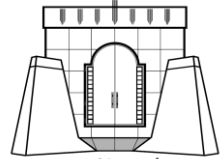




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קהילת בית דוד
Congregation Beth David

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פרשת בהר

Parashat Behar

10 Iyar, 5771 / May 14, 2011
Triennial Cycle Year I: Leviticus 25:1–25:38
Humash Etz Hayim, page 738
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6–27; page 759

1. (25:1-7) The land shall be sanctified by means of the sh'mittah, the sabbatical year, a year of agricultural rest every seven years.
2. (25:8-13) Every 50th year is a Jubilee. All land and slaves are to be released. The land returns to its original owners and the Hebrew slaves are freed.
3. (25:14-17) Therefore, no land is sold forever. In effect, it is a lease until the next Jubilee, which must be reckoned in the price.
4. (25:18-22) A promise that the faithful observance of these laws will be rewarded with ample crops in the sixth year of the seventh cycle, so that there will be enough food for two years.
5. (25:23-28) Even between Jubilee years, families are obligated to help impoverished relatives regain their holdings.
6. (25:29-34) Laws related to the Jubilee year, which came every 50 years, when all land is returned to its original owners.
7. (25:35-38) The commandment to help an Israelite or resident alien who becomes impoverished, by loaning him money at no interest.



Candle lighting time for Friday, May 13, 2011, 7:50 p.m.



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The Torah and Truth: From Ontology to Temporality

Rabbi Philip R. Ohriner

Lev. 25:39-43

If your kinsman under you continues in straits and must give himself over to you, do not subject him to the treatment of a slave. He shall remain with you as a hired or bound laborer; he shall serve with you only until the jubilee year. Then he and his children with him shall be free of your authority; he shall go back to his family and return to his ancestral holding. For they are My servants, whom I freed from the land of Egypt; they may not give themselves over into servitude. You shall not rule over him ruthlessly; you shall fear your God.

Aristotle, *Politics* 1:5 (4th C BCE, Greece)

Is anyone intended by nature to be a slave, and for whom such a condition is expedient and right? Or is slavery a violation of nature? There is no difficulty in answering this question, on grounds both of reason and of fact. That some should rule and others be ruled is not only necessary, but expedient; from the hour of their birth, some are marked out for subjugation... These people are slaves by nature, and it is better for them to be subject to this kind of control, as it is better for the other creatures I have mentioned [i.e. domesticated animals]. For a man who is able to belong to another person is by nature a slave.

Maimonides, *Guide of the Perplexed*, 3:32 (12th C, Egypt)

It is impossible to go suddenly from one extreme to the other. It is therefore, according to the nature of man, impossible for him suddenly to discontinue everything to which he has been accustomed. I do not say this because I believe that it is difficult for G-d to change the nature of every individual person. On the contrary, it is possible and it is in His power . . . but it has never been His will to do it, and it never will be. If it were part of His will to change the nature of any person, the mission of the prophets and the giving of the Torah would have been superfluous.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

There are profound differences between philosophy and Judaism, and one lies in their respective understandings of time. For Plato and his heirs, philosophy is about the truth that is timeless (or for Hegel and Marx, about "historical inevitability"). Judaism is about truths, like human freedom, that are realized in and through time... Revolutions based on philosophical systems fail because change in human affairs takes time, and philosophy is incapable of understanding the human dimension of time. The inevitable result is that (in Rousseau's famous phrase) they "force men to be free"... Revolutions based on Torah succeed, because they go with the grain of human nature, recognizing that it takes time for people to change. The Torah did not abolish slavery but it set in motion a process that would lead people to come of their own accord to the conclusion that it was wrong. Changing human nature is very slow indeed. It takes generations, even centuries and millennia.

Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk, *Pri Haaretz*, Parashat Toledot (18th C, Belorussia)

This is what our Masters of blessed memory meant when they said that the commandments would be nullified in messianic times, for the earth would be full of the knowledge of God: they will then have a different Torah . . . and as they go from strength to strength, ever upward, until they reach the root of all Torah and all commandments, "I am the Lord your God", a simple and never ending unity, as they stand in that place, the wings of all the commandments and laws will droop, and all will be nullified.

Next General Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, immediately following minyan

Announcements

Hadashot Religious School

Visit the Beth David website for more information about the School. *Check our Wiki under the Education tab for latest info.*
Shadow Day: May 15 – Invite potential students to shadow a class
Awards & Lag B'Omer Picnic: May 22 starting at 11:00 a.m.
Moving Up: June 4 (see separate entry)

Attention Members

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Preview the New *Mahzor*!

