

Shabbat, Parashat Emor

May 5-May 11, 2018 — 20-26 lyar 5778

Confirmation Shabbat

Pesukei d'Zimrah — Sam Plattner, Torah reading — pg 672, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — Ezekiel 44:15-31 pg 1176 — Benjamin Parris on the 1st anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Sermon by Rabbi Chaitovsky

Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky
Cantor Joel Lichterman

Ilene Rosen—Executive Director

Jeff Kline—President



This year's 2018 Confirmation students from left to right: Sarah Tenenbaum, Talia Williamson, Josh Rosen, Barry Dechtman, standing with Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky at the far right.

Walk for Israel ~ Celebrate Family Festival

Sunday, May 6th, 9:00am—1:00pm



Celebrate Israel, family, and the community at this collaborative Walk + Family Festival organized by JEWISHcolorado & JCC Denver.

Please join us for Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by BMH-BJ with contributions from the Confirmation families.

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.

Service Times

Saturday— May 5 (Omer 35)
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 8:40 pm

Sunday— May 6 (Omer 36) Daf Yomi 7:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Monday— May 7 (Omer 37) Daf Yomi 5:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

Tuesday— May 8 (Omer 38) Daf Yomi 5:45 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Wednesday— May 9 (Omer 39)
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 10 (Omer 40) Daf Yomi 5:30 am Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am Ellyn Hutt's Class 11:00 am Mincha/Maariv 6:30 pm

Friday— May 11 (Omer 41)
Daf Yomi 5:45 am
Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am
Mincha 6:30 pm
Candle Lighting 7:43 pm
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Parshah Summary

The *Parsha* 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; 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).

Haftarah Summary

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.

Happening @ BMH-BJ, Upcoming Events

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!

Blue & White Shabbat Dinner – Friday, May 11

Enjoy a Blue & White Shabbat dinner with scholar-in-residence Rabbi Francis Nataf. Rabbi 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. \$25 registration. https://www.bmh-bj.org/event/rabbi-nataf

Shabbat Derech Eretz & Girl Scout Shabbat – Saturday, May 19

BMH-BJ hosts the Denver Jewish Community Girl Scout Troop for the 7th straight year! Started in 2011, 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
4th Friday Dinner & Program —Friday, May 25 • Dinner at 5:00 pm, Services at 6:40 pm
Online registration opening soon. \$25 adult. \$15 child.

Birthdays Ruth Albert, David Axelrod, Shelly Barkan, David Beckett, Sydney Beckett, David Blum, Estee Dechtman, Abraham Drucker, Gail Dym, Michael Feldman, Ellice Goldberg, Adam Leventhal, Suzanne Kaller, Amit Yair Kobel, Brian Kopinsky, Hayley Kraus, Gregory Kushnir, Ilya Kushnir, Freda Landie, Richard S. Leaman, Chloe Rose Leventhal, Samuel Makovsky, Richard Miller, Yonatan Neustadt, Benjamin Parris, Steven Saliman, Sivan Sides, Alana Story, Talia Williamson

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

<u>Shabbat, May 5, 2018 / 20 Iyar 5778</u> Edith Brown, Renee Engel, Milton Freis, Dorothy Goldberg, Harry H. Goldberg, Asher Gumbiner, Ann Horwitz, Grace Jay, Frances R. Konrad, Cy Lerner, Mollie Madison, Gen Mellman, Nathan Mendel, Faye R. Morris, Miriam Pushkin, Esther Quicksilver, Freda Rose, Johanna Samuel, Genise Singer, Robert B. Smith, Dora Sobel, Dora Soldinger, Abraham Trilling, Walter Waxman

<u>Sunday, May 6, 2018 / 21 Iyar 5778</u> Mollie Berman, Max Bronstine, Susan Feingold, Rose Fink, Sarah Frenkel, Evelyn Gardenswartz, Aaron Goldhammer, Dr. Samuel Goldhammer, Henry Gully, Nehemias Heyman, Frances Illing, Shyrle Kaplan, Hyman Landy, Gail Beth Pacetti, Alice Payne, Morris Pringle, Harry Rock, Mindel Rotbart, Avrom Rotbart, Rose Roth, Rose Shapiro, John Starr, Phyllis J. Weiner, Max Weinstein

Monday, May 7, 2018 / 22 Iyar 5778 Emma Blum, Don Cawelti, Yekusiel (Sapir) Chappell, Edna Cohen, Joseph Freidenson, Dina Gordon, Joseph Gordon, Sandra Heyman, Aaron Kaplan, Sarah Levin, Paul Libert, Bruce Morton Loup, Esther D. Moses, Jack Rubenstein, Peyser Soble, Herman Streltzer, Louis Weinberg, Howard Wells, Rose Winters

