



# Shaare Tefila

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## Shabbat Sheet

**January 23, 2021 / 10 Shevat 5781**

**Zoom Link for ALL activities  
(unless otherwise indicated)**

### Friday, January 22, 2021

**4:57 pm:** Candle Lighting  
**6:00 pm:** Shabbat Evening Services on Zoom & [Livestream](#)  
**NOTE:** Mini Minyan is postponed. A new date will be announced.



### Saturday, January 23, 2021

**9:30 am:** Shabbat Services on Zoom & [Livestream](#)  
**11:30 am:** Junior Congregation on [Zoom](#)  
ID: 813 1080 8890, Passcode: Shabbat  
[RSVP HERE](#) to get credit for attending.

### Havdalah

**6:00 pm:** Evening Service & Havdalah on Zoom



## Adult Education

### Learning with Rabbi Layman

On Zoom.

**Torah:** Friday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**Talmud:** Sunday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**Prayerbook Hebrew:** Sun., 10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Torah Study:** Wed., 11:00 am - Noon

**Journey Through the Jewish Year:** Mon., 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

### Hebrew Conversation Group (Chug Ivrit)

with Ami Frydman

**Sunday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Click here for [Zoom](#) link.**

### Shevat 15

Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for the Trees. This is technically the day when trees stop absorbing water from the ground, and instead draw nourishment from their sap. In Jewish law, this means that fruit which has blossomed prior to the 15th of Shevat could not be used as tithe for fruit which blossomed after that date. The custom on Tu B'Shevat is to eat fruits from the seven species for which the Land of Israel is praised: "...a land of wheat and barley and (grape) vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and (date) honey" (Deut. 8:8).

## Torah & Haftorah Readings



**Torah:** Bo

(Click on parsha link for text.)

[Exodus 10:1 - 13:16](#) - p.374

Torah Reader: **Betsy Colbert**

**Haftorah:**

[Jeremiah 46:13-28](#) - p. 395

Haftorah Reader: **Debbie Yedlin**

## Yahrzeit Observance For the week of January 23 - January 29

Richard Abraham, Ellen Beebe, Judith Bresler, Carol Brody, Susan Gershowitz, Manny Ginsburg, Philip Goldman, Joan Gould, Dennis Kaye, Marilyn Kessler, Stefanie Levy, Howard Politzer, Elliot Prissman, Ellen Radish, Shelly Radnor, Betty Rosenthal, Jerry Rosenthal, Zelda Rosenthal, Jacqueline Samuel, Laura Torchinsky

## 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 Tzviya bat Zelda, Penina bat Chana Leah, Aviyah Sarah bat Tziril Essah, Rachel Penina bat Ariella, Tziporah Sheva bat Rayzel, Chaim ben Rachel Leah, Gavriel bat Batya v'Yonatan, Yehuda ben Leah, Sarah Rachel bat Sadie, Frumina bat Ita Rayzel, Rivka bat Taybel Sheyndel, ElyLiYaHoo Y'RochMe Ayl ben YaAhKov, Devorah Sheshel bat Chaya Rachel, Ephraim ben Golda, Shoshana bat Rachel, Lenny Frand, Tzipa Chana bat Golda, Batya Tziril bat Batsheva, Rayzel bat Esther

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## Summary of Parshat Bo

In this Torah portion, God sends the eighth and ninth plagues, locusts and darkness, but Pharaoh still refuses to free the Israelite slaves. God tells Moses that the 10th plague will be killing all the firstborn Egyptians. God commands each Israelite home to slaughter a lamb and spread the blood on their doorposts, in order to protect their firstborns. After the death of the firstborns, Pharaoh demands that the Israelites leave.

## The Haftarah This Week

In the Haftarah for Parshat Bo we read a part of Jeremiah's prophecies against Egypt. Jeremiah foretells an attack on Egypt by Nebuchadrezzar, King of Babylonia. Though Egypt is mighty, Jeremiah is confident that the Egyptian Pharaoh will be overpowered by the Babylonians.

Jeremiah taunts the Egyptians, reminding them that their gods would not withstand the power of the one true God. After the Egyptians flee from the Babylonians, Jeremiah promises, they will call their own Pharaoh "Braggart Who Let the Hour Go By" (46:17).

### Egypt Will Return to Glory, Israel is Consoled

In the last three verses of the Haftarah, Jeremiah is less condemnatory, and in fact says that though Egypt, is soon to be destroyed, "afterward she shall be inhabited again as in former days" (46:26).

Then Jeremiah turns to Israel and delivers a short message of consolation. Even though Israel will be exiled, they will be redeemed, and God will deliver them back to their land. The nations around Israel will be destroyed for their bad deeds, but God says, "I will not leave you unpunished, but I will chastise in measure" (46:28).

### Connection to Parshat Bo

In the Torah portion for this week we read about the final three plagues that God inflicts on the Egyptians before the Exodus: locusts, darkness, and the plague of the firstborn. Similarly, the Haftarah describes the Egyptians being punished and falling before their enemies. Israel's promise of redemption from Jeremiah is much like the promise that they received from Moses. But in Exodus, as in Jeremiah, the Israelites do not escape punishment: suffering from lack of food, water and faith as they travel through the desert to the Promised Land.

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## 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.

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