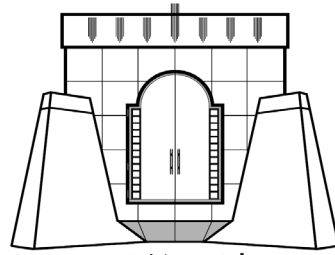


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פרשת שפטים

Parashat Shof'tim

4 Elul, 5770 / August 14, 2010

Triennial Cycle III: Deut. 19:14-21:9

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Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12, p. 1107

1. (19:14) The prohibition of removing a landmark.
2. (19:15-21) Deliberately false witnesses: their punishment is whatever their false testimony would have brought upon their intended victim.
3. (20:1-20) Laws for the conduct of war.
4. (21:1-9) The laws of the beheaded heifer which were practiced if murdered person was found in the open country between settlements.



Candle lighting time for Friday, August 13, 7:45



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Ritualizing Concern

If a corpse is found in the countryside, then the elders of the town decapitate a heifer, and declare:] “Our hands did not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it done. Absolve, O Lord, Your people Israel whom You redeemed, and do not let guilt for the blood of the innocent remain among Your people Israel.” (Deut. 21:7-8)

- A. Now would it enter our minds to assume that the elders of a bet din (rabbinic court) are shedders of blood? What, then, is the intent of Our hands did not shed this blood? He [the slain one] was not “in our hands,” and dismissed without a meal; and we did not see him [corresponding to nor did our eyes see it done] and let him go without an escort. Whereupon Rabbi Yehoshuaben Levi derived: The beheaded heifer ritual is brought about only because of the “narrow eyed” [i.e., the inhospitable]. (Talmud Tractate Sotah 48b)
- B. The rabbis of here [EretzYisrael] took the text to refer to the murderer. That no one came within our jurisdiction whom we discharged and failed to put to death, that we overlooked him and failed to bring him to justice. The Rabbis of there [Babylonia] took the text to refer to the victim. (Jerusalem Talmud, Sotah 9:6)
- C. Inevitably, war entails the loss of many lives. Such bloodshed often leads to insensitivity to the value of human life. This is the reason for the placement of parashateglaarufa within the laws of war. A single corpse lies solitary in a field. The corpse is anonymous, the murderer is unknown, there are no known relatives or friends of the victim. Almost certainly, the solitary wanderer came from the lower strata of society. According to the SfatEmet, it is not even known whether the corpse is that of a Jew or a non-Jew. Despite all these facts, the Torah mandates the whole procedure of the “eglaarufa”—where the most senior and prominent members of the city closest to the corpse profess their innocence and pray for atonement.

In contrast to the tendency in wartime to denigrate the value of the individual and of human life in general, the parasha of eglaarufa stands out to remind us of the exceptional value that Judaism places upon human life, and of the significance of each individual in the eyes of the Lord. (Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein)

- D. The first lesson of this law is that leaders are entrusted with setting the moral tone of a society. Thus, they can be held responsible for a social climate in which a person can go unnoticed, in which no one cries out “Halt!” to the murderer or “Look out!” to the victim. Respected elders might not sully their hands with murder. But in any culture, they may be guilty of caring more for property or power than people. They are guilty unless they can swear that they tried their best to create a humane society, one that protects the weak, the outsider.

The law of the calf has a second lesson: A leader may not be a bystander. And there is no dispensation for “disaster fatigue,” or allowance for valuing one human life less than another. Says the Torah: This victim, a stranger without family or friends—even from him you may not distance yourself. (Blu Greenberg)

Announcements

** ATTENTION HEARING AID USERS **

If you wear a hearing aid with a T-Coil, turn on the T-switch to enable you to hear better. Everything spoken into a microphone will go directly to you via your hearing aid.

Big-Hearted Birthdays

Birthdays Gifts that Give Back

Big-Hearted Birthdays is a program of **Project N.O.A.H.** of Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley. As the recession deepens, the number of Jewish families needing food assistance quadrupled! We desperately need more gift cards for the nearly 1000 people who will receive emergency assistance in the coming year. Ask your friends to skip the birthday gifts, and donate grocery and gas gift cards for families in our community who could really use your help. For more information, contact Lizi Oceransky, lizio@jfssv.org or 408.357.7425

Hadashot Religious School

Registration deadline has passed. Please turn in your forms ASAP. (They are all on the wiki!).

