

# BMH BJ

## Shabbat Acharei Mot—Kedoshim

April 28-May 4, 2018 — 13-19 Iyar 5778

Pesukei d'Zimrah — Sam Plattner, Torah reading — pg 636, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — Amos 9:7-15 pg 1173 — Josh Flaum

Sermon by Rabbi Chaitovsky “The Holy Man”

Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky

Cantor Joel Lichterman

Ilene Rosen—Executive Director

Jeff Kline—President

### Service Times

#### Saturday— April 28 (Omer 28)

Daf Yomi 8:00 am

Shacharit, Sanctuary 9:00 am

Shacharit, Chapel 9:15 am

Taste of Torah 10:00 am

Mincha, Chapel 7:25 pm

Havdalah 8:33 pm

#### Sunday— April 29 (Omer 29)

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

#### Monday— April 30 (Omer 30)

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

#### Tuesday— May 1 (Omer 31)

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday— May 2 (Omer 32)

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Cantor's Torah Class 7:30 am

Wednesday Wisdom 10:00 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Wednesday Wisdom 7:30 pm

#### Thursday— May 3 (Omer 33)

##### Lag B'Omer

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Ellyn Hutt's Class 11:00 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Hilulah BBQ 7:00 pm

#### Friday— May 4 (Omer 34)

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Mincha 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting 7:30 pm

שבת שלום ומבורך!



Image by Israeli artist Tamar Messer, Acharei Mot 16:22, on the casting away of sins.

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**Please join us for Kiddush in the Social 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.

Please note that our services are cell free zones.

## Parshah Summary

Following the deaths of Nadav and Avihu, G-d warns against unauthorized entry “into the holy.” Only one person, the *Kohen Gadol* (“high priest”), may—but once a year, on Yom Kippur—enter the innermost chamber in the Sanctuary to offer the sacred *ketoret* to G-d. Another feature of the Day of Atonement service is the casting of lots over two goats, to determine which should be offered to G-d and which should be dispatched to carry off the sins of Israel to the wilderness. The parshah of Acharei also warns against bringing *korbanot* (animal or meal offerings) anywhere but in the Holy Temple, forbids the consumption of blood, and details the laws prohibiting incest and other deviant sexual relations.

The parshah of Kedoshim begins with the statement: “You shall be holy, for I, the L-rd your G-d, am holy.” This is followed by dozens of *mitzvot* (divine commandments) through which the Jew sanctifies himself and relates to the holiness of G-d. These include: the prohibition against idolatry, the mitzvah of charity, the principle of equality before the law, Shabbat, sexual morality, honesty in business, honor and awe of one’s parents, and the sacredness of life. Also in Kedoshim is the dictum which the great sage Rabbi Akiva called a cardinal principle of Torah, and of which Hillel said, “This is the entire Torah, the rest is commentary”—“Love your fellow as yourself.”

## Haftarah Summary

*Haftarat Kedoshim* is from the Book of Amos. It consists of the last nine verses of the Book’s last chapter. Amos, a simple shepherd from the hills of Judea, was deeply troubled by man’s cruelty as he saw it, in his time, among his own people. He was driven by his prophetic conscience to leave the peaceful hill country. He came down into the cities where he denounced the corruption of the people, in particular the irresponsibility of the leaders. It was an “age of affluence” when many lived in luxury side by side with the many more who struggled in poverty. The poor, the alien, the widow, and the orphan were ignored. Pagan forms of worship corrupted the land. There was an urgent need for someone to speak out against the wide-spread wrongdoing. Amos became the prophetic spokesman who reminded the people to adhere to moral and ethical standards, as only when it lives up to them does Israel receive G-d’s blessing.

## Happening @ BMH-BJ, Upcoming Events

**Lag b’Omer Hilulah BBQ - 33rd Day of the Omer** –Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in Shraiberg Gardens  
*Celebrate Denver's largest Hilulah (yahrzeit of Hassidic master Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai) and Lag B'Omer celebration with a bonfire, dancing, great Israeli music, and a BBQ dinner. No charge for the event. Food available for cash purchase.*

**Confirmation/Midrasha Shabbat**—Shabbat, May 5 in the Sanctuary  
*A special Shabbat featuring our Midrasha students who will be participating in Shabbat services.*

**High Tea and Hats —BMH-BJ Senior Chavurah** —Thursday, May 10 at 1:00pm in the Gallery  
*Enjoy laughter and conversation at afternoon tea! Presentation by Karen Douglass on the history and cultural significance of English tea-time, and an explanation of its variations. Prize will be awarded to the best hat!*

