

Shabbat Shalom!

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Our Mission is "To ensure the flourishing of Jewish life through educational, social and Conservative religious experiences in a warm and dynamic community."

Parashat Bamidbar בְּמִדְבָּר

June 7/8, 2019 - 5 Sivan 5779

	<u>Etz Hayim</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Rishon	779	Num. 3:14 - 3:20
Sheni	779	3:21 - 3:26
Shlishi	780	3:27 - 3:39
Revi'i	781	3:40 - 3:43
Chamishi	782	3:44 - 3:51
Shishi	782	4:1 - 4:10
Shevi'i	784	4:11 - 4:20
Maftir	785	4:17 - 4:20
Haftarah	787	Hosea 2:1 - 2:22

Thank you to our Torah readers: Joseph Zomber, Terry Amon, Michael Milgrom, Faith Schaffer, Lawrence Huston and Barry Shapiro. Thank you to Barry Shapiro for chanting the Haftarah.

Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Senior Rabbi
Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria
Cantor Aaron Shifman
Education Engagement Rabbi Josh Foster
Rabbi Emeritus Stanley J. Schachter
President Gena Cohen
Executive Director Jay Ross

Your presence adds to the joy of our service!

The flowers on the bima are a gift from Salli & Alan Rutsky
in honor of their milestone anniversary.



FRIDAY

Mazal tov to everyone who is celebrating a birthday this month!

Thank you to Shani Kadis for greeting and serving refreshments.

Following the Benediction, please join us in **Gross Atrium** for oneg,
sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees.



SATURDAY

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria.
Thank you to Judy Riga for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to our members who prepare the kiddush refreshments:
Moris Amon, Murray Berkowitz, Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz
Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith Eisenberg, Arlene & Phil Fine, Shirley Haas,
Laura Katzner, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Cathy Randall, Rachel Schwarz,
Cheryl Spira, Yaacov Taxer, Nancy Tresser Lipko, Michele Cydulka-Weinstein
& Ed Weinstein and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Bob Cohen, and our greeters
and ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet
Rosenberg Mann, Paula Schaffer-Polakof and Daniel Umansky.

Today's Torah portion, Bamidbar, was dedicated in the New Torah Scroll by
Malcolm & EvelynTM Brahms in honor of Rabbi Jan Brahms's ordination.

Following the Benediction, please join us in **Gross Atrium** for kiddush
sponsored by Barry Feldman in honor of Dr. Asher Moser.



We are pleased to welcome

Dr. Asher Moser


Saturday, June 8 • during Shabbat morning services

Dr. Moser is the deputy director of Israel's National Blood
Bank Services at Magen David Adom. He will speak about
the Marcus National Blood Center, a state-of-the-art blood
bank and processing center

to ensure Israel's future blood
supply is safe and secure. He appears
courtesy of AFMDA.



Please see the separate handout for the Tikkun Leil Shavuot.



Thank you to Zamir Choir for participating in the
Friday evening service. Sheri Gross, Zamir Director

Maksim Abramov

Caroline Auerbach-Brown

Sadie Barnholtz

Emma Ginsberg

Minna Goldenberg

Ava Gross

Jackie Hager

Milo Hurwitz

Spencer Kadis

Ari Kiwi

Emily Kurland

Sara Kurland

Lyla Levin

Zoe Newman

Sadie Schonfeld

Dalia Sukert

Lila Sukert

Rachel Wolf

Naomi Wuliger

At The Crossroads: Jewish Law for Our Time

Weekly Lunch & Learn

Commerce Park IV (corner of Chagrin and Green) Room 130

Thursdays • 12:10 - 1 pm

Bring a brown bag lunch and join Rabbi Weiss or Rabbi Rudin-Luria for a lively study of Talmud and Responsa (Jewish Law) examining what Judaism has to say about contemporary issues. Topics covered include personal, business, legal and medical ethics as well as areas of Jewish belief and ritual. Each session is complete in itself. To be on the group's mailing list, please contact David Shifrin (semaninc@ameritech.net).

