



# Shaare Tefila שערי תפילה

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## Shabbat Sheet

July 17, 2021/ 8 Av 5781

[Zoom Link](#)

### Friday, July 16, 2021

8:15 pm: Candle Lighting

6:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Services  
on [Zoom](#) and [Livestream](#)



### Saturday, July 17, 2021

9:30 am: Shabbat Services on [Livestream](#)

### Havdalah

9:20 pm: Evening Service & Havdalah on [Zoom](#)

### Torah & Haftarah Readings

**Torah Portion: Devarim/Shabbat  
Chazon**

**Torah:** Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22—p. 981

<https://www.sefaria.org/Deuteronomy.1.1-3.22?lang=bi&aliyot=0>



**Haftarah:** Isaiah 1:1-27—p. 1000

<https://www.sefaria.org/Isaiah.1?lang=bi>

### Shul Notices:

- ♦ **Welcome to new members Tina Levin and Mary Lewis!**
- ♦ **Joint Tisha B'Av evening service - Saturday night July 17 - led by Cantor Rebecca Apt of Beth Shalom in Columbia and Rabbi Jonah - service begins at 9:20pm. The program will be on zoom using our zoom link.**

### Yahrzeits

**For the week of July 17—July 23**

Myra Geiger, Harry Greene, William Harris, Abraham Lifshitz, Henrietta Newman, Stuart Rochester, Colman Sachs, Harold Salter, Abraham Spanier, Esther Wheeler, Frances Whitcup, Ruth Brown, Sarah Diener, Richard Dodson, Isaac Ginsberg, Samuel Oshinsky, Aaron Phillips, Edith Wolf, Benjamin Littman, William Rosenthal, Sarah Levine, Nathaniel Mostow, Hyman Zacks, Herman Bresler, Esther Diamond, Benjamin Grossman, Joseph Koshlansky, Mary Sikoff, Lore Seeliger, Samuel Zimmerman, Herman Greenfield, Sol Markman, Barbara Posner, Sol Rumerman, Irving Schain



### Jewish Trivia Corner

Israel and the US have the first and second largest Jewish populations respectively. Which country has the third largest?

- A) *Canada*
- B) *France*
- C) *United Kingdom*
- D) *Germany*

*(Answer on bottom of pg. 2)*

### Refuah Shleymah - Speedy Recovery To:

Shlomo ben Batya, Sippa Hannah bat Golda, Ruth bat Sarah, Paul Thomas Hinze, Beverly Cartledge, Nays Gildor ben Shoshana, Ruth bat Sarah, Shlomo ben Golda, Tzviya Sara bat Sima Leah, Simcha Natan ben Risa Chana, Syma Tzivya bat Zelda, Penina bat Chana Leah, Aviyah Sarah bat Tziril Essah, Rachel Penina bat Ariella, Tziporah Sheva bat Rayzel, Gavriel bat Batya v'Yonatan, Yehuda ben Leah, Sara Rachel bat Sadie, Frumma Dreida bat Zisha, Rachel Fruma bat Ita Rayzel, EyLi-YaHoo Y'RochMe Ayl ben YaAhKov, Devorah Sheshel bat Chaya Rachel, Shoshana bat Rachel, Lenny Frand, Tzipa Chana bat Golda, Batya Tziril bat Batsheva, Rayzel bat Esther, Chaya bat Leah, Batya bat Esther, Rachel bat Marie, Yosef Ben Naomi, Leah Malta bat Chaya, Michaela bat Dinah, Dahlia bat Michaela, Noach ben Zeitel, Efrayim Ben Ursula, Graham Kahn, James Michael Higgins

**Come Join Our Community**

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## Summary of Parshat Devarim

In this Torah portion, Moses recounts the Israelites' episodes from their 40 years in the wilderness. Moses encourages the Israelites in their upcoming conquest of the land of Canaan.

## The Haftarah This Week

[Tisha B'Av](#), the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, marks the anniversary of the destruction of the Temple. On the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av, which always coincides with Parashat Devarim, Jews read a haftarah from the beginning of the Book of Isaiah. The Shabbat before Tisha B'Av is often called [Shabbat Hazon](#), named after the first word of the haftarah. Unlike Jeremiah and Ezekiel, who both experienced vivid visions as their initiation into prophecy, Isaiah does not report having a vision, he simply begins by condemning the people of Judah and Jerusalem for their poor behavior.

He reminds the people that God has been like a father to them, and instead of being grateful and respectful for all that He has done for them, the people continue to rebel and spurn God's authority. When they sin, they are punished. Yet instead of learning from their mistakes, the people continue to do wrong. Even the land they live on is penalized for their insidious behavior.

Isaiah tells the people that God no longer has any interest in the sacrifices that the people have been bringing to Him. Though they obediently gather in the Temple on holidays and at the beginning of every month, their lack of social justice nullifies any reward they may get for offering gifts to God.

As the haftarah progresses, Isaiah's rage wanes slightly. He tells the people to change their behavior—"Learn to do good, devote yourselves to justice, aid the wronged, uphold the rights of the orphan, defend the cause of the widow" (1:17)—and promises that they will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest.

In the closing section of the haftarah, Isaiah laments the downfall of Judah and Jerusalem, the destitution of Zion, and the injustice that is rampant. But Isaiah promises that God's anger will be abated, and there is a hint of hope for the future: "Zion shall be saved in the judgment, her repentant ones, in the retribution." (1:27)

On Tisha B'Av Jewish communities around the world sit on the floor and weep for the destruction of the Temple. The book of Lamentations, [Eicha](#), records the tragedy of Zion's destruction, and it is chanted in a mournful tune.

Though most haftarot are chanted in a special melody for haftarot, it is traditional to read most or all of the haftarah for Shabbat Hazon in the same tune used for Eicha. This highlights the themes that are similar in the haftarah and the Book of Lamentations, and the use of the word eicha in the haftarah ("Alas [eicha] she has become a harlot, the faithful city"). (myjewishlearning.com)

## Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm;

**Friday:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

In an emergency, call **Rabbi Layman** at 240-505-0137. The office is closed on federal and major Jewish holidays.

**The drop box just outside the office entrance is available for payments, registrations, etc.** The box is checked daily Monday - Friday.

**Answer to Trivia Question: B** (With 450,000 Jews, France has the third largest Jewish population in the world).