

Shabbat Shalom

Ki Tisa/Parah

March 7, 2026 | 18 Adar 5786

Havdalah 6:50pm



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 Shabbat services this week.

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Kate Sandweiss

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Rabbi Barbara Block
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D'var Torah:

Maayan Lev

Gabbaim:

Maxine Rosenthal
Brian Millberg
Giulia Girgenti

Davenners:

Matt Leichter
Bernie Miller

Torah Reading

First / Rishon Aliyah	Exodus 30:11-31:17	p. 523	Jonathan Ehrlich
Second / Sheni Aliyah	Exodus 31:18-33:11	p. 529	Natan Paradise
Third / Shelishi Aliyah	Exodus 33:12-33:16	p. 538	Hannah Hofrichter
Fourth / Revi'i Aliyah	Exodus 33:17-33:23	p. 539	Erin Webb
Fifth / Chamishi Aliyah	Exodus 34:1-34:9	p. 540	Miriam Krause/Nina Samuels
Sixth / Shishi Aliyah	Exodus 34:10-34:26	p. 542	Eric Pasternack
Seventh / Shevi'i Aliyah	Exodus 34:27-34:35	p. 544	Stuart Kaufman
Maftir	Numbers 19:1-19:22	p. 880	Giulia Girgenti
Haftarah	Ezekiel 36:16-38	p. 1286	Rabbi Lynn Liberman

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Our services depend on the participation of our community members. We welcome diverse voices and talents to lead our community in prayer and to read Torah.

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[Beth-Jacob.org/DavenOrTorah.](https://beth-jacob.org/DavenOrTorah)

This week's kiddush is sponsored by Kiddush this week is sponsored by Ron and May Scott, in celebration of their daughters Tatiana and Kimberly being welcomed into the covenant of the Jewish people.

Responsible Spending

We can learn a great deal from how the Israelites acquire and spend their money in this Torah portion.

By Rabbi Erica Seager Asch

Immediate Past President, Central Conference of American Rabbis

This week's Torah portion contains the well known episode of the Golden Calf. Our ancestors eagerly gave their gold for its construction. That gold became an idol and the people made sacrifices before it. Their misuse of the gold was so grave that God sought to destroy the entire nation. Yet a few weeks from now we will read of our ancestors using their gold for good by eagerly offering it to create the Mishkan (Tabernacle). The Israelites brought many gifts, including gold, to build a Mishkan so that God could dwell among the people. In this instance, the people gave freely of their possessions for a divine purpose.

The gold of the Israelites was used in two very different ways, prompting Rabbi Abba bar Aha to declare: "You can't understand the character of this people! When asked for the [Golden] Calf, they contribute. When asked for the Mishkan, they contribute."

The gold was the same: It was what was done with it that gave it the quality of either idolatry or of holiness.

Just as our ancestors used their gold in two distinct ways, they acquired it in two ways as well. It might seem implausible that newly freed slaves would possess such wealth. After all, the Israelites wandered the desert and were dependent on God for their sustenance. However, before leaving Egypt, the Israelites obtained the gold, silver and clothing from the Egyptians: *vayishalu*—they asked.

Rashi emphasizes that the Egyptians went one step further and gave even things that the Israelites did not request. Some commentators understand this as compensation for the slave labor that the Israelites were forced into in Egypt. Yet we also read a very different account of this event: *vaynatzlu* — they plundered. In this telling, the Israelites devastated an impoverished people in an already ravaged land.

As we follow the gold through the Exodus narrative, we are introduced to two ways of obtaining it (asking versus plundering) and two ways of using it (holy versus idolatrous). Today, it is more difficult for us to trace the origins of the goods we use. When we enter a store, the conditions of production under which the items were created are often hidden. We might know that our shoes were made in China or that our citrus fruit came from Peru, but we don't know who made them or under what conditions they were harvested. The goods we buy appear in our stores seemingly by magic, making it easy for us to forget that there are people who are responsible for them at the other end.

This week's portion reminds us of our obligation to use our gold — our money — in ways that promote holiness. Often we plunder those who labor for our benefit, putting our money in the hands of the few and further damaging the developing countries that provide for us. We might want to find the best value for our money, but the Torah cautions that finding bargains should not be our ultimate aim.

Torah Commentary

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Just as the value of our ancestors' gold was determined by how it was used, the value of our money is determined by how we spend it. We must remember that we have the chance to use our money for holiness by shopping responsibly. We have the opportunity to elevate our money use to a level of the Mishkan.

The task of buying responsibly can seem overwhelming. The production methods used to create the goods we buy are often hidden. And because we cannot ensure that we will always spend all of our money responsibly, we might be tempted to just give up. However, we can each take some steps to ensure that our money is used to promote holiness.

We can buy from farms that utilize sustainable practices, both locally and internationally. We can purchase goods from companies that promote fair wages and reasonable working conditions. We can choose to spend a little more for a greater purpose. Finally, we can educate ourselves about the lives of those in the developing world and learn more about those who produce the goods we consume.

Each of our ancestors brought a gift that contributed to the building of the Mishkan. It was only through their combined contributions that a place of holiness could be established. When we individually take steps toward spending our money responsibly, our actions are joined with the actions of others to create a powerful force for good.

May we use our gold to create a Mishkan in which all people can dwell with God in holiness.

TODAY at Beth Jacob



Limudim: Our Learning Community

We begin with breakfast at 9:00am. We are so excited to see our building full of families engaged in fun and meaningful Jewish learning!