August 27: Meet and Greet (5:00 pm-6:00pm) followed by BBQ and Bar'chu

September 12: Back to School (9:30 am-12:30 pm)

September 26: Ganon starts; Pizza & Prizes (12:30-1:00 pm)

Hebrew High High Holy Days Honeygrams Fundraiser

Send a HONEYGRAM to your friends and help them usher in a sweet New Year, while supporting Hebrew High. Honeygrams include one jar of honey, apples, and a challah. Each family will receive one holiday package with a card listing all the Beth David families that have purchased the honeygram for them. You can send greetings to the entire congregation for \$250 or you can send a honeygram to specific CBD friends for \$5.00 per Honeygram. Extra challahs and bags may be ordered upon request. All orders must be preordered and paid for in advance by cash or check **by August 20**. Pick up your challahs & honeygrams at Beth David on:

Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 5 from 9:30 - 10:30 am

Monday - Thursday, Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm;

Monday - Tuesday, Sept. 6 and 7 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Call Ruth Zaltsmann at 408.421.6342 or email ruthhebrewhigh@aol.com or call Susan Gavens at 408.406.5433 or email sgavens@sbcglobal.net

College Packets Already!

Is your son or daughter heading off to college or graduate school, medical school, or law school? The High Holidays are early this year (beginning Sept. 8), and we'd like to help ease their transition with a "Happy Holidays and Good Luck!" gift from Beth David. The package will include a New Year's card, honey sticks, dried apple packets, and candy. Please let us know how to include your son or daughter in this program. Contact Andrea Linder at alinder4@gmail.com or (408) 866-5340 with their information so we can add your son/daughter to our list. Flyers are in Beth David's lobby.

Mazel
TOV

Mazel Tov to Lindsay Greensweig and Richard Ehrman on their Aufruf. Our thanks to Lindsay and Richard for sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheon.

Talmud Class Returns!

The summer Talmud class was cancelled for a few weeks. Class will resume **Friday, August 20, 8:30 am.** (One week earlier than previously published.) See you there!

Lulav & Etrog

If you have never had your own lulav and etrog set for Sukkot, maybe it's time to do so! This is the time of year to fulfill the Mitzvah ~ learn and say the blessings and share holy time with family and friends. We are offering two sets to choose from:

◆ Junior: \$60.00 ◆ Mehudar: \$95.00

(The difference in cost per set is due to size of etrog & pitom)

Deadline to order is August 16

Jr. Kadima

**Golf and Waterslides Event!! Golf and (SJ)
Sunday, Aug. 15th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Sr. Kadima

Raging Waters Event (SJ)

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Rachel Schultz at racheleschultz@gmail.com
or at (925) 286-5759. Looking for chaperones too!!

BBQ & Bar'chu

Friday, August 27, 6:00 pm

Join us for a Kosher barbeque, followed by Shabbat services.
Adults & Teens \$18; Youth (6-12) \$10; Child (0-5) Free
Family maximum: \$60. Click **RSVP Now** on our Beth David home page to sign up by **August 20.**

Sisterhood

Gift Shop Open

Friday, August 27, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Creative Judaic Arts

Make Your Own Earrings - 2nd Offering!

Sunday, August 29, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Make pierced-ear earrings from a 2,000-year-old gold earring design! Tools will be provided, kit cost is \$15.00. Rooms 1 & 2 at CBD, limit: 5 people. RSVP to Shannon Wells (650) 954-5671 or thesqueedler@gmail.com by August 26th.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Jewish Heritage Night

SF Giants vs. Colorado Rockies!

Tuesday, August 31, 7:15 pm, AT&T Park

Come for a great night at the ballpark! Seats in Jewish Heritage section, Pre-Game Celebration in Scoreboard Plaza, featuring a Klezmer Band. Tickets: \$25/person, includes fundraiser for Sisterhood. For tickets, contact

Carol Weiss, carollweiss@yahoo.com, (408) 735-7946 or
Eve Kedar, evек@aol.com, (408) 646-6145

"Threads of Tradition"

August 29, 2010, 10:30 am

We will meet to assemble tachrichim, traditional Jewish burial garments. Making burial garments is a mitzvah which shows our concern for those in our community at the most difficult time in the life cycle. If you can machine or hand sew or iron, call Marcia Kaplan, 741-1338.

Adult Education Programs

High Holy Days Preparation

**Book Discussion: *Why Faith Matters* by Rabbi Wolpe
Saturday, August 14, 1:30 pm
at Beth David after Kiddush lunch**

Michael Sinensky will lead a lively discussion of Rabbi David Wolpe's inspiring book *Why Faith Matters*, which presents "a stirring case for the fullness of a life with belief and the emptiness of life without it." This book is appropriate as a thought-provoking introduction to our spiritual quest as we approach the High Holy Days. Adults and teens are welcome to read this book (available in many libraries) and join in the discussion.

