

# BMH BJ

## Parashat Shoftim

**August 18-24, 2018 — 7-13 Elul 5778**

Torah reading — pg 1024, Baal Koreh — Jerry Rotenberg

Haftarah — Isaiah 51:12-52:12 pg 1199 — Harold Koch

Shacharit & Musaf — Cantor Martin Goldstein

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

**Rabbi Yaakov Chaitovsky**

**Ilene Rosen—Executive Director**

**Jeff Kline— Shul President**

**Cantor Martin Goldstein**

**Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman**

**Cantor Emeritus Zachary Kutner**

### Service Times

#### **Saturday— August 18**

Daf Yomi 8:00 am

Shacharit, Sanctuary 9:00 am

Shacharit, Chapel 9:15 am

Taste of Torah 10:00 am

Reb Noam Horowitz 11:00 am

Mincha, Chapel 7:30 pm

Havdalah 8:34 pm

#### **Sunday— August 19**

Daf Yomi 7:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 8:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm

#### **Monday— August 20**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm

Sefer HaChinuch 8:00 pm

#### **Tuesday— August 21**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm

#### **Wednesday— August 22**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Rabbi's Torah Class 7:30 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm

#### **Thursday— August 23**

Daf Yomi 5:30 am

Shacharit, Chapel 6:30 am

Ellyn Hutt Class 11:00 am

Mincha/Maariv 6:20 pm

#### **Friday— August 24**

Daf Yomi 5:45 am

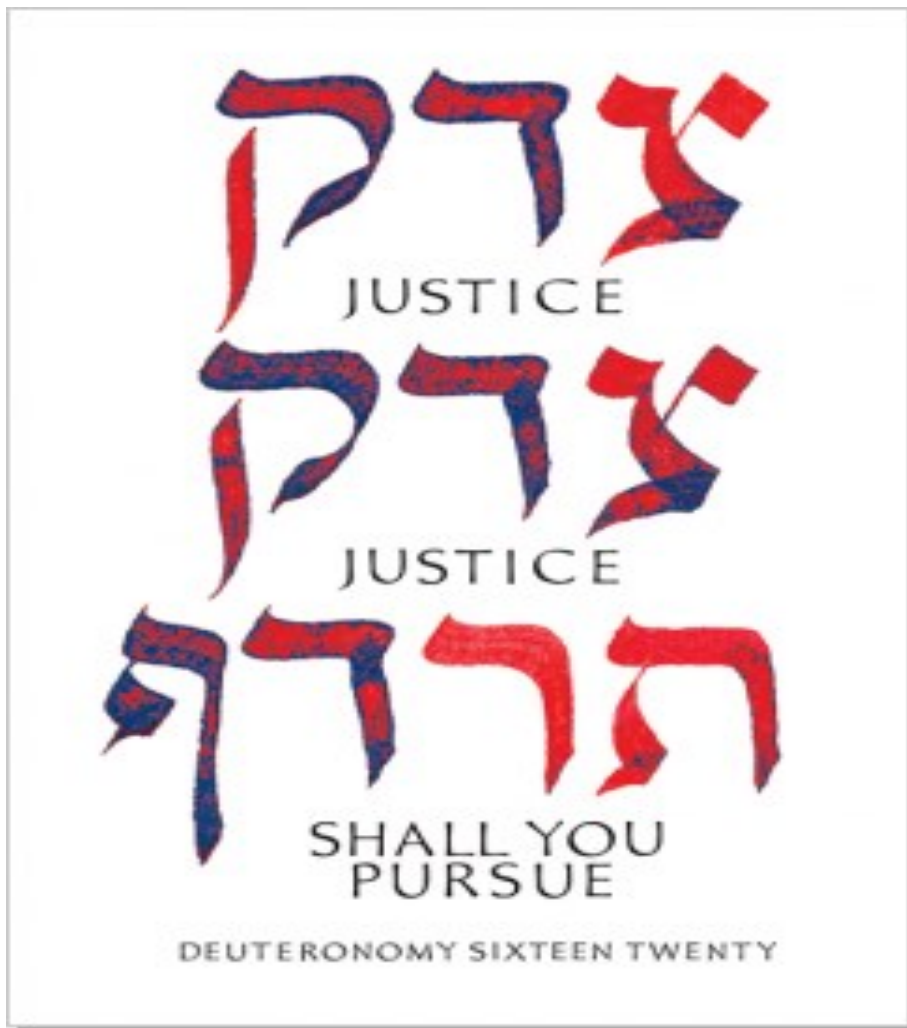
Shacharit, Chapel 6:45 am

Mincha 6:20 pm

Candle Lighting 7:23 pm

Fourth Friday Dinner 7:30 pm

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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.

## Parashah Summary

Moses instructs the people of Israel to appoint judges and law enforcement officers in every city. "Justice, justice shall you pursue," he commands them and you must administer it without corruption or favoritism. Crimes must be meticulously investigated and evidence thoroughly examined—a minimum of two credible witnesses is required for conviction and punishment.

In every generation, says Moses, there will be those entrusted with the task of interpreting and applying the laws of the Torah. "According to the law that they will teach you and the judgment they will instruct you, you shall do; you shall not turn away from the thing that they say to you, to the right nor to the left."

