



*Temple Israel*  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

*An Engaging, Diverse Jewish Community*

**THIS WEEK AT TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
**June 17 to June 23 15 Sivan to 21 Sivan**

**PARSHA: Behaalotecha**

God told Moses to tell Aaron to mount the seven lamps so as to give light to the front of the lampstand in the Tabernacle, and Aaron did so.

God told Moses to cleanse the Levites by sprinkling on them [water](#) of purification, and making them [shave](#) their whole bodies and wash their [clothes](#). Moses was to assemble the Israelites around the Levites and cause the Israelites to [lay their hands](#) upon the Levites. Aaron was to designate the Levites as an elevation [offering](#) from the Israelites. The Levites were then to lay their hands in turn upon the heads of two [bulls](#), one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering, to make expiation for the Levites. Thereafter, the Levites were qualified for the service of the Tent of Meeting, in place of the firstborn of the Israelites. God told Moses that Levites aged 25 to 50 were to work in the service of the Tent of Meeting, but after age 50 they were to retire and could stand guard but not perform labor.

At the beginning of the second year following [the Exodus](#) from [Egypt](#), God told Moses to have the Israelites celebrate [Passover](#) at its set time. But some men were unclean because they had had contact with a corpse and could not offer the Passover sacrifice on the set day. They asked Moses and Aaron how they could participate in Passover, and Moses told them to stand by while he listened for God's instructions. God told Moses that whenever Israelites were defiled by a corpse or on a long journey on Passover, they were to offer the Passover offering on the 14th day of the second month — a month after Passover — otherwise in strict accord with the law of the Passover sacrifice. But if a man who was clean and not on a journey refrained from offering the Passover sacrifice, he was to be cut off from his kin.

Starting the day that the Tabernacle was set up, a [cloud](#) covered the Tabernacle by day, and a [fire](#) rested on it by night. Whenever the cloud lifted from the Tent, the Israelites would follow it until the cloud settled, and there the Israelites would make camp and stay as long as the cloud lingered.

God told Moses to have two silver trumpets made to summon the community and to set it in motion. Upon long blasts of the two horns, the whole community was to assemble before the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Upon the blast of one, the chieftains were to assemble. Short blasts directed the divisions encamped on the east to move forward, and a second set of short blasts directed those on the south to move forward. As well, short blasts were to be sounded when the Israelites were at [war](#) against an aggressor who attacked them, and the trumpets were to be sounded on joyous occasions, festivals, new moons, burnt offerings, and sacrifices of well-being.

**June 17 7:30 pm Lay Led Service**  
**w/Jenny Rosenson**

**June 18 9:30 am Lay Led Shabbat Service**  
**w/David Olken**

**June 19**

**June 20**

**June 21**

**June 22 5:00 pm TIPSYP Meeting**

**June 23 5:30 pm Trope Class**

**Yahrzeits**

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

**June 17 Max Bradbard**

**June 18 Milton Rosen, Goldie Freedman**

**June 19 Harry Olken**

**June 20 May Tetenman, Shirley Katz**

**June 21 Maurice Yoffee, Rabbi Aaron Goldin**

**June 22 Hilda Dearborn**

**June 23 Irving Shoer, Ruth Levin, Harold Fluster  
Stanley Allen**

**CONDOLENCES TO: Phyllis Heilbronner and family**  
**on the loss of a dear and wonderful man,**  
**Hans Heilbronner**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**June 26 9:00 am Healing Service**

**June 28 6:30 pm Board Meeting**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE 2011-2012 RELIGIOUS**  
**SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN**  
**REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED NO**  
**LATER THAN JUNE 15TH.**