

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**June/July 2018**

6/30 Jordan Colbert

7/3 Alice Bernstein

7/6 Joseph Sontag



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**ANNIVERSARY**  
**July 2018**

2 Robert & Marilyn Newberg

4 Charles & Leah Tarnor



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**Rabbi Tracee Rosen**

Candle lighting 7:24 p.m.

**SHABBAT BALAK**

**June 29, 2018**

**Friday Night Services**

**Services 6:30 p.m.**

**Oneg sponsored by Congregation**

**June 30, 2018**

**Saturday Morning Services**

**Services 9:00 a.m.**

Numbers 22:39-23:26

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Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

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**Kiddish Sponsored by the Congregation**

Balak ( — בָּלַק Hebrew for "Balak," a name, the second word, and the first distinctive word, in the parashah) is the 40th weekly Torah portion ( ,פָּרָשָׁה parashah) in the annual Jewish cycle of Torah reading and the seventh in the Book of Numbers. In the parashah, Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, tries to hire Balaam to curse Israel,<sup>[1]</sup> Balaam's donkey speaks to Balaam,<sup>[2]</sup> and Balaam blesses Israel instead. The parashah constitutes Numbers 22:2–25:9. The parashah is made up of 5,357 Hebrew letters, 1,455 Hebrew words, and 104 verses, and can occupy about 178 lines in a Torah Scroll ( סֵפֶר תּוֹרָה , Sefer Torah ).<sup>[3]</sup>

Jews generally read it in late June or July. In most years (for example, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025, and 2028), parashah Balak is read separately. In some years (for example, 2020, 2023, 2026, and 2027) when the second day of Shavuot falls on a Sabbath in the Diaspora (where observant Jews observe Shavuot for two days), parashah Balak is combined with the previous parashah, Chukat, in the Diaspora to synchronize readings thereafter with those in Israel (where Jews observe Shavuot for one day).<sup>[4]</sup>

The name "Balak" means "devastator",<sup>[5]</sup> "empty",<sup>[6]</sup> or "wasting".<sup>[7]</sup> The name apparently derives from the sparsely used Hebrew verb (*balak*), "waste or lay waste."<sup>[8]</sup> There are no derivations of this verb besides this name.

## Prayer for healing

**We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.**

**Ailene Barkhoff, Larry Dirksen, Peter Enneking, Brandy Forster, Maya Goldberg, Thomas Hannagian, Dovid Ben Itchok, Katie Iverson, Howard Klemmer, Nelson Magedman, Peggy Markowitz, Lorraine Shively, Michele Moschel, Harry Newman, Cyrene Schochet, Elaine Schwartz, A. David Silverman, Charlie Tarnor, Randy Thomas, Marcia Turkiewicz, Richard Wasserman, Ellie Weintraub, Susan Weintraub**

*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-votei-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*

*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.*

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning June 29, 2018 & June 30, 2018.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tamuz</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Relation-ship</u>	<u>Observant</u>
7/1	18	Harold Lessner	Husband	Rhoda Lessner
7/2	19	Irving Scher	Father	Ann Goldfarb
7/2	19	Norman Walter	Husband	Evelyn Walter
7/2	visitor	Morris Meyerson	Father	Helen Zelmanowicz
7/3	20	Ben-Yosef Israel	Father	Shoshana Perlmutter
7/3	20	Anna Leibovitz	Mother	Herb Leibovitz
7/5	22	Molly D. Merchant	Mother-in-law	Beverly Merchant