High Holy Days Workshops

**with Rabbis Pressman and Ohriner
Sunday, August 29, 10:30 am at Beth David**

**Teshuvah: Checking in with Ourselves
10:30 am with Rabbi Ohriner**

Elul, the final month of the Jewish year, is a time for introspection, repentance, and renewal of resolve. Our tradition provides powerful advice on how to take part in this process, commonly referred to as heshbon hanefesh, taking an accounting of our soul. We will examine authentic Jewish techniques for performing a true accounting of our lives and our relationships. Together, we will look at some traditional Jewish sources on teshuvah and explore the techniques they offer to assist us in our soul-searching.

The Un'taneh Tokef: Awe and Challenge

11:30 am with Rabbi Pressman

The Un'taneh Tokef is the centerpiece of the High Holy Day liturgy, with its themes of judgment, fate, mercy, and hope. Its soaring melodies and the awe of the moment can obscure the very real theological challenges it poses. We will read this text closely, seeking its meaning for our lives.

The Mitzvah of Making a Minyan

Come one, come all and join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Monday – Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for daily minyan. We are looking to include as many members of our Beth David family as possible in this wonderful tradition that brings comfort to our mourners and gives each of us a daily opportunity to connect with our soul, our community and our God. When it is your week, we invite you to look at your schedules and commit to at least one night to attend this important endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Mayer at (408) 257-6129 or fammayer@aol.com.

• A-D: *First Week of the Month* • L-R: *Third Week of the Month*
• E-K: *Second Week of the Month* • S-Z: *Fourth Week of the Month*

Yahrzeit

Harry Aitchison, Father of Kenneth Aitchison
Sol Baron, Father of Diana Zitman
Kalvin Berger, of Blessed Memory
Eleanor Berman, Mother of Susan Maltiel
Ruth Callner, Cousin of Donna Klein
Charlotte Dattner, of Blessed Memory
Alfredo DeNola, Father of Lydia Mednick; Grandfather of George Mednick
Harry Dickman, Father of Lloyd Dickman
Esther Evans, Mother of Maureen Schneider
Abraham Fernandez, Father of Donald Fernandez

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Yahrzeits continued

Celia Fivelson, Grandmother of Phyllis Zis
Sam Fivelson, Grandfather of Phyllis Zis
Sadie Halper, Grandmother of William Halper
Sophia Dietz Halper, of Blessed Memory
Gerald Hirschberg, Uncle of Donna Klein
Sylvia Jacobs, Grandmother of Michael Harris
Sam Katz, of Blessed Memory
Aleck Klonoff, Father of Fae Melmon
Alvin Lee, Father of Robin Wigon
Mortimer Martin, Father of Susan Rosenzweig
Sonia Mehler, Wife of Robert Mehler
Ida Morgerman, of Blessed Memory
Cynthia Oleinick, of Blessed Memory
Rhea Schwartz, Mother-in-law of Sigmund Rosenthal
Pauline Serebro, Grandmother of Grant Goodman
William Sones, Uncle of Rhoda Yelowitz
Morris Stark, Grandfather of Monique Alexander
Steven Waxman, Cousin of Lynne Kinsey

Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

Chaim ben Dina
Annabel Rubin, (relative of Dina Yevelev)
Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
Roece ben Yaacov, Bob Eppinger (friend of Dorothy & Richard Dorsay)
Craig Howlett (friend of Michael & Felicia Schaffer)
Madelene Teifeld (member and mother of Barbara Green and Jan Krum)
Robin Davis (daughter-in-law of Barbara Davis)
Sara Pela bat Katura, Barbara Davis (member)
Ze'ev Shamsha ben Sara Pela, Scott Evan Davis (son of Barbara Davis)
Mark Schaengold (friend of Andrea & Steve Linder)
Cathy Hebert (friend of Michael Schaffer)
Ruth Diamond Levinson (aunt of Davida Adelberg)
Lauren Phillips (sister of Janet Witkin)
Julie Rubin (friend of Sandi Diamond)
Gary Kipnis (member)
Aaron Yaakov ben Yitzhak, Al Kass (member)
Yosef ben Dreiza, Joseph Evans (father of Maureen Schneider)
Daniel & Patricia Williamson (friends of Christel Sanders)
Fraddel bat Devorah
D'vera Riva bat Fraddel
Chaya Leah bat D'vera Riva
Baruch Shalom ben Fraddel
Wolf Lev ben Hannah (father of Jane Blumenthal)
Rivka bat Chaya Ettl (member)
Yisrael ben Perel, Irwin Solomon (member)
Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Karen & Allen Guggenheim)
Shimrona Chava bat Yendel Nucha
Shoshana bat Eita (niece of Hy Burdman)
Zelda Yudit bat Shena Fayag, Carol Gergis (cousin of Lawren Farber)
Shlomo ben Chaya (father of Ricki Gaffer)
Rich Carlson (friend of Dori Jaroslow)
Avraham ben Yehudit (father of congregant)
Judy Trigger (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Zipporah bat Etki, Phyllis Maus (cousin of Lance Glasser)
Arlene Nodleman (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Ofira Avirit bat Sarah, Aurelia Nelson (member)
Lauren Flato (wife of Steve Labovitz)
Luba Pasumansky (relative of Yulia Shvarts)
Julie Seltzer-Firsty (friend of the Labovitz's)
Michael Acevedo (son-in-law of Ron & Alison Ruebusch)
Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Susan Dresser (friend of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)
Diane Fornwalt (relative of Helaine Green)
Yehudit bat Eitah (niece of Hy Burdman)
Faiga bat Ruth, Phyllis Zis (member)
Hiroko Caster (friend of Barbara Davis)
Meir ben Ze'ev, Milton Wiener (father of Barbara Davis)
Leah Esther bat Leibisch, Laura Sharpe (member)
Ruth Karpman (friend of Andrea Ammerman)
Leib ben Chaya, Leib Nodelman (brother of Doysa Markova)

Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Yitzhak ben Aron (father of Phyllis Newman)
Jerry Boyajian (friend of Wendy Glasser)
Ephraim ben Chayyim, Philip Lempert (brother of Dennis Lempert)
Walter Fulde (friend of Leonard & Sylvia Metz)
Miriam Shoshana bat Bracha, Meredith Israel (friend of Jack Moore & Bonnie Slavitt-Moore)
Reut bat Nehama (friend of Strod Family)
Izabella Letskin (friend of Yulia Shvarts)
Tzivvia bat Shandel, Harriette Kirschen, (mother of Sandy Mayer)
Shayna Rochal bat Yehudit (sister of Lynne Kinsey)
Michael ben Sarah (Michael Applesmith)
Ellen Efron (friend of Susan Murai-Raider)
Gary Heit (friend of Michael Schaffer)
Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel
HaRav Avraham ben Miriam (friend of Krongold family)
David ben Hasya (friend of Yulia Shvarts)
Elisheva bat Yehudit (friend of Sue Maltiel)
Sivia bat Chava, Sylvia Gilvarg (aunt of Rachel Schwab)
Yosef ben Esther, Jeff Sohn (friend of Rosa & Izak Bencuya)
Fae Melmon (member)
Irit Shirah bat Rivka, Irene Bricker (member)
Ruben Abraham Moses ben Moshe (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)
Rachmiel ben Yoheved
Karen Carp (friend of Gafter family)
Hodel bat Bracha, Helen Schulman (mother of Barbara Knaster)
Dan Winkler (friend of Scott Knaster)
Steve Wilson (friend of Tanya Lorien)
Yehudit bat Eshke, Eunice Coleman (mother of Lynne Kinsey)
Louis Halper (brother of Bill Halper)
David Pinhas ben Breindal (member)
Monya Riva bat Sheva, Marilyn Auerbach (sister of Sondra Goldberger)
John Hirschberg (father of Donna Klein)
Stanley Rojo (father of Susan Rojo)
Frank Lanctot (father of Chet Lanctot)
Frank Amara
Davida bat Genja Liba (member)
Adam Yavim ben Sarah, George Steres (member)
Noach ben Sprinzah, Neil Schwab (cousin of Rachel Schwab)
Joseph Saponaro (brother-in-law of Wendy Glasser)
Ronit bat Shoshana, Georgina Levy (wife of Cantor Andres Levy)
Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Rivka bat Y'hudit, June Cohen (mother of Alison Ruebusch)
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Masha bat Lina (mother of Sharon Joseph)
Sue Glettig
Alex Solis (friend of the Raider/Murai Family)
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Miriam Shirah bat Brachah Bayla (mother of Rabbi Shoshana Ohriner)
Jack Goodman (member)
Joe Stern
Svetlana Goldman, friend of Donna Frankel
Vickie Rothchild, friend of Donna Frankel
Susan Waldman (cousin of Joanne Cornbleet)
Rivka bat Libby, Rita Jacoby (mother of Libbie Kline)
Miriam bat Bluma, Miriam Marr (member)

We extend our condolences to Marlene Kass, Ian Kass & Evan Kass on the passing of long time member, husband and father, Alfred Kass.

We extend our condolences to Rosalind Linder and Steven Linder on the passing of long time member, husband and father, Marvin Linder.