

Parashat Emor

May 18 - 24, 2019 — 13 - 19 lyar 5779

Torah reading — pg 672, Baalei Keriah — Jerry Rotenberg and Benjamin Parris
Haftarah — Ezekiel 44:15-31 pg 1176 — Benjamin Parris—2nd B"M anniversary
Taste of Torah parashah shiur with Essie Fleischman at 10:00 am in the Gallery
Prayer Pearls: Connecting Tefilah with Reb Noam Horowitz at 11:00 am in the Gallery
Pirkei Avot — Genius of the Rabbis — 12:15pm in the Sanctuary
30+30 Beit Midrash with Rabbi Chaitovsky — Rabbi Akiva and the Omer — 6:30 pm 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

Welcome to our guest speaker: Mayor of Sderot, Alon Davidi

Sderot is a small town located near the border with Gaza in the "15-second zone" which has been bombarded with rockets since disengagement from Gaza in 2005. Since disengagement more than 10 thousand rockets have fallen on Sderot. It has also been

targeted by Hamas's terror tunnel network. Many residents suffer from PTSD. The Hesder Yeshivah of Sderot is the largest in Israel. Residents are known for "ahavat Eretz Yisrael" - love of the land of Israel.



Please join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by Max Furer in honor of his special birthday.

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— May 18 Daf Yomi 8:00 am Sanctuary 9:00 am Chapel 9:15 am Mincha 7:40 pm Havdalah 8:52 pm

Sunday — May 19

Daf Yomi 7:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am Day in the Park 1:00 pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Monday — May 20

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

Tuesday — May 21

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit 6:45 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Wednesday — May 22

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit 6:45 am Rabbi's Class 7:30 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Thursday— May 23 Lag B'Omer

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

Friday — May 24

Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit 6:45 am Mincha 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:55 pm שבת שלום ומבורך!

Parshah Summary (Emor—Vayikra/Leviticus 21-24 pg 672)

The *Sidrah* of Emor ("speak") begins with the special laws pertaining to the *Kohanim* ("priests"), the *Kohen Gadol* ("High Priest") and the Temple service: A *Kohen* may not become ritually impure through contact with a dead body, save on the occasion of the death of a close relative. A *Kohen* may not marry a divorcee, or a woman with a promiscuous past; a *Kohen Gadol* can marry only a virgin. A newborn calf, lamb or kid must be left with its mother for seven days before being eligible for an offering; one may not slaughter an animal and its offspring on the same day.

The second part of Emor lists the annual Callings of Holiness—the festivals of the Jewish calendar; weekly Shabbat; bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; a seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the second day of Passover and commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day; a "remembrance of shofar blowing" on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival—during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the "Four Kinds"—beginning on 15 Tishrei; and holiday immediately following the "eighth day" of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).

Next the Torah discusses the lighting of the *menorah* in the Temple and the showbread (*lechem hapanim*) placed weekly on the table there. Emor concludes with an incident of a man executed for blasphemy and the penalties for murder (death) and for injuring one's fellow or destroying his property (monetary compensation).

In Today's Haftarah (Ezekiel 44:15-31 pg 1176)

The *Haftarah* is from the Book of Ezekiel. The Prophet Ezekiel was among the Judean exiles who were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylonia, in 598 B.C.E. It was a very difficult time for his people. Had God rejected and forgotten them? Was there any hope for a return to Jerusalem? Ezekiel has no doubt in his heart. His faith in God is strong and he shares that faith with the exiles. Ezekiel assures them in a variety of ways that God will yet bring about their return to Jerusalem.

In the *Haftarah*, Ezekiel offers his vision of a Temple rebuilt in Jerusalem. He pictures in detail the *Kohanim*, descendants of Zadok, the *Kohen Gadol* under King Solomon, carrying out their duties in the new Jerusalem Temple. They shall be honorable *Kohanim* teaching the people the difference between right and wrong. These *Kohanim* shall be fair judges among the people.

The link between the *Sidrah* and *Haftarah* is the theme of priestly duties. In the *Sidrah* these duties are presented for the first time. Ezekiel, many centuries later, reviews them for the exiles in Babylonia.

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
- ► Conversational Hebrew Class (on break)
- ► Women's Parashah Shiur Thursdays 11:00 am
 - Ellyn Hutt

- ► Taste of Torah Shabbat at 10:00 am
- Essie Fleischmann
- ▶ Prayer Pearls Shabbat at 11:00 am
- Reb Noam Horowitz
- ► Genious of the Rabbis /Pirkei Avot Shabbat at 12:15am
- Rabbi Chaitovsky
- ► Ten Minutes of Text Shabbat at Seudah Shelishit
 - Rabbi Chaitovsky
- ▶ 30+30 Beit Midrash Saturdays 1 hour prior to Mincha
- Rabbi Chaitovsky
- ► Cantor's Class Sundays at 10:45 am
 - Cantor Goldstein (class on break until June)

Our Daily Minyan Needs You! We are proud that our synagogue has minyan twice each day. It is not always easy getting a minyan, especially in the evenings. Please consider making a commitment once or twice a week to join our morning or evening minyan. Consider it your "Jewry Duty"!

Fun Lag B'Omer Facts This minor holiday is known for bonfires, weddings and haircuts. It falls on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot. This year, from Wednesday evening, May 22nd through sundown on the 23rd, celebrate a break from the semi-mourning of the Omer. Lag B'Omer is unofficially the celebration of fraternity, communal peace and mutual respect for our neighbors.

