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ק״ק בית אל

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23 7:00 pm

All Members are welcome.

The Agenda will include:

Budget presentation and vote for the upcoming year

Presentation of imminent capital expenditures and discussion of how they are going to be financed

Discussion (and possible vote) about concept of our Rabbi performing interfaith marriages

Election of Board of Directors and Executive

This is your opportunity to be part of the decision making process. Please make every effort to attend.

Dessert and coffee following.



The office will be closed:

Wednesday July 1 Canada Day





<u>From the Rabbi</u>

By Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser

OUR VOTE ON INTERFAITH WEDDINGS

As I write this, I am looking forward to a third back surgery in the near future. The surgery is scheduled for the day after the last day of Religious School, which is usually the last fixed

-time commitment I have to the congregation before the summer, with the exception of the Annual General Meeting of the congregation. I truly regret that I will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting this year, because at this meeting, the congregation will be asked to make one of its biggest decisions in the last twenty years.

Since last Rosh Hashanah, when I proposed this venture in my morning sermon, our congregation has been exploring the concept of allowing for interfaith weddings or, to be more exact, a Jewish wedding for an interfaith couple. In the fall, we struck a committee to examine the pros and cons. We held two congregational forums – one in the winter and one in the spring – to allow congregants to voice their opinions on this thorny topic. At our last Board of Directors meeting, we affirmed the decision to take the matter to the congregation at-large for a vote at our annual meeting.

While I will not be in attendance at the Annual Meeting – except, perhaps, via Skype – I want you to know how much I have struggled with this decision. In my thirty four years as a rabbi, I have never performed an interfaith wedding. One of the reasons I chose to serve as rabbi at Beth El is that the congregation was like-minded on this issue. I have continued to struggle with this decision during my years as a rabbi, and have come to the conclusion that interfaith weddings with preconditions may be the better way to ensure Jewish continuity.

As I laid out on Rosh Hashanah, a large part of my thinking on this matter rests in my frustration with the fact that, since couples already knew my position to not perform interfaith weddings, they pursued their wedding plans without consulting me. I want to be a part of the process they go through as they envision the home and family they will create together. And that means being open to marrying them if the non-Jewish partner is unwilling to convert at this time in his or her life, but is open to the idea of creating a Jewish home and raising their children as Jews. Not every couple will be willing to make that commitment, and will therefore not choose a Jewish wedding. But saying "no" at this critical time in the relationship rarely produces positive results.

Conversion is a huge commitment. The biblical Ruth, who is the archetype of the sincere convert, didn't convert before she married her Jewish husband. When her husband died and she chose to live with her mother -in-law, Naomi, she made that commitment. In other words, she chose to become a Jew after living with her Jewish family for several years. Many non-Jews who fall in love with Jews are similarly unwilling to commit to conversion at the time of their wedding, but may be more amenable to conversion after years with a Jewish life partner, particularly if the couple has chosen to create a Jewish family.

I will affirm the congregation's decision, however you vote on this matter. I regret any hard feelings held by those who vote in the minority. But, as many people voiced at our last congregational forum, times have changed. We all know interfaith couples who have produced Jewish families. It is time for us to support them.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser

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Shabbat Services





Sponsor an Oneg!

The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$72.00 for before a 5:45 pm service or \$118.00 for after an 8:00 pm service. Please consider sponsoring an oneg in honour of or in memory of a loved one.

TORAH STUDY

June 6 only Other Saturdays

cancelled

Join us for Torah Study at 10 AM Saturday. Discussion of the weekly portion is lively, informed, and wellresearched. Participants express a wide range of interpretations of the central text of our faith.



