

# KOL MEVASSER

## The Torah Portion: Mattot-Masei

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**General Overview:** This week's Torah reading, *Matot*, begins with the laws of oaths. The Israelites wage battle against Midian and the spoils are divided and tithed. The tribes of Reuben and Gad request and receive territory outside the mainland of Israel.

**First Aliyah:** This section discusses the laws of verbal vows. A person who obligates him or herself with a vow is required to fulfill the vow. Under certain circumstances, a husband or father can annul vows by his wife and daughter.

**Second Aliyah:** The Israelites are commanded to exact revenge from the Midianites for their part in seducing Jewish men to sin (described in the end of the Torah reading of Balak, Numbers 25). A 12,000-strong army of Israelites, led by Phinehas, waged battle against Midian. All adult Midianite males were killed, along with Balaam and Midian's five kings. The women, children, and battle spoils are brought back to the Israelite encampment.

**Third Aliyah:** Moses is enraged that the Midianite females were spared. "They were the

primary culprits; the ones who seduced the Israelites and brought about the plague which killed so many!" Moses exclaimed. All the males and all women who possibly could have been involved in the campaign of seduction were killed. The soldiers are then instructed how to purify themselves from the ritual impurity they contracted from contact with corpses in the course of battle. They are also told how to kosher the food utensils which were among the spoils.

**Fourth Aliyah:** The spoils of the war were evenly divided between the soldiers and the greater community. From the portion of the spoils given to the soldiers, a tithe of 1/500 was given to Elazar the High Priest.

**Fifth Aliyah:** From the other portion of the spoils, the half divided amongst the rest of the Israelites, 1/50 was given to the Levites. The army officers count the soldiers who returned from battle, and determine that not a single man was lost in the war. To show gratitude to G-d for this miracle, the officers donate to the Tabernacle all the gold jewelry which they plundered from the Midianites.

**Sixth Aliyah:** The tribes of Reuben and Gad owned lots of cattle. Seeing that the eastern bank of the Jordan -- the lands of Sichon and Og which they had just conquered -- had abundant pasture, they asked Moses if

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## KJ Schedule

### Parashiot Mattot-Masse

#### Erev Shabbat Friday, July 5th

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	6:45 pm
Minha & Arbit .....	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting.....	7:49 pm

#### Yom Shabbat / Shabbat Day Saturday, July 6th

Shaharit .....	8:30 am
Class with Rabbi Batzri .....	6:20 pm
Ladies Tehillim .....	6:20 pm
Minha/Arbit .....	7:05 pm
Shabbat Havdallah .....	8:35 pm

#### Erev Rosh Hodesh Av / Eve of New Month Sunday, July 7th

Shaharit .....	7:30 am
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#### Rosh Hodesh Av / New Month of Av Monday, July 8th

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
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#### Weekdays

#### Tuesday to Friday, July 9 to 12

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
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#### Erev Shabbat Friday, July 12

Shaharit .....	6:30 am
Shir Hashirim .....	6:45 pm
Minha & Arbit .....	7:00 pm
Candle Lighting.....	7:48 pm

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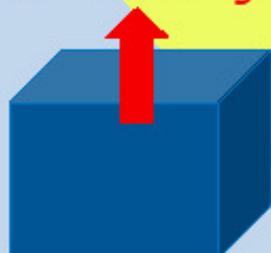
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they could remain and settle on the eastern bank. Moses angrily responds that they are following in the footsteps of the spies who were fearful of the Canaanites, did not want to enter the land of Israel, and discouraged the entire nation from doing so. The Reubenites and