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**Hukat-Balak — חקת-בלק**

**July 4, 2020 – 12 Tammuz, 5780**

The first chapter of **Hukat** describes the very strange laws of the Red Cow. The ashes of this cow, together with ashes from cedar wood, hyssop and crimson stuff, are mixed with water to prepare a potion that is used to purify someone who had come in contact with a dead body. Such a person is 'Tameh', unclean, and must wait seven days before entering the Temple. On the third and seventh day,, the priest sprinkles some of this water on the Tameh to make that person 'Tahor', pure/clean.

We are now in the final year of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. As the Children of Israel approach the bordering nations of the Promised Land, they ask permission to go thru their country, and promise to pay for whatever they use during their passage. The Edomites refuse to let them thru, and so do the Emorites.

Miriam dies at the beginning of the 40th year during the month of Nissan. People cannot find any water and they gather around Moses and Aaron to demand water. Just like when it happened before, they complain that Moses misled them as they would have preferred to have stayed in Egypt where at least they had water.

The story of Moses and Aaron striking the rock instead of speaking to it to get water is also in this Parasha. (*Parasha **Balak** continued on next page...*)

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## Parshat Hukat-Balak Continued...

(...Parasha **Balak** continued on from previous page.) **Balak** contains a very interesting story. Balak, the King of Moab, is worried that the Children of Israel, who are on their way to the Promised Land, will also capture territory west of the Jordan river, just like they did to the Amonites and Emorites, who were defeated by the Israelites. Knowing that he cannot defeat them militarily, Balak sends and brings Balaam, a well-known seer, whose blessings or curses were always fulfilled.

At first Balaam, at God's command, refuses to go. But Balak sends an important delegation and is promised much wealth should he agree to come and curse the people of Israel. A funny thing happens on his way to join Balak. This is where we read of the talking donkey (there are many interpretations of this story).

At all three attempts to curse the Israelites, blessings come out of his mouth, angering Balak, who had hoped that Balaam would curse the Jewish people. Since he was unable to curse them, Balaam advises Balak to do something that would cause the Israelites to sin, so that God will no longer protect them. Moabite women come into the Israelites' camp and seduce many men, who commit immoral acts and begin to worship idols.

## Membership Pledge and Religious School Enrollment

### Membership 2020-2021

This week you should have received in the mail a **2020-2021 Membership Pledge letter**. If you did **NOT** receive one, please go to the [link below](#) to complete your 2020-2021 Member Pledge.



**\*\*Please know that this form is REQUIRED for current members to receive High Holiday tickets!\*\***



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### Religious School 2020-2021

2020-2021 Religious School Enrollment was mailed this week.



**Prices INCREASE after July 1, so please enroll as soon as possible.**



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## Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

אבינו אבינו מלכנו שלח רפואה שלמה רפואת הנפש רפואת הגוף לחולי עמך  
אל נא רפא נא אל נא רפא נא לה שלח שלח רפואה שלמה לחולי עמך

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- Maurice Etedgui
- Amira Gomez-Valdes
- Raisa Gringauz
- Chaim Horovitz
- Amy Joyce
- Sara Koplik
- Bronya Lipnik
- Cameron & Jack Moskowitz
- Igor Sagalov
- Beverly and Burt Shacter
- Aileen and Miles Snyder
- Morrie Toretzky
- Miles Vaughn
- Semyon Zaretsky
- Sofia and Moisey Zhuravel
- Sara Batya bat Meira Valon
- Efrat bat Velvel
- Esther bat Ruth
- David Assouline
- Martha Cohen
- Jeffrey Fursetzer
- Rivia Goldberg
- Richy Harris
- Rosalee Hulse Larson
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- Amy Koppel & Uri Koppel
- Andrew Mills
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- Alex Samuels
- Harrison Paull Shae
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- Alice Truskinovsky
- Harriet & Art Wiss
- Matthew Zuyev ben Luba
- Zohra bat Ayisha
- Chaya Chapoval bat Veruska
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- Alex Zevelev
- Yuriy ben Maya & Yefem
- Edward ben Natalie
- Martselah bat Esther
- Aliza Francisca Bat Yosefa

## Mazel Tov!

### Happy Birthday!

**June 29:** Rivia Goldberg

**July 1:** Mariya Melamud,  
Leonid Shteyman,  
Bill Skolnik

**July 10:** Sol Awend, Sam Dorfman

### Happy Anniversary!

**June 30:** Henni & Daniel Etedgui

**July 3:** Caitlin & Michael Zabezhinsky

**July 5:** Miriam & Scott Zien-Edgar

**July 8:** Gail & Greg Kenton



**Yahrzeits for week of  
July 3, 2020—July 10, 2020 / 11 Tammuz, 5780 — 18 Tammuz, 5780**

**Yahrzeit of**

**Remembered by**

**Friday, July 3 (11 Tammuz)**

Arkady Neydelman

Rakhil Neydelman

**Saturday, July 4 (12 Tammuz)**

Solomon Wasserman

Shlomo

Mark Wasserman

**Sunday, July 5 (13 Tammuz)**

Michael Aleynikov

Pedro Batista de Araujo

Michel ben Shimon

Semon & Rimma Aleynikov

Sergio deLima

**Monday, July 6 (14 Tammuz)**

Moisey Kamenir

Adi Koppel

Moshe Yitzchak ben Shaia Tovia

Asher ben Shalom

Berta Kipnis, Lilly Kamenir

Uri Koppel

**Tuesday, July 7 (15 Tammuz)**

Harry Berkowitz

Rose Geller

Stella Yaskin

Chuna ben Beryl

Chaya Raizel bat R. Aharon Yitzchak

Lois Rein

Aaron Geller

**Wednesday, July 8 (16 Tammuz)**

Chana Etedgui

Etedgui

Edith Friedman

Chanah bat Chabib v'Sultanah

Freda Gitel bat Yehoshua Lev

Rabbi Avraham Etedgui and Maurice

Louise Gordon

**Thursday, July 9 (17 Tammuz)**

Leibl Bakman

Grisha Rishkovetsky

Mary Pinsky

Leibl ben Avraham David

Tzve ben Myer

Miriam Esther bat Feivel

Vadim Bakman

Boris Gerber

Sheldon Pinsky

**Friday, July 10 (18 Tammuz)**

Rav Moshe Roginsky

Moshe Chaim ben Levi Alter

Rabbi Avram Etedgui

**MAY THEIR MEMORIES ALWAYS BE FOR A BLESSING**

**Shloshim:**

Maks Dubinskiy

Gregoriy Feynberg

Fanya Gitelman

Michael Levi

Morris Miller

Jon Spicer

Revekka Vayner