Birthdays Brandon Axelrod, Norman Brownstein, Ann Jill Drucker, Elaine Feldman, Ori Harari, Nahum Katsenelson, Jack Kimel, Jeffrey Leszman, Douglas Richards, Bre Rosen, Martin Rubinowitz, Ianne Veta, Arielle Williamson, Steven Zapiler

Anniversaries Hillel & Elaine Goldberg (50) Sephen & Gail Schomay (43) Elen & Hadassa Penn (15)

Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery Chaim Binyamin ben Sara, Esther bat Chana, Sara Behmoaras, Paula Burger, Dr. Bernice Dinner, Roberta Feinsmith, Linda Fox, Francine Greenberg (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba), 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, Harriet Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Shabbtai Yaakov ben Channah, Tamar bat Phoebe, David Weinstein, Terry Wolf, Tziviya Trana bat Rivka, Bayla bat Chaya Feliga Yachnowitz

Yahrzeits

Shabbat, May 18, 2019 / 13 Iyar 5779 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, May 19, 2019 / 14 Iyar 5779

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

Monday, May 20, 2019 / 15 Iyar 5779

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, Marvin Rotenberg, Nellie Sachs, Martin Sanders, Ann Schiff, Harry Streltzer, Goldie Vasa

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 / 16 Iyar 5779 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

<u>Wednesday, May 22, 2019 / 17 Iyar 5779</u> 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 Lee Goldfogel Kaplan, Dave Karsh, Jack Kopolivic, Irene Carr Lutz, Selma Neuhaus, Gertrude Prezant, 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 23, 2019 / 18 Iyar 5779 Dorothy Axel, Menucha Zlata Band, Hilde Blum, Louis Bomash, Rae B. Brilliant, Edward N. Bronstine, Joseph E. Cohen, Edith Disler, 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, Hyman L. Susman, Yoel Udevitz, Louis Vad, Bernhard Weiker, Milton Wittow, Libbie Yoches

Friday, May 24, 2019 / 19 Iyar 5779 Dave Altman, Mollie Altman, Isaac Berneman, Samuel W. Brenhard, Sara Cohan, Belle Cohen, Ida Diamond, Vladimir Dulova, Pasba Gindina, Jack Goldberg, Ronna Jo Goldberg, Bessie Guteh Goldfarb, Ben Gvirtz, Betty "Buz" Hahn, Morris Lankowitz, David Mintz, Abe Pinckovitch, Sylvia Plotkin, Louis Robinson, Erwin Samuel, Abe Schiff, Rosa Silver, Mary Silverman, Nimrod Sinai, Barry Tilliss, Sarah Ushomirsky, Gina Vertenstein, Julius Wanger

Happenings @ BMH-BJ

IAC Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration —Motzei Shabbat, May 18 at 8:00 pm at The Soiled Dove Underground. Israeli American Council will be celebrating Israel's 71st Yom Ha'atzmaut with a concert featuring Israeli poprock star Danny Robas. No cash at the door, please get tickets online, early bird pricing available.

Lag B'Omer Day in the Park —Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 am at Crestmoor Park

Celebrate Lag B'Omer with BMH-BJ and BMH-BJ Preschool with a Day in the Park! We will gather at the Crestmoor Park Picnic Area (at the cul-de-sac north of Locust Street). There will be games, activites and refreshments. Register at www.bmh-bj.org/event/ParkDay

BMH-BJ Senior Chavurah — Thursday, May 23 at 1:00 pm in the Gallery

Colorful Containers—Lively Gardens for Everyone. Join Peg Lehr, Master Gardener/Educator, for tips and answers to your questions. Best yet, you'll get your hands dirty with a special project.

Shalom/Salam Women's Interfaith Meeting —Sunday, May 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Mosaic Foundation We will have a wonderful educational opportunity to learn all about the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. During Ramadan, Muslims have to fast daily until the sun goes down. Then they can eat. After Gulsum gives her presentation, our Muslim sisters will treat us to dinner at 8 p.m. RSVP to BOBBI - LIGHT2U@COMAST.NET, Location: 10855 E. Bethany Drive. Aurora, CO 80014. Please come downstairs.

Bo Nashir - Come and Sing on Shabbat — Friday May 31 at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary Welcome in Shabbat with a musical service! All are encouraged to join as Cantor Marty leads Kabbalat Shabbat with a choir and band. Fill your soul with spiritual energy as you sing your way into Shabbat.

Friday Night Shabbat Dinner—Friday, May 31, 2019 at 7:30 pm

After services fill your body with a delicious Shabbat dinner while gathering with friends! All are welcome! Reserve your seat! Register at www.bmh-bj.org/event/May5Shab

Children of the Inquisition — Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm

In partnership with Museo de Las Americas and the Mizel Museum, an exclusive showing of Children of the Inquisition will be held at BMH-BJ. Children of the Inquisition tells the story or families forced to convert to Catholicism or flee during the Spanish and Portuguese inquisitions. Via Inquisition records and detailed historical accounts, the full story emerges. The film's producer and director Joseph Lovett will be in attendance for a meet and greet and discussion. Attendees are encouraged to bring stories of their heritage to the discussion. Reserve your spot today! www.bmh-bj.org/event/coi





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