

## **BEHAR - BECHUKOTAI**

On <u>the mountain</u> of Sinai, G-d communicates to Moses the laws of the <u>Sabbatical year</u>: every seventh year, all <u>work</u> on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, <u>man and beast</u>.

Seven Sabbatical cycles are followed by a <u>fiftieth year</u>—the Jubilee year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured servants are set free, and all <u>ancestral estates</u> in the Holy Land that have been sold revert to their original owners. Additional laws governing the sale of lands, and the prohibitions against <u>fraud</u> and <u>usury</u>, are also given.

G-d promises that if the people of Israel will keep His commandments, they will enjoy <u>material prosperity</u> and dwell secure in their homeland. But He also delivers a harsh "<u>rebuke</u>," warning of the <u>exile</u>, persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him. Nevertheless, "Even when they are in the land of their enemies, <u>I will not cast them</u> <u>away</u>; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L-rd <u>their G-d</u>."

The Parshah concludes with the rules on how to calculate the <u>values</u> of different types of pledges made to G-d.



## **SHABBAT - BEHAR - BECHUKOTAI**

<u>Friday Night Services - Norma Weintraub</u> <u>May 19, 2017</u> 7:30 p.m. <u>Candle Lighting at 7:07 p.m.</u> Oneg Sponsored by the Congregation All are welcome

> Saturday Morning Services May 20, 2017 9:00 a.m.

**Torah Reading** 

Joseph Sontag

Leviticus 25:1-38 pp. 531-536

Haftorah

Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 pp. 551-553

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, Melissa Engber, Adrienne Flisser, Thomas Hannagian, Peggy Markowitz, Howard Marshall, Joan Rothfeld, Label ben Ruchel, A. David Silverman, Leah & Charlie Tarnor, Marcia Turkiewicz

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,

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 19th & May 20th, 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	Iyar	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
19	23	Libby Pinkes	Sister	A. David Silverrman
20	24	Diana Meyer	Mother	Linda Ziegler
24	28	Nate Segall	Father	Owen Segall

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.