

Shabbat Shalom

Pinchas

July 19 | 23 Tammuz 5785

Havdalah 9:35pm

בית יעקב
BETH JACOB
CONGREGATION

Welcome to Beth Jacob Congregation, a Jewish community that comes together to nurture relationships with God and each other. We are a Conservative synagogue that values Torah (study), Avodah (reverential service) and Gemilut Hasadim (acts of loving-kindness). We believe every person has an equal opportunity to be part of our community regardless of age, race, ability, special needs, financial status, sexual orientation or gender identity. We're glad you've joined us this Shabbat!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to
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Torah Reading

First / Kohen Aliyah	Numbers 25:10-26:4	p. 918
Second / Levi Aliyah	Numbers 26:5-26:51	p. 920
Third / Shelishi Aliyah	Numbers 26:52-27:5	p. 924
Fourth / Revi'i Aliyah	Numbers 27:6-27:23	p. 927
Fifth / Chamishi Aliyah	Numbers 28:1-28:15	p. 929
Sixth / Shishi Aliyah	Numbers 28:16-29:11	p. 931
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Maftir	Numbers 29:35-30:1	p. 936
Haftarah	Jeremiah 1:1-2:3	p. 938

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If you would like to sponsor an entire kiddush in the future, please reach out to Sonya Rapport at sonya@beth-jacob.org.

Meet the Torah's Bold Band of Status Quo-Challenging Sisters

In this busy portion, the daughters of Zelophehad succeed in staking claim their father's land — sort of.

By Erika Davis

There is a whole lot going on in this week's Torah portion: Phinehas, aka the guy who spears the two lovers outside the Temple in the last Torah portion, is given an elevated status by God. ... God allocates the land to the Israelites. ... Moses elects Joshua to be his successor. ... Some sisters, the daughters of Zelophehad, are smarter than Moses and get their father's land.

Because feminism, I will focus on the sisters. Rashi notes that these women are clearly righteous and deserving of praise since the Torah names them. He also comments that they are perhaps more learned than Moses, saying, "Their eyes saw what Moses' did not." The Talmud, Bava Batra 119b, states: "The daughters of Zelophehad were wise, seeking and righteous."

In preparing to write this week's commentary I read through Jewish feminist writings and commentaries, like this one, describing these women as radical and brave and, generally, people we should aim to be more like. So, who were these women and why are they deserving of our praise?

The daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah. They approach Moses and the leaders to present their case; their father has died and had no sons. Rather than let their father's name and his land be lost, they argue that they should be made heirs of the land. Moses goes directly to God, who tells Moses that the women are right and they deserve the land. It's a win, right? Not so fast. Because later on, the women are given a caveat: They can keep their father's land only if they marry Israelite men. No Israelite men, no land.

On one hand, we have these five women helping to shape Israelite law. Because they were brave and unified in their cause, they set a precedent for any Israelite daughter without a brother will become her father's heir. On the other hand, the men swoop in with amendment, thus voiding the women's power, should they marry outside of the tribe.

Torah Commentary

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In biblical times and today we see examples of men feeling threatened by and silencing strong, learned women. This Torah portion reminds me of the recent hoopla surrounding cases of male politicians interrupting and/or attempting to silence their female counterparts. The sisters Zelophehad lived in a different time. Jewish women of today can honor them by taking their bold steps further — by not remaining silent, by not just taking what they are given, but by instead carving their own way.

We're living in a time where the rights of women, LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual) folks, people of color, the disabled and others are at serious risk — as the “elders” of this nation consider policy proposals that will affect generations to come. If we truly want to be like Mahlah, Noa, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah, we have a responsibility to be strong, to be impolite, to persist and to take what is rightfully ours. The only question is, are we bold enough to do it?

Yahrzeit List for Week Beginning July 19, 2025 / 23 Tammuz 5785

The seventh aliyah is reserved for those observing yahrzeits during the coming week. If you are observing a yahrzeit this week, please come forward at the seventh aliyah and give your full Hebrew name to the gabbai who will call you to the Torah. Your full Hebrew name includes your name and then ben/bat/mibeit and your parents' names or Avraham and Sarah. Please say your name loudly and clearly, so that the gabbai can hear it.

Masks are required on the bimah during the Torah service. If you do not have one, please get one from the basket by the greeter and put it on prior to coming up for an aliyah.

July 19/23 Tammuz

Henrietta Aronow
Sarah Danovsky
Esther I. Goodman
Virginia Hunter
Maurice Krovitz
Marilyn Miller
Edward Rosenfeld

July 20/24 Tammuz

Annie Ginsberg
Esther Freda Longman
Joseph Lubow
Miriam Rosenfeld

July 20/24 Tammuz

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Jeanette Seder
Marie Westhues Staub
Max Weisberg
Phyllis Hirth
James Edward Ward

July 21/25 Tammuz

Esther Appel
Bessie Brodsky
Mendel Ratner
Lucy Smith
Sarah R. Saide

July 22/26 Tammuz

Sam Freeman
Leonard Specktor
Greta Stein
Dorothy Wittcoff
Bettianne Ludden

July 23/27 Tammuz

Irwin Rich
Samuel Rothenberg
Herb Sorin
Vincent Varipapa
Samuel Solomon Segal

July 24/28 Tammuz

John Alpert
Nora Bell
Louis Bernstein
Peter Knight
David Siegel
Rebecca Simon
Lorraine Turppa
Solomon Zacks
Bernard “Bud” Sweet

July 25/29 Tammuz

Hyman Permuth
Minnie Singer
Michael Barton
Max Herman



TODAY at Beth Jacob

For the Jew in the Pew

With Rabbi Lynn Liberman 9:15-10:00am in the Chapel

Join together in the ongoing study of the Book of Psalms as we continue to explore these ancient, provocative and beautiful words. Having covered most of the psalms as found in the Siddur, our journey continues through the remaining treasure trove of liturgical poetry and music! No prior experience necessary. All texts provided in Hebrew and English.

