



February 20, 2021

ח אדר תשפ"א

## ***Shabbat Zachor***

ורשבת זכ

***Parashat Terumah*** - תרומה Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Stone – p 444

Hertz – p 326

Etz Hayim – p 485

***Special Maffir*** – Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Stone – p 1066

Hertz – p 856

Etz Hayim – p 1135

***Haftarah*** – I Samuel 15:1-34

Stone – p 1214

Hertz – p 995

Etz Hayim – p 1281

**Shabbat ends: 6:26 PM**

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Sunday—8:30 AM

Tuesday—6:30 PM

Thursday—7:00 AM

*Shabbat*—9:30 AM

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*Traditional Congregation welcomes new members. If someone you know  
would like to receive membership information, please contact  
Chris Brown, Membership VP, at 636-288-5356*

## IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHAH—Terumah

When Moses ascended Mount Sinai after the wondrous Revelation, God gave him a blueprint for the Tabernacle and told him to bid the people to: “Make me a sanctuary that I may dwell between them [the people] exactly as I show you...so you shall make it” (Exod. 25:8, 9). This Sanctuary was not to be for the sake of God, but rather for the sake of the Israelites so that they would be able to sense His Presence among them. The Ark of the Covenant was to be the first of the Tabernacle's furnishings.

Why was the Ark of the Covenant accorded such importance? What was its function? Why were the stone tablets given at Mount Sinai placed inside the Ark and sealed under its cover? What were the roles of the cover and the cherubim above it?

Avner Moriah's painting for *Parashat Truma* might be seen as providing some of the answers. From among all of the Tabernacle's furnishings described in this *parasha* the artist chose to portray only the Ark of the Covenant, which he apparently sees as a very powerful symbol heralding God's Presence among the people of Israel. Moreover, the Bible tells us that Moses was to “deposit in the Ark the tablets of the Pact” (Exod. 25:16), so that the Ark with the tablets given at Sinai would be an ever-present extension of the theophany. Concealing the tablets within the Ark underscored their spiritual importance as opposed to their physical appearance.

The artist's rendition of its gold overlay highlights the sanctity imparted to the Ark, as gold being a pure material, mirrors its holiness. We also see the two golden poles that were permanently attached to the Ark on both its sides by which it was carried from place to place, as it was so holy that it was not itself to be handled: “The poles shall remain in the rings of the Ark; they shall not be removed from it” (Exod. 25:15).

The artist imaged the Ark as described in the biblical text: a deep chest trimmed around with a gold molding and topped with a golden cover – the *kapporet* (from the Hebrew word *kapper* or *kippur*, which means atonement, purge, or purify) – and two cherubim cast onto the cover: “Make two cherubim of gold; make them of hammered work at the two ends of the cover...one cherub at one end and the other cherub at the other end of one piece with the cover” (Exod. 25:18, 19). “The cherubim shall have their wings spread out above, shielding the cover with their wings. They shall confront each other, the faces of the cherubim being turned toward the cover” (Exod. 25:20). This configuration reflected a concept known in the ancient Near East and also found in the Hebrew Bible, wherein winged cherubim guarded and carried the Divine Throne. We find references to the Ark of God as being the Ark of the “Lord of Hosts enthroned on the cherubim” (I Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2), and it was regarded as the throne of a king or the footstool of God.

The artist visualized what he considers to be the essence of *Parashat Truma* by portraying the cherubim atop the Ark of the Covenant as representing a continuing theophany: “There I will meet with you and I will impart from above the cover from between the two cherubim that are on top of the Ark of the Pact...” (Exod. 25:22). Thus, as the Lord spoke to Moses from a cloud when he stood on top of Mount Sinai, now He will speak with him from between the cherubim.

Dr. Shula Laderman  
*Dr. Laderman is a lecturer in Judaism and the Arts at  
The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies*

# Celebrate Purim!!

## Thursday, 2/25/21

Fast begins 6:39 AM; Fast ends 5:50 PM  
Minchah: 5:20 PM; Arvit: 6:00 PM



**Megillah Reading: 6:15 PM**

Featuring our Megillah Readers:

Anat, Dina & Shelah

Live from his living room--Stanley, with his  
always on-point Purim commentary!!

