



# THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March 13 to March 19 17 Adar to 23Adar

Parsha of the Week: Kee Teesa (Ex. 30:11-34:35);  
Add'l Reading/Maftir Parah: Num. 19:1-22.

Parsha Highlights: Moses commands the Israelites to donate a half-silver-shekel to the Sacred Dwelling-Place for G-d. Master artists/architects Betsalel and Ahaliav are in charge of the construction project. G-d commands the people to observe Shabbat. Then follows the tragedy of the Golden Calf. G-d threatens to destroy Israel, but Moses begs G-d not to, saying, "What would the Egyptians say?" Moses smashes the Tablets, grinds the Calf to dust, mixes it with river water, and forces the miscreant Israelites to drink of it—the Biblical equivalent of eating crow. G-d finally relents, and Moses has a vision of G-d's majesty while safely hidden in the cleft of a rock atop Mt. Sinai. After his descent, he must cover his face with a veil, so radiant are the beams of light emanating therefrom.

## The Roots of Anti-Semitism

By Rabbi David Mark

On my office shelf stands a small reproduction of Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses: a dynamic, muscular figure, fingering his beard, gazing off to the side, ready and alert to receive instructions from G-d. His head is aged, his expression fierce and full of devotion to the Almighty. Truly, this is a prophet to be reckoned with; hardly the "most humble of men" about whom we read in the Pentateuch.

There is one flaw in Michelangelo's interpretation of his subject: atop Moses's head on two horns, like a devil's. How did this come to be? Identifying Jews with the Devil is the reason for centuries of rabid anti-semitism, and it is all the result of a mistranslation from the Torah: Ex. 34:29, "So Moses came down from Mt. Sinai...Moses was not aware that the skin of his face was radiant (Hebrew, *kee karan or*) since he had spoken with Him." It is significant that the same word in Hebrew for "rays of light," *keren*, can also be translated as "horn," as in the horns of a goat or other animal. Michelangelo knew no Hebrew; indeed, he learned his Bible from the Latin Vulgate (which was itself St. Jerome's translation from the Greek Septuagint—in effect, a translation of a translation!) And so, sadly, a mistranslation led to centuries of suffering, persecution, and death for our people—and the world still has not, in many places, changed its mind about us. Still, to paraphrase the words of the late Golda Meir, "We Jews have been eulogized many times, but we will not roll over and die just to please the world." *Am Yisrael Chai*—The People Israel Live!

## Friday, March 13

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 7:30 pm Service
- 6:28 pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, March 14

- 9:30 am Shabbat Service
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kiddush
- 6:49 pm Sundown
- 7:29 pm Shabbat Ends

## Sunday, March 15

- 9:00 am Hebrew School Art gr. 5
- Israeli Dancing
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Breakfast
- 12:15 pm Faculty Meeting

## Monday, March 16

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

## Tuesday, March 17

- 6:30 pm Board Meeting

## Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:45 pm Hebrew School
- 5:30 pm Bar/Bat family, teacher, tutor meeting with Rabbi Krieger

## Thursday, March 19

### 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.*

- MARCH 13** Morris Greenfield, Dorothy Schwartz, John McQueeney
- MARCH 15** Henry Glick, Susan Freedman Knussen
- MARCH 16** Rose Koiles
- MARCH 17** Roberta Silverman, Jacqueline Boibeaux, Sarah Trubowitz
- MARCH 18** Ira Goldberg, Seth Lampert, Betsey Weiss
- MARCH 19** Gus Cronheim Megan DuPrie

### Information

**SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST:** March 15 and 9:30 am, subject "Pro Life Pro Choice".

**PASSOVER:** Don't forget to send in your Passover reservations, we are hoping to have a great turnout.

**CHAMETZ FORMS:** Available in the main entrance and office.