Shoftim also includes the prohibitions against idolatry and sorcery; laws governing the appointment and behavior of a king; and guidelines for the creation of "cities of refuge" for the inadvertent murderer. Also set forth are many of the rules of war: the exemption from battle for one who has just built a home, planted a vineyard, married, or is "afraid and soft-hearted"; the requirement to offer terms of peace before attacking a city; and the prohibition against wanton destruction of something of value, exemplified by the law that forbids to cut down a fruit tree when laying siege (in this context the Torah makes the famous statement, "For man is a tree of the field").

The Parshah concludes with the law of the *eglah arufah*—the procedure for when a person is killed by an unknown murderer and his body is found in a field—which underscores the responsibility of the community and its leaders not only for what they do, but also for what they might have prevented from being done.

## Haftarah Summary

This week's *haftarah* is the fourth of a series of seven "*Haftarot* of Consolation." These seven *haftarot* commence on the Shabbat following Tisha B'Av and continue until Rosh Hashanah.

The *haftarahs* of the past two weeks open with Israel's complaint that they have been abandoned by God. Israel is not content with consolations offered by the prophets -- instead they demand that God alone comfort them. In response, this week's *haftarah* begins with G-d's response: "I, indeed I, will comfort you."

The *haftarah* ends by highlighting the difference between the Egyptian Exodus, when the Israelites hurried out of their exile and bondage and the future Redemption: "For not with haste shall you go forth and not in a flurry of flight shall you go, for the Lord goes before you and your rear guard is the G-d of Israel."

**Tell Me More...** *A comprehensive and enlightening "next step" series of classes by Rabbi Chaitovsky that will build on the Jewish fundamentals you already know, Monday evenings 7:15 pm in the Gallery*

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- ◆ Getting Ready for a Truly Meaningful Rosh, Yom and Sukkot
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- ◆ Fasting and Feasting. Let's Go Camping. Tents and Clouds. Stay A While Longer. Roll The Scroll.

## 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
- ▶ **Women's Parasha Shiur** Thursdays at 11:00 am  
- Ellyn Hutt
- ▶ **Taste of Torah** Shabbat at 10:00 am  
- Essie Fleischmann
- ▶ **Prayer Pearls** Shabbat at 10:50 am  
- Reb Noam Horowitz
- ▶ **Ten Minutes of Text** Shabbat at Seudah Shelishit  
- Rabbi Chaitovsky

**Birthdays** Hannah Eskanos, Zelda Goldstein, Hannah Green, Ari Gugino, Judith Heller, Molly Hoffman, Simon Kaganov, Kathy Neal-Bashari, Jonathan Noam, Gail Schomay, Susan Siegel, Phil Sierota, Joseph Silver, Edythe Sunshine, Andrew Vinnik, Arden Wandel