**Shabbat Derech Eretz & Girl Scout Shabbat** – Saturday, May 19  
*BMH-BJ hosts the Denver Jewish Community Girl Scout Troop for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year! Under the direction of Troop Leader Dr. Liss Gruen, known to her Girl Scouts as "Dr. Liss," the troop, which started in 2011 with just six girls, continues to expand. The girls come from as far away as Arvada and Cherry Creek and represent the breadth of the Jewish community, including girls from three Jewish day schools, public schools, and secular private schools.*

**Shavuot —sundown May 19 through sundown May 21, 2018**

**Tikun Leil Shavuot** —Motzei Shabbat, May 19, 9:30pm until late. *RSVP at [bmh-bj.org/shavuot](http://bmh-bj.org/shavuot)*  
*Join us for an evening of community Torah study and a “Tikkun Hop” around Winston Downs neighborhood.*

## **Birthdays**

Isadore (Izzy) Barter, Greg Bean, John Berman, David Berman, Jennifer Dechtman, Rotem Elgavish, Alisa Garner, Mia Gugino, James Harris, Nancy Kaufman, Emily Kauvar, Michael Kopinsky, Steve Leventhal, Fred Meisterplass, Prof. Martin Mendelsberg, Dr. Brad Nieder, Cindy Noam, Shereen Pollak, Mischa Raizman, Dr. Douglas Reznick, Bonni Romer, Joel Rozansky, Stephanie Schiff, Jeffery Schomay, Elena Veta, Ronit Williamson, Pamela Wolf

## **Anniversaries**

Simon Kaganov & Alla Shcherbina (53)

## **Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery**

Joe Bean, Sara Behmoaras, Daniel Alexander Edwards, Fay Finkelstein, Gabriella Sara bat Yael, Linda Fox, Elaine Greenberg, Francine (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba) Greenberg, Crystal Hickman, Robert Hochstadt, Leland Huttner, Doniel Kaye, Jerry (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam) Marcus, Aileen Marcus (Amalia Ester bat Chana), Toby Mower, John Peterson, Lilian Schaeffer, Jeff Warren (Yaakov ben Freidel), David Weinstein, Bud Wittlin (Boruch Yaakov ben Sara), Yael bat Yaakova

## **Yahrzeits**

**Shabbat, April 28, 2018 / 13 Iyar 5778** Alfred Charles Axelrod, Carol Berk, Alfred Caspari, Albert Farkas, Philip Fox, Rose Goldberg, Ernest Gruenwald, I. Irving Harris, Gertrude Kraut, Khana Levenshtein, Nathan Marinoff, Khanna Milevskaya, Jacob Morein, Harris E. Pellish, Dan Pulaski, Sam Reinstein, Isadore M. Rosenblatt, Rivka Rosenblum, Samuel H. Sachter, Fayge Serebrovsky, Bertha Simons, Khaim Sluzevsky, Marvin Soloway, Mark Vilensky, Valerie Vinestock

**Sunday, April 29, 2018 / 14 Iyar 5778** Ray Ashkenas, Elias Berkly, Abern Bowers, George Cohen, Jacob Edelman, Jacob M. Goldberg, Harris Goldman, Morris Goldstein, Sarah Greenblatt, Gerry Japha, Bella Joshua, Reuben Leventhal, Anna Penn, Ida Robinson, Reba Rockman, Shlema Rotenberg, George Rubin, Yetta Saltzman, Harry Schaffer, Morris Shtul, Marvin Shamon, Pauline Shapiro, George Shapiro, Jeanette Wasserman Spilka, Arlene F. Uram, Abe L. Zinn

**Monday, April 30, 2018 / 15 Iyar 5778** Avram Albert, Nettie Allen, Nona Feiner, Dorothy Finer, Esther Ginsborg, Stanley Haskel, Abraham Heller, Elaine Levine, Dora Levy, Mollie Makowka, Maurice Mandel, Herman F. Reiff, Nellie Sachs, Martin Sanders, Ann Schiff, Harry Streltzer, Goldie Vasa

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018 / 16 Iyar 5778** Andrea Gil Averch, Anita Guy Averch, Lillian Balkin, Samuel Brown, Ida Burnstein, Sam David Cohn, Phillip Feld, Benjamin Feldman, Nathan Friedman, Joseph Getzen, Linda Heifets, Abraham Jacobs, Sally Kaplan, Robert Kessler, Dr. Samuel Lutz, Figdor Maier, Lena Mandelbaum, Phil Mozer, Leah Rachofsky, Leonard Richmond, Jessie Breier Rogoff, Irene Rosenfeld, Samuel D. Ross, Michael Schatz, Rose R. Smith, Mary Ella Sobol, Max Tatarsky, Nathan Weissman, Virgil Frank Zimmerman, Ruth Zisman

