cooper (18) Jonathan & Nathalie Sar (7) Paula & Samuel Burger (38)

Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery Chaim Binyamin ben Sara, Esther bat Chana, Sara Behmoaras, Marvin (Meir ben Sarah) and Jackie Cooper Rachel Bat Esther, Linda Fox, Francine (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba) Greenberg, Dr. Stuart Gottesfeld, Mordechai ben Leah (DH), Crystal Hickman, Doniel Kaye, Dona Mandell, Jerry Marcus (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam), Mark Millenson, Toby Mower (Tova bat Liba), Mordechai ben Pauline, Barbara Oxman, John Peterson, Lionel Richman, Beth Rosen (Shifra bat Ethel Brindel), Harriet Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Shabbtai Yaakov ben Channah, Tamar bat Phoebe, David Weinstein, Terry Wolf, Tziviya Trana bat Rivka, Bayla bat Chaya Feliga Yachnowitz

#### HaMakom Yenacheim Etchem

to Michele (Richard) Right on the loss of her father, Seymour Katzson, z"l

Alan Boxer, on the loss of his wife, Gayle Boxer, z"l

### **Yahrzeits**

<u>Shabbat, March 30, 2019 / 23 Adar II 5779</u> Matilda Bechar Assa, Reyza Burdman, Mina Frenkel, Pearl Frosh, Semen Gurevich, Louis Hyman, Malka Kranitz, Kenneth E. Kurtz, William Lutsk, Minnie Nierenberg, Betty Enrich Starr, Celia Weinberg

<u>Sunday, March 31, 2019 / 24 Adar II 5779</u> Tillie Aron, Jenny Fisher, Becky Gliner, Miriam Katchen, Sam Knaster, Seymour Mandel, Arthur Issac Richards, Hans I. Rosenthal

Monday, April 1, 2019 / 25 Adar II 5779 Moshe Barach, Selma Coben, Dr. Charles L. Davis, Jacob Grossberg, Rabbi Abraham Hoffman, Werner Lissauer, Joe Morrison, Sophie Pelton, Jennie Pomeranz, Esther Ripps, Anthony Sholl, Dora Solomon, Alexander Wolpa

<u>Tuesday, April 2, 2019 / 26 Adar II 5779</u> Etta Hailpern, Abraham Bernard Hirschfeld, Rose Levenson, Janet Markowitz, Ethel Meer, Hanna Nordhauser, Sam Robbins, Harry S. Schechter, Mirjam (Maria) Sharon, Bessie Stein

<u>Wednesday, April 3, 2019 / 27 Adar II 5779</u> Morris Friedland, Kay Glow, Blooma H. Grossberg, Ruth Kessel Gulkin, Ben Kushner, Josephine Martinez, Joseph Louis Perlman, Max Potashnik, Valeriy Reznik, Rita Pepper Rubin, Jerome Rush, Erwin Shulkin, Irene C. Spigel, Alex Stark, Udel Volman

<u>Thursday, April 4, 2019 / 28 Adar II 5779</u> Hilary Bobrick, Mairmam Dorin, Edith Kopelman, Maurice Leight, Dora Oderberg, Beryl Ben Oser, Morris Penn, Idusia Rabinovich, Ann Bronsten Rottman

<u>Friday, April 5, 2019 / 29 Adar II 5779</u> Aaron Louis Kaufman, Fay Feldmus Schwagman, Seymour Shaffer, Leonard Weiner

#### **Announcements**

Preschool Playground Playdate and Tile Painting -- Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am After months of donation gathering, and months of construction, our brand new playground is now open! To thank everyone who made the new playground possible, the BMH-BJ Preschool will be hosting a Playdate and Tile Painting where community members can finally see the new playground. Visit the preschool website for more details.

From Iberia to Syria: Solving a Converso Mystery -- Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm Sarina Roffé, author of Branching Out From Sepharad, outlines the history of Jews in Spain, the 1492 Expulsion, their history in Syria, and their immigration to the Americas. She will also touch on Conversos in the Colorado region. This program is free for members of JGSCO and \$10 for nonmembers. Nonmembers can buy a ticket using a credit card at <a href="https://squareup.com/store/jewish-genealogical-society-of-colorado">https://squareup.com/store/jewish-genealogical-society-of-colorado</a> (preferred), send a check to JGSCO, or pay at the door. Contact: Ellen Beller, VP of Programming, Phone: 303-990-2073

# Happenings @ BMH-BJ

Happy Minyan — Friday, April 5 at 5:55 pm

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 participate.

**Happy Hour with The Den** —Friday, April 5 at 6:50 pm in the Gallery Following Happy Minyan, join young professionals for kiddush and chat, hosted by The Den.

**Pesach University - Four Practical Questions for Passover** —Sunday, April 7, 2019, 10:00 am - 12:45 pm *To prepare for Pesach, our clergy and partners will be hosting an adult education series where students can spend a morning learning the answers to four practical Passover questions. Free of charge. Register at <a href="https://www.bmh-bj.org/event/PesachUniversity">www.bmh-bj.org/event/PesachUniversity</a>* 

Young Professionals Exodus Room —Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 1:45 pm

Come search for an escape before you search for chametz! Young professionals are invited to join BMH-BJ for an escape room. Following the game, the group will head to a nearby coffee shop where Rabbi Chaitovsky will lead a discussion on Passover. Register at <a href="www.bmh-bj.org/event/ExodusRoom">www.bmh-bj.org/event/ExodusRoom</a>

Chesed Group Meeting — Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30 pm in the Library

Please join us as we continue our efforts to help members of our shul community. Everyone is welcome. For information or to volunteer contact Karen Cash, 720-926-6953 or karencashdouglass@gmail.com

BMH-BJ Senior Chavurah —Thursday, April 11 at 1:00 pm in the Gallery

Financial Freedom—Taking Care of Tomorrow, a care navigator and an elder attorney will share knowledge and present techniques to safeguard your assets so you can focus on other important areas of your life.

Yad Family Shabbat PJ Party — Friday, April 12, 2019, 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Wear your PJs to this fun event for families with children 9 and under that includes Shabbat blessings by Rabbi and Cantor, buffet dinner and music. Children's activities provided by our Preschool and PJ Library. Cost: \$9 adult, \$5 children 2-12, under 2 free. RSVP at <a href="https://www.Jewishcolorado.org/yadfamilyshabbat">www.Jewishcolorado.org/yadfamilyshabbat</a>

**Shabbat HaGadol Drasha** —Shabbat, April 13 after services at 11:20 in the Sanctuary A special presentation by *Rabbi Chaitovsky on BMH-BJ and its Relationship to Orthodoxy — Past, Present and Future.* A delicious Kiddush will follow in the Lustig Social Hall.





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Second Seder

April 20, evening

Pesach 7th Day

April 26 (Services in Shaarei Simcha)

Pesach 8th Day

April 27 (Yizkor at 10:30 am)

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