עבודה

June 2015

Friday evening, June 5 8:47 pm Candle lighting 8:00 pm Shabbat Services Baby naming Saturday morning, June 6 B'haalot'cha 10:00 am **Torah Study** Friday evening, June 12 8:51 pm Candle lighting 5:45 pm **Shabbat Services** Saturday, June 13 Shlach Friday evening, June 19 8:53 pm Candle lighting 5:45 pm Shabbat Services Saturday, June 20 Korach Friday evening, June 26 8:54 pm Candle lighting 5:45 pm **Shabbat Services** Saturday, June 27 Chukat

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July2015

Friday evening, July 3		
8:54 pm	Candle lighting	
5;45 pm	Shabbat Services	
Saturday,	July 4 Balak	
Friday evening, July 10		
8:51 pm	Candle lighting	
5:45 pm	Shabbat Services	
Saturday, J	uly 11 Pinchas	
Friday evening, July 17		
8:47pm	Candle lighting	
5:45 pm	Shabbat Services	
Saturday, Jul	y 18 Matot-Massei	
Friday evening, July 24		
8:42 pm	Candle lighting	
5:45 pm	Shabbat Services	
Saturday, July 25 Devarim		
Friday evening, July 31		
8:34 pm	Candle lighting	
5:45 pm	Shabbat Services	

Congregational happenings

Board of Directors Meeting Dates

Annual General Meeting Date

June 23, 2015

7:00 pm

2015-2016

Meeting dates to be announced

All meetings start at 7:30 pm



THE CARING COMMITTEE WANTS YOU (BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN A COMMITTEE)

The Caring Committee met last month to discuss ways to serve our congregation and our community. We felt we could make a difference visiting the homebound in our congregation, as well as those new to our community, and converts and the newborn. We discussed how those visits might be easier for the volunteers, and more effective, if teams of two made these visits.

We are hoping that you will consider making a visit to the homebound, the newborn, or those new to the community. You don't even have to join a committee. Just leave your name with the Beth El office, and we'll pair you up with a Caring Committee partner.

The next meeting will be held June 16 at 11:00 am.

In Appreciation

תודה רבה Thank You

To Cheryl & Michael Blacher for sponsoring the Oneg on May 15th To Dr. Stuart & Suzanne Selby for sponsoring the Oneg on May 22th To Anna Levin for sponsoring the Shavuot Yizkor Oneg on May 24th Thank you to the following who have sponsored the Onegs in June: June 5 - Lorna Shulman June 19 - Irving Barat

Like Dreamers by Yossi Halevi (part II)

This photograph by David Rubinger, used on the cover of Like Dreamers, is one of the most iconic



images in Israeli history, ranking perhaps only next the 1948 image of the proclamation of Israeli independence. The paratroopers at the Western Wall in 1967 shows part of the small weary group of reservists called up to fight the Six-Day War who achieved the miracle of the liberation of Jerusalem. Halevi's book follows the real lives of seven of those men, and through their life stories, reveals the wide range of commitment to Israel which has yielded the political and ideological confusion so hard for us in Canada and the USA to understand.

Because this book is so useful to us in understanding the real Israel, rather than the mythical Israel of our ideals, and because the book is so long, we are devoting two sessions to discussing it. If you were unable to meet last month, you have the chance to talk about it this month. And if you can't come this month, all of us who have read the book urge you to read it by yourself. If you've forgotten the May page in the Bulletin, I'll repeat the following paragraph:

"From time to time," Halevi wrote, "I thought about interviewing veterans of the battle of Jerusalem How had the war changed their lives? What role did they play in trying to influence the political outcome of their military victory?" He has spent the past 10 years following the lives of the paratroopers, becoming very close to several. He watched as they split into leaders and activists of the peace and settlement movements: the former culminated in the Oslo and Camp David Accords, while the latter built and built until today 300,000 Israelis live beyond the 1967 lines.

In our Book Club we have members with personal Kibbutz and other Israeli experience, and most of us have visited Israel. This gives our discussion an added richness, and all our personal contributions are what make a Book Club a better experience than just reading the books alone. To follow up on *Like Dreamers*, our next book will be *My Promised Land* by Ari Shavit, an equally insightful examination of Israel by a leading Israeli journalist.



We will meet at the JCC at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 24th.

Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family

life cycles-birthdays

June 2 Aviva Blacher Daniel Ableser **Diane Rubin** June 3 Jed Benjamin Polsky Jessamyn Medler June 4 Bobbi Lesansky June 5 **Bayla Dietrich**

June 6 Pam Goldstein June 7 Mort Kaplan Rhonda Ellis June 9 Klara Gorelik June 13 Gerald Freed Mark Morrison June 14 Mary Ann Hamelin Lia Tepperman

June 15 Abbee Shanbon June 16 Deana Botton June 17 Michal Kessler Steven Gifford June 19 **Bill Botton** Zachary Blacher Brian Braitman Rita Muroff



June 21 Sarah Morrison June 25 Deborah Livneh June 28 Leo Schnayer June 30 Justin Silverman



life cyclesanniversaries

June 1 Ronna Warsh & Dr. Morrie Kleinplatz June 3 Will & Pam Goldstein June 7 Irina & Stephen Lutvak June 10 **Beverley & Jerry Alexis** June 14 Jerry & Judy Eskin

June 15 Arthur & Madie Weingarden June 16 Gerald & Mikie Freed June 18 Ron & Joanne Polsky June 21 Ron & Barbara Silver June 23

Leonard & Charlotte Braitman

June 25 Andrew & Tina Tepperman June 26 Gordon & Linda McNorton Sandy & Richard Rosenthal June 28 Marc Katzman & Marilee Marcotte June 29 Mark & Cathy Morrison

We thank every member who makes a contribution to our many funds. A gift of \$12 to the Temple is a very appreciated way to congratulate a friend or family member on happy occasions, and a thoughtful way to give condolences. Please remember Beth El with your donations. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

If you wish to have your birthday or a family member's birthday or your anniversary listed in the bulletin, please contact the Beth El office at 519-969-2422.. To ensure that you receive your bulletin, please call us if you have a change of address or if you wish to receive your bulletin by e-mail.

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life cycles-birthdays



July 1 Eileen Lyons Shirley Morris July 3 Hannah Levin Carol Plaut Cory Rubin July 5 Jonathan Silverman July 7 Suzanne Guttman July 8 Ilia Rakhoutine

July 9 Ken Sherman Charlotte Braitman July 10 Aviva Belle Guttman July 11 Andrew Seymour Rosner July 13 Alla Zaltsman Emet Aaron Guttman July 14 Charles Leo Chandler July 15 Dr. Tal Levy July 16 Erin Miller Marcie Warsh July 17 Marlene Taub July 19 Lawrence Pazner Mary Zaltz July 21 Gary Brudner Samuel Zaltz Dr. Richard Grunier July 23 Larry Polsky Max Louis Polsky July 25 Nina Zlotnik July 26 Miki Closs Lily Tepperman July 27 Meghan Plotnick July 30 Corrinna Brudner July 31 Neil Katzman





July 3 Rabbi Jeffrey & Judy Ableser July 9 Stephen Kurtz & Lanny Joffe July 24 Al & Simha Teshuba

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Good Health Wishes - Refuah Shlema

Dorothy Buckhalter Joni Bearden Rory Laura Hancock Ed Levitt Joyce Weingarden Lou Lederman Mike Schmitz Sharon Smith Becky Rosen David Duncan Belle Walman Barrie Cheifetz Hannah Levin Gordon Kirkland Morley Silver Mildred Silver Dr. Bernie Spring Nel Chelsky Jacquie Rosenblum Suzanne Selby Archie Loeb Arlene Mooney Pat & Marv Routliffe Nina Zlotnick Kim VerBerg Sidney Chelsky Rita Borden Rhoda Lozon Tony Lee Ruth Goldstein Cindy Jeris Mark Vruble Marlene Gold Judge Saul Nosanchuk Beth Daly Aubrey Goldstein



To Our Graduates:



To Alana Silver on her graduation from the University of Detroit Law School.

To Ron and Barbara Silver on the graduation of their daughter Alana from the University of Detroit Law School.

To Lou and Lil Lederman on the graduation of their granddaughter Alana from the University of Detroit Law School.

Brandon McNorton (son of Linda and Gordon McNorton), Philip Rosen (son of Karen and Charles Rosen) and Gili Einy (son of Ilan Einy and Dr. Anat Ravid) who are graduating from Grade 8 and will be attending Secondary School next year. The following are graduating from Secondary School:

