

Shabbat Parah

Ki Tissa (Exodus 31:18–33:11; Maftir, Numbers 19:1–22)

Hertz: p. 352; Etz Hayim: p. 523; Stone: p. 484

Summary

1. G-d instructs Moses to collect a half-shekel from every adult to take a census of the community and contribute to the Tabernacle. Moses is told that the sanctuary and all its furnishings are to be fashioned by the skilled artisan Bezalel.

2. Moses reminds the people that observing the Sabbath is celebrating the Covenant between them and G-d. Even work on the Tabernacle must cease on Shabbat.

3. Moses ascends Mt. Sinai for 40 days and nights and receives the two tablets, carved and engraved by G-d.

4. Fearing the worst by Moses' apparent delay, the Israelites ask Aaron to make them a god to lead them. Aaron collects gold, makes a golden calf, and announces a festival to celebrate.

5. G-d tells Moses what is happening and threatens to destroy the people. Moses pleads for forbearance, and G-d relents. Moses descends, sees the calf, and shatters the tablets. Both Moses and G-d exact punishment on their "stiff-necked people". Only the Levites were completely faithful.

6. G-d instructs Moses to carve new tablets whereon He will rewrite the Ten Commandments. G-d reveals His "thirteen attributes", which becomes one of our most important prayers, one to ensure forgiveness: "Hashem, Hashem, El Rahum v'Hanun...".

7. G-d reiterates the Covenant, including rules of Sabbath, the three festivals, and redemption of first-born (pidyon ha-ben) and first fruits.

8. After another 40 days, Moses returns, his face so radiant from speaking with G-d that in front of the people he must wear a veil.

Hertz: p. 364; Etz Hayim: p. 540; Stone: p. 506

Maftir for Shabbat Parah, the Shabbat after Purim: the ordinance concerning the red heifer (parah adumah), the mysterious ritual of purification after contact with a corpse or grave.

Hertz: p. 652; Etz Hayim: p. 880; Stone: p. 838

Haftarah: summary and connection to the parashah

The haftarah for Ki Tissa (I Kings 18:1–39) relates a story of Prophet Elijah during the reign in the Northern Kingdom of King Ahab and his Phoenician queen, Jezebel. Elijah, alone, challenges all the prophets of Baal to a contest, wherein they fail to get Baal to send fire down upon their sacrifice. G-d sends fire upon Elijah's sacrifice, and the people return to worship G-d alone. The worship of Baal is reminiscent of the worship of the golden calf in the parashah.

Haftarah Parah (Ezekiel 36:16–38)

Ezekiel prophesies that G-d will restore the Israelites, not for their sake but for the sake of G-d's name and honor. This restoration will be accompanied by moral renewal and purification. Sprinkling of water will wash away the filth and contamination. This is reminiscent of the purifying sprinkling of water containing the ashes of the red heifer against contamination by contact with a corpse.

Hertz: p. 999; Etz Hayim: p. 1287; Stone: p. 1216

This Week

Sunday, March 7th, 5:30-7:00pm. Building a School Library in South Africa:

Books for Eager Minds. Join us in helping Eileen and Larry Kugler build a library for the A.V. Bukani Primary School in Nomathamsanqa Township, South Africa. Eileen and Larry will describe their ongoing volunteer efforts to help improve literacy in the school. Please bring a new or gently used children's book. For more information contact the office at office@adatreyim.org.

Saturday, March 6th, 4:30 pm, Havdallah Service, Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Mont

*The following Yahrzeit anniversaries occur this week.
The Congregation extends its sympathies to the families and loved ones of the deceased. May their memories be for a blessing.*

Mar	Adar	
5	19	Edward Korth, father of William Korth
6	20	Melissa Glass, daughter of Sherwin Glass
6	20	Morris Kaufman, father of Laurence Kaufman
6	20	Sue Large, mother of Sharon Banks
6	20	Lee Shapiro, mother of David Shapiro
7	21	George Ehrlich, father of Lori Katz
7	21	Alex Sherman, father of Neil Sherman
7	21	Frieda Steckman, mother of Carol Eisenberg
7	21	Edward Weisberg, cousin of Marjorie Somers
8	22	Arnold Daxe, father of Arnie Daxe
8	22	Vernon W. Kraus, father of Fred Kraus
8	22	Leah Movit, mother of Charles Movit
9	23	Simon Bassman, grandfather of Mitchell Bassman
9	23	Albert Mizrahi, father of Maurice Mizrahi
9	23	Martin Trencher, uncle of Margie Bassman
10	24	Jonah Katz, father of Beverly Rosenman
11	25	Rose DiStaso, mother of Stephen DiStaso
11	25	Marilyn Edeltstein, mother of Andrea Feigenbaum
12	26	Rudolph Rauner, father of Scott Silvers
13	27	Molly Stein, mother of Debbie Tollin