<u>Tuesday, May 8, 2018 / 23 Iyar 5778</u> Abraham Goldberg (A.B.), Norbert Bachrach, Reva Aaron Berger, Anna Rose Berman, Elaine Bernstein, Hennie Faiga Bloom, Edith Boehm, Mavis Datnow, Arlene Jacobs, Chaya Koganovich, Shirley Melnick, Frieda Pasternak, Abraham Pinchick, Eugene Arthur Reed, Reda Riemer, Martha Rosenberg, Arthur Rozycki, Isadore Rude, Fannie Saltzman, Leona Homler Sollecito, Ida Cohen Straus,

<u>Wednesday, May 9, 2018 / 24 Iyar 5778</u> Hyman I. Fine, Bert Fuchs, Mendel Gendelev, Sheldon Ginsberg, Marie Hartywick, Harold Kraut, Barnett Kutzburg, Philip Marcus, Friedel Nashelsky, Morris Quicksilver, Bella Rabinovich, Phil Rosen, Ilona Schwartz, Dora Sugar, Samuel Tyor, Esther White

Thursday, May 10, 2018 / 25 Iyar 5778 Hal Anderson, Donna Aysenzon, Shirley Epcar, Jacob Sam Failer, Sarah Fine, Max Mendel Fisher, Gershon Freed, Frieda Greenberg, Abe (Al) Greenspoon, Melanie R. Gumbel, Shimon Elhiovich Kertsburd, Susan Leader, Sylvia Litvak, Max A. Loup, Rose Caplan MacDuffie, Roy Meer, Anna Ravdin, Chana Recht, Estelle Rifkin, Ralph Rose, Regina Shmuglyakova, Shirley Saliman Snyder, Janet Steeler, Minnie Waldbaum, William Wexler

Friday, May 11, 2018 / 26 Iyar 5778

Regina Iosifovna Arenkova, Isaac Banker, Sylvia Begal, Jacob Berkowitz, Louis Caplan, Miriam Foreman, Louis Friedman, Phyllis Goren, Joseph Gotfred, Samuel Gould, Morris Hagler, Leonid Heifets, Lillian Lakie Klausner, Maria Kuzmina, Abe Markovitz, Ruth V. Pass, Jennie Radetsky, Mitchell Romer, Louis Schiff, Geraldine Smerling, Eugene Sorkin, Adolph Spitzer, Goldye Weinberg, Isadore Weiss

Hashavat Aveida—returning lost items

The Sanctuary coat room was full of women's shoes and boots—if you believe you lost your shoes, please contact Rachael at 303-951-8132. Uncollected footwear will be donated after Shavuot.

See back side of handout for more information about exciting upcoming events, including Shavuot, Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Chai's Wednesday Wisdom Series, and weekly Torah study opportunities.

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

BLUE & WHITE SHABBAT

FEATURING SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

RABBI FRANCIS NATAF



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: PRESENTATION 6:45 PM Followed by Mincha at 7:40 PM

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



RSVP FOR DINNER ONLINE @ WWW.BMH-BJ.ORG OR CALL 303.388.4203

Kavod on the Road and the BMH-BJ Senior Chavurah presents



High Tea and Hats

Let's tip our hats to Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford for starting this great tradition. Enjoy laughter and conversation with a cup of tea, friends and "finger" foods.

If you'd like to channel the Mad Hatter, show off your tea time headpiece whether it is elegant, whimsical, creative or practical. You could win a prize!



Thursday, May 10 - 1:00 pm at BMH-BJ

RSVP: Rebecca, 720.382.7848, kotr@kavodseniorlife.org

Wednesday Wisdom

Trends in Modern Orthodoxy

Wednesdays in the Gallery at 10:00am and at 7:30pm Last two evening classes on Thursdays at 7:30pm

Three classes remaining:

Ritual Trends - New Opportunities for Women

The "M" word - Demystifying Mechitzah

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

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.

Shavuot Without Borders with Rabbis Chaitovsky, Gerson, and Gitler Saturday, May 19 at 8:30pm in Fisher Hall Enjoy a unique Tikkun Leil Shavuot in the theme of "Derech Eretz Kadma L'Torah" begins during Seudah Shlishit and continues through the evening at BMH-BJ until midnight. Continue the learning after midnight with us as we hop from home to home in the Winston Downs neighborhood until sunrise.

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