Michal Korneev

Adam Sionov

Julia Croucher

Joe Schnayer

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YAHRZEITS



MAY THEIR MEMORIES ALWAYS BE FOR A BLESSING

<u>June 2015</u>

- 1. Barry Ravitz
- 1. Joseph Finkel
- 1. Sonya Walman
- 2. Rubin Kotin
- 3. H. Leonard Fromm
- 4. Paul Lesansky
- 4. Earl Rosenbaum
- 5. Mantina Massia Tesciuba
- 6. Rosalie Cheifetz
- 6. Adele Glynn
- 6. Bernie Plotnick
- 7. Fanny Schwartz
- 8. Ronald Kessler
- 9. Albert Botton
- 9. Rebecca Pazner
- 10. Solomon Yavno
- 10. Morris Malowitz
- 10. Lillian Brody
- 10. Julius Cheifetz
- 11. Boris Nosanchuk
- 14. Marion Pazner
- 15. Ivan Katzman
- 15. Stanley Chandler
- 15. Rachel Miller
- 15. Samuel Tenzer
- 16. Joseph Finkelstein
- 16. Anne (Chana) Katzman
- 16. Morton Burstyn
- 18. Louis Orman
- 19. Charle Silverman
- 21. Sarah King
- 22. Edith Silverstein
- 22. Brian Barat
- 22. Newton S. Jackson
- 22. Tillie Eskin
- 23. Rhia Barat
- 24. Joseph Remsing
- 24. Esther Tenzer
- 25. Harry Rosen
- 26. Millie Cohen

- 27. Jacob Arnold Greene
- 29. Sarah Gaffen
- 29. Sam Buckler
- 29. David Horlick
- 30. Dan Weingarden
- 30. Mollie Bennett
- 30. Samuel Levy
- 30. Avrum Goldstein

July 2015

- 1. Helen Novominsky
- 2. Lonny Rudover
- 3. Janet Pearl
- 3. Esther Patlin
- 4. Ann Rochlin
- 7. Morris Burstyn
- 8. Manuel Hudis
- 9. Florence Kaplan
- 10. Minnie Talberg
- 11. Herman L. Blum
- 11. Ann Cohen
- 11. Chaim Ripp
- 12. Rose Polsky
- 12. Miriam Zlotnik
- 13. Brian Neal Bricker
- 13. Daniel Krever
- 15. Rose Rosenthal
- 15. Bernard Whiteman
- 15. Morton Eskin
- 16. Ann Speigel
- 17. Lee Sidney Malowitz
- 17. Johanne Spring
- 17. Freda Brest
- 18. Samuel Frank
- 20. Harvey Cole
- 20. Eva Pazner
- 21. Lou Polsky
- 22. Ethel Lutvak
- 22. Mary Eisen
- 22. Rose Wunder
- 24. Brayna Yavno

- 24. Abraham Packer
- 25. Claire Laker
- 26. Beatrice Shulman
- 26. Edward Theodore Forman
- 27. Lydia Erin Fink
- 27. Edward Grebs
- 28. Saul Pazner
- 28. Gittel (Annie) Roberts
- 29. Max Pollock
- 30. Milton Nosanchuk
- 31. Sarah Fruchter
- 31. Isaac Cohen

ק״ק בית אל





Thank you to those who have given generously to Congregation Beth El this month. Gifts are a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, the arrival of a child, or to remember the life of someone who has passed away. Your donations to these Temple funds are greatly appreciated.

Arthur & Brian Barat Memorial Fund

In memory of Shirley Pearl by: Nels Katzman.

<u>Building Fund</u>

In memory of Tammy Gombar, beloved sister of Diane Rubin by: Audrey & Daniel Bondy. In memory of Kalman Monczak, beloved father of Mel Monczak by: Audrey & Daniel Bondy. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved mother of Marc Katzman by: Joel & Kim Katz & family; Miki Closs. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Miki Closs; Dr. Bernard Spring. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved mother of Lisa Relle by: Miki Closs. In memory of Shirley Pearl by: Audrey & Dan Bondy, Tracey & Vicky.

Caring Committee Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Sarah Shklov; Janet Rosenbaum. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved mother of Marc Katzman by: Sarah Shklov. In memory of Earl Rosenbaum by: Janet Rosenbaum.

Sam & Jane Freed Memorial Fund

In memory of the beloved husband and father of the Brickner Family by: Bev & Jerry Alexis; Mikie & Gerald Freed. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Diana & Alan Orman; Bev & Jerry Alexis; Mikie & Gerald Freed.

Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund

Honouring Fred Katzman on his Special Birthday by: Sharon Hochberg. In memory of Myron Ginsberg, beloved husband of Judy Ginsberg by: Brenda & Philip Cohen. In memory of Myron Ginsberg, beloved step-father of Ellen Hochberg by: Brenda & Philip Cohen.

Larry Kaiman Memorial Fund

Honouring Sharon Mock on the birth of her great-grandchild by: Enid Schatz & family. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Enid Schatz & family.

Fran & Aaron Katzman Endowment Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Fred & Marcey Katzman.



Contributions



Ronald Meretsky Memorial Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved mother of Lisa Relle by: Dana Meretsky & Joe Katzman. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Susan Meretsky & family.

Rabbi Dr. Jonathan V. Plaut Memorial Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Carol Plaut.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Kalman Monczak, beloved husband of Reva Monczak by: Francine & Bill Botton. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Jay & Joel Katz. In appreciation to Rabbi Ableser by: Nels Katzman.

Religious School Fund

In memory of beloved father John Kalbol by: Kim Katz. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Joel & Kim Katz & family; Shirley Morris.

Cantor Sidney Resnick Memorial Music Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Ellen Mossny.

Joani Rosenthal Nursery School Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Bill & Rochelle Tepperman. In memory of Shirley Pearl by: Bill & Rochelle Tepperman. In memory of Kalman Monczak, beloved father of Mel Monczak by: Shirley Morris.

Sam & Sara Taub Scholastic Memorial Fund

In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved mother of Marc Katzman by: Sharyl & Alan Ackerman. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved mother of Lisa Relle by: Sharyl & Alan Ackerman; Dr. Jeffrey & Rene Taub. In memory of Layne Katzman, beloved wife of Nels Katzman by: Harold & Paula Taub. <u>SIMCHAS</u>- Please notify the office by the 15th of each month, if you wish to have a special event in your life (simchas, lifecycle events, etc.) published in your bulletin.

<u>UNVEILINGS</u>- Rabbi Ableser is available to perform Unveilings. Please contact him to make arrangements. We kindly request that you advise the Beth El office of any Unveiling dates to be announced in the Beth El bulletin (please advise us if you wish the Unveiling to be private and unpublished). The office will contact the Cemetery Caretaker to make the necessary preparations at the Cemetery before the Unveiling.

<u>SPECIAL NOTICE</u>- Bar/Bat Mitzvah, weddings, sponsoring a Kiddush, please book with the Beth El office. When holding such events please advise the office of catering details, deliveries, set-up of tables, number of guests expected, etc. so that we may avoid any misunderstandings and your event will be a pleasant one for all. Thank you for your consideration.

<u>SUPPORTING CONGREGATION BETH EL</u>- A donation to Beth El is a wonderful way to congratulate friends and family on simchas, as well as a thoughtful and meaningful way to extend condolences. A contribution card will be mailed to the recipient (minimum donation \$12). You can phone the office at 969-2422 or the office can take your requests for donations on-line (or any other request, such as names to be included on our Myshebera list, yahrzeits to be read, reservations for events) through our email address: bethelwindsor@cogeco.net.

<u>NOTICE</u>- If you have a child graduating from Secondary School, College or University, the office would like to publish this information in the next bulletin. Please call us with the details. If you have a Simcha you wish published please call to let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH- The office requests that you book your Bar/Bat Mitzvah date at least 2 years in advance. Please call us if you are planning this special event. We will ensure it is on the community calendar.

Did you know that Our Combined Religious School has a great website and an email address?

Please visit OurCombinedSchool.com for monthly updates and the school year calendar.

You can email at the school address:

ourcombinedschool@outlook.com

Wish List

- Portable Whiteboard
- Sign for the Cemetery



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 pm. No date is set for July. Please join us as we discuss the monthly financial information and business.

CEMETERY NOTICE



The Beth El Cemetery gates are open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., with the excep-

tion of Jewish Holidays. Please Note: even though the gates are open on the days and hours stated above, you will notice that there are chains wrapped around the gates and they appear to be locked. In the past few years, due to youths in the area gathering at the cemetery on occasion, the caretaker had closed the gates with a chain to make it appear they were locked. Unfortunately at times this chain and lock were difficult to remove by our members, and has now been removed on the above mentioned days when the cemetery will be open.