May 15, 16, 17 & 22, 2011, for 30 minutes after minyan

The publication of *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, the new prayer book for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, is an extraordinary event for the Conservative movement. *Mahzor Lev Shalem* was composed and edited with a conscious awareness of the diverse backgrounds and expectations in each community and it promises to open doors for every congregant. *Mahzor Lev Shalem* offers countless opportunities for an inspirational engagement with the liturgy through traditional and contemporary readings, probing commentary, and a beautiful, prayerful translation that faithfully renders the Hebrew.

Be Part of History!

Would you like to meet the people who first envisioned what would eventually become Congregation Beth David? Are you curious about what motivated them to turn that vision into a reality? If so, this is your opportunity for a front row seat in capturing the wisdom of these remarkable people! The CBD Archives Committee is launching a program to document the visual histories of our founders and earliest lay and rabbinic leaders. We need the help of talented interviewers and videographers to ensure the success of this effort. Training will be provided. Please contact Susan Rojo, Archives Committee Chairperson at bookmaven614@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.



CBD Cookbook:

Nurturing Our Community

Preserve your recipes, before it's too late!

Please join Congregation Beth David Sisterhood in this heartfelt effort, our cookbook - "Nurturing Our Community". We are doing more than just documenting recipes, we are re-creating the moments behind those meals, and celebrating the memories of time and food shared with loved ones and friends. Submit your favorite family recipes, and if you wish, a memory or story related to the recipes. Ready to become a part of this exciting project? Send your recipes to cookbook@beth-david.org.

Jewish Book Discussion Group

Saturday, May 14, 2011

after Shabbat Kiddush lunch (about 1:30 p.m.)

Join us to discuss *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*, by A.J. Jacobs. All adults and teens are welcome. The book is termed as "an extremely compelling book, appropriately irreverent and highly entertaining. More significantly, it is a tale of an intense and intelligent spiritual search that will speak powerfully and instructively to a generation of seekers." For more information, call Miriam Marr at 650-968-7138.

Kita Zayin Hosts Minyan

Sunday, May 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Please join Kita Zayin this Sunday as we celebrate a wonderful year by leading minyan. We hope to see you there!

תודה רבה

Our thanks to Deon and Dawn Glajchen
for sponsoring the Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon
in honor of Kevin's Bar Mitzvah.

The Torah of Song: At the Rabbi's Table (Finale!)

Saturday, May 21, 2011

after Shabbat Kiddush lunch (about 1:15 p.m.)

Join Rabbis Pressman and Ohriner to sing Shabbat table songs; learn new melodies; and explore their beauty, history, and meaning. The starting time may vary slightly. This is the last formal "Torah of Song" program.

From Darkness to Light

A Concert in Memory of Beverly Pressman

Performance by Schola Cantorum

Hosted by Beth David Hazak

Sunday, May 22, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Reception following performance



Tickets available at: beth-david.org/rsvp or 408-366-9108. Adults \$24; Seniors \$20; Students \$12; Patrons \$108 includes 2 tickets and special seating; Sponsors \$250 includes 2 tickets, special seating and acknowledgement in the program.

Silicon Valley Jewish Music Festival

Sunday, May 22, 2011, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center

14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos

This FREE outdoor festival is Silicon Valley's biggest Jewish music event of the year! The Macaroons, PapaHugs, Elana Jagoda, Craig Taubman and the Grisman Statman Quartet. Plus entertainment, art, kosher food, and activities for the whole family. For more information CJLL@svjcc.org, call 408.357.7411 or visit the website: <http://www.siliconvalleyjcc.org/music/Home.html>.

Conversations in Jewish Learning

Thursday, May 26, 2011, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Shifting Sands and Foundations for Peace:

Navigating the Middle East Political Environment

Akiva Tor, Consul General of Israel for the Pacific Northwest Region since August, 2008, will focus on Israel in this period of tectonic political shifts within Muslim countries across North Africa and the Middle East. Iran continues to develop nuclear weapons, while the achievement of Israeli-Palestinian peace remains elusive. What is required to advance peace in this environment of threat and uncertainty?

The Mitzvah of Making a Minyan

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Monday - Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for daily minyan. To help ensure the future vibrancy of our minyan, our captains have created the following schedule organized alphabetically by last name. If you have 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
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Mazal Tov to Abe & Bayla Bromberg on the birth of their twin grandsons Benjamin and Alexander.

You Are Cordially Invited To...