Office Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the front desk with lunchtime relief. Times can be arranged to conveniently fit your schedule. Both men and women are welcome. We guarantee a friendly, rewarding environment. Please contact Marilyn Greenwald (440-449-2449 or marilynandstuart@gmail.com).

Kiddush or Oneg Sponsorships

The mitzvah of a donation for sponsorship of a kiddush or oneg is a beautiful way to share the happiness of your milestone or remember a loved one with the congregation. Sponsorships are acknowledged in the Shabbat handout and in *Tidings*. The cost of a kiddush is \$500 and an oneg is \$250; partial sponsorships are available and they are tax deductible. Please contact Paula Botkin.

DAILY MINYAN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm* (unless otherwise noted)

SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

*service held outdoors, weather permitting



Guest Speaker Jacob Sztokman
Founding Director of the Gabriel Project Mumbai
Friday, June 21 • during and after services

Mr. Sztokman will discuss his organization, which is a grassroots response to poverty, malnutrition, ill health, hunger and child labor in India.

He is a high tech executive turned social entrepreneur. On a trip to Mumbai in 2011, he was deeply moved to work on issues of poverty and illiteracy. He believes one of the ways to break the cycle of poverty is through education. He formed GPM in 2012. Learn more at gabrielprojectmumbai.org.

Penny & Bob Greenberger's son, Josh^{בן}, was in the first group of volunteers the JDC sent to India to work in the Kalwa slums in 2013. Today, the Joshua Jacob Greenberger Learning Center has grown to include 250 children.

Mr. Sztokman will speak briefly during the service and then provide a more in-depth talk after the oneg at 8:30 pm in Nickman Chapel.



Shabbat Rocks!
Fridays at 7 pm
June 21, July 19 and August 16

This season has been generously underwritten by
The Jan & Ron Moskowitz Family
Phyllis & Sidney Reisman and
Jocelyn & Peter Saltz.

Bring your families to this wonderful evening, with a live band playing some of today's most upbeat Jewish music. You will find yourself tapping your toes, clapping your hands and dancing to these contemporary melodies. Multiple musical genres are woven through the service, highlighting text from each of the Psalms, which creates an energizing and engaging service. A special prayer book offers Hebrew, transliteration and English to make this service user friendly. Listen to and download tracks from our website. Services will be held in the Linden Family Courtyard, weather permitting.

Kosher Food Pantry
Sundays, June 16 & July 21 • 9:30 am

Sort and pack food at the pantry that will go to Jewish families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7. Located at 2004 S. Green Rd., South Euclid.



**Hazak Shabbat
June 22 • 9 am**

Hazak members will lead the service. If you are interested in participating, contact Ruth Dobres (440-449-5126 or rdobres@sbcglobal.net) or Sandra Lieber (440-565-5677).



**Hazak goes to Chaplin the Musical
Sunday, July 7 • 2 pm**

Based on Charlie Chaplin's life story, Mercury Theatre dramatizes his rise from the slums of London to the heights of Hollywood. \$12 per person; RSVP by July 1 to Helen Wolf (4073 Bushnell Rd., University Hts., 44118). Contact Arlene Harris (216-870-1390) for more information. Located at 1857 S. Green Rd., S. Euclid.

**Mishpachot Splash Bash
Sunday, June 30 • 9:30 am**

Join us for a private pool party at the Beachwood Pool! We will have time to use the water features including the family slide, play structure and lazy river – all to ourselves! Snacks and drinks provided as well. \$10 per BJC family; \$20 per non-member family. For more information or to register, visit our website or contact Julie Sukert.



**Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, July 3 • 9 am – 2 pm**

Save a life; give blood. No registration required.
Sponsored by Men's Club.

**Tee It Up at B'nai Jeshurun's
8th Annual Golf Outing
Monday, July 15**

9 am Scramble Start (arrive by 8:30 am)

Spend a morning golfing at Punderson State Golf Course. \$40 if you RSVP by July 1; \$50 after. Cost includes: 18 holes of golf and a cart followed by a kosher boxed lunch from Kantina (cash bar available) and a variety of contests and prizes. Register at www.bnaijeshurun.org/golfouting2019 or contact Shani Kadis to learn more. Rain date - Monday, July 22.



