

BMH BJ

Parashat Matot-Massei

July 14-20, 2018 — 2-8 Av 5778

Torah reading — pg 900, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Shabbat Haftarah — Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2 pg 1193 — Arden Wandel

Shacharit and Musaf — Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky

Rabbi Refoel Levitt will deliver a dvar torah in honor of his birthday (Chapel)

The Genius of the Rabbis / Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Chai in the Sanctuary following Kiddush

Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky

Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman

Service Times

Ilene Rosen—Executive Director

Jeff Kline— Shul President



Saturday— July 14

Daf Yomi 8:00 am

Shacharit, Sanctuary 9:00 am

Shacharit, Chapel 9:15 am

Taste of Torah 10:00 am

Mincha, Chapel 8:05 pm

Havdalah 9:12 pm

Sunday— July 15

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

Monday— July 16

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

Tuesday— July 17

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

Wednesday— July 18

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Cantor's Torah Class 7:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

Thursday— July 19

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Senior Chavurah 1:00 pm

Mincha/Maariv 6:45 pm

Friday— July 20

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Mincha 6:45 pm

Candle Lighting 8:03 pm

The Nine Days commenced on Rosh Chodesh Av, Friday July 13, 2018, and culminate on the public fast day of Tisha B'Av. During this time we mourn the destruction of the *Beit HaMikdash* and “diminish our joy” in our daily lives. We do not hold weddings or other festive gatherings, play or listen to musical instruments, or purchase new clothing. We refrain from eating meat and drinking wine, except on Shabbat. Hair cutting and shaving are also prohibited. Tisha B'Av will begin next Saturday evening.

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.

Parshat Matot Summary

Moses conveys the laws governing the annulment of vows to the heads of the tribes of Israel. War is waged against Midian for their role in plotting the moral destruction of Israel, and the Torah gives a detailed account of the war spoils and how they were allocated amongst the people, the warriors, the Levites and the High Priest or *Kohen Gadol*.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad (later joined by half of the tribe of Manasseh) ask for the lands east of the Jordan as their portion in the Promised Land, these being prime pastureland for their cattle. Moses is initially angered by the request, but subsequently agrees on the condition that they first join, and lead, in Israel's conquest of the lands west of the Jordan.

Parshat Massei Summary

The *Parasha* reports on the wanderings of Israel from the time that they left Egypt to the time they reached the borders of Canaan. Forty encampment places are named—beginning with Rameses in Egypt and ending with the Plains of Moab by the Jordan River at Jericho. Soon they would be entering the land promised them by G-d. Moses warns Israel that, when they settle in Canaan, they must destroy all of the pagan temples of the Canaanites. Israel must take no part in the Canaanite idol worship. If Israel failed to comply with this command they would run into great trouble.

The *Sidrah* gives a detailed description of what were to be the boundaries of the Land of Israel. Moses appointed ten Israelite leaders, under the supervision of Eleazar and Joshua, to deal with the distribution of land among the tribes. The tribe of Levi, whose members were to serve as the religious teachers of the Israelites, was to be distributed among special residential cities, with land attached to each, spread among the territories of the other tribes. There were to be about forty-eight of these Levitical cities.

Further, the *Sidrah* reports on the designation of cities of refuge, of which there were to be six, in various parts of the land. Should a man kill another by accident, he would seek refuge in these specially assigned cities from those who might want revenge. In these cities a man was safe until his case could be tried.

Bamidbar (the Book of Numbers) ends with laws concerning the inheritance of property by women. Previously, the daughters of Tzelaftchad proposed to Moses that since their father died without leaving male heirs, that they should inherit their father's portion. Thus the laws of inheritance are amended once and then a second time that in order for an inheritance to remain valid, women should marry anyone of their choice within their own tribe! Thus the daughters marry within the Tribe of Manasseh, so that the estate which they inherit from their father should not pass to the province of another tribe.

Haftarat Massei

In the *Haftarah*, Jeremiah, born near Jerusalem in 660 B.C.E., brought his prophetic messages to his Judean brothers, and warns them of the difficult times ahead.

Jeremiah pleaded with the people of Judea to do away with idol worship and to return to the service of our one G-d. He asks of them—why do they continue to distance themselves from their true G-d? Do they not recognize that their one true G-d elevated them from slavery to freedom, was their guide in the wilderness, and brought them to the lands that surround Carmel which have sustained them for centuries?

