



March 10-11, 2023

יח אדר תשפ"ג

Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom: 5:10 PM

Preceded by schmooze at 4:40 PM

[Register here](#)

Candle Lighting 5:46 PM



Shabbat Parah

שבת פרה

Parashat Ki Tissa כי תשא Exodus 30:11- 34:35

Stone – p 484 Hertz – p 352 Etz Hayim – p 523

Special Maftir – Numbers 19:1-22

Stone – p 838 Hertz – p 652 Etz Hayim – p 880

Haftarah – Ezekiel 36:16-38

Stone – p 1216 Hertz – p 999 Etz Hayim – p 1287

Kiddush in the Social Hall

Shabbat ends: 6:46 PM

TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION

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IN-PERSON SERVICES

Sunday - 8:30 AM

Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Thursday - 7:00 AM

Shabbat - 9:30 AM

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We welcome new members!

*If you or someone you know would like to receive membership information,
please contact Chris Brown, Membership VP, at 636-288-5356*

On This Week's Torah Portion – Ki Tissa

Moshe took his tent and pitched it outside the camp. What has this to do with the relationship between God and the Jewish People after the Golden Calf? At times of collective distress, a leader has to be close to the people, not distant. So it was surely the worst possible thing for Moshe to do at that time, under those circumstances.

The truth is, Moshe was saying to God: What the people need is not for me to be close to them. I am just a human, here today, gone tomorrow. But You are eternal. You are their God. They need You to be close to them. Until now, they have experienced You as a terrifying, elemental force, delivering plague after plague to the Egyptians, bringing the world's greatest empire to its knees, dividing the sea, overturning the very order of nature itself. At Mount Sinai, merely hearing Your voice, they were so overwhelmed that they said, if we continue to hear the voice, "we will die" (Shemot 20:16).

The people needed, decided Moshe, to experience not the greatness of God but the closeness of God, not God heard in thunder and lightning at the top of the mountain, but as a perpetual Presence in the valley below.

That is why Moshe removed his tent and pitched it outside the camp, as if to say to God: It is not my presence the people need in their midst, but Yours.

Moshe pleaded with God to come closer to the people, so that they would encounter Him, not only at unrepeatable moments in the form of miracles, but regularly, on a daily basis, and not only as a force that threatens to obliterate all it touches, but as a presence that can be sensed in the heart of the camp. That is why God commanded Moshe to instruct the people to build the Mishkan. It is what He meant when He said: "Let them make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell (veshakhanti) among them" (Shemot 25:8). It is from this verb that we get the word Mishkan, "Tabernacle," and the post-biblical word Shekhina, meaning the Divine Presence. Applied to God, as we discussed in parshat Terumah, it means "the Presence that is close."

That is the ongoing miracle of Jewish spirituality. No one before the birth of Judaism ever envisaged God in such abstract and awe-inspiring ways: God is more distant than the furthest star and more eternal than time itself. Yet no religion has ever felt God to be closer. In Tanach the prophets argue with God. In the book of Tehillim, King David speaks to Him in terms of utmost intimacy. In the Talmud God listens to the debates between the Sages and accepts their rulings even when they go against a Heavenly Voice. God's relationship with Israel, said the prophets, is like that between a parent and a child, or between a husband and a wife. In Shir Hashirim, it is like that between two infatuated lovers. The Zohar, key text of Jewish mysticism, uses the most daring language of passion, as does Yedid Nefesh, the poem attributed to the sixteenth-century Safed kabbalist, Rabbi Elazar Azikri.

That is one of the striking differences between the synagogues and the cathedrals of the Middle Ages. In a cathedral you sense the vastness of God and the smallness of humankind. But if you visit any original shul from the same time, like the Altneushul in Prague or the synagogues of the Ari and Rabbi Yosef Karo in Tzfat, you will notice that they are modest buildings in which you can sense the closeness of God, and the potential greatness of humankind.

Shabbat shalom,
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l

March Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Shabbat, March 18, 2023

Celebratory *Kiddush* luncheon following services

Join us to celebrate birthdays of:

Bill Gold

Gary Feldman

Myra Perlman

Sarah Sanders

Terri Canis

Anat Reschke

Matthew Levison

Dikla Roufa

Eitan Brody

Matthew Levy

Miriam Roth

Susan Reinglass

Nikki Goldstein

Bill Rosenfeld

Claire Hack

Mimi Levy

JJ Lerner

Randy Canis

and anniversaries of:

Jane & Boaz Roth

Jenny & Adam Bell

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Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Contact Marian,

314-576-5230 or traditionalcong@gmail.com

Florence Caponoff Mother's Day Gift Bag Assembly Day is Sunday, April 30th!

Help us provide gifts to mothers in shelters. Please collect samples of toiletries/hygiene products and put them in the bin in the admin hallway. Donations are also welcome so that items can be purchased - please note "Mother's Day" on your check. And mark your calendar for April 30th to help assemble the gift bags. Thank you!



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Wedding ~ Birth ~ Special Birthday ~ Bar/Bat Mitzvah ~ Anniversary

Large leaf (4-5 lines) is \$150; small leaf (3-4 lines) is \$75. Payment is required before order is placed; send check to Traditional or donate online at

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Traditional is Going Places!!

Thank you to all the participants in our recent programs,
and to the many volunteers who put them
together and took care of all the details!
If you missed out - please join us next time!



Kohn's After Dark 2/27/23

Assembling Mishloach Manot
2/26/23



Tour of St Louis
Kaplan Feldman
Holocaust Museum
3/5/23



PRAYER

Among the many appetites of Man there is a craving after God.

Among the many attributes of Man there is a talent for worshiping God.

Jews who wandered in deserts beneath the stars knew their hearts
were hungry for God.

Jews who studied in candle-lit ghetto rooms thirsted longingly after God.

But we who are smothered with comfort sometimes
forget to listen to God.

Help us, O God, to recognize our need. To hear the yearning whisper of our hearts.

Help us to seek the silence of the desert and the thoughtfulness of the house of study.

*Bless us, like our ancestors in ancient days, with the most precious gift:
a sense of Thy presence.*

Brush us with the wind of the wings of Thy being, fill us with the awe of Thy holiness.

We, too, will praise, glorify, and exalt Thy name.

Ruth F. Brin (adapted)

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Patience is not passive. On the contrary it is active; it is concentrated strength.

Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton