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Shabbat Parsha Chukat

Torah Reading - pg. 838

Haftarah - pg. 1187

***This week's Shabbos Sheet
is sponsored by Carly & Nate Shapiro in honor of
the wedding of Matt & Stephanie Beneda***

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week of Learning is sponsored by Bruce & Linda Potash in memory of Floryne Potash, mother of Bruce and for the merit of a complete recovery for those who are ill and need of recovery in our community and in the entire nation of Israel.

Saturday, July 13

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Kiddush 11:00 a.m.

In honor Matt & Stephanie Beneda

Special Presentation *Marriage, The Jewish Way* by Matt Beneda
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion 7:35 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit 8:20 p.m.
Havdalah 9:47 p.m.

Sunday, July 14

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home 8:40 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, July 15 - 18

Shacharit 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home 8:40 p.m.

Friday, July 19

Shacharit 7:00 a.m.
Connecting with Our Faith with Rabbi Ari 9:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv 7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting 8:44 p.m.

The babysitters are unable to come in this Shabbat, so there will be no babysitting service. We apologize for the inconvenience.



...Bruce & Linda Potash for sponsoring the Week of Learning in memory of Floryne Potash.

...Carly & Nate Shapiro for sponsoring this weeks Shabbos sheet in honor of the wedding of Matt & Stephanie Beneda.

...Dani Shrago, Helene Shrago, Julee Katzman, Jordana Kurtzman, Faige & Yaakov Jeidel, Richard Gurevich, Yosef Siegal and the many other volunteers who helped organize, shop, prepare food, set up the social all for Night Under the Cochavim.

...To those to were able to join us for Night Under the Cochavim in celebration of the Abramovich family.

... Dani Shrago for donating a pool table for the youth lounge.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Jeffrey Stein	July 13
Rita Amster	July 14
Jon Tindall	July 15
Joel Alperson	July 17
Susan Besser	July 17
Moshe Rosenblatt	July 18
Steve Denenberg	July 18

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Jeffrey Stein	16 Tamuz
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Anniversaries

Manny & Carol Goldberg	July 14
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Celebrating a special simcha in July? Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be apart of the July 20th, Simcha Kiddush.

Special Todah Rabah from the Beneda Family

We would like to thank Rabbi Ari & Laura Dembitzer, Rabbi Shlomo, Hodaya and Family, Rabbi Gross & Miriam, Rabbi Mitzrahi & Tahlia, Rabbi Weiss and Ilana, for time, education and teaching. We would like to thank the Gurock Family and Stein Family for so being such a lovely example of how to run a shomer shabbos home with children in a small community. Yaakov and Fagie Jaidel for all the amazing work they do for us and the entire community! Donald Gerber for your continual gift of education for our family and member of the community. Zoe Berman for being a great example for our girls and in the community. We like to thank each and every member in this community that without your example, encouragement and support this would not have been possible. Thank you! This is only the beginning!

Sincerely,

Matt, Stephanie, Shalom, Judah and Eliyana

Fun times at Camp Nageela 2019



Beth Israel Synagogue is now partnered with Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program. Dillons Food Stores include Dillons, Bakers, and Gerbes. When participants use their Plus Shopper's card at any Bakers location, Beth Israel Synagogue could receive rewards up to \$500,000.

To use the Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program visit <http://www.bakersplus.com> Register for a Bakers Plus Shoppers card and enroll by searching for BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE.

This is one way to help the Synagogue by doing what you're already doing.

Night Under the Cochavim: Songs, Stories, and Fun.



Mazel Tov Matt and Stephanie Beneda





**This week's D'var Torah
in honor of the boys and girls in
Camp Nageela this summer!**



*Speak to the rock before their eyes that it shall give its waters... Then
Moshe raised his arm and struck the rock.
(Num. 20:8,11)*

Moshe was commanded to bring forth water from the rock by talking to it, but he erred and instead struck the rock twice until water poured forth. This sin caused Moshe to lose the privilege of entering the Land of Israel with the nation. Rashi explains that God had commanded Moshe to speak to the rock that had given them water before, but he could not find it. He spoke to a different rock, but nothing happened. He then proceeded to hit the rock which subsequently produced water. The difficulty is that Moshe listened to God and spoke to the rock - he just couldn't find it! Why was he then punished, being found at fault for not recognizing the rock?