D'var Torah: Becoming Ownerless

Rabbi Joel Levy, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty & Rosh Yeshiva

The fourth book of the Torah, Bemidbar, begins: "And YHVH spoke to Moshe Bemidbar Sinai (In the wilderness of Sinai), in the Ohel Moed (Tent of Meeting)... saying..." This is the first time that God is described as speaking to Moshe in the wilderness of Sinai in the Ohel Moed. From here on the communication between God and Moshe takes place solely Bemidbar Sinai, in the human plane, at ground level, in the Tent of Meeting.

It might be supposed that talking to God and receiving Torah in a tent in the middle of a vast encampment would be a very different experience from encountering the creator of the universe high on a mountain amidst thunder and fire. Midrash Rabbah, however, tries to link these two places for receiving Torah as follows:

Why does the Torah say "Bemidbar Sinai"? From here the rabbis taught that the Torah was given in/through/by three things: in fire, in water, and in the desert. How do we know in fire? (From Exodus Chapter 19) "And Har Sinai smoked in every part because YHVH descended upon it in fire." How do we know in water? (From Judges 5:4-5) "The earth trembled and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water...that Sinai before YHVH the God of Israel." And how do we know in the desert? (From Bemidbar 1:1) "And YHVH spoke to Moshe Bemidbar Sinai." And why was it given through these three things? Just as these things are free for all inhabitants of the earth, so words of Torah are free, as is written: (Isaiah 55:1) "Let everyone who is thirsty come to the water..."

Despite the fact that God's revelation on Mount Sinai takes place amidst spectacular displays of fire and water, whereas the desert revelation proceeds privately in a tent, the Midrash suggests that there are commonalities between the Fire/Water God of the Mountain and the Desert God of the Tent of Meeting. The Midrash asks why the Torah was given through fire, water and desert; and answers that, like these three things, Torah is absolutely elemental and so cannot be claimed by any one person or group. It is as foolish to claim that you own the word of God as it is to claim that you own fire!

The Midrash continues as follows: 'A different thing: "And YHVH spoke to Moshe Bemidbar Sinai": this teaches that anyone who does not make themselves like a desert (Kemidbar) - *hefker* (ownerless) - is not capable of acquiring Wisdom and Torah. Hence it teaches "Bemidbar Sinai".' This section of the Midrash is playing with the close visual similarity between the phrase in the Torah "Bemidbar" (in the desert) and the word "Kemidbar" (like a desert). Now it is the recipients of the Torah who must themselves become "like a desert". To receive the Torah we must also be like the wilderness: "*hefker*" or ownerless. The Torah is accessible to all, owned by none and it can only be acquired by one who makes themselves ownerless in turn.

The great challenge for those of us who wish to "acquire" the Torah is to figure out what does it mean to make oneself "*hefker*" or ownerless? In what way are we not "*hefker*"? By what, or by whom, are we owned? How does this ownership prevent us from acquiring wisdom?

At the Conservative Yeshiva we see four types of students who most easily make the leap into immersive Torah study: 1) recent college graduates, 2) people making a career change, and 3) those given a sabbatical, and 4) retirees. What all have in common is a schedule that gives them more than 2 or 3 weeks of vacation. With only short vacations here and there, most of us either fulfill family obligations or flee from all obligation. But when one is truly "ownerless" and stops relating to one's "free" time as "vacation" it is natural to seek out new experiences that require commitment, but enrich one's life intellectually, socially, and spiritually. (Over 100 students coming to the CY this summer already know this.)

The challenge for our graduates, and for all Jews who don't have the time to go to yeshiva, is how to set aside "ownerless" time each week, to engage in deep Torah study, and be reminded to whom we are most truly obligated.

