

Shabbat Shalom

Pekudei

March 29 | 29 Adar 5785

Havdalah: 8:19pm



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.

Gabbaim

Bernie Miller, Jonathan Ehrlich,
Rosanne Zaidenweber

D'var Torah

Tova Resnick-Schwarcz

Davenners:

Eliana Chavkin,
Tova Resnick-Schwarcz

Greeters & Security:

Tessa Silver, Davida Alperin,
Mitch Multer

Mashgiach: Mira Miller

Kitchen Crew: Clare Zupetz and crew

Torah Reading

First / Kohen Aliyah	Exodus 38:21-39:1	p. 564
Second / Levi Aliyah	Exodus 39:2-21	p. 565
Third / Shelishi Aliyah	Exodus 39:22-32	p. 567
Fourth / Revi'i Aliyah	Exodus 39:33-43	p. 568
Fifth / Chamishi Aliyah	Exodus 40:1-16	p. 569
Sixth / Shishi Aliyah	Exodus 40:17-27	p. 570
Seventh / Shevi'i Aliyah	Exodus 40:28-38	p. 571
Maftir	Exodus 12:1-20	p. 380
Haftarah	Ezekiel 45:18-46:15	p. 1291

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MAZAL TOV

To Tova Resnick-Schwarcz and Family

To Abby Gore and Sam Brod Farber and Families

Tova Resnick-Schwarcz
Arielle Ehrlich
Abby Gore, Sam Brod Farber
Orly Resnick-Schwarcz
Tamar Resnick
David Resnick
Tova Resnick-Schwarcz
Sara Lynn Newberger
Noam Sienna

This week's kiddush is co-sponsored by the Resnick-Schwarcz family in honor of Tova becoming a Bat Mitzvah

AND by grandparents Sheila & David(z"l) Brod and Joan & Elliot(z"l) Farber in honor of Sam Brod Farber and Abby Gore's Aufruf celebration.



If It's Broken, Why Keep It?

The presence of the broken tablets in the Ark reminds us of the value of objects that may not be functional but signify important relationships.

By Rabbi Dr. Bradley Shavit Artson

Ours is a highly practical society. We pride ourselves on our ability to tinker with gadgets, to produce labor-saving devices, fascinating toys that entertain. A range of significant inventions—from the light bulb to the organizer, all typify this American delight with technology and efficiency.

Doubtless, those inventions have added to our lives. We are efficient in our work, organized in our homes, offering a higher standard of living to a larger number of people. We think nothing of showing a Hollywood movie in the privacy of our own homes, microwaving the pizza of a world-famous chef (which was stored in our freezer), and listening to a performance of a world-famous conductor on the CD in our living room.

And, much as we value these trinkets, when they break, we throw them out. Our love for our things is a functional, conditional love. So long as they work, we love them. The minute they stop, we replace them.

We even plan their obsolescence, or junk them for the latest model before they have given all the service they could. Clothing, cars and homes are all “traded in” well in advance of practical need, simply because we have spotted and desired a larger, more sophisticated, or more recent model.

Not so the world of the Torah. In today's Torah portion, after the construction of the Mishkan has been completed, we are told that Moses “took the Tablets and placed it in the Ark.” The Rabbis of the Talmud note that the word for Tablets, “Edut,” is in the plural. If the word “tablet” is already plural, then two of them must mean that Moses placed in two additional tablets beyond the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments! What else could Moses have dared to place beside the two tablets of the Commandments?

According to the Talmud, the answer is that “both the whole tablets and the fragments of the tablets were placed together in the Ark.” Remember when Moses returned to the children of Israel, carrying the first tablets with the Ten Commandments? He was so outraged by the idolatry of the Golden Calf, that he shattered the tablets on the ground. After the people had repented of their sin, Moses returned to the peak of the Mountain, where God presented a second pair of tablets.

So far, the story is typically American—the outmoded commandments were trashed and a new, sleeker model was substituted in its place. But the Talmud tells us that something very un-American had actually transpired, that the love the Jews felt for that first pair of tablets was not simply because of their function, but something unconditional—bestowed not for what their use could be, but for what they would always represent.

Think of your feelings for your wedding ring. Chances are strong that in the course of your lifetime, you will be able to purchase more elaborate, more expensive rings. Yet, your love for that original plain gold band is not simply because it can adorn your finger. We love our wedding bands because they remind us of a momentous and happy day in our lives, they signify the most important relationship we will ever have with another human being. Those rings are irreplaceable.

That is precisely our relationship to those first tablets. Moses saved them both, the shattered and the whole, to remind us that not everything is there for a practical purpose. To the contrary, some of the most important things in life are not especially “useful” in the practical sense. Rather, we treasure those objects that can signify happy times, important relationships or essential values.