## **Anniversaries**

Arthur & Arlene Moss (61)	Jeffrey & Renee Goldstein (46)	Phil & Shelly Barkan (58)
Jeff & Marnie Miller Klein (7)	Eduardo Marcuschamer & Goldie Fishleder (8)	
Seymour & Shirley Beck (64)	Martin & Lori Duman (43)	David & Linda Fogel (52)
Robert & Deborah Friedman (43)	Marvin & Carol Scheinblatt (32)	

**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, Leland Huttner, Doniel Kaye, Gary Marcove, Howard Marcove, Jerry Marcus (Hillel David Chaim ben Miryam), Aileen Marcus (Amalia Ester bat Chana), Andrea Meyers, Mark Millenson, Toby Mower, John Peterson, Ron Saliman, Lilian Schaeffer, Joseph Silver, Andy Silverman, Ann Story, Jeff Warren (Yaakov ben Freidel), David Weinstein, Terry Wolf, Charles Zwerdinger

## **Yahrzeits**

**Shabbat, August 18, 2018 / 7 Elul 5778** Anna Finkelberg, Samuel C. Freedberg, Isadore Gelman, Fannie Goldstein, Eleanor Golstein, Ilya Golub, John Kamlet, Louis Licht, Irving Pearl, Mary Ray, Pearl Rothbard, Rose Rothstein, Gertrude Salzer, Selma Schneider, Morton Silverman, Sarah Susman, Dave Susman, Gerald Sylvan, Sade Tannenbaum

**Sunday, August 19, 2018 / 8 Elul 5778** Rose Lya Axelrod, Michael H. Cowen, Edith Davidson, Ben Engleberg, Freddy Freis, Francis Frieder, Molly Horwitz, Harry Jacobson, Melvin B. Janowitz, Anna Kamlet, Mary Kellmer, Samuel B. Levinson, Annabelle Fine Meyers, Marvin Radetsky, Rebecca Richman, Harry J. Winograd

**Monday, August 20, 2018 / 9 Elul 5778** Barney Berman, Aaron Bloom, Minnie Bornstein, Lippy Eisenstein, Betty Finkelstein, Emma Goodman, Anna Katz Gordon, Edward A. Greenblatt, Molly Hailpern, Jennie Hoffman, Milton Bud Karsh, Hans Leo Koch, Morris Levin, Ruth Natan, Jack Schwartz, Herman J. Tapper, Lazar Vigdorov, Ida Wiseman, Annie Zesch

**Tuesday, August 21, 2018 / 10 Elul 5778** Leah Abramowitz, John Ansel, Nissim Betito, Katy Butcher, David H. Cohen, Minnie Feder, Rosalia Feinstein, Frieda Fogel, Bessie Friedman, Moises Grinberg, Edward Hirschfeld, Israel Kullback, Rose Kutzburg, Keva Levin, Edith Lutsk, Sarah Peshah, Jeffrey Rosen, Lois Schaffner, Flora Spivak, Sam Torgove, Dr. Rudolph Werthheimer, Howard Wichter, Bertha Zeitlin

**Wednesday, August 22, 2018 / 11 Elul 5778** Ben L. Cohen (Pinney), Mabel Berman, Samuel Z. Bronstein, Herman Diamond, Rifka Eisberg, Max Fiedelman, Anna Flaks, Bessie Friedman, Michael Frumson, Eva Garlett, Leon Ginsberg, Sophie Gottlieb, Fanny Gould, Lena Greenstein, Sam Guber, Max Idleberg, Dr. Erwin Japha, Ida Kaufman, Florence Kippur, Philip Joseph Miller, Abraham Mizrachi, Jean Mosko, Esther Martin Moskowitz, Brukha Promychlianskaia, Yerachmiel Sherman, Stanley I. Silverman, Manasha Styner, Bernard Zaler

**Thursday, August 23, 2018 / 12 Elul 5778** Allegra Banker, Gertrude K. Blatner, Pamela Block, Morris Eskanos, Sadie Feldman, Issur Goldfarb, Alma Goldschmidt, Elise Goldstein, Sam Klausner, Elsie Leschel, Stuart Harvey Lesser, Bessie Sclarow, Joel Barry Shapiro, Mike Simon, Miriam Symonton, Mindel Bas Tzvi, Louis Veta, Lazarus Wandel

