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Louis and Tillie Reagler were counselors at Camp Dream Street in Utica, Mississippi, a five day, four night camping program for children with physical disabilities.



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Sisterhood Memorial for Louis Kleinman

In recognition of his many years of service and support to Congregation House of Israel, the CHI Sisterhood planted a tree and laid a plaque in his name at the Jewish Rest Cemetery.

The official dedication of this memorial will be held on Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

It should be noted that in no way does this represent the official unveiling of a gravestone which will be announced by his family at a later date.



Reb Shelly's Desk



This past May 8, Israel began the annual observance of Yom Hazikaron, its Memorial Day. It's a somber day when Israelis flock to cemeteries to visit the graves of sons and daughters, parents and siblings who were casualties of the country's far too many wars or the myriad of terrorist attacks.

The 24-hour commemoration began with the ceremony at the Western Wall. In the presence of many of the bereaved families, President Reuben Rivlin lit the official torch of remembrance and addressed the nation.

He reflected that when a child, his father's generation served in the IDF and saw combat. As a young adult, he and his peers were in uniform and experienced combat first hand. As a parent, he sent his own children and their friends to serve in Israel's armed forces. Now as a grandparent he sees his grandchildren and their peers being mobilized to defend the State.

Following this somber trip down memory lane, the President emphasized the human price of Israel's independence. It is a price exacted in the 1947-48 War of Independence, and in subsequent wars against enemies that are adamant in their refusal to accept the existence of a Jewish State in our ancient and historic homeland. Yes, there were far too many wars in his lifetime, and there is little assurance that last war was indeed the last war. Sadly, peace has eluded Israel from its inception, and there is no letup in sight.

The challenge President Rivlin set before the nation is the challenge God placed before Aaron following the death of his two sons. Mourn your loss. Grieve at the absence of your loved ones; but rise to the challenge of continued life and productivity. Several generations of Israelis have experienced Aaron's trauma and loss, but have amazingly demonstrated the courage and the resolve to continue building the State. The historic words of Lincoln at Gettysburg resonate very clearly in Israel. There is a determination that their beloved dead will not have died in vain.

Our prayer during these days is that the sounds of war will abate and that the peace assured Zion by the Prophet will be shared worldwide. Yet the gift of harmony from God will only be realized through human effort, will and courage. May we and our nation do our part to bring this dream to life.

Bibi Unveils "Trump Heights" in Golan - But Construction Can't Start for Months

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A new Jewish community in the Golan Heights to honor President Donald Trump will be called "Ramat Trump," translated as Trump Heights.

A sign was unveiled on Sunday, June 16, during the weekly Cabinet meeting held in the Golan Heights at the site of the new community. The sign says Ramat Trump in Hebrew and Trump Heights in English under graphics of an Israeli flag and a United States flag and surrounded by a gold border. A cornerstone laying ceremony also was held.

The name is listed in a bill to establish the community that has been submitted for approval. Since the current government is interim after the dissolution last month of the Knesset and call for new elections, it cannot officially approve the project, which will have to wait for the next government.

The U.S. ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, noted that the last time Israel named a community for a sitting president was Kfar Truman in central Israel in 1949. He also pointed out that Trump's birthday had been on Friday and called the new community a fitting birthday present.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced in late April that he would form the new community in honor of Trump in the Golan, a month after the U.S. president signed a proclamation recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the strategic heights, which Israel captured from Syria during the Six-Day War in 1967 and annexed in 1981. The United States is the first country to recognize the Golan as part of Israel.

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Museum of Southern Jewish Experience



We are pleased to share this update on our progress toward creating the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in New Orleans. We now project a grand opening in the first half of 2020, and we

are pushing hard to bring the museum to you as soon as possible.

Capital Campaign Update

Most of our efforts are spent meeting with potential donors. We are concentrating on those that have the capacity to give at leadership levels. We invite all levels of support and are excited for everyone to participate. We are edging closer to the day when we'll roll out a widespread campaign. Our first goal was to fully fund the capital we believe is needed to design, install, and open our museum.

We are excited to announce that our pledges and indications now exceed the \$5,000,000 called for in the opening budget. This is a critical milestone because it means we take comfort in knowing that our opening budget is funded and that the museum will be a reality. Thanks are due to so many of you for your support. There are many potential supporters among you that are still considering your pledge. **WE NEED YOU NOW.** It will take a lot more to ensure the long-term health of the MSJE and to enable the additional programming that we have planned.