To attend in person at Traditional, register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/purim-2252021-tickets-141722817763>

To watch from home on YouTube, go to:

<https://youtu.be/Ev6tcjhxt7E>



At the conclusion of the Megillah Reading

(approx. 7:15 PM) we'll switch to

**ZOOM for a Purim Schmooze!**

Don your costume, have your macaroni box  
gragger handy, grab some snacks and join us for  
schmoozing and songs with

The-Not-Ready-for-Purim-Players!!

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942893522?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942893522?pwd=TzILbHNIUjk5TUhISksyOXNjTGhFQT09)  
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Meeting ID: 869 4289 3522

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**Please complete the form below to help support Ethiopian Jewish Israeli Students**



Traditional has entered its 30<sup>th</sup> year as participants in the Adopt-A-Student program sponsored by NACOEJ (North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry). This program supports promising Ethiopian Israeli Jews who need financial help to continue their studies.

While tuition is covered by the Israeli government, students must pay for living expenses. Due to their own financial difficulties, the students' parents are not able to help. In many cases, the financial burden causes Ethiopian students to drop out of school. The support we provide our adopted students helps them stay in school and earn a degree. Ultimately, this education provides them a profession and helps them break the cycle of poverty.

Three of our students are continuing their studies:

**Bezuayehu Mengistu (Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)**

I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Tu Bishvat! May you always be growing and may everything bloom around you.

**Avkelesh Ytayo (Business Administration, Peres Academic Center)**

I started my third and final year of studies and I am really excited that this is my last year, excited to finish my studies successfully and you have a big part in it.

**Eliyahu Samuel (Business Management, Bar Ilan University)**

Thanks again for the help and especially during this time that the gaps and economic difficulties are increasing.

Our fourth student, Shira Yasu, recently graduated, and we adopted a new student in her place:

**Hagit Zerihon (Occupational Therapy, Tel Aviv University)**

I served in the army in the Intelligence Corps...After I finished my service...I began to volunteer at a special education kindergarten, where I discovered that I wanted to study Occupational Therapy...I am now entering the third year of my studies.



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**Help Traditional continue this worthwhile project!**

**Please send your contribution to: Traditional Congregation Chesed Committee**

**and mark it for "Adopt-A-Student"**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!!**



# weekly ZOOM planner

Learn with Rabbi Gordon



**MONDAYS**  
9:00 - 10:00 AM

Class is on hiatus. A new class will begin after Pesach - watch for details!



**WEDNESDAYS**  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Topic:  
**Parashat HaShavua**

Activity:  
A look at the weekly Parashah from both the traditional rabbinic and midrashic points of view as well as from modern historians. Recommended: the New JPS translation, but feel free to use any translation.

[Register Here](#)



פרשת השבוע

**THURSDAYS**  
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Topic:  
**Mitzvah 613**

Activity:  
More than a "good deed," mitzvah means "command." Teachings from Sefer ha-Chinuch will be provided. This work numbers the mitzvot as they appear in the Torah, adding rabbinic teachings and the author's insights.  
**Recommended:** Have a translation of the Torah with you.

[Register Here](#)

**FRIDAYS**  
TIME VARIES

Topic:  
**Kabbalat Shabbat**

Activity:  
Usher in Shabbat with abbreviated services (including L'cha Dodi; though not Shabbat evening services) and Zemirot. Benefits include spiritual ones as we enter Shabbat, congregational togetherness, and learning about what we will sing.

[Register Here](#)



**Feb. 19, 2021:**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat begins at 4:45 PM**

**The 613 Mitzvot**  
as listed  
by the Rambam

## PRAYER

Source of all goodness, as we join in *Shabbat* worship,  
We ask Your blessings.

*Grant us health enough to perform our daily tasks,  
Wealth enough to answer our needs,  
Compassion enough to feel the needs of others.*

Give us strength enough to recognize our faults,  
Wisdom enough to understand Your laws,  
Loyalty enough to discharge our duties.

*Give us courage enough to be true to the best within us,  
Charity enough to see the best in others.*

Give us patience enough not to become discouraged,  
Hope enough to overcome all fears for the future,

*And faith enough to feel Your presence.*

*Unknown*

## THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Wherever you find God's greatness, there you find his humility.

*Rabbi Yohanan,  
Megilla 31a*