7th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and 12th Grade Graduation

Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Shabbat Morning Services

Kiddush Luncheon will follow. Please R.S.V.P. to Religious School: ReligiousSchool@beth-david.org or 408-366-9101 or Hebrew High: cbdhebrewhigh@aol.com or 408-366-9118.

Shavuot Services

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Standing at Sinai: Torah of Our Lives

Service at 9:00 p.m. & Study begins at 9:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of lively learning and discussion with a number of our rabbis following services. On Shavuot when we commemorate the giving of the Torah, studying together is the best way to enact this eternal Jewish value. Plus: Cheesecake!!

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

1st Day Shavuot

Service at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 9, 2011

2nd Day Shavuot

Service at 9:30 a.m.

Megillat/Book of Ruth

Yahrzeit

Mira Bashi Lawee, Mother of David Lawee
Rose Brenner, Grandmother of Harold Woron
Ruth Brown, Grandmother of Alison Ruebusch; Great Grandmother of Dena Acevedo
Marsha Carr, Grandmother of Sheryl Rattner
Rose Cornbleet, Mother of Harry Cornbleet
Semen Filshtinsky, Father of Sofia Filshtinsky
Leslie Fried Fusco, Cousin of Sharon Gordon
Rena Glasser, Sister of Lance Glasser
Irving Goldman, of Blessed Memory
Joseph Grossman, Father of Daisy Gelb
Schmuel Gurevitch, Uncle of Dina Yevelev
Judah F. Issac, Uncle of Myrtle Schwartz & Elias Isaac
Benjamin Jasovich, Great-grandfather of Natalia Pogrebinsky
Avis Joseph, Mother of Wendy Glasser
Harry Katz, Father of Judith Lavetter
Susan Kinsey, Mother of Stephen Kinsey
Gyula Klein, Father of Thomas Klein
Gertrude Kohan, Mother of Ruth Kohan
Bryna Lapidus, Mother of Ilene Janofsky
Irwin Leichtman, Cousin of Sheryl Lewis
Harry Levine, Father of Barbara Meyers
Avrum Lubing, Cousin of Rachel Abramovitz
Freida Mack, Mother of Ina Checkman
Heinrich Mendelsohn, Grandfather of Joan Stone
Mary Milter, Sister of Yeugenia Romm
Abe Newman, Father of Neil Newman
Moe Rokofsky, Father of Thelma Ramm
Norman Sapiro, Uncle of Donna Frankel
Minnie Scherr, Mother of Karen Fihn
Isaac Sherman, Grandfather of Barbara Bromberg
Jack Sherman, Father of Cyndi Sherman
Ida Silberman, Mother-in-law of Claire Silberman
Regina Singer, Mother of Sheila Goldstein
Deborah Solnit, Wife of Kenneth Solnit
Michael Steinberg, Uncle of Judith Krongold
Arthur Wall, of Blessed Memory
Charles Weiser, Brother of Anita Salsberg
Rita Werderman, Mother of Lesley Kuhn
Elay Zlotnick, Relative of Dina Fayngold

We extend our condolences to the family of Caroline Lorán who passed away on May 12.

Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

Chaim ben Dina

Annabel Rubin, (relative of Dina Yevelev)

Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)

Roe ben Yaacov, Bob Eppinger (friend of Dorothy & Richard Dorsay)

Craige Howlett (friend of Michael & Felicia Schaffer)

Madelene Teifeld (member and mother of Barbara Green & 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)

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)

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)

Susan Dresser (friend of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)

Yehudit bat Eitah (niece of Hy Burdman)

Hiroko Caster (friend of Barbara Davis)

Meir ben Ze'ev, Milton Wiener (father of Barbara Davis)

Leah Esther bat Leibisch, Laura Sharpe (member)

Leib ben Chaya, Leib Nodelman (brother of Doysa Markova)

Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)

Ephraim ben Chayyim, Philip Lempert (brother of Dennis Lempert)

Walter Fulde (friend of Leonard & Sylvia Metz)

Miriam Shoshana bat Leah, Meredith Israel

(friend of Jack Moore & Bonnie Slavitt-Moore)

Leah bat Miriam, Laurie 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)

Yosef ben Esther, Jeff Sohn (friend of Rosa & Izak Bencuya)

Irit Shirah bat Rivka, Irene Bricker (member)

Ruben Abraham Moses ben Moshe (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)

Rachmiel ben Yoheved

Hodel bat Bracha, Helen Schulman (mother of Barbara Knaster)

Dan Winkler (friend of Scott Knaster)

Yehudit bat Eshke, Eunice Coleman (mother of Lynne Kinsey)

Louis Halper (brother of Bill Halper)