**Friday, August 24, 2018 / 13 Elul 5778** George Booth, Rose Coggan, Mendel F. Cohen, Davida Danish, Joseph Elkins, Yeshiah Asher Feigeleus, Morris Barney Friedman, Freda Ginsberg, Walter Goldberg, Rabbi Daniel Goldberger, Ruth Goldblatt, Esther Goodman, Ben Hailpern, Pearl Hockman, Alfred F. Japha, Gecel Karp, Mark Keller, Gregory Kushnir, Harold Markowitz, Natalie Nadler, Henrietta Raizen, Samuel Shur, Harry Sugar

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## Shofar Blast Off

Sunday, August 26, after Shacharit



*Elul has begun and as we open our hearts in preparation for the High Holy Days, join us for Shacharit at 8:30am, followed by a child-oriented breakfast bar and Shofar demonstration. If you have your own Shofar, please bring it to blow along side Rabbi Chai! Event is free and coincides with the opening day of Religious School.*

## Gaza Border Crisis

Lunch and Talk



Wednesday, August 22, 2018

In Fischer/Blitt Hall

Please join JNF as they present Michal Uziyahu, a mother and resident of Eshkol, and Yedidya, a young pioneer, both who live in communities on the border with Gaza. They will discuss the challenges they face and how they meet them in these trying times of rocket and incendiary kite attacks. There is no cost to attend and a kosher lunch will be provided. Wednesday, August 22, 11:45am-1:30pm at BMH. Please RSVP to [Jaclyn.Greenberg@JNF.ORG](mailto:Jaclyn.Greenberg@JNF.ORG), or call 303-573-7095 x968.

## August Happenings at BMH-BJ

**Sunday Experience Open House** —Sunday, August 19, 12:00-2:00 pm

*Take the next step in your child's Jewish education! Meet the Staff and learn more about our Hebrew/Religious school, open to children ages 5—13. Event free. Program rates discounted to BMH-BJ members.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Information Session** —Sunday, August 19, 4:00-6:00 pm

*Learn more about the new Denver-based Shevet group for Jewish 8th grade boys led by Denver native Jacob benEzra. Come meet Jacob and learn about this program! Please view this [EVITE](#) and share it with any other families who might be interested. For more info, be in touch with [Jen Kraft](#), Moving Traditions CO Director. For more information, please view this 3.23 minute [video](#) to learn more, and/or check out the [website](#).*

**Hands on Chesed Group Meeting** —Tuesday, August 21 at 7:15 pm in the BMH-BJ Library

*Please join us as we continue our efforts to help members of our shul community.*

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**Gaza Border Crisis - Town Hall Meeting at Temple Sinai** —Wednesday August 22, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

*Learn about the Trauma, damage, and needs of Gaza border communities. Coffee and dessert will be served.*

**4th Friday Dinner** —Friday, August 24 at 7:30 pm

*Chinese Cuisine & presentation by guest speaker Jamie Fleishman. Jamie lived and worked in China and is a former resident of Moishe House Beijing. Jamie has traveled the world educating young adults like himself in the Moishe House network, sharing his knowledge of Jewish communities in China and all corners of the globe. To register visit: [www.bmh-bj.org/event/4th-Friday-August](http://www.bmh-bj.org/event/4th-Friday-August)*

**Joe Better-than-Gold Silver's 91st Birthday Kiddush** —Shabbat, August 25

*The beautiful and kind Mr. Silver invites all to share in super delicious food at Kiddush on the occasion of his 91st birthday and honoring his precious mother and father. Joe would be very happy to see you there.*

**Elul—Shofar Blast Off** —Sunday, August 26

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**Preschool Play Date** —Sunday, August 26 in Shraiberg Gardens

*Preschool families are having a get-together to kick off the school year together full of fun and festivities.*

