



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

שבת פרשת מטות ומסעי
כו תמוז ה'תש"פ

Shabbat Parshat Matot-Masei
July 17-18, 2020

Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Rosh Chodesh Av is on Wednesday, July 22

The Molad for Chodesh Av is on Monday, July 20 at 13:10:15.

Shabbat Parshat Matot-Masei

Due to the "Three Weeks" the following Haftara is read:
Yirmiyahu 2:4-2:28 and 3:4

When davening at home, it is preferable to daven at the same time together as a community. All services listed in bold are outdoor minyanim in the TBDJ tent.

Friday, July 17

5:00pm Daf Yomi on Zoom
6:50pm **Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat**
7:03pm Plag Hamincha
8:20pm Candle Lighting
8:38pm Sh'hiah

Shabbat, July 18 / 26 Tammuz 5780

7:00am **Shacharit**
8:45am **Shacharit - begins with Nishmat**
9:12am Sof Zman Kriyat Shema
10:10am **Shacharit - begins with Nishmat**
6:00pm Rabbi's Parsha Shiur
6:30pm **Mincha -**
followed by Halacha Shiur:
Finding Money in Your Pocket on Shabbos
7:02pm Plag Hamincha
8:37pm Sh'hiah
9:20pm **Maariv**
9:32pm Havdala
10:15pm Daf Yomi on Zoom

TBDJ's Roving Minyan

If you have any special minyan needs, whether yahrzeit or other, and are either unable to or uncomfortable joining the outdoor minyan for any reason whatsoever, please let us know.

We'll do our best to bring an early Mincha/Maariv minyan to you!

Send an email to community@tbdj.org.

If you'd like to join our group of rovers who make up this early Mincha & Maariv minyan at its various locations, also email community@tbdj.org and we'll set you up on our WhatsApp group for notification.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Howard & Debbie Feldman** and to **Ella & Ernest Ehrmann** on the birth of their granddaughter and great granddaughter Ruby Annie (Malca Leah) Rosenberg on Shabbat, July 11 in Los Angeles. Proud parents are Esther & Evan Rosenberg. Sharing in their simcha are Ruby's other grandparents Helen & Bob Rosenberg of Long Beach, California, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Sheila Horwitz Pinsler** and her family on the loss of her beloved husband **Paul Pinsler z"l** who passed away on Sunday, July 12. Funeral was held on Monday, July 13. Shiva continues until Sunday, July 19 – for details, please contact the family.

SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

We thank all our tent sponsors who have helped us set up comfortably for outdoor minyanim and shiurim.

Friday, July 17 Joan & Harold Lackman, in appreciation for Hashem saving their children and grandchildren from a house fire in Lakewood
Leechen & Michael Zukor

Shabbat, July 18 Hannah Alper, in memory of her parents Sara & John Alper z"l
Cheryl & Frank Fried, in memory of Cheryl's mother Roslyn Goodman Morton z"l

Sunday, July 19 Eva & Abe Ludvig, in memory of Eva's father Lajos Guttman z"l

Monday, July 20 Ezra Franken, in memory of his mother Toby Franken van Lier z"l
Esther & Melvyn Niederhoffer

Tuesday, July 21 Debbie & Howard Feldman, in honour of the birth of their grandchildren Jacob Liam Rossdeutscher and Ruby Annie Rosenberg
Bonnie & Leo Grunstein

Wednesday, July 22 Reesa & Ephriam Kandelshein, in memory of Ephriam's grandparents who perished in the Holocaust
Karine & Laurent Tordjman, in memory of Laurent's father Moshé Tordjman z"l

Thursday, July 23 Edie & Phil Friedman, in memory of Edie's father Charles Nussbaum z"l
Erin & David Wallach, in honour of Rabbi Freundlich's continued, steadfast commitment to the health and safety of our community and the value of Pikuach Nefesh

TUESDAYS AT 7:45PM

(LIVE IN OUR TENT)

"Exile and Redemption Through the Lens of the Sages"

DAILY VIA EMAIL

Daily Reflections for The Three Weeks

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Shacharit 8:00am	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am
Mincha 8:20pm	Mincha 8:20pm	Mincha 8:20pm
Shkiah 8:36pm	Shkiah 8:35pm	Shkiah 8:34pm
WED.-ROSH CHODESH	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Shacharit 6:45 & 8:00am	Shacharit 6:50 & 8:00am	Shacharit 7:00 & 8:00am
Parsha Class 12:15pm	Mincha 8:20pm	Mincha 6:45pm
Mincha 8:20pm	Shkiah 8:32pm	Candle Lighting 8:13pm
Shkiah 8:33pm		Shkiah 8:31pm

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BATSHEVA YERES Z'L

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On
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 @ 8pm

Special Guest Speaker

Rifki Freundlich

Topic: Mourning and Yearning
Loss and hope during the 3 weeks

Rifki Freundlich is the rebbetzin of Congregation TBDJ in Montreal where she has lived with her husband, Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich, and their children for the past four years. After teaching brides and guiding women of all backgrounds in taharat hamishpacha (laws of family purity) observance for seventeen years in Atlanta and Montreal, Rifki completed the curriculum of study through Nishmat's Miriam Glaubach Center to become a Yoetzet Halacha. Rifki has also taught Tanach to high school girls for the past ten years and currently teaches at Hebrew Academy of Montreal.