We have barely scratched the surface outside of Louisiana and so we'll be making special effort to expand our leadership gift campaign throughout the 13-state south, and beyond. We are recruiting volunteers now to join our Campaign Leadership Cabinet. You can help us by providing introductions to possible donors throughout the South.

We are creating a museum to attract a wide range of the general public and a robust renewable membership. Our feasibility study assumes that our revenues will be near the median of similar museums.

Yet, our location in New Orleans and our unique story will give us the opportunity to exceed those models. Remember, our goal is to establish a museum with a healthy financial reserve account and to operate in a financially sustainable fashion.

Our goal of \$10,000,000 in capital is not a dream. We are well on our way.

818 Howard Avenue

Having entered into a 25-year lease (including our options) with the Feil Organization for about 13,000 sf on the first two floors of this historic property, we have begun the conceptual design of how to use our space. Our location is one block from Lee Circle, across the street from the New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute, and less than three blocks from the National WWII Museum and Ogden Museum of Southern Art. The famous St. Charles Streetcar passes in front of us. We have parking, as well as an option to expand to the third floor.

Our first floor will include an admissions lobby, gift shop, theater, and three exhibition galleries. The galleries will be organized into thematic and chronological sections revealing the history of Jews in the South, including the current impact within our communities. We'll devote a large space to introducing basic concepts in Judaism, aimed at most of our visitors who are not expected to be Jewish.

The Feil Organization is now beginning demolition of the existing building interior and mechanical systems, and it will preserve the historic nature of the building with exposed hardwood beams and brick walls. They will create an air-conditioned atrium for our exclusive use, with skylights for natural light.

We will be assisted in our decisions with exhibit inclusions by at least 20 of the most knowledgeable Southern Jewish historians, writers and rabbis who serve on our Historical Advisory Committee. These

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Mazel Tov to Betty Feir and Mike Richardson on the marriage of their grand-daughter, Menucha Varon, to Dovid Saposh.



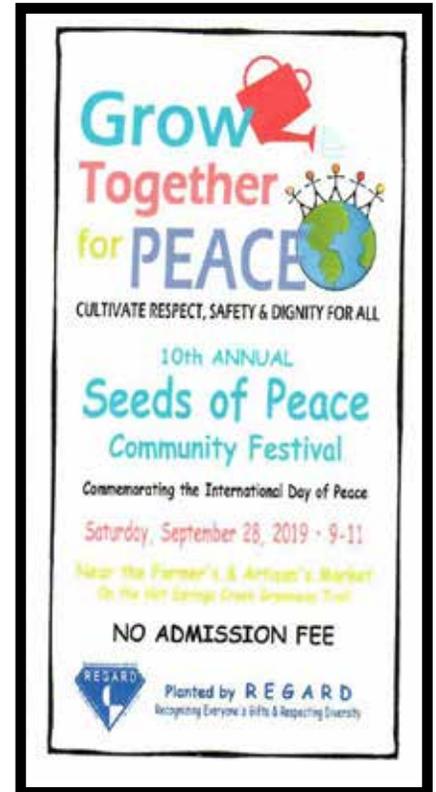
The wedding took place in the community of Modi'in Illit in Israel, and was attended by a huge crowd of residents and well wishers.



Photo: That's Betty, third from the right.



Photo: That's Mike, fourth from the left in the top row.



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Imagine for a moment the concoction that the accused woman had to drink. A cocktail of ink and grime through which the ancient scientific hypothesis figured would either prove an accused woman innocent or guilty.

The ritual of the Sotah in the book of Numbers came about if a “man’s wife has gone astray ... or if a fit of jealousy comes over one and he is wrought up about his wife although she has not defiled herself” (Num. 5:12-14)

This nasty ceremony is described as follows:

“But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and have defiled yourself, if a man other than your husband has had carnal relations with you”— here the priest shall administer the curse of adjuration to the woman, as the priest goes on to say to the woman—“may the LORD make you a curse and an imprecation among your people, as the LORD causes your thigh to sag and your belly to distend;” (5:21-22)

The biblical witch trial, which was structured as a divine ordeal, is indeed barbaric and humiliating (it gets much worse in the Mishna in which the entire tractate of Sotah is dedicated to the ritual in gory detail and differs significantly from the biblical account), but is also strangely progressive.