Monya Riva bat Sheva, Marilyn Auerbach (sister of Sondra Goldberger)

John Hirschberg (father of Donna Klein)

Frank Lanctot (father of Chet Lanctot)

Davida bat Genja Liba (member)

Joseph Saponaro (brother-in-law of Wendy Glasser)

Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)

Asher ben El Chanan, Joel Schwartz (husband of Myrtle Schwartz)

Simcha Avram ben Sheindel (close friend of Debby and David Hoffman)

Lorraine Howell (close friend of David Hoffman)

Masha bat Lina (mother of Sharon Joseph)

Sue Glettig

Alex Solis (friend of the Raider/Murai Family)

Shoshana bat Rut

Shayna Hannah bat Menuha Leah, Joyce Barman (member)

Miriam Shirah bat Brachah Bayla (mother of Rabbi Shoshana Ohriner)

Rivka bat Libby, Rita Jacoby (mother of Libbie Kline)

Guisy Ranieri (cousin of Paula, Marc & Shoshana Levitt)

Jonathan Davidson (nephew of Susannah Pfalser)

Neshama bat Sarah, Alma Garcia (member)

Leah Malkah bat Chaya, Lu Goldenberg (member)

Miriam bat Feiga (mother of Sol Shatz)

Yehoshua Ranon ben Elkah Leah, Joshua Sokoler

(friend of Eleanor Dickman)

Moishe ben Rivka, Matt Zimet (friend of Lance & Wendy Glasser)

Malkah bat Ra'hel

Shlomo ben Matanah, Bryan Schwartz (son of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)

Gary Nankin (member)

Shaya ben Esther, Sheldon Kaplan

Timothy Wittlatch (friend of Hy & Phyllis Burdman)

Zvi Leib ben Esther

Scott Levitt (brother of Marc Levitt)

Shlomo ben Hana, Shlomo Malin (member)

Lavannah bat Rachel, Lucy Fried (friend of the Alcheck & Strod families)

Tsvi ben Sara (Friend of Richard & Dorothy Dorsay)

Irene Dalis (Friend of Richard & Dorothy Dorsay)

Malkah Zahava bat Bracha Leah (sister of Michele Hittleman)

Chaim ben Liba, Hy Ramm (member)

Ruth Skolnick (friend of Thelma & Hy Ramm)

Naomi bat Sarah (member)

Ya'akov ben Sarah (member)

Eliahu ben Ramah (brother of Myrtle Schwartz &

husband of Lorraine Isaac)

Jayne Mueller (Relative of Helaine Green)

Shlomo Hersh ben Yitzhak HaKohein, Sanford Witlin

(Friend of Sylvia Metz)

Bill Cohen (Friend of Sylvia Metz)

Andrew Weiss (uncle of Barbara Davis)

Moshe Yesachur Dov ben Chaya Sora,

Michael Goldberger (son of Alex & Sondra Goldberger)

Lucille Surdi (friend of Sandi Diamond)

Rutie bat Tova (relative of Eve Kedar)

Nurit bat of Tova (relative of Eve Kedar)

Rosanne Wyleczuk (friend of Seema Cicerone)

Annette Marks (mother of Michelle Selincourt)

Mordechai Zalman ben Schneer (father of Steve Labovitz)

Dabby bat Shlomo, Dorothy Gold (Mother of Michael Gold)

Yirachmiel ben Yitzhak, Ron Klotzer (friend of Mindy Berkowitz)

Nicole Rivka bat Laya (friend of Arielle Bendahan)

Simha Daniel ben Sharon, Daniel Trager (son of Rabbi Moshe Trager)

Lucille Janofsky (mother of Eric Janofsky)

Lilly Weitzman (aunt of Eric Janofsky)

Avraham Moshe, Michael Stadlen

(friend of Jack Moore & Bonnie Slavitt-Moore)

Chaya Sura bat Meir Yoel, Suzie Franklin (cousin of Steve Frankel)

Isa ben Yosef, Harvey Bloomberg (friend of Sylvia & Leonard Metz)

Gavriella bat Sarah

Rachamim Natanel ben Shoshana, Clement Murai

(son of Susan Murai-Raider)

Chaim Abba ben Arye Leib, Herm Stern (member)

Michael Shortt (friend of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)

Joel Kaplan

Ariel ben Vera

Dina bat Jamila

Seema bat Asher v'Sarah, Seema Cicerone (member)

Moshe ben Roza, Morris Kirschen (father of Sandy Mayer)

Riva bat Rachel, Riva Rubnitz (member)