Next time you are in a synagogue, or involved in Jewish ritual, don’t ask, “What can this do for me?” That’s an appropriate question for a light bulb or an instamatic camera. Instead, ask, “What values, memories or deed of lovingkindness can this kindle in my heart?” That is the question to ask of our faith and our Heritage.

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.



TODAY at Beth Jacob

Limudim: Our Learning Community

Limudim children's programming begins at 9:30.

For the Jew in the Pew with Rabbi Lynn Liberman

9:15 in the Saide Chapel

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. Please use this QR code, or sign up at Beth-Jacob.org/DavenOrTorah.



Yahrzeit List for Week Beginning March 29, 2025 / 29 Adar 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 Hebrew name to the gabbai who will call you to the Torah. 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.

If you are coming up for the 7th aliyah, please 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. Say your name loudly and clearly, so that the gabbai can hear it.

March 29/29 Adar

Abram Koyrakh
Dr. Harold Wittcoff
Floyd Henderson
Henry Weisgurt
Lester Arnstein
Lippa Midlick
Marilyn Dickel
Morris Fellman
Ruth Swell
Shirley Langerman
Stewart Sheinfeld
Sylvia Lipshultz
Zona Kestin Stall

March 30/1 Nisan

Amy Blank Wofford
Max Brand
Celia Schway
Julius Fishman
Dr. Ernest Goodman

Everett Cole
Marlys Broberg
Dora C. Walker
Menachem Ackos

March 31/2 Nisan

Celia Freedman
William Marvy
Joshua Eilberg
Max Schwartz
Alvin Taurog
Anne Fine
Marion Richman-Jerry
Eugene Wishnow

April 1 / 3 Nisan

Ethel Etzler
Sophie Strauss
京子 (Kyôko)
今泉 (Imazumi)

April 2/4 Nisan

Freda Digby
Sherman Garon
J. Leonard Reisman
Sadie Opatowsky
Leonida Wolfson

April 3 /5 Nisan



Abraham Lachter
Maurice Rischall
Richard "Josh" Bialik
Annette Donna Newman

April 4/6 Nisan

Francis Cohen
Max Kisiolek
Dr. Louis Robinson
George Fiondella
Eva Goldenberg
Abraham Morris Drazen



Upcoming at Beth Jacob - March 29, 2025

Ongoing	
<p>For the Jew in the Pew TODAY 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 text study. For beginners and experts alike.</p>	
<p>Tot Shabbat NEXT WEEK 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>End of Life: Planning, Care, Rituals, and More with Eric & Jo Pasternack Tuesdays at 6:30 - March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13 This series will bring in experts to cover topics including preplanning, hospice and end-of-life care, burial and mourning rituals, and personal reflections on death.</p> <p>Talmud Class, with Rabbi Justin Held Mondays, 6:00-7:00, Saide Chapel</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>Shabbatluck THIS WEEK Friday, April 4, 2025</p> <p>Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat, and stay for a pot luck Shabbat dinner. Register and let us know what you are bringing: Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck</p>	
<p>Making Your Voice Heard in Israel VOTE MERCAZ--SLATE 17—Deadline is May 4</p> <p>NOTE: DO NOT AUTOPOPULATE YOUR INFORMATION!!! – Type in all your information.</p>	

Events and Announcements

Beth Jacob Wine & Chocolate* Sale

www.Beth-Jacob.org/Wine

Support our youth programming by buying Kosher for Passover Wine and Grape Juice, Equal Exchange Chocolate, and *Yehuda Gefilte Fish (new this year!)

Deadline to order Chocolate is March 27, Wine, Juice & Gefilte Fish April 1



**BLOOD DRIVE
TOMORROW!**
Beth-Jacob.org/Blood



Women's Seder April 3, 5:45-8:30

The St. Paul Jewish synagogues co-host this annual event at Temple of Aaron. Celebrate freedom in a women-centered space. FREE

RSVP: Beth-Jacob.org/WomensSeder



Lost and Found will be donated April 6

As we prepare for Pesach, we are cleaning out the lost and found. Please take a look to make sure we are not donating items that belong to you!



Kitchen Volunteers Needed

During Passover, we do not have pre-assigned kitchen crews. If you will be in shul during Yontif, please consider volunteering for a crew. Help needed on the mornings of April 13th, 14th, and 20th.



Nava Tehila in Concert May 4

Do not miss this amazing musical experience! Direct from Israel, Nava Tehila shares their original music—recognizable in synagogues throughout the world! Tickets will go quickly, get yours today! Beth-Jacob.org/Nava



Beth Jacob Goes to the Theater May 11, 1:00pm (new date)

Come see "an act of god" at Six Points Theater. Special group ticket prices.
www.Beth-Jacob.org/Theater