During Kiddush, we invite you to get to know someone better.
Try to start a conversation with someone you don't usually speak with.
Here are some questions to get you started.

שלוש
שאלות
שבת

- 1 - What is your favorite thing to eat at a summer barbecue?
- 2 - When is it appropriate to wear socks with sandals?
- 3 - Have you found anything great for keeping away mosquitoes?

THREE
SHABBAT
QUESTIONS

Inclusivity and Accessibility During Services

We recognize the variety of needs within our community and strive to provide access to all through physical, emotional, and/or sensory accommodations. The majority of our prayers and scripture readings are conducted in Hebrew, so we invite those who do not read Hebrew to use a copy of the transliterated prayerbook (siddur) found on the table near the entrance to the sanctuary. We have large print books, braille prayerbooks, and listening devices available on the bookshelf in the lobby. There is also a sensory-friendly room just off the sanctuary with a speaker and window from which services can be experienced. Please ask the greeter near the sanctuary door if you need help locating any of these. Please reach out to our office if there are needs that aren't being met.





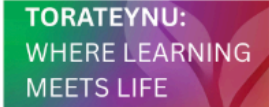

Children are Welcome in our Sanctuary!



We encourage children's participation in services and love having them in our sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to lead parts of the service and/or read Torah once able to do so. Younger children are invited to carry crowns during the Torah service and are also invited to the bimah for Adon Olam each week. At the end of services they can visit the rabbi's magic tallis bag to receive a lollipop or mini bubbles. Parents, please let Rabbi Tamar know if you do not want your child to receive one of these items.



Upcoming at Beth Jacob - July 19, 2025

Ongoing	
<p>For the Jew in the Pew - RETURNS TODAY Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday 9:15 am in the <u>Saide</u> Chapel</p> <p>Join Rabbi Lynn Liberman in the Chapel for some thoughtful study of the Book of Psalms.</p>	
<p>Tot Shabbat First Shabbat of every month 10:00 - 10:30 am in The Nursery</p> <p>Join us on the first Shabbat of the month in the nursery for Tot Shabbat. We will have a song-filled Shabbat Morning Service for BJC's littlest ones (0-3 years old). We will then have an <u>oneg</u> and playtime for parents to schmooze and kids to play.</p>	
<p>Pre-Shul Playgroup—Every Friday at 10:30 am</p> <p>Join our open play time for young children and their caregivers. Meet in the nursery every Friday morning from 10:30am until naptime.</p>	
<p><u>ADULT EDUCATION:</u></p> <p>Morning Mishnah, with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm Wednesdays at around 8:00 am (after minyan) in the <u>Saide</u> Chapel and online Join on Zoom at Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan</p> <p>Tanach, with David Rischall Sundays 7:30-8:30 on Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/79546614386 Questions? Call David at 651-230-3911.</p> <p>Torateynu—Hineni's Summer Learning Series https://ttsp.org/summertime-2025/#</p> <p>Community Might Just Be The Only Thing That Saves Us Wednesday, July 9, 7pm Wabasha Brewing Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm will discuss the text Mishna Peah/Prayer for those who serve the community.</p>	 
<p><u>Summer Shabbat Activities for Kids</u> will be offered monthly during the summer</p> <p>August 6: Water Games</p>	

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tisha B'Av - August 2 & 3

This year's commemoration of Tisha B'Av begins on Saturday evening at 8:30 with Learning with Rabbi Tamar, followed at 9:15 with Havdallah, Ma'ariv, Eicha (Lamentations), and singing kinot. Sunday morning Minyan and Eicha at Temple of Aaron at 9:00am, and a special screening of "October 8" at 1:00pm at Beth Jacob.



"October 8" - Special Screening

Tisha B'Av - August 3, 1:00pm

From Executive Producer Debra Messing and Director Wendy Sachs, "OCTOBER 8 is a documentary about the explosion of anti-Semitism on college campuses, on social media and in the streets of America in the aftermath of October 7th.



Take Me Out To The Ball Game - August 10

Root Root Root for the home team as they take on the Iowa Cubs at CHS Field. We have special Group Rate tickets for \$25 each. Bring the kids, bring your friends, bring the ruach! [Beth-Jacob.org/Baseball](https://beth-jacob.org/Baseball)

If they don't win it's a shame...



Live Zoom Update--Partnership 2K

Mayor Nitzan Peleg, Lower Galilee Regional Council

Join us live on Sunday, July 27 at 12:00 PM CDT | 8:00 PM Israel Time
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860997085>

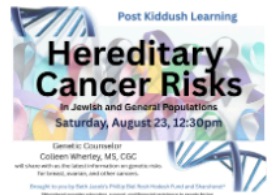
Now that the situation has stabilized, P2K is hosting a live Zoom briefing with Mayor Nitzan Peleg, Mayor of the Lower Galilee Regional Council. He will provide a community update on behalf of all four regional mayors and share important insights into how local leaders are responding, the ongoing challenges, and current needs. The session will include time for Q&A.



Hereditary Cancer Risks - August 23

Post Kiddush Learning

Learn with genetic counselor Colleen Worley, MS, CGC, who will share with us the latest information on genetic risks for breast, ovarian, and other cancers. and Connie Savitt Sandler from Sharsheret, who will discuss how Sharsheret provides vital support to individuals and families at high risk or risk, facing a breast cancer or ovarian cancer diagnosis or in survivorship.



School Supplies Drive

Beth Jacob is joining with Interfaith Action to collect school supplies for children from low-income families in Greater St. Paul. There is a collection box in the coat closet--please make your donations by **August 20**.