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A THOUGHT FOR SHABBAT FROM REV. AMIEL BENDER: ARE WE THERE YET?

The year is 2487 and the scene is the tent of an Israelite family in the desert of Kadesh. Elyasaf enters the tent and yells: "Shlomit! Start packing! We're moving!" Shlomit looks up from her basket of linen and replies: "What? Again? Come on, Elyasaf... our children are right in the middle of helping me preparing dinner! Tziporah is getting water from Miriam's well, Chogla is arranging the food blanket, Chur is sorting the manna for supper and little Naama is thinking up what we want the manna to taste like tonight. Can't it wait until after supper?" Elyasaf continues: "Sorry for the short notice, but you know that when the cloud moves, we have to move quickly to our designated tribal formation. If we arrive late, we will get a lousy traveling spot! Pack up the kids and bag the food!" Shlomit sighs, takes a deep breath and complains: "But when will finally get to Eretz Yisrael? I'm tired of moving. At least here in Kadesh we were able to camp for 19 years..."

Parshat Bahaalot'cha teaches us that Bnei Yisrael journeyed through and encamped in the desert 'על פי ה' - according to the word of Hashem. In the Torah portion of Masei we are informed of the detailed journeys and encampments of Bnei Yisrael, and again learn that the directives to move and stop were 'על פי ה'. The 'על פי ה' itinerary was the travel plan for our ancestors on their elongated journey to the Holy Land, and the cloud was symbolically their divine "GPS" - G-d's Protective Shield. When the cloud was stationary over the Mishkan, it was a sign that the people were able to stop moving and set up camp. When the cloud began to move away from over the Mishkan, it was a sign that Bnei Yisrael had to pack up and move with the cloud.

We have all moved in our lives, with all the headaches of packing, decluttering, dealing with the movers and then setting up from scratch at the new place. While it may be argued that Bnei Yisrael packed and unpacked with less complication than we might face in our lives today, a move is still a move: it shakes up our usual routines and upends our daily lives. Making matters more stressful for the Israelites, a journey that might have taken one month in ancient times, was now stretching out to 40 years. Because of חטא המרגלים - the sin of the spies - Bnei Yisrael were punished with one year in the desert for each of the 40 days that the spies were checking out Eretz Yisrael. In essence, the nation had to endure 42 journeys and encampments in a 40-year divine itinerary.

Rabbi Yossi Shtern of the Hesder Yeshiva in Akko teaches that the details of the journeys and encampments reflects the importance of this collective experience as a gradual process of nation building. Our ancestors' journey through the desert was designed in detail because each encampment was significant in its own way. Though Parshat Masei does not specify what happened at each stop on the journey, we learn from other places in the Torah and in commentaries and midrashim about the challenges and the triumphs of Bnei Yisrael at each and every place. The 40 year punishment that was served by our forefathers in the desert presented a strong nation building opportunity where the foundational roots of our people, representing the building blocks of the character of our nation, were weaned and eventually matured over 40 long years until our ancestors entered the Holy Land.

On a personal level, our own journeys are also important. We should never forget how we got to where we are. As we progress through life, we are faced with many challenges and triumphs in our lives, and many significant "encampments" along each of our personal journeys. The journeys and encampments of our lives, the things that happen to us along the way, are an instrumental part of a process that forms and defines our personal and collective identity. We do not erase the past and say that it no longer has any connection to what we are today. Rather, we collect and "pack" the memories, experiences and milestones of our lives along the way, and take them with us as we move forward.

Where are we going? When will we get there? As parents we have all heard these questions posed to us by our kids. One profound answer can be learned from the following story that was told by Rabbi Jay Braverman ז"ל at Beth Ora on Rosh Hashana about 20 years ago. A gentleman was approaching his 65th birthday and was marking off the days towards his retirement on his calendar. He couldn't wait to get there! He finally reaches the day and is treated to a "Good-Bye Party" organized by his co-workers. Among the gifts, cake and accolades from his many colleagues, he receives an expensive gold watch and a pile of "Good Luck" cards wishing him well in this new chapter of his life. At home that night, he goes to sleep with a smile on his face, satisfied with his long career of accomplishments and relieved that his long-awaited retirement has arrived. The next morning, he sleeps in and after finally waking up, he begins to imagine what he will do on his first day away from the job. But, as he goes through that first day and enjoys his newfound freedom, he realizes that something is missing. He feels the same thing a day later, a week later, a month later. After many months of this awkward feeling, he finally realizes that all his life he was looking forward to getting **there**, while in reality he was **there** all along!!!

For 40 years in the desert our ancestors were looking forward to getting **there**... to the Holy Land. Though they had not yet reached their physical destination, they were already **there** in so many different non-physical ways. **There** in new-found freedom. **There** in forming a national identity. **There** with the constant presence of Hashem, the Shechina, the almighty protective and guiding cloud which would ultimately lead them home to the ultimate physical **there** - Eretz Yisrael. While our destinations are important, let's not underestimate the importance of our journeys as well.

Shabbat Shalom, Rev. Amiel