



# THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

February 13 to February 19      19 Shevat to 25 Shevat

Parsha of the Week: Yitro (Ex. 18:1-20-23)

Parsha Highlights: Yitro, Moses's father-in-law—had he ever converted to Judaism, as per the Midrash (homiletical legends), or not? We'll never know—hears of the Israelites' triumph over Pharaoh, and comes to visit, bringing with him Tsiporah, Moses's wife, and his two sons—Moses, the original workaholic, had conveniently forgotten to bring them along when he left Midian. Seeing his son-in-law's workload as chief magistrate of Israel, Jethro, no stranger to judging himself, advises Moses to appoint lesser judges, so that his job will be made easier. The Israelites encamp at the base of Mt. Sinai, which Moses climbs, after the Israelites vow, "All that G-d has spoken, we will perform, and we will listen." G-d gives the Ten Commandments (literally, "The Ten Statements") to Moses, writing them on two stone tablets in a finger of lightning.

A Garland for Yitro

By Rabbi David Mark

I have always had a soft spot in my heart for Yitro (or Jethro, as most of us know him). The Torah text gives no proof as to whether he actually converted to Judaism, but there is a lively debate between Rashi (11<sup>th</sup> century Torah commentator) and others that he actually did, after studying carefully all the extant religions, and deciding that Judaism was the best for him and his family. That is why the shepherds were so mean to his daughters at the well of Midian, and why Moses had to rescue them.

## Friday, February 13

9:00 am Preschool  
7:30 pm Service  
4:53 pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, February 14

9:30 am Shabbat Service  
5:13 pm Sundown  
5:55 pm Shabbat Ends

## Sunday, February 15

NO SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY VACATION

## Monday, February 16

9:00 am Preschool  
6:30 pm Adult Ed Class

## Tuesday, February 17

6:30 pm Board Meeting

## Wednesday, February 18

9:00 am Preschool

## Thursday, February 19

9:00 am Preschool Make Up Day  
Movie scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> has been canceled

### Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 5:15pm when Hebrew School is in session.

### Yahrzeits

*We recall with affection those who no longer walk this earth, grateful to G-d for the gift of their lives.*

<b>February 13</b>	Gilda Koeppel, Nathan Klaiman
<b>February 14</b>	Isaac Goodman
<b>February 15</b>	Beatrice Downs, Ruth Shaines
<b>February 16</b>	Jewell Schiffman, Sam Rottenberg, Israel Trubowitz
<b>February 17</b>	Esther Cohen
<b>February 18</b>	
<b>February 19</b>	Kate Shaines

### INFORMATION

**SCHOOL VACATION 2/15 THRU 3/1 RESUMES MARCH 4.**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Lay Led Dinner and Services 2/20 & 2/21.  
Sunday Morning Cultural Event March 1, at 11:00 am.  
**RABBI MARK:** Called this week and sends his best to the congregation.