



Temple Emanu-El

Shabbat Matot-Masei

פְּרָשׁוֹת מַטּוֹת-מַסְעִי

July 26, 2025/ 1 Av 5785

Rosh Chodesh Av

Annual Torah Reading:	Numbers	30:2 – 36:13	page 941
Triennial Torah Reading:	Numbers	33:50 – 36:13	page 957
Maftir Aliyah:	Numbers	28:9-15	page 930
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 most seriously.
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 שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹמִים

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 Cantor Israel Singer and Rabbi Jeremy Ruberg for leading services. Michael Goodman for reading Torah and Michael Brenner for chanting the Haftorah.

Thank You

Thank you to Dr. Rica Rabinowitz and Steve Leeman for serving as our Gabbaim.

Sponsors

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

Thank you to Barry & Randi Weiss for sponsoring Kiddush in memory of Randi's mother, Myrna Schaffer z"l.

Announcements

Just One More Thing. JOMT is designed to address and combat food insufficiency right here in our community. We will be partnering with the Closter Food Pantry, targeting items month by month that are most in need. We are asking our congregation to purchase "just one more thing" when shopping at the supermarket. *Drop-off location: Temple Office.* **July Item: Mayonnaise**

High Holy Days Ticket Requests | Due by Friday, August 8th. Tickets are not sent automatically. You must complete the High Holy Days 5786 form in order to receive tickets. In order to process your ticket request, full payment and/or financial arrangements* for Membership Dues, additional High Holy Days tickets and Religious School Registration must be received by August 8th. Submit your ticket request today, [CLICK HERE](#).

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