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018 / 17 Iyar 5778** Paula Biegen, Hans (Juan) Blum, Morris Braude, Betty Mae Cohen, Minnie Cohen, Charles Dashut, Celia Diner, Belle Dinner, Pamela Embrey, Martha Green, Alba Hemst, Meyer Josephson, Bette Goldfogel Kaplan, Bette Lee Kaplan, Dave Karsh, Jack Kopolivic, Irene Carr Lutz, Selma Neuhaus, Morris Sam Radetsky, Arnie Rosen, Max Segel, Ralph Sher, Hyman Shuster, Harry Sorkin, Elizabeth Svarc, Devorah Tulper, Lynn Lee Vodian, John Hartley Westbrook

**Thursday, May 3, 2018 / 18 Iyar 5778** Dorothy Axel, Menucha Zlata Band, Hilde Blum, Louis Bomash, Rae B. Brilliant, Edward N. Bronstine, Joseph E. Cohen, Sam Feldman, Jerry Goodman, Rosalind Gertrude Joseph, Ethel Rose Kaatz, Jake Lapin, Joseph Leiser, Burton Mirrop, Dr. Morris Printz, Solomon Richman, Alta Schwartz, Louis Segall, Mollie Seidner, Khaim Shtelman, Louis K. Sigman, Hyman L. Susman, Ruth Melba Tilliss, Yoel Udevitz, Louis Vad, Bernhard Weiker, Milton Wittow, Libbie Yoches

**Friday, May 4, 2018 / 19 Iyar 5778** Mollie Altman, Dave Altman, Isaac Berneman, Samuel W. Brenhard, Sara Cohan, Belle Cohen, Ida Diamond, Vladimir Dulova, Pasba Gindina, Ronna Jo Goldberg, Jack Goldberg, Bessie Guteh Goldfarb, Ben Gvirtz, Betty "Buz" Hahn, Morris Lankowitz, David Mintz, Abe Pinckovitch, Sylvia Plotkin, Louis Robinson, Erwin Samuel, Abe Schiff, Roy Shapiro, Rosa Silver, Mary Silverman, Nimrod Sinai, Barry Tillis, Sarah Ushomirsky, Gina Vertenstein, Julius Wanger

## 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 Vayikrah** 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 Francis Nataf is a Jerusalem-based educator and thinker, well known for his ability to find creative and inspiring new ways of looking at Jewish texts and tradition. He is the author of four volumes of contemporary Torah commentary as well as numerous articles for Haaretz, the Jerusalem Post, the Times of Israel, the Jewish Press and the Jerusalem Report. He is also associate editor of the Jewish Bible Quarterly. Rabbi Nataf has brought his out-of-the-box approach concerning the contemporary Jewish scene to synagogue, conference and university audiences on four continents.

MAY 11-12, 2018

FRIDAY NIGHT: SERVICE 6:30 PM  
Dinner (\$25) and Presentation

"Hegel, History, and Rebbe Akiva"

SHABBAT MORNING: SERVICE 9 & 9:15 AM

PRESENTATION 11:30 AM

"Would Ruth's Conversion Be Accepted Today?"

SHABBAT AFTERNOON: MINCHA 7:40 PM  
Seudah Shlishit & Presentation

"The Nation, The Tribe, and I - Individuality and  
Community in the Book of Numbers"

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## Wednesday Wisdom

*Trends in Modern Orthodoxy*

Thursdays in the Gallery at 10:00am and at 7:30pm

Four classes remaining:

What's "Modern" about Modern Orthodoxy?

Ritual Trends – New Opportunities for Women

The "M" word – Demystifying Mechtzah

We've Never Done it this Way – a Tentative Look at our Future

Please RSVP online and enter your email address if you would like to receive class materials. Classes are free of charge.

[www.bmh-bj.org/learn/wednesday-wisdom](http://www.bmh-bj.org/learn/wednesday-wisdom)

## Walk for Israel ~ Celebrate Family Festival

Sunday, May 6th, 9:00am—1:00pm

*Celebrate Israel, family, and the community in  
at this collaborative Walk + Family Festival  
organized by JEWISHcolorado and JCC Denver.  
Event is free. RSVP at*

[www.jewishcolorado.org/walkforisrael](http://www.jewishcolorado.org/walkforisrael)

## Exhibition - Deadly Medicine: Creating the

**Master Race** —daily through May 22

*"How Healers Became Killers" at CU Anschutz  
Campus in Aurora, Fulginiti Pavillion for  
Bioethics and Humanities in the Gossard Forum  
on the ground floor. Free event, no RSVP  
necessary.*