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.

French Table at Kiddush

Si vous voulez parler en français, rejoignez-vous à la table française!



After Kiddush: Meet Maayan Lev

Join us for a conversation with Maayan Lev,
Candidate for Director of Congregational Learning,.

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.

Yahrzeit List for Week Beginning March 7, 2026 / 18 Adar 5786

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.

March 7/18 Adar

James J. Dunn
Siegfried Lindenbaum
Aaron Modelevsky
Bertha Savett
Naftali Shipkowitz
Moses Siegel
Bill Woodin
Laurie Rose Simon
Rudolph Schoen
Joyce Malmon

March 8/19 Adar

Jona Cohn
Raula Engle
Jerry Gillman
Robert ("Kip") Kippley
Carl Marx Rovainen
Betty Russell Showers
Jack Volk
Tom Marver
Anna Barenbaum

March 9/20 Adar (cont'd)

Allen Ruderman
Gertrude Schneider
Sarah Meryl Schwaidelson
Bob Smith
Jean Kushman
Sam Sandweiss

March 10/21 Adar

Harry Bear
Zoila Palma de Gutierrez
Margarette Etzler
Aaron Freeman
Benjamin Friestrom
Dr. Morris Hochberg
Ollie Hork
Celia Norma Katz
Harry Kirchheimer
Adele "Hilda" O'Grady
Edith Ratner
Harvey Resnick
Herbert Samuels
Howard Levine
Gussie Taran

March 11/22 Adar

Fayga Gordon
Morris Greenberg
Harry Nemer
N. Lewis Shaten
Marge Waldman
Toyosuke Chikamatsu
Ruth Farber

March 12/23 Adar

JYehuda Ben-Yaacov
Sarah Burton
Anne Cholakian
Morris Cooperman
Dorothy Dreyfus
Fanny Garber
Rose Leichter
Nathan Perenson
Isadore Sultan
Abraham Zaslofsky
Samuel Erlich
Milton Smith

March 13/24 Adar

Irving Balto
Sidney Berkowitz
Gertrude Bressman
Richard Steven Brody
Ella Dorr
David Esensten
Yitzchak Gelfand
Celia Goodman
Dave Gutterman
Lillian Johnson
Tillie Rubin
Leo Schactman
Alan Stone
Elizabeth Krent Sweet
Yetta Taple
Helen Schwaidelson
Benny Ginsburg
Norman Gendler
Miles J. Efron
Edmar "Tatty" Fink

Upcoming at Beth Jacob - March 7, 2026

<p>For the Jew in the Pew Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday 9:15 am in the Saide Chapel</p> <p>Join Rabbi Lynn Liberman in the Chapel for some thoughtful study of the Book of Psalms.</p>	
<p>Stand Up, Sit Down, What Does It All Mean? TODAY Every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 9:15 in the Saide Chapel</p> <p>For the curious and confused. Guest teachers will explain the prayers, the services, and the movements associated with Shabbat. Attend as you can.</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>ADULT EDUCATION:</p> <p>Introduction to Judaism, with Rabbi Cathy Nemiroff Monday evenings Beth-Jacob.org/Intro</p> <p>Morning Mishnah, with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm Wednesdays at around 8:00 am (after minyan) in the Saide 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>Limudim Adult Ed Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Register at Beth-Jacob.org/LimudimAdultEd</p>	 
<p>Twin Cities Tour de Torah</p> <p>Join communities across the Twin Cities as we strengthen our spiritual muscles through text and art-based learning. Using the cutting-edge pedagogy of SVARA and the Jewish Studio Process, we will prepare for Passover and the Omer. Students can jump in at any leg of the journey. More information and Registration at Beth-Jacob.org/AdultEd</p>	

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<p>Shabbatluck March 13 Join us at 5:30 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat and stay for a pot-luck Shabbat dinner. Register at Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck</p>	
<p>PURIM CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE</p> <p>Family Megilla Reading Sunday March 8 at 10:15am--come hear the story of Purim, with costumes, snacks, music, and silliness.</p> <p>Purim Carnival Sunday March 8, 11am-1pm. Games, Prizes, Inflatables, Food and Fun for all ages! Buy your tickets at Beth-Jacob.org/Carnival (or at the door)</p>	 
<p>Women's Seder Thursday, March 19 5:45-8:15</p> <p>Get ready for Pesach with this "Deconstructed" seder for women and those who feel most comfortable in women-centered spaces. Begin with creative activities like making your own mocktails and charoset, art projects, and seder ideas. Then sit down for a delicious meal. This annual event is co-sponsored by Beth Jacob, Women of Mt. Zion Temple, and Temple of Aaron Sisterhood and is offered free of cost.</p> <p>Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!</p>	
<p>Political Comedy--a Post Kiddush Learning March 21</p> <p>Jon Lovett, podcaster, author, speechwriter, and entrepreneur, will entertain us with tales of his career in political comedy.</p>	
<p>The Beth Jacob Blood Drive Sunday, May 31</p> <p>To be eligible to donate on May 31, your last donation must be on or before April 4. Please sign up to donate at www.beth-jacob.org/blood.</p>	
<p>Our Great Greek Get Together Sunday, May 3 - 5-8 pm</p> <p>Our Annual Spring Gala is going to be fabulous with Greek food on a stick, fabulous live music entertainment, and our silent and live auctions. Be there or be Pythagoras.</p>	