Parashat Bemidbar Self-Study

Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

We are starting the fourth book of the Torah, Bamidbar. In this parashah the focus is on a census taken a year after leaving Egypt, in preparation for entering the Land of Israel. On Sunday and Monday, we will celebrate Shavuot during which the book of Ruth is read; therefore, some of the questions relate to it.

Parashat Bemidbar

1) The people were counted by Moshe, Aharon, and representatives of each tribe. The representatives are listed by their names (1:5-16). Why do you think that the Torah decided to include all their names?

2) In the explanation of the special status of the tribe of Levi (3:11-13) we are informed that initially the firstborn were intended to serve God since He smote all firstborn in the land of Egypt. What might have been the advantage of having the firstborn, rather than the tribe of Levi, serve? What are the advantages of having a single tribe serve?

Shavuot / Book of Ruth

3) Ruth, the Moabite daughter in law of Naomi, returns with Naomi to Bethlehem in Yehudah. Upon arriving in the town, all the women gather around asking 'is this Naomi?!' (1:19-22). The text does not tell us about any questions relating to Ruth who is standing at Naomi's side. Why might that be?

4) While God's name is mentioned in the book, we are not told at any point about God's intervention. Nonetheless, as we read the story, it is hard not to feel God's hand in the events. Where do you see it in the story? (I will suggest 2:3 as an example.)

5) In 4:11-12 the town's people give Boaz a wedding blessing. They hope that God will make the woman he is marrying as Rachel and Leah, and his home as that of Peretz born to Yehudah from Tamar (story in Gen 38). Why might they have mentioned Tamar, Yehudah, and Peretz?

MISHABERAH

JAYDEN BARBER
FRUMA BAT JANETTE
YISRAEL BEN MEIRA
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
RONI BEN RACHEL
RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI
YAKOV BEN SARA
DANIEL BEN LEAH
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN
RUVENA SHIFRA
KETURAH BAT SARAH
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA
SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH
REUVEN BEN ADELINE
MALKA BAT RAISA
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH
BEN-TZION PESACH BEN
SHAINDEL CHAYAH
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER
MASAHIRO UENO
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA
YAKOV ELIYAHU BEN GALIA
MASHA BAT HEINCHA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT BATYA
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSSEL
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE
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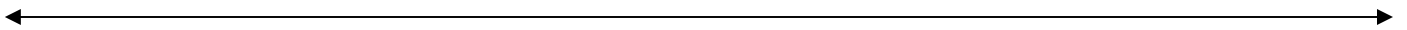
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SHLOMO FEIVEL BEN KAYLA
DAVID SHIMON BEN RENAH
LEIBUSH BEN SHPRINTZE LEAH
SARAH BAT ROIZA
BOB ALTMIRE
ARIELLA CHANA BAT SARAH
HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA
AARON ELI BEN TOIBA LEAH
RIFKAH BAT BASYA
YOCHEVET BAT FRIEDA
SHALOM MENASHE BEN NECHA
AARON BEN YEHUDIT BATYA
YAKOV BEN HANA SORA
ZEV YITZCHAK BEN RISYA
LEAH BAT ZEESALA
BASSI BAT SHIFRA
MEIR FEIVEL BEN SARAH DEVORAH
BLUMA ZISSEL BAT RACHEL
HASKEL TZVI BEN MALKA
MARIE BAT MARIE
TZIVIA AVIVA BAT MINDEL HANA
MINDEL HANNA BAT RACHEL
WAYNE EHRMAN
CHAYA RAZEL BAT LEAH
SHIMON WOLFE BEN ZELDA
YAKOV MOSHE BEN TZIPORAH
CHAIM BEN PNINA
SHALOM LEIB BEN SIMA
MATTITYAHU MOSHE BEN PEGGY
GERSHON BEN HANA
CHANAH BAT SARAH
HANOCH YITZHAK BEN SARA
ADAM DEAL
SYBIL FEIGHTNER
SHIMALA ALTA BAT LEAH
SARA BAT AIDL
ESTHER NECHA BAT SHEVA
DOVID SHMUEL BEN MIRIAM
CYNTHIA BAT CONSTANCE
MASHA BAT PESHKE
MARIA WELLER
LEBAH RACHEL BAT MIRIAM
HAYA DEVORA HANA BAT SORA BLUMA
BILHAH BAT MIRIAM
PENINA ITTA BAT BATYA DEVORA
SINAI BEN YEHUDIT NENA
HERSH TZVI BEN MINAH
YEHUDIT BAT HAYA
ASHER REUVEN BEN LILA
SHLOMO DOVID BEN ZVI