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

► **Rabbi Horowitz classes** upcoming, details to follow

► **Women's Parasha Shiur** Thursdays at 11:00 am
- Ellyn Hutt **(no class on July 19, 26, nor Aug 2)**

► **Taste of Torah** Shabbat at 10:00 am
- Essie Fleischmann

► **Pirkei Avot** Shabbat following Kiddush
- Rabbi Chaitovsky

► **Ten Minutes of Text** Shabbat at Seudah Shelishit
- Rabbi Chaitovsky

Birthdays

Krista Boscoe, Wendy Davis, Chad Duman, Tricia Elgavish, Hyla Feder, Benjamin Hahn, Barry Kemp, Marina Kushnir, Allyson Leszman, Teagan Manning, Phil Stahl, Mindy Wiener

Anniversaries

Iran & Joan Emeson (56)

Alex & Beth Raizman (8)

Refuah Sheleima/Speedy Recovery

Chaya bat Sara Feige, Sara Behmoaras, Sherman Burry, Deborah Dunn (Devorah Leah bat Ita Liba), Linda Fox, Elaine Greenberg, Crystal Hickman, Doniel Kaye, Gary Marcove, Howard Marcove, Jerry Marcus (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam), Aileen Marcus (Amalia Ester bat Chana), Hazel Melmed, Mark Millenson, Toby Mower, John Peterson, Ron Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Joseph Silver, Ann Story, Norm Veta, Jeff Warren (Yaakov ben Freidel), David Weinstein, Terry Wolf, Susan Zalkin (Batsheva bat Esther), Charles Zwerdlinger

Yahrzeits

Shabbat, July 14, 2018 / 2 Av 5778

Udlya Avrutina, Benjamin Bass, Louis (Label) Berenstein, Reba Bilker, Henry A. Enrich, Sylvia Esquibel, Isadore Ettelman, Joseph Galub, Meer Grinberg, David Hartman, Marty Allen Hayutin, Mildred Jacobs, Felix Kahn, Marcia Gail "Missy" Kelne, Edward Levin, Harry Perlov, Leah Rosenthal, Edgar Schweig, Batya Shmulevitz, David Silver, Ettie Weiss

Sunday, July 15, 2018 / 3 Av 5778

Zelda Banner, Charles Behrman, Anna Bomash, Rose Cohn, Bertha Grossman, Hyman I. Hirschfeld, Sarah Joffe, Samuel Koch, Dr. Irving Locke, Meyer Pepper, Ron Rosen, Louis Rothman, Sveltana Rozova, Jacob C. Schachet, Morris Snyder, Abraham Strait, Gladys Strauss, Lauren Marie Susman, Charlotte Louise Wolf

Monday, July 16, 2018 / 4 Av 5778

Israel Ben-Zeev, Hilde Berdach, Edith Berman, Rose Carman, Yudif Fish, Fanny Fry, Frank Gawerc, Leo Gerstein, Leja Kirkel, Frida Kirkel, Jacob Kleiner, Jerome E. Korklin, Harold Levett, Frances Rayor Levine, Dr. Samuel Levine, Jacob S. Miller, Benjamin Molk, Pesya Novoselskaya, Izrail Pelts, Esther Rosenbaum, Joseph Sigman, Jeanette Vangorkom, Barney Zipes

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 / 5 Av 5778

Lena Cashman, Louis Cohen, David B. Cook, Shirley Friedland, Gordon Friednash, Samuel M. Gardner, Evelyn Himelgrin, Dr. Benjamin Kaplan, Sheindel Karp, Ben Katz, Nettie Langfelder, Vladimir Soltanovich, Albert Jack Strouts, Bessie Waldman

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 / 6 Av 5778

Sara Berger Bass, Max Berman, Mordecai Feldman, Zalman Flaks, Dora Hoffman, Bess Riva Hayutin Kaplan, Edwin Kolodny, Eva Levine, Cantor Jakub Lichterman, Celia Lipan, Berthold Maier, Joseph Rifkin, Helen Robinson, Jacob Safer, Morris L. Safran, Alan Schoen, Patti Seifert, Shraga Feivel Shajawitz, Kahsya Shtrom, Ida Tempelhof, Minnie Wasserstein, Sarah Zaler

