



# THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

March 6 to March 12    10 Adar to 16 Adar

Parsha of the Week: Kee Teesa (Ex. 30:11-34:35);

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 6

9:00 am Preschool  
7:30 pm Service  
5:20 pm Candle Lighting

## Saturday, March 7

9:30 am Shabbat Service  
5:40 pm Sundown  
6:21 pm Shabbat Ends

## Sunday, March 8

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
9:00 am Hebrew School  
9:30 am Discussion Group  
11:00 am Purim Carnival  
4:00 pm Gesher

## Monday, March 9

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

## Tuesday, March 10

## Wednesday, March 11

9:00 am Preschool  
3:45 pm Hebrew School

## Thursday, March 12

7:00 pm Brotherhood Game Night

## Weekly Services

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

## YAHARZEITS

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

<b>MARCH 6</b>	Lazar Kantor, Jack Lessow, Louis Baer, Perla Ohayon
<b>MARCH 7</b>	Benjamim Gersh, Harry Fleischman
<b>MARCH 8</b>	Benjamin Cohen, Jack Shulman, Bessie Stromer, Frances Goodman, Jonathan Brann
<b>MARCH 9</b>	Henry Greenberg, Louis Forman
<b>MARCH 10</b>	Solomon Levine, Lillian Greenfield, Robert Leavitt, Alexander Vero, Richard Goldberg
<b>MARCH 11</b>	Lena Gorman, Shirley Ginsberg
<b>MARCH 12</b>	Sylvia Kahn Hillson, Louis Boxer

## INFORMATION

**GET WELL TO:** Anita Freedman

**BOOK SALE:** Will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> during the Purim Carnival

**PASSOVER CANDY:** Will be on sale at the Purim Carnival. This may be your last chance to get Baron's candy as they may be going out of business, help support the PTO.