**Sunday Experience First Day of School** —Sunday, August 26, 10:00 am

**8th and 9th Grade Girls Information Sessions — part of Moving Traditions**

*Rosh Hodesh group for Jewish 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls with Denver native Molly Recht on Sunday, August 26 from 12:30-2:30 pm. Please view this [EVITE](#) and share it with any other families who might be interested.*

*Rosh Hodesh group for Jewish 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls with Perri Klein on Sunday, August 26 from 6-8 pm. Please view this [EVITE](#) and share it with any other families who might be interested.*



## Elul Announcements

### **Prayer Pearls: Connecting Tefilah with Reb Noam** —Shabbats at 11:00 am in the Gallery

Join Reb Noam Horowitz for this new class on a journey through the ideas, purpose, history and text of our daily, weekly and annual davening routine with a focus on understanding and internalizing what *tefilah* is all about both as individuals and a community.

### **It's not too late for your children to join the Sunday Experience @ BMH-BJ**

Join our innovative Sunday school experience , catered especially for children, ages 5—b'nei mitzvah, and their parents. Weekly meetings throughout the year will provide both learning and fun for your children. If you are interested contact Rachael at [clergyassist@bmh-bj.org](mailto:clergyassist@bmh-bj.org)

### **Kohelet Club 8th-9th grader boys and girls**

A multi-synagogue initiative for post-b'nei mitzvah. We encourage all teens to join in this program! Please also contact Rachael at [clergyassist@bmh-bj.org](mailto:clergyassist@bmh-bj.org)

### **High Holy Days are fast approaching!**

A kind reminder to renew your membership in preparation for the High Holiday season. If you have a question or need to set up a payment plan or make arrangements for your dues payments, please contact the Executive Director at 303-388-4203. Thank you for being members of our shul community!

### **Looking for Hosts**

If you are able to host guests for a holiday meal, please contact Rachael at [clergyassist@bmh-bj.org](mailto:clergyassist@bmh-bj.org)

### **HHD Children's Programing**

Sign up for all five sessions at a discounted rate of \$100. Please reserve your space by August 29, a \$10 late fee applies thereafter. Return the form to Nora in the Main Office or send to [Njamieson@bmh-bj.org](mailto:Njamieson@bmh-bj.org).

### **Lulav, Etrog & Schach**

Order yours today online at [www.bmh-bj.org/high-holy-days](http://www.bmh-bj.org/high-holy-days) or contact Rachael at 303-951-8231. Orders due by Monday, September 3rd. Prepayment required! Collection post-Yom Kippur.

### **Greater Denver Jewish Community Study**

A 20-minute phone survey will begin in the last week of August and continue through end October. How big are we? Where do we live? How do we connect with community? What does Jewish life look like here? The study findings, released in early 2019, will inform how we create inclusive, vibrant, and meaningful Jewish life for all. Your information will be confidential and invaluable to our community. For more information: [Facebook /GreaterDenverJewishCommunityStudy](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterDenverJewishCommunityStudy), [Email info@jewishcommunitystudy.org](mailto:info@jewishcommunitystudy.org). If you have questions, please feel free to contact [shere@sskahnconsulting.com](mailto:shere@sskahnconsulting.com). We encourage all to participate.

### **BMH-BJ Preschool Playground Fund**

We are even closer to breaking ground on a brand new, much-needed playground. Thanks to the generosity of several members of our community, we now only have \$20,000 left to raise to break ground in the fall! Please help us reach our goal - any amount makes a difference.

Donate, share the link, and help us reach our goal to renovate this vital part of our preschool. Find out more about the larger project and donate at [BMHBJPreschool.org/Playground](http://BMHBJPreschool.org/Playground)

### **BMH-BJ Women's Interfaith Group to resume**

—Monday, September 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Library  
Begun by Rabbi Wagner c. 30 years ago and hosts people from every background. The group meets monthly. For info contact Marilyn Kopelman at [marilynsdesk@aol.com](mailto:marilynsdesk@aol.com). Schedule is always posted outside the Library.