The Torah demands of us to recognize our benefactors and to appreciate them. The Egyptians had greatly harmed the Jewish people, but we are enjoined not to treat them similarly. The reason is because Egypt had provided food and lodging when Yaakov and his family resided there. That alone is enough for us to be thankful. The rock that had been providing the Jews with water for 40 years as they wandered in the desert should have been easily recognizable amongst the other rocks! Not recognizing that rock is considered a lack of appreciation and a grave sin.

The first thing a Jew starts his day with is gratitude: "Modeh ani l'fonecha..." - "I gratefully thank you, O living and eternal King, for You have returned my soul within me with compassion..." Being grateful is the very fiber of a Jew. The Hebrew word for Jew is Yehudi which also means one who thanks. Gratitude helps one focus and take pleasure in what he has rather than concentrate on what he's lacking - which is the key to being a happy person.

Let's take this lesson and be more grateful for everything around us. Practically speaking, try and find one person each morning that you interact with and appreciate them for something. We got this, Omaha!

Parsha Chukat

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: The laws of the Parah Adumah- the Red Heifer, are detailed.

2nd Aliya: In Nissan of the 40th year, Miriam died. The well dried up and the nation gathered against Moshe and Aharon to complain.

3rd Aliya: The “hitting of the rock” occurred and Moshe and Aharon were refused entry into Eretz Yisroel.

4th Aliya: Moshe requested from Edom permission to travel through their land on the way to Eretz Yisroel. Edom refused.

5th Aliya: Aharon died and Elazar succeeded his father as Kohain Gadol. They encountered the southern Cannanities (13 miles west of the Dead Sea) and bested them in battle. Following Aharon’s death the protective clouds departed and the nation began to complain about the living conditions. Hashem sent poisonous snakes to attack the nation and Moshe was instructed to create the “copper snake on a stick” o miraculously save the bitten.

6th & 7th Aliya: The nation traveled to Yeshimon – northeast of the Dead Sea. In the conclusion of Chukas, the nation was refused access to the lands of Sichon and Og and Moshe led them into victorious battle against them.

Parsha Questions

1. What are the unique characteristics of the cow, which is described at the beginning of the parasha?
2. When the people complained that there was no water, what did Hashem tell Moshe to do, and what did he do?
3. Where Aaron died, how did the people showed that they revered him?
4. When Moshe sent messengers to the Kind of Edom, how did he describe the relationship of Israel to Edom and why?

Shabbat Shalom



WELCOME TO BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

We are delighted to welcome you to Beth Israel Synagogue. A passage from Deuteronomy 30:11-14 inspired the art work in the sanctuary. "For this commandment that I command you today - it is not hidden from you and it is not distant. It is not in heaven, [for you] to say, 'Who can go to the heaven and take it for us so that we can listen to it and perform it? Nor is it across the seas, [for you] to say, 'Who can cross to the other side of the sea for us and take it for us, so that we can listen to it and perform it?' Rather, the matter is very near to you - in your mouth and your heart - to perform it." Mitzvot are obtainable.

- ◆ The focal point of the sanctuary is the Menorah Window, which frames the Ark and is shaped in the form of the six branched candelabrum. To the right, brilliantly colored windows have forms that reflect the heavens, while the left side depicts the seas.
- ◆ The message is completed in a frieze, the horizontal painting on wood mounted on the wall. The background of the frieze symbolically and abstractly represents the relationship between G-d and the people of Israel through the Covenant. The perochet, or curtain over the Ark, completes the symbolic composition, with an expression that intertwines the Torah and the letter Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, of the Ten Commandments, and of G-d's name in Hebrew.
- ◆ As is traditional, the sanctuary has 12 windows, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. These windows contain the name of each tribe in flowing, organic letters. The windows are located above the continued frieze, which includes two central texts of the revelation at Sinai - "If you will keep my Covenant, you shall be precious to me," and "You shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." This composition expresses the unity of Israel as the people stood together at Sinai and accepted the Torah.

Beth Israel Synagogue strives to perpetuate the legacy of Torah Judaism in the modern world. Beth Israel welcomes all persons of the Jewish faith to join and accepts the diversity of practice and thought among its members.

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