Let me explain.

Bible scholar Jacob Milgrom suggests that for the specific instance of a suspected woman of being a Sotah (the term for a woman suspected of adultery or literally “one who has strayed”) biblical law adopted a foreign pagan institution in order to actually save women from public lynching, which was the likely fate of a woman with a reputation as an adulteress, or whose husband decided to accuse her after a “fit of jealousy”. While it may be difficult to see such a practice that we learn about in this week’s parsha (for those reading in the Diaspora) as anything but barbaric and antiquated, does this streamline the Jews towards eventual gender equality? Maybe, but it is safe to say that we still have a long way to go. On the one hand, we should be proud of the fact that the Zionist movement was one of the earliest champions of egalitarianism. Women had full voting rights

in the Zionist Congress some 23 years before women’s suffrage was granted in the United States and were integrated into many aspects of life including (wo) manual labor and some combat units. The socialism of the pioneers of the Second Aliyah espoused equality in all aspects of life (although scholars now show that that wasn’t necessarily the case), and Israel’s melting pot of diverse cultures and a panoply of family structures saw real tensions between the differences of the place of women in familial and public roles. As each wave of Aliyah brought with it its own sense of women’s rights highlighting disparities among those from Europe and the Arab world, and more recently the Former Soviet Union, Bukharan Jews, Ethiopian and more.

Israel was among the early nations to have elected a woman Prime Minister (Golda Meir 1969-1974), which was indeed a significant moment in Jewish and world history. However, to say that there is gender equality in Israel because Golda was prime minister would be like saying there’s no racism in America because Barack Obama was elected president...twice.

Many of today’s issues of religion and state center around the place of women in society. We are witnessing the Haredi world go to war over three things: mandatory conscription to the army, public observance of Shabbat, and issues of “modesty,” pushing strongly for gender segregation. Just this past week we saw more cases of incorporated gender segregation at events sponsored by local governments, despite directives from state officials forbidding such practices in public spaces.

Prior to the breakdown of coalition talks, a leaked draft of the Likud’s agreement with the Haredi United Torah Judaism party stated that “within 90 days the government will amend the law in such a way that it will be permissible to provide public services, public study sessions and public events in which men and women are separated. This separation will not constitute discrimination according to the law.”

Earlier this month a study was published showing that Israel lags behind most developed countries in gender equality. Israel ranked 31st on the inaugural SDG Gender Index released earlier this week by non-partisan organization Equal Measures 2030. Among the criteria affecting gender equality, which the report examined, were poverty, education, health, and violence against women.

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Jewish Trivia for July and August

July

- July 12, 1906 Alfred Dreyfus, a French military officer, is freed from prison after being falsely accused of sharing French military secrets with Germany.
- July 19, 1937 Buchenwald Concentration Camp established by Nazis, located near Weimar, Germany
- July 4, 1976 Israel Defense Forces rescues 103 persons from Air France jet hijacked by Palestinian terrorists. The raid was led by Lt. Col. Netanyahu
- July 31, 2010 Former President Bill Clinton's daughter Chelsea marries Mark Mezinsky in a Jewish wedding

Deceased

- July 2, 2007 Beverly Sills - Opera singer
- July 2, 2006 Jan Murray - comedian
- July 2, 2016 Elie Wiesel - writer
- July 3, 1904 Theodore Herzl - politician
- July 8, 2012 Ernest Borgnine - actor
- July 10, 1979 Arthur Fiedler - symphony conductor
- July 11, 1937 George Gershwin - composer
- July 12, 1998 Sid Luckman - quarterback Chicago Bears
- July 13, 2006 Red Buttons, actor
- July 16, 2016 Bess Myerson, former Miss America
- July 21, 2015 Theodore Bikel - singer, actor
- July 25, 2014 Bel Kaufman - writer
- July 28, 1969 Frank Loesser - composer

August

- August 24, 1896 What is now referred to as Jewish War Veterans was founded in New York City
- August 25, 1918 Birth of composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein
- August 26, 2004 Gail Friedman became the first Israeli to win the gold medal in windsurfing at the Athens Olympics