Earthquake in Haiti

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington is leading local Jewish efforts to raise funds for assistance in Haiti. To make a donations to the emergency campaign please visit, www.shalomdc.org/helphaiti.

Save the Date for the Gala, Saturday May 23rd

In honor of Rabbi Aft and Sue Aft, as well as our educators, who have been with us for more than 18 years, or with the preschool for 13 years. The theme is Life Long Congregational Learning, and we look forward to your family and friends getting involved with one of the 18 mitzvah projects as well. The gala committee is always looking for volunteers so come aboard and make this a memorable event for all! For more information, please contact gala@adatreyim.org.

CANDLE LIGHTING

03/05/10	5:47pm
03/12/10	5:47 pm
03/19/10	7:01 pm

Congregation Adat Reyim



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Friday: 8:00 pm, Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday: 8:45 am, Torah Study
9:30 am, Shabbat Services
4:30 pm Hannah Mont Bat Mitzvah,
Havdallah Service

Wednesday: 7:30 pm, Minyan

Upcoming Events, Committee News, and Volunteer Opportunities

Friday, March 12th, 8:00 pm. Erev Shabbat Services led by Hazzan Sidney G. Rabinowitz, Hazzan Sidney G. Rabinowitz, former Cantor and Director of Musical Activities at Temple Beth El in Stamford, Connecticut, will conduct Shabbat Services and enlighten the congregation on “The Music of the Synagogue According to the Ashkenazic Traditions.”

Saturday, March 13th, Pasta Dinner and Bingo Night, Havdallah at 6 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm, and games at 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 14th- Wednesday, March 17th, Adat Reyim Men’s Club Ski Trip in Snowshoe Mountain, West Virginia. We will leave Sunday evening, March 14th and return on the evening of March 17th. If interested in joining please contact office@adatreyim.org.

Monday, March 29th, Congregation Adat Reyim Annual Seder, 6:30 pm. Come celebrate the first night of Passover with Rabbi Aft, our community and friends. Enjoy traditional Passover foods, desserts and our favorite songs. For further information contact the office at 703-569-7577.

Wednesday Evening Minyan, 7:30 pm. Please join us for our Wednesday evening Minyan in order to ensure we have a Minyan for the Maariv Service. A copy of the Service can be found at: <http://www.adatreyim.org/images/odfs/wedinyan.pdf>. The Service is followed by coffee and delicious desserts courtesy of Beryl Ebert.

Learn to Leyn. Anyone interested in learning to chant haftarah and/or from the Torah should contact Martin Mould about arranging class/classes. Also anyone planning an adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah can get private lessons. Classes are free of charge, materials are provided. Prerequisite: ability to read Hebrew. Days and times to be announced.

Congregation Adat Reyim Supports Lions’ Work to Improve Sight. Donate your old glasses in honor of Rabbi Aft so that another can see clearly! All donated glasses will go to the Lions Club in support of their worldwide vision program. Email office@adatreyim.org, with any questions, or visit <http://www.lionsclub.org/EN/Index.php> to learn more about the program.



Mazel Tov to the Mont family on Hannah becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

Fundraising: Our major upcoming fundraising event will be the silent auction to be held at the Adat Reyim Spring Gala on May 23rd. We will have approximately 100 items to auction and are looking to raise at least \$5,000. If you have any items (goods or services, such as business products, skills, services such as timeshares, landscaping, childcare or other items) that you would like to donate, or you wish to put an ad in the program book, please contact Roy Eisenberg.

18 Acts of Tikkun Olam to Honor the Afts. To thank Rabbi and Sue Aft for all they have given to Adat Reyim, the Congregation has embarked upon a year of tikkun olam. If you would like to volunteer for one of the mizvah’s below please contact the chairperson directly. If you have an idea for a project that will help repair our world, and it’s not listed below, contact Eileen Filler-Corn to add your project to the list! Eighteen is a wonderfully symbolic number, but when it comes to Tikkun Olam, there are no limits!!