LET US KNOW WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Over the years, we have tried to work with the hospitals to develop an effective way of knowing which Jewish patients are in hospital. For the most part, it has been a losing battle and now privacy laws do not permit the hospital to call and advise who is a patient in the hospital.

The bottom line is, if you do not let us know when a Jewish patient is in hospital, we will only know when Rabbi Ableser visits the hospitals, once or twice a week. The easiest way for you to help is to call us and let us know who is in hospital. It's even easier if you call after hours, and leave a message on the answering machine.

"Visiting the sick" is a prime Jewish virtue. The best way is to do it yourself. But, for thirty seconds of your time on the telephone, you can help us perform this mitzvah. Please keep it in the back of your mind.

Unemployed Help Centre Food Drive

The Food Bank Needs Our Help

The Food Bank of the Unemployed Help Centre needs our contributions, now more than ever. You can bring nonperishables to the shopping basket in our foyer for the food bank. No one in our community should go hungry at this or any other time of year.

Your gift of food will go a long way in helping our community. A generous donation will help to feed local families in time of crisis. Your willingness to share food and household products will provide essential items to maintain nutritional balance and personal hygiene.

Thank you for being an important part of this program. Even the smallest donation will be appreciated and put to work in relieving the hardships of families in Windsor and surrounding areas.



EFFECTIVE MARCH 5, 2012

CONGREGATION BETH EL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND HOURS:

MONDAY:	9AM TO 3PM	
TUESDAY:	9AM TO 3PM	
(CLOSE AT 6 ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DAYS)		
WEDNESDAY:	9AM TO 3PM	

THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM

9AM TO 12 NOON FRIDAY:

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON STATUTORY AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Telephone answering machine is always on for messages

Please note the e-mail address for Beth El:

bethelwindsor@cogeco.net

in order to receive correspondence, invoices, varzheit notices, newsletters and notifications.





B'haalot'cha When You Raise [the Lamps] Numbers 8:1–12:16

The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and say to him, 'When you mount the lamps, let the seven lamps give light at the front of the lampstand." - Numbers 8:1-2

God speaks to Moses, describing the menorah for the Tent of Meeting. The Levites are appointed to serve as assistants under Aaron and his sons. (8:1-26)

Those who are unable to celebrate Passover during Nisan are given a time in the month of Sivan to observe a "second Passover." (9:1-14)

A cloud by day and fire by night show God's Presence over the Tabernacle. When the cloud lifts from the Tabernacle, the people leave Sinai, setting out on their journey, tribe by tribe. (9:15-10:36)

The Israelites complain about the lack of meat, and Moses becomes frustrated. God tells him to appoint a council of elders. God provides the people with meat and then strikes them with a very severe plague. (11:1-34)

Miriam and Aaron talk about the "Cushite woman" whom Moses has married. In addition, they complain that God speaks not only through Moses but also through them. Miriam is struck with leprosy, and Moses begs God to heal her. After her recovery, the people resume their journey. (12:1-16)

Sh'lach L'cha

Send [Notables to Scout the Land] Numbers 13:1–15:41

The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying, "Send emissaries to scout the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelite people; send one man from each of their ancestral tribes, each one a chieftain among them." - Numbers 13:1-2

Moses sends twelve spies to the Land of Israel to report on the inhabitants and the country. Despite the positive report of Joshua and Caleb, the people are frightened. (13:1-14:10)

God threatens to wipe out the Children of Israel but relents when Moses intercedes on their behalf. To punish the people, God announces that all those who left Egypt would not enter the Land of Israel except for Joshua and Caleb. (14:11–45)

Moses instructs the Israelites regarding setting aside challah, the observance of the Sabbath, how to treat strangers, and the laws of tzitzit. (15:1-41)

Korach

Numbers 16:1-18:32

Now Korach, son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi, betook himself, along with Dathan and Abiram sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth-decendants of Reuben--to rise up against Moses, ... - Numbers 16:1-2

Korach and his followers, Dathan and Abiram, lead a rebellion against the leadership of Moses and Aaron. God punishes the rebels by burying them and their families alive. Once again, God brings a plague on the people. (16:1-17:15)

