

The President, Rebecca Silk, together with the Board, Rabbis and staff of TBI, welcomes you to our community.

SHABBAT MATOT MAS-EI

Parashah: Numbers 32:1-12 (page 1226)

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4 (page 1282)

KABBALAT SHABBAT

MAIN SYNAGOGUE

6pm Kabbalat Panim

6.15pm Friday Night Shabbat Service

Board members: Rebecca Silk and Gary Lewis

Shammash: Rhonda Nirens

Darshan: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Farewell: Max Jared Einsohn

Shira: Cantor Michel Laloum

SHACHARIT SHABBAT

FRIEDLANDER SYNAGOGUE & CULTURAL CENTRE

10am Geshet Service

MAIN SYNAGOGUE

10am Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

Board members: Judi Cohen and Joanne Loewy Irons

Shammashim: Jackie Birkett and Jadwiga Holcldorf

Darshan: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Shira: Rhondda Hall

Torah readers: Ruja Varon and Yuliya Mik

2018/19 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Reminder: 2018/19 membership renewals are now overdue.

We ask that you kindly attend to this as soon as possible.



TBI is proud to be producing its very own **Book of Remembrance**, to help us recall and honour loved ones during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. TBI Members were sent a letter and form to submit an entry into the Book. Entries close on **Monday 23 July** so please submit if you haven't and call the TBI office with any questions.

We kindly ask that phones and cameras not be used during services*

DRASH FOR SHABBAT MATOT MAS-EI BY RABBI AVIVA KIPEN, PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM VICTORIA

This week's double portion sets out in precise detail the avenging against the Midianites and the prospect for the Promised Land. The new home being prepared comes after 40 years of wandering (Num 33:1-37), a compressed reminder of the staging posts along the journey through physical wilderness. The simplicity of life in midbar provided time for the slave generation to pass away before the young and vigorous generation of desert dwellers took up the task of crossing the Yarden Jordan. With the arrival of Av, the imprint of destruction and rebuilding echoes the task of the return to the land, which housed the patriarchs and matriarchs.

Av reminds us that the corporate return to pagan Canaan and the attempt to realign it with monotheism, would prove an ongoing battle. In these final portions of "Numbers" the midbar experience is closing, even though the conquest itself is still to be commenced. New civic and military leadership, provided by the commissioning of the spies and the confirmation of Joshua as the reliable and courageous leader, will transition from Moshe. New religious leadership is also in place. Having lost two sons, Nadav and Avihu (Lev 10: 1-3 and remaining silent in the face of their deaths) Aharon, by now High Priest "Emeritus" still in his role but with duties much reduced, observes his son Eleazar as the senior manager of the work of the mishkan.

The nation had already bade farewell to Miriam (Parashat Chukat Num 20:1) and it was also time for Aharon, Moshe's older brother to depart the story. Miriam was buried in the sands of the Midbar Zin. Aharon was to die on top of Mt Hor. The place of his burial is not known, as would be the case soon with Moshe. Eleazar and Moshe are to accompany Aharon up the mountain, and the vestments of the office of

High Priest are to be taken from Aharon and Eleazar is to be robed in them by none other than Moshe (Num 20:22-29). The people understood the transition and grieved for Aharon for 30 days.

The death is reiterated in Masei (Num 33:38-39) as having taken place in the 40th year of the wanderings on Rosh Chodesh Av, the first day of the fifth month (counting from Pesach). It is a quiet death. Aharon, who was the mouthpiece for Moshe in Egypt, is silent as he accepts his final journey. This leaves Moshe facing the reality of his own impending death. What did he feel as he descended Mt Hor, accompanied by his nephew Eleazar? Had brother and son provided words of intimacy and thanks, and appreciation and nostalgia or had they also been silent?

Life had changed before Moshe's very eyes. The personal autonomy of women, still controlled by fathers and husbands in the matter of women's vows (Num 30:4-17) now contrasted against the precedent of Zelophehad's daughters being able to inherit property in their own right (Num 36:10-12). Such was the new reality (Num 36:13) "on the steppes of Moab, at the Jordan, by Jericho."