#	Project	Contact Person
1	ECHO	Gloria Loew
2	Nursing Home Visits	Rhonda Suls
3	Homeless Shelter Help: Snack Packs, Mentoring	Completed
4	Watershed	Completed
5	Adopt Families in Need	Completed
6	CROP Walk	Completed
7	Comfort Keepers	Lisa Eidelkind
8	Blood Drive	Completed
9	The Bruce and Sue Aft Foundation In Support of Education	Richard Peet
10	Used Eyeglass Donations	Cecile Klayton
11	Our Troops	Completed
12	Bikes of the World	Donna Schutz
13	Jewish Senior Program	Kathy Selz
14	Children’s Book Drive for Local Homeless Shelters and Hospitals	Completed
15	School Supplies Drive	Completed
16	HH Food Drive	Completed
17	Bike to Fight Parkinsons	Bonnie Carb
18	Strike against Cancer- Take Kids With Cancer to a Nats game	David Berkowitz, Mike Wilson

For Our Youth

Preschool Camp Registration is Underway for 2010. Join us, beginning June 1st, and running through August 20th, for a fun-tastic summer filled with new programs and adventures! We will be offering two classes, one for the older preschoolers and one for the younger. Each class is from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm with Lunch Bunch being offered from 12:30-1:30 pm. For information about our wonderful camp program contact our Preschool Director, Gail Froehlich, at preschool@adatreyim.org, or call 703-455-PLAY.

Attention parents of babies/toddlers ages birth-24 months: The Baby and Me Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings from 9:45 am to 11:30 am, at Adat Reyim. There is no charge to join the group, just bring your child/children and have a great morning. Please email Gail Froehlich at preschool@adatreyim.org, or call her at 703-455-PLAY, to be added to the playgroup’s mailing list.

In Our Community

Saturday, March 6th, 8pm, 5th Annual Comedy Night, An evening full of laughs with comedian Michele Balan, a New York stand- up comedian, known for her brash humor and a spot as a finalist on the 4th season of NBC’s Last Comic Standing. For more information on ticket prices, etc. visit www.jccnv.org.

Thursday, March 11th, 8:15 am, “Why We Do the Work We Do” Workshop, the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington invites you to join them for an inspirational workshop created to help keep you and your staff motivated. For more information, visit www.shalomdc.org.

Thursday, March 11th, 7:30 pm, Renowned Israeli-born composer Avner Dorman discusses his new work: Lost Souls, Avner Dorman will discuss and present examples from his new composition entitled ‘Lost Souls.’ For more information contact the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, at 703- 323-0880.

Saturday, March 13th, 7:30-11pm, Rock this town 80’s Dance Party, Come experience a night of fun, fashion and music of the 80s. All proceeds go towards funding an inclusion specialist for the JCCNV Early Childhood Department. For more information on ticket prices visit www.jccnv.org.

Saturday, March 13th, 8pm, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra presents the East Coast Premier of Avner Dorman’s composition ‘Lost Souls.’ For more information visit www.dormanavner.com or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

Sunday, March 14th, 11am-6pm, Monday, March 15th, 8am-1:30pm, The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia Presents a Celebration of the Arts Trunk Show. Looking for a special gift for a birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding or anniversary? Come to the JCCNV’s celebration of the arts trunk show which will feature U.S and Israeli artists. Admission is \$10 for JCCNV members and \$15 for non-members. For more information visit <http://www.jccnv.org/>.

Saturday, March 20th, 8pm, Susan Greenbaum in Concert, An evening of music headlined by singer Susan Greenbaum. For more information regarding Susan, ticket prices, etc. visit www.jccnv.org.

Sunday, March 21st, 1:00-4:00pm, Gesher Jewish Day School 3rd Annual Community Family Fun Day, Families are invited for a free afternoon of fun and learning at Gesher. For more information call 703-962-9216.

The Jewish Social Service Agency is pleased to announce the new synagogue liaison, Ivy Weitzner, a clinical social worker licensed in Virginia and DC. Congregants can schedule appointments either at the synagogue or at the JSSA location in Fairfax, VA.

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