



## TouchPoints

# Keeping In Touch Without Touching

### From Our Rabbi

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Good erev Shabbat to all! The second part of this week's double Torah reading of Matot-Masei, which concludes the Book of Bamidbar/In The Desert, is essentially the 40 year travel itinerary of the Jewish People as they journeyed to the Land of Israel. By having Moshe mention the "places they visited" by name - the Israelites would be reminded of the events that happened at each specific place. The journey had its ups and down, to be sure. Overall, though it paints a portrait of a resilient, if obstinate, people, who grow slowly but surely to be worthy of entering the long awaited Promised Land.

All of us at BMH-BJ have been on a journey, too. The pandemic has detoured us but has not derailed us. We marked the start of summer by resuming services on site each weekday and each Shabbat. We are headed through the summer to the High Holy Days - and we know that everyone is eager to hear what we will be doing for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur this year.

We know that these High Holy Days will be very different from any we have experienced before. We are considering a number of options that will enable us to reach, and fulfill the spiritual needs of, every member of the congregation. We want to celebrate the New Year with all of you, in person, online or in any combination of the two.

In a few days you will receive a very important letter which will ask for your help in fine tuning our program for the High Holy Days. It will have a brief, simple survey which we hope you will complete and then submit to us. Your participation in the survey will help BMH-BJ, together with all of you, continue its journey, growing stronger with each step.

Thank you in advance for responding to the survey.

Shabbat shalom to you!

Rabbi Chaitovsky

### Inspiration And Information

[Tractate Coronavirus - Talmudic Wisdom to Survive a Plague, Richard Hidary](#)

[Pittsburgh Steeler Stands Up For Jews, Yair Rosenberg](#)

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# Israeli Art Exhibition, Sale, and Fundraiser



Slava Ilyayev, Lithograph on Canvas "First Date"

Size unframed: 36x24", 91x61 cm,

Price unframed: US\$450

(Shipping and Handling FREE) Artwork is unframed. Painting subject to availability

## Dear friends,

We are excited to invite you to an online Israeli Art Exhibition, Sale and Fundraiser that we are coordinating in partnership with the Safrai Gallery of Jerusalem, Israel.

Hundreds of works of art are available for purchase as gifts to friends and family, to grace your walls at home and to support BMH-BJ in this most interesting of times.

Visit the Safrai Gallery Site at: [www.safrai.com](http://www.safrai.com)

Choose any work of art and 20% of your purchase will be donated to BMH-BJ on your behalf.

Or you can visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BMH.BJ/>

This special collection of art has been selected for this fundraiser and offered at special prices.

For more information, call 303-388-4203

Please join us via zoom for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 7 pm.

At the meeting you will hear a year end update from our President, Jeff Kline, inspirational words from Rabbi Chaitovsky and Cantor Goldstein. You will be provided with a High Holy Days update, and a financial update. We will celebrate our new members and remember those that have passed.

In addition, you will be presented with and asked to vote on the proposed new slate of directors for the upcoming year.

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## **Topic: BMH-BJ ANNUAL MEETING**

Time: Jul 28, 2020 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 962 7559 6948

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[Click here to find your local number](#)

## **The Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado Presents:**

Tuesday, July 21

Turning US Census Entries into Stories

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

### **TUESDAY ZOOM Meeting (Registration Required)**

Boost your use of U.S. census records to reconstruct families and their stories! See from fascinating and inspiring examples what unexpected genealogical clues may appear in census population schedules, how original instructions for census-takers can clarify your understanding, and how to use what you learn to take the next research steps. To register (and obtain Zoom meeting details), click [here](#).

Speaker: **Sunny Jane Morton** is an internationally-known genealogy educator. She is a Contributing Editor at Family Tree Magazine and [YourDNAGuide.com](#); the award-winning Editor of Ohio Genealogy News; and a frequent contributor to the FamilySearch.org blog. She is author of Story of My Life: A Workbook for Preserving Your Legacy , now in its 2nd edition, and co-author of How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records , with Harold Henderson, CG. Find her at [www.sunnymorton.com](http://www.sunnymorton.com) .

On Monday, July 20th, at 6:30 pm MST, the JCRC will be hosting the event, "Black Perspectives on Systemic Racism: An Evening of Personal Testimony," featuring leaders from the Black community in Colorado. Please click [here](#) to register for it.

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