



Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Matot-Masei

פְּרָשׁוֹת מַטּוֹת-מַסְעִי

July 11, 2026/ 26 Tamuz 5786

Annual Torah Reading:	Numbers	30:2 – 36:13	page 941
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Haftarah Reading:	Jeremiah	2:4 – 28; 3:4	page 972

Weekly Torah Reading – Matot-Masei

Pshat – The Story at a Glance

1. Laws are given regulating oaths and vows, which are to be taken with the utmost seriousness.
2. The tribes of Reuven, Gad, and half of Menashe successfully petition to take their inheritance on the Eastern side of the Jordan River after contributing to the conquest of Israel.
3. The Torah lists the sites passed on the Israelites' 40-year journey from Egypt to Israel.
4. The Israelites are instructed to displace the inhabitants of Canaan and destroy their idols upon their arrival. The tribal leadership and Levitical cities are arranged in advance.
5. Cities of Refuge are designated as safe havens for those who commit unintentional manslaughter.

Drash – A Closer Look at this week's Parsha

“And Aaron was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor” (Numbers 33:39).

This week's parsha mentions the death of Aaron that we had initially read earlier in the book of Numbers. In this instance, the verse ends by specifying that Aaron died on Mount Hor, even though the information is redundant. The sages explain that the verse is written this way, ending with the extra information specifically about Aaron dying on Mount Hor, because we do not want to end with the negative mention of Aaron's death.

This is a lesson for us to follow too in our everyday lives. We should always seek to close conversations or stories with something good, so as not to leave a bitter taste behind.

Shabbat Shalom שבת שלום

Weekly Service Times:

Friday Evening 6:15 pm, **Shabbat Morning** 9am

Sunday Morning 9am, **Monday—Thursday Evenings** 7pm,

Wednesday Morning 7:30am

Yasher Koach to Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, and Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg for leading services. Yasher Koach to Adi Rabinowitz, Rabbi Gabe Cohen, and Jake Becker for reading Torah and to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for chanting the Haftarah.

Thank You

Thank you to Steve Leeman and Dr. Rica Rabinowitz for serving as our Gabbaim. Thank you and Yasher Koach to Michael Brenner for leading us in P'sukei D'Zimra.

Thank you to Carol Steuer for delivering this week's Dvar Torah.

Sponsors

Thank you to Sisterhood for sponsoring the bima food baskets and their donation to the Closter Food Panty.

Thank you to Carol Steuer for co-sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Joseph Steuer z"l, Daniel Zager z'l, Jean Steuer z"l, Rose Spector z"l and Herbert Marton z"l.

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Thank you to Steve Glassman for co-sponsoring Kiddush in memory of his father, Daniel Glassman z'l.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Kids Club Saturday, July 18th at 10:15 AM. TE Families: Join us Saturday morning in the Chapel for a Kids Program! Geared to younger kids Pre-K to 2nd Grade but all welcome. We will have a small Shabbat program, storytime, and an ice cream Kiddush! We hope to see you there! [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

Summer Shabbat Sushi Soiree Friday, July 24th at 5:45 PM. Join us for an unforgettable Summer Shabbat Sushi Soirée! The Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El invites you to our Annual Summer Kabbalat Shabbat & Sushi Soirée — a magical Friday evening under the summer sky celebrating community, song, and Shabbat. \$28 per adult, \$18 per child. [CLICK HERE](#) to register

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