Deceased

- August 1, 1991 Michael Landon - actor
- August 4, 1999 Victor Mature - actor
- August 6, 2012 Marvin Hamlisch - composer
- August 10, 2013 Edie Gorme - singer
- August 11, 2006 Mike Douglas - television personality
- August 12, 2014 Lauren Bacall - actress
- August 12, 2007 Merv Griffin - television personality
- August 14, 2016 Fyvush Finkel - actor
- August 19, 1977 Groucho Marx - comedian
- August 20, 2017 Jerry Lewis - actor, comedian
- August 20, 2006 Joe Rosenthal - photographer
- August 21, 1940 Leon Trotsky - Russian politician
- August 22, 2011 Jerry Lieber - composer
- August 24, 1980 Peter Sellers - actor
- August 25, 1967 Paul Muni - actor
- August 31, 1951 Abraham Cahan - editor

Trump Heights

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The community in the northern Golan Heights is on the site of a neighborhood that was approved but never built in 1992. The never-established neighborhood of Bruchim is zoned for 110 living units. It is adjacent to the existing community of Kela Alon, and will be part of the municipal government of the Golan Regional Council.

There are currently 33 towns and villages in the Golan, but no new communities have been established since 1999, the Jerusalem Post reported. Twenty-nine of the communities were established by Labor governments from 1967 to 1977.



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This post will surely come under fire by those who feel that Israel is being judged unfairly and given undue and unnecessary criticism. This criticism will often come in the same breath from those who champion Israel's achievements as an advanced industrial democracy leading the world in science and technology. The "Start-Up Nation" should be higher than 31st in gender equality and we should simply not see elected officials or bureaucrats going directly against the law to accommodate those who increasingly insist on separation.

The days of publicly humiliating women suspected of adultery are thankfully, basically, over in Israel and in the Jewish world, but that doesn't mean that we are free to ignore the growing problem of the place of women's bodies in our society. Our movement's Israel Religious Action Center has been fighting for years to end public gender segregation and we need our entire movement to come together to support this basic human right and sadly still necessary cause.

Shabbat Shalom,

Josh

Museum of Southern Jewish Experience

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women and men will help us scope out the stories we will tell and the lessons we will teach.

We look forward to your continued interest and to your support for this exciting endeavor. Please reach out to any of us with your comments, ideas, and hopefully, support. We'll all take pride for years to come that we created this testament to our people, to their unique culture, and to the relationships and communities that we built with our neighbors. The time has come to tell our stories, so, as we say at MSJE...

Shalom. Make yourself at home.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Barbara and Norm Bushee	July 15
Yossi and Kim Baron	August 16
Ken and Annette Baim	August 19

Birthdays

Lou Siegel	July 3
Les Surfes	July 12
Sue Koppel	July 13
Nathan Bernstein	August 1
Neal Gladner	August 8
Melissa Lax	August 8
Millie Baron	August 12
Anthony Nicolosi	August 21
Fran Rephan	August 21
Diana Surfes	August 21
Cynthia Rephan	August 28
Hal Koppel	August 30
Fred Korngut	August 30
Sheldon (Shep) Taxer	August 30
Hannah Reagler	August 31
Miriam (Mimi) Reagler	August 31
Ruth Sedler	August 31

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- Robert Burns
- Jerry Tanenbaum
- Ken Baim
- Annette Baim
- Ira Brand
- Kate Tobakos
- Bill Ginsburg
- Diane Goltz

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

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during the months of July
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| July 5 | Anita and Dennis Williams
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| July 12 | Betty Feir and Mike Richardson
Clarissa and Steven Kirsch |
| July 19 | Sherrill and Antony Nicolosi
Fran and Jerry Rephan |
| July 25 | Carol and Shelly Kleinman
Sue and Hal Koppel |
| August 2 | Kim and Yossi Baron
Oded Grenman |
| August 9 | Lynda Kass
Tina Bernstein |
| August 16 | Ruth and Ross Sedler
Sharon and Mike Waxler |
| August 23 | Barbara Morgan
Kay and Stuart Fleischer |
| August 30 | Barbara Bushee
Carol and Larry Levi |

Reminder: If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, please find someone to switch with and then let Carol Kleinman know so the information printed in the bulletin will be correct.



