

## **SHABBAT - BAMIDBAR**

In the Sinai <u>Desert</u>, G-d says to conduct a census of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses counts <u>603,550</u> men of draftable age (20 to 60 years); the tribe of Levi, numbering 22,300 males age one month and older, is counted separately. The <u>Levites</u> are to serve in the Sanctuary, replacing the <u>firstborn</u>, whose number they approximated, who were disqualified when they participated in the worshipping of the Golden Calf. The 273 firstborn who lacked a Levite to replace them had to pay a five-shekel "ransom" to <u>redeem</u> themselves.

When the people broke camp, the three Levite clans dismantled and <u>transported</u> the Sanctuary, and reassembled it at the center of the next encampment. They then erected their own tents around it: the Kohathites, who carried the Sanctuary's vessels (the Ark, menorah, etc.) in their specially designed <u>coverings</u> on their shoulders, camped to its south; the Gershonites, in charge of its tapestries and roof coverings, to its west; and the families of Merari, who transported its wall panels and pillars, to its north. Before the Sanctuary's <u>entranceway</u>, to its east, were the tents of Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons.

Beyond the Levite circle, the <u>twelve tribes</u> camped in four groups of three tribes each. To the east were Judah (pop. 74,600), Issachar (54,400) and Zebulun (57,400); to the south, Reuben (46,500), Simeon (59,300) and Gad (45,650); to the west, Ephraim (40,500), Manasseh (32,200) and Benjamin (35,400); and to the north, Dan (62,700), Asher (41,500) and Naphtali (53,400). This formation was kept also while <u>traveling</u>. Each tribe had its own *nassi* (prince or leader), and its own <u>flag</u> with its tribal color and emblem.



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<u>Friday Night Services - Norma Weintraub</u> <u>May 26, 2017</u> 7:30 p.m. <u>Candle Lighting at 7:12 p.m.</u> Oneg Sponsored by the Congregation All are welcome

> Saturday Morning Services May 27, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Torah ReadingJoseph SontagNumbers 1:1-54pp. 568-572HaftorahRobert SummerHosea 2:1-22pp. 582-585

The Kiddish is sponsored by the Congregation All are welcome If anyone wants a name listed for a mishebeirach, please call the office by Wednesday of the week and the name will go into the bulletin for that week.

A prayer for healing can be said at any time and does not require a minyan. The Amidah (page 113 in Siddur Sim Shalom) shows a format that can be used: "May it be your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to send perfect healing, of body and soul, to \_\_\_\_\_, along with all others who are stricken".

Ailene Barkhoff, Ricki Dishler, Stephanie Chaven, Melissa Engber, Adrienne Flisser, Thomas Hannagian, Nelson Magedman, Peggy Markowitz, Howard Marshall, Joan Rothfeld, Label ben Ruchel, A. David Silverman, Leah & Charlie Tarnor, Marcia Turkiewicz, Richard Wasserman

> Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu May the source of strength Who blessed the ones before us, Help us find the courage

> > To make our lives a blessing, And let us say, Amen

Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-voti-nu Bless those in need of healing With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma The renewal of body, The renewal of spirit And let us say, Amen

Silence in the Sanctuary Even a few whispered words can destroy the ambiance of prayer & meditation. The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning May 26th & May 27th, 2017.

El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am Minyan.

Date	Sivan	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
28	3	Katherine Elliott	Grandmother	Katie Todora
28	3	Jacob Isaacson	Father	Sunnie Saperstein
28	3	Harry Rose	Father	Ben Rose
28	3	Frances Rothzeid	Mother	Saul Rothzeid
29	4	Philip Katzman	Brother	Lorraine Silverman
29	4	Jacob Yampolsky	Father	Marion Wolf

We wish "Refuah Shelemah," a speedy recovery to Congregants, family and friends who are ill. We encourage you to call or visit with them and wish them well.