Thursday, July 19, 2018 / 7 Av 5778

Brancha Zachery Abrams, Kate Baer, Annette Caplan, Esther Feld, Irene Fiedelman, Gertrude Flaks, Paul Friedman, Marcel Fuchs, Miriam Gordon, Carole Hein, Lillian Hepner, Morris Karden, Jacob Katzson, Saul Kornfield, Edith Kraut, Uri Lissauer, Rosaline Miller, Gertrude Moss, Eric Neuberger, Sam S. Orlinsky, Bessie Pashell, Anita Rubinowitz, Sid Schomay, Isaac Slatkin, Al Sorkin, Simon J. Spiegelman, Harry Strait, Samuel Topelson, Sandra Wittow

Friday, July 20, 2018 / 8 Av 5778

Ida Adelman, Marvin V. Appel, Neil Charney, Rubien Flax, Myrel Devora Fox, Eric Lewis Friedentag, Eli Harry Ginsberg, Dorothy Goldstein, Samuel J. Goodman, Arnold Gorshaw, Jacob M. Krause, Morris Kurland, Henry Newman, David Nikolayevsky, Ray Novak, Scott Pepper, Mary Rabinowitz, Marilyn Ravdin, George Schneider, Max Schreiber, Charles Schwarz, Philip Smolensky, Golda Spring

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Looking toward the High Holy Days

If you have not received your renewal packet in the mail by the end of this week you can contact the office to enquire for a new one. A kind reminder to renew your membership in preparation for the High Holiday season.

Other Happenings at BMH-BJ

Chesed Group Meeting —Tuesday, July 17 at 7:15pm in the BMH-BJ Library
Please join us as we continue our efforts to help members of our shul community.

BMH-BJ Senior Chavurah —Thursday, July 19 at 1:00 pm in the Gallery
What you need to know when facing a long term healthcare crisis. Teri Crocker, a care navigator, and Mike Homier, and elder law attorney, will guide you through problems and solutions.

Mishna and Movies —Thursday, July 19, 5:00-6:30pm
Prepare for Tisha B'Av with three thoughtful sessions led by Reb Noam Horowitz in the Gallery.
July 19: Forward Thinking. Drop your children off in Fisher Hall for Toy Story 3.
Popcorn and light snacks for the kids. Suggested Donation \$18.

Fast of Av 2018 —Fast begins at 8:22pm on Saturday, July 21, and ends at 8:53pm on Sunday, July 22.

Shalom Salaam Sisterhood meeting —Thursday, July 26, 7:00-9:00pm
Have you ever wondered how our city deals with violent extremism? Come to hear two women hired as civilian employees to implement the countering violent extremism grant that the Denver Police Dept. received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. We will see specific case studies and learn what drives a person down that path. // All women invited. Location: Mosaic Foundation. 10855 E. Bethany Drive. Aurora, 80014. (RSVP: light2u@comcast.net).

4th Friday Dinner —Friday, July 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm in Fisher Hall
Only two more 4th Friday dinners before the holy day break! Find out more at www.bmh-bj.org/4th-Friday

BMH-BJ and Jerusalem U invite you to a special
Denver Screening of the *Jerusalem U* film



See the film that's been screened at over 120 film festivals around the world!

Monday, July 23, 2018
7:15 PM in Fisher Hall
560 S Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO

Screening followed by a Q&A with Executive
Producer Raphael Shore and a hummus reception

Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child
www.bmh-bj.org/event/Hummus-Movie

Hummus! The Movie Secret recipes, a Guinness World Record and the power of Hummus to bring Muslims, Christians and Jews together... in the Middle East, America and around the world.

Tisha B'Av Film
INHERITANCE

Film presentation and discussion led by Rabbi Chaitovsky
Sunday July 22 at 5:15 pm in the Gallery



Inheritance is the story of Monika Hertwig, the daughter of mass murderer Amon Goeth. Hertwig has spent her life in the shadow of her father's sins, trying to come to terms with her "inheritance." She seeks out Helen Jonas, who was enslaved by Goeth and who is one of the few living eyewitnesses to his unspeakable brutality.