July - August Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited July 5

Sely Simon Seligman
Father of Diana Surfus

Dorine Calcote Williams
Mother of Dennis Williams

Ruth Holtzman
Mother-in-law of Fred Korngut

Kaddish Recited July 12

(No Yahrzeits)

Kaddish Recited on July 19

William Kaufman
Father of Barbara Bushee

Gertrude Kaufman
Step-mother of Barbara Bushee

Kaddish Recited July 26

Bernice Lockwood Goltz
Mother of Diane Goltz
Mother of Susan Siegel

Eugene Kirsch
Father of Steven Kirsch
Uncle of Mark Fleischner
Uncle of Stuart Fleischner

Flora Meyer Lockwood
Grandmother of Susan Siegel
Grandmother of Diane Goltz

Marcia Prushansky
Mother of Carol Kleinman

Sandra Boley
Sister of Sherrill Nicolosi

Kaddish Recited August 2

Robert Gartenberg
Husband of Elaine Gartenberg

Nelly Kass
Mother-in-law of Lynda Kass

Etta L. Jacobson
Mother of Harriett Marcus

Kaddish Recited August 9

Israel Barenblat
Father of Betty Kleinman
Grandfather of Ira Kleinman

Rachel Barenblat
Mother of Betty Kleinman
Grandmother of Ira Kleinman

Jonathan Byrd Morgan
Husband of Barbara Morgan

Kaddish Recited August 17

Phillip Taxer
Father of Sheldon (Shep) Taxer

Lee Staffin
Mother of Myrna Taxer

Herman Glen Hobbs
Father of Glenda Kirsch

Paula Hirsch
Sister of David Kirsch

Selma Schneider
Grandmother of Elaine Wolken

Kaddish Recited August 24

Albert Louis Ruskin
Father of Phyllis Hearn

Herbert Erwin Harris
Father of Barbara Morgan

Kaddish Recited August 31

Samuel Jacobson
Father of Harriett Marcus

Bruce Staffin
Brother of Myrna Taxer

Sam Taub
Father of Betty Feir

Weekly Parshah

July, 2019

Korach

July 6, 2019

Korach incites a mutiny challenging Moses' leadership and the granting of the *kehunah* (priesthood) to Aaron. He is accompanied by Moses' inveterate foes, Dathan and Abiram. Joining them are 250 distinguished members of the community, who offer the sacrosanct *ketoret* (incense) to prove their worthiness for the priesthood. The earth opens up and swallows the mutineers, and a fire consumes the *ketoret*-offerers.

A subsequent plague is stopped by Aaron's offering of *ketoret*. Aaron's staff miraculously blossoms and brings forth almonds, to prove that his designation as high priest is divinely ordained.

Chukat

July 13, 2019

After forty years of journeying through the desert, the people of Israel arrive in the wilderness of Zin. Miriam dies, and the people thirst for water. G-d tells Moses to speak to a rock and command it to give water. Moses gets angry at the rebellious Israelites and strikes the stone. Water issues forth, but Moses is told by G-d that neither he nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.

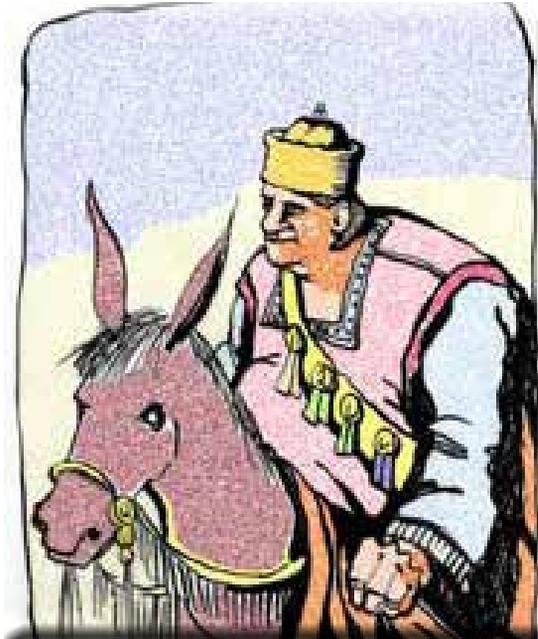
Aaron dies at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the high priesthood by his son Elazar. Venomous snakes attack the Israelite camp after yet another eruption of discontent in which the people "speak against G-d and Moses"; G-d tells Moses to place a brass serpent upon a high pole, and all who will gaze heavenward will be healed. The people sing a song in honor of the miraculous well that provided them water in the desert.