The chief of each tribe deposits his staff inside the Tent of Meeting. Aaron's staff brings forth sprouts, produces blossoms, and bears almonds. (17:16-26)

The Kohanim and Levites are established and assigned the responsibility of managing the donations to the Sanctuary. All of the firstborn offerings shall go to the priests and all the tithes are designated for the Levites in return for the services they perform. (18:1-32)

Chukat

The Ritual Law

Numbers 19:1-22:1

The Eternal One spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: "This is the ritual law that the Eternal has commanded: Instruct the Israelite people to bring the laws of the red heifer to purify a person who has had contact with a corpse are given. (19:1-22)

The laws of the red heifer to purify a person who has had contact with a corpse are given. (19:1-22)

The people arrive at the wilderness of Zin. Miriam dies and is buried there. (20:1)

The people complain that they have no water. Moses strikes the rock to get water for them. God tells Moses and Aaron they will not enter the Land of Israel. (20:2-13)

The king of Edom refuses to let the Children of Israel pass through his land. After Aaron's priestly garments are given to his son Eleazer, Aaron dies. (20:14-29)

After they are punished for complaining about the lack of bread and water, the Israelites repent and are victorious in battle against the Amorites and the people of Bashan, whose lands they capture. (21:4-22:1)

Balak

weekly**TORAH**

Balak

Numbers 22:2-25:9

Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. - Numbers 22:2

Balak, the king of Moab, persuades the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites so that he can defeat them and drive them out of the region. However, Balaam blesses the Children of Israel instead and prophesies that Israel's enemies will be defeated. (22:2-24:25)

God punishes the Israelites with a plague for consorting with the Moabite women and their god. The plague is stayed after Pinchas kills an Israelite man and his Midianite woman. (25:1-9)

Pinchas Phinehas Numbers 25:10-30:1

The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying, "Phinehas, son of Eleazar son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the Israelites by displaying among them his passion for Me, so that I did not wipe out the Israelite people in My passion." - Numbers 25:10-11

Pinchas is rewarded for killing the Israelite and the Midianite woman who cursed God. (25:10-15)

Israel fights a war against the Midianites. (25:16-18)

A second census is taken. (26:1-65)

The daughters of Zelophehad force a change in the laws of property inheritance. (27:1-11)

Joshua is chosen to be Moses' successor. (27:15-23)

The sacrificial ritual for all festival occasions is described in detail. (28:1-30:1)

Matot Numbers 30:2-32:42 The Tribes

Moses spoke to the heads of the Israelite tribes, saying: "This is what the Eternal has commanded: If a householder makes a vow to the Eternal or takes an oath imposing an obligation on himself, he shall not break his pledge; he must carry out all that has crossed his lips." -Numbers 30:2-3

Moses explains to the Israelites the laws concerning vows made by men and women. (30:2-17)

Israel wages war against the Midianites. (31:1-18)

The laws regarding the spoils of war are outlined. (31:19-54)

The tribes of Reuben and Gad are granted permission to stay on the east bank of the Jordan River. (32:1-42)

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The Marches of [the Israelites]

These were the marches of the Israelites who started out from the land of Egypt, troop by troop, in the charge of Moses and Aaron. Numbers 33:1

Numbers 33:1-36:13

The itinerary of the Israelites through the wilderness from Egypt to Jordan is delineated. (33:1-49)

Moses tells Israel to remove the current inhabitants of the land that God will give them and to destroy their gods. (33:50-56)

The boundaries of the Land of Israel are defined, along with those of the Levitical cities and the cities of refuge. (34:1-35:15)

God makes a precise distinction between murder and manslaughter. (35:16-34)

The laws of inheritance as they apply to Israelite women are delineated. (36:1-13)

D'varim The Words Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

These are the words that Moses addressed to all Israel on the other side of the Jordan. - Deuteronomy 1:1

Moses reviews the people's reactions to the negative reports of the spies and the appointment of Joshua to succeed him. (1:22-45)

Moses recounts that all of the Israelite warriors who left Egypt died, as God had intended, and the people continued their wanderings and defeated their enemies. (2:14 - 3:11)

Moses reiterates that the Land of Israel was allocated to the Israelite tribes. (3:12-22)ese are the words that Moses addressed to all Israel on the other side of the Jordan. - Deuteronomy 1:1

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