EPHRAIM CHAYIM BEN ITA CHANA
AVRAHAM BEN SHOSHANAH
REUVEN BEN HELAYNE
AVRAHAM SHMUEL BEN ZENDEL
LAZER BEN MATILDA
LIRAN BEN DEVORAH
BARUCH BEN LEAH
YETTA PESHA BAT ANNA

On this (Sabbath, Festival, Judgment or Penitence) day we pray that they be spared further pain. May God grant them health of body and health of spirit and mind. May we speedily be privileged to greet their return to good health by welcoming them once again into our midst. Let us say: Amen.

May He who blessed our ancestors and is the source of all healing bless and heal those who are ill. May the Holy One Praised Be He mercifully restore them to vigor and lift the burden of anxiety from their loved ones and friends.

Anyone wanting to add a name to the list should contact Diane Shalom (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or dianeshalom@bnaijeshurun.org) by Thursday afternoon at the latest for inclusion in that Shabbat's program. We will also pause during the prayer for people to recite additional names from their seats.



An Elegant Tribute Brunch Honoring
MARY AND MURRAY BERKOWITZ
Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 am

It is with gratitude and pride that we will honor Mary and Murray Berkowitz at our 2019 Tribute Brunch! Join us in recognizing them by **purchasing a Tribute Ad** or **becoming a sponsor**, as well as **attending** on July 14th as we give **kavod** to the honorees!*



Art show & sale

of works by contemporary Judaic artist Marlene Burns

Tribute book

with treasured recipes from the Berkowitz and synagogue kitchens

Family-friendly with youth pricing and babysitting available

Learn more at: bnaijeshurun.org/tributebrunch.

*Deadline for inclusion in the Tribute Book/Congregational Directory is June 14. RSVP for Brunch by July 5.



What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner

Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom

Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Saturday, June 8 - Erev Shavuot

9:00 am Service; AFMDA presents guest speaker Dr. Asher Moser

6:00 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot begins

Sunday, June 9 - 1st day Shavuot

9:00 am Service; Confirmation

Monday, June 10 - 2nd day Shavuot

9:00 am Service; Yizkor

Thursday, June 13

7:00 pm Narcan Training @Federation; free; register at
emiller@jcfccleve.org or 216.593.2825

Friday, June 14

5:30 pm Canine Shabbat Dinner

7:00 pm Service

Saturday, June 15

9:00 am Service

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

9:30 am Chesed @Kosher Food Pantry

Friday, June 21

5:45 pm Bubble Shabbat

7:00 pm Shabbat Rocks! Service; Anniversary Shabbat

8:00 pm ATID Shabbat Dinner & Board Games

8:30 pm Guest Speaker Jacob Sztokman of Gabriel Project Mumbai

Saturday, June 22

9:00 am Service; Hazak Shabbat

Friday, June 28

7:00 pm Service

Saturday, June 29

9:00 am Service

Sunday, June 30

9:30 am Mishpachot Splash Bash

Please respect the sanctity of our services and those around you
by turning off your mobile devices.

Condolences to:

Susannah Cohen, Ethan Cohen & families on the death of their husband and father, our member and past president, Avery Cohen

Natalie Titlebaum, Jamie Peltz & families on the death of their husband and father, our member, Ronald Titlebaum

Rebecca Smith & family on the death of her aunt, our member, Mary Chaitoff

Yahrzeits: June 8 - 14, 2019

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**past president*

If you would like a name read from this week's yahrzeit list and have not already informed the office, please notify one of the ushers.

It is customary to make a donation to the Aliyah Fund when honored with an aliyah. Thank you for your support.

We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!