Balak

July 20, 2019

Balak, the king of Moab, summons the prophet Balaam to curse the people of Israel. On the way, Balaam is berated by his ass, who sees, before Balaam does, the angel that G-d sends to block their way. Three times, from three different vantage points, Balaam attempts to pronounce his curses; each time, blessings issue forth instead. Balaam also prophesies on the end of the days and the coming of Moshiach.

The people fall prey to the charms of the daughters of Moab, and are enticed to worship the idol Peor. When a high-ranking Israelite official publicly takes a Midianite princess into a tent, Pinchas kills them both, stopping the plague raging among the people.



Pinchas

July 27, 2019

Aaron's grandson, Pinchas, is rewarded for his act of zealotry in killing the Simeonite prince Zimri and the Midianite princess who was his paramour: G d grants him a covenant of peace and the priesthood.

The five daughters of Zelophehad petition Moses that they be granted the portion of the land belonging to their father, who died without sons; G d accepts their claim and incorporates it into the Torah's laws of inheritance.

Moses empowers Joshua to succeed him and lead the people into the Land of Israel.

Weekly Parshah

August, 2019

Matot – Masei

August 3, 2019

War is waged against Midian for their role in plotting the moral destruction of Israel, and the Torah gives a detailed account of the war spoils and how they were allocated amongst the people, the warriors, the Levites and the high priest.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad (later joined by half of the tribe of Menasseh) ask for the lands east of the Jordan as their portion in the Promised Land, these being prime pastureland for their cattle. Moses is initially angered by the request, but subsequently agrees on the condition that they first join, and lead, in Israel's conquest of the lands west of the Jordan.

Devarim

August 10, 2019

On the 1st of Shevat (37 days before his passing), Moses begins his repetition of the Torah to the assembled Children of Israel, reviewing the events that occurred and the laws that were given in the course of their 40-year journey from Egypt to Sinai to the Promised Land, rebuking the people for their failings and iniquities, and enjoining them to keep the Torah and observe its commandments in the land that G-d is giving them as an eternal heritage, into which they shall cross after his death.

Moses also recounts some more recent events: the refusal of the nations of Moab and Ammon to allow the Israelites to pass through their countries; the wars against the Emorite kings Sichon and Og, and the settlement of their lands by the tribes of Reuben and Gad and part of the tribe of Menasseh; and Moses' message to his successor, Joshua, who will take the people into the Land and lead them in the battles for its conquest: "Fear them not, for the L-rd your G-d, He shall fight for you."

Va'etchanan

August 17, 2019

Moses tells the people of Israel how he implored G d to allow him to enter the Land of Israel, but G d refused, instructing him instead to ascend a mountain and see the Promised Land.



Moses predicts that, in future generations, the people will turn away from G d, worship idols, and be exiled from their land and scattered amongst the nations; but from there they will seek G d, and return to obey His commandments. Our Parshah also includes a repetition of the Ten Commandments, and the verses of the Shema, which declare the fundamentals of the Jewish faith: the unity of G d, the mitzvot to love G d, to study His Torah, and to bind "these words" as tefillin on our arms and heads, and inscribe them in the mezuzot affixed on the doorposts of our homes.

Ekev

August 24, 2019

In the Parshah of Eikev ("Because"), Moses continues his closing address to the Children of Israel, promising them that if they will fulfill the commandments (Mitzvot) of the Torah, they will prosper in the Land they are about to conquer and settle in keeping with G-d's promise to their forefathers.

Moses also rebukes them for their failings in their first generation as a people, recalling their worship of the Golden Calf, the rebellion of Korach, the sin of the Spies, their angering of G-d at Taveirah, Massah and Kivrot Hataavah. But he also speaks of G-d's forgiveness of their sins, and the Second Tablets which G-d inscribed and gave to them following their repentance.

Re'eh

August 31, 2019

"See," says Moses to the people of Israel, "I place before you today a blessing and a curse" -- the blessing that will come when they fulfill G-d's commandments, and the curse if they abandon them. These should be proclaimed on Mount Gerizim and Mount Eibal when the people cross over into the Holy Land.

A Temple should be established in "the place that G-d will choose to make dwell His name there" where the people should bring their sacrifices to Him. A false prophet, or one who entices others to worship idols, should be put to death; an idolatrous city must be destroyed.

The mitzvah of charity obligates a Jew to aid a needy fellow with a gift or loan. On the Sabbatical year (occurring every seventh year) all loans are to be forgiven. All indentured servants are to be set free after six years of service.