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Parashat Ki Tisa

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Shabbat Shalom

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Service Times

- * Monday-Friday: 8:00AM
- * Friday Shabbat Evening: 6:30PM
- * Shabbat Morning: 9:30AM
- * Sunday Morning services can be scheduled by request.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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Weekly Torah

Parashat Ki Tisa begins with God instructs Moses to collect a half-shekel from every person over the age of twenty when he takes a census of the community. He is told to make a copper container, fill it with water, and place it in the sanctuary that the priests might wash themselves before approaching the altar; he is also to create a special anointing oil for consecrating the furniture of the *mikdash*. Moses is told that the sanctuary furnishings, including the priestly garments, are to be made under the supervision of Bezalel, a skilled artisan. Moses is commanded to remind the people that in observing the Sabbath they celebrate the covenant between themselves and God. The Torah text now shifts back to the time of Moses standing on Mount Sinai. He is given the two tablets containing God's commandments. Forty days have passed, and below the people of Israel approach Aaron, requesting that he create a golden calf for them to worship. Aaron agrees. God tells Moses what has happened, threatening to destroy the Israelites, but Moses pleads for the people and saves them from God's anger. When Moses sees the idol they have built, however, he shatters the tablets God has given him. Entering the camp, Moses also destroys the golden idol and punishes those who have not shown loyalty to God. Fearful that God will abandon the people, Moses asks for proof that God will continue to lead them. God's Presence is shown to Moses as assurance that neither he nor the Israelites will be abandoned. Afterwards, God directs Moses to carve two new tablets and return to Mount Sinai. God commands the Israelites to observe Pesach, Shavuot, and the Sabbath. When, after the second forty days and nights, Moses returns to the people, his face is bright red, radiant from speaking with God; so he covers it with a veil.

From: A Torah Commentary for Our Times by Harvey J. Fields

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 2/27 – Sharon DeFala

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 2/27 – Sean McDonnell, Michelle Fanwick and Linda Lerman

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 3/5 –David Rossen

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 3/5 – Andy Meyers

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, February 26, 8:00am Minyan, 5:23pm Candle Lighting, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 27, Bar Mitzvah Avi Hurwitz, 9:30am Shabbat Service

Sunday, February 28, 9:30am Navasky, K'tanim, Learners Minyan, Gift Shop, 10:00am Torah Trope, 10:30am Knit n' Nosh

Monday, February 29, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, March 1, 8:00am Minyan, 9:00am Mishnah Class, 4:15pm Navasky

Wednesday March 2, 8:00am Minyan

Thursday, March 3, 8:00am Minyan

Friday, March 4, 8:00am Minyan, 5:31pm Candle Lighting, 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services (including Tot Shabbat) followed by Shabbat Across America dinner

Saturday, March 5, 9:30am Shabbat Service, 10:00am Navasky Grade 7 Family Shabbat, 7:00pm Grades 5-7 Game/Movie Night

Please RSVP to the Office for the Adult Education classes

See Bulletin Board for Details of all our Adult Education classes

CONTINUING CLASSES

Learners' Minyan

Next Meeting: 2/28

Bowspring Yoga

Next Meeting: 3/13

Adult Torah Trope

Next Meeting: 2/28

Face to Face with the Holocaust

Next Meeting: 3/14

FRIDAY NIGHT "SERVICES AFTER DINNER"

Friday, March 11, please join us at 7:30pm for service after dinner!

Future date: 3/18 at 7:30pm

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

March 4, 19 and 26, 10:30am

ROSH CHODESH

3/10, 7:30pm Book Club, "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman.

SAVE THE DATE

Watch your email for details about these exciting events!

Purim Carnival, March 20, 11:00am

Purim Megillah Reading, March 23, 6:45pm

Shabbaton with IDF Soldiers, March 25-26

Silent Auction, April 3, 5:00pm

MISHLOACH MANOT

Don't forget to order! Deadline is March 16. Please RSVP to the Office.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Please join us for a Shabbat family service followed by an all American dinner! Register now! Deadline to register is Sunday, February 28.

COMEDY NIGHT 3

Saturday, March 12, 7:30pm. Join us for laughs with comedians Sherry Davey and Richie Byrne! Tickets are \$36 each and parties of 8-10 may reserve a table. Sponsor a table for \$500 with prime seating and acknowledgement in the program. Nibbles provided, BYOB kosher wine and coffee will follow the entertainment. Please RSVP to the Office.

SHARE-A-SHABBAT...AGAIN!

We had a very successful inaugural Share-A-Shabbat on January 29, with 79 families who were hosts, guests or invited. There are 2 more dinners so that all community members will have an opportunity to attend a dinner.

The next two Share-A-Shabbat dinners are:

Friday, March 25 at 6:00 PM, followed by Shabbat services with the Israeli soldiers spending Shabbat in our community.

Friday, June 3, more details to come.

Please contact Michelle Fanwick at michelle@fanwick.com if you would like to be a host family or attend a dinner.

PUBLICIZE YOUR UPCOMING BETH EL EVENT

We want to publish your upcoming Beth El events. Please share the event information with the office at least 2 weeks in advance.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Kiddush just got easier! Celebrate a simcha with the congregation: a birthday, anniversary or special event. \$180 covers the cost of our regular Shabbat Kiddush. Celebrate with the community!

YAHREIT PLAQUES

We are now taking orders for new Yahrzeit Plaques. You can permanently memorialize your loved ones, or purchase "Reserved" plaques for you and/or your family. For info and pricing please contact the office or Ellen Gordon, Chairperson Yahrzeit Plaques, 203-246-4424.



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Drop your **BOXTOPS** off in the Office or to Morah Amy. So far Nitzan has earned \$42!

Thank you for your support!