Having faced the loss of his sister and brother, Moshe needs all his strength to complete the transition. We are also reminded that transitions provide opportunities by which we may be strengthened: to change, to embrace new possibilities despite the hardships they impose. So we rise for reminder that ends B'Midbar, as with each book of Torah, to say "chazak be strong [as an individual], chazak be strong [as an individual], b'nitchazek and let us be strengthened [as a collective, the sum of each person]". As we face the challenges of Av, we find strength in our communities to reinvent and go on.

*TBI services are now streamed live and archived on our website tbi.org.au for the benefit of the community. If you are positioned near the front of the synagogue or near the bimah your image will be recorded. Attendance and participation in our services will be deemed as consent for your image, or the image of minors in your care, to be used for the purposes of filming and promotion. We thank you for your support.



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CALENDAR

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Sunday 15 July

- 5.15pm Kol Simchah choir rehearsal
- 7.30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group (OFFSITE)
- 7.30pm Men's Group (OFFSITE)

Tuesday 17 July

- 10am TBI Archive Group
- 4pm TBI Tamid
- 7.30pm Parashat Haftarah

Wednesday 18 July

- 10.30am Nash 'n' Drash
- 7pm Melton School - Core Curriculum
- 8pm HHD Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 19 July

- 10am Melton School - Israeli Literature

Friday 20 July

- 10am Bubs & Bagels
- 4.15pm Emmy Monash Kabbalat Shabbat (OFFSITE)
- 6.15pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday 21 July

- 9.30am Tot Shabbat
- 10am Shabbat D'varim service
- 6.30pm Joint Tishah B'Av (OFFSITE)

SUPPER, SNACKS AND SOFT BEVERAGES SUPPLIED
(BYO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES)

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST

7PM (7.30PM START)
TBI 76-82 ALMA ROAD, ST KILDA

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - 'TAKE THEM A MEAL'

Our 'Take Them a Meal' program is looking for volunteers to cook and deliver food to those who have been unwell, in hospital or recently bereaved.

Sign up, choose a date, and make an extra portion of your family dinner for someone in need. You can also donate funds for the purchase of ready-made meals. For more information and to sign up, contact Rhonda Nirens on 9510 1488 or rhonda.nirens@tbi.org.au

REMEMBRANCE

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SHLOSHIM

- Janine Deborah Black Daughter of Joan Black
- John Joseph Brand Husband of Judith Anne, father of Cherie, Neil, Linda and Nikki
- Alfreda Catts Mother of Michael Catts
- Suzie Hendel Friend of Jane and David Portnoy
- Ian Jordan Brother of Lawrence

YAHZEITS OBSERVED THIS SHABBAT

- Gertrude Abush • Phillip Been • Alan Benjamin • Isidore Bentata
- Henry Bock • Paul Bram • Berti Burger • Susanna Geiro
- Lucy Gladwin • Klara Goldband • Harry Harris
- Dorothea Heymann • Eddie Jane • Walter Joseph
- Myer Harry Joske • Herta Katz • Joseph Klooger • Simon Lang
- Kurt Leiser • Joseph Lew • Adolf Loeb Lustig
- Alan Lewis Mansfield • Abraham Marks • Fred Mote • David Opat
- Leah Dorothy Payne • Isaac Pose • George Rogers • Rae Sack
- Harry Samuel • Lola (Louise) Samuel • Ruth Schlesinger
- Des Shama • Chana Sharp • Perla Cyrla Shinberg • Gerda Spitz
- Judith Stafford • Rachel Shneider • Abraham Waisberg
- Rosa Waisberg • Nakako Yamamura

MISSION: Temple Beth Israel is a kehilla kedosha (spiritual community) bringing innovation and creativity to Jewish traditions. We provide multiple pathways for our members and friends to enjoy an engagement with Progressive Judaism that enhances their lives through spiritual enrichment, learning and community. We are guided by principles of egalitarianism and respect for others. We are inspired to continually develop and grow and to provide a spiritual home for all who wish to embrace our values. Temple Beth Israel acknowledges that we are assembled on land whose traditional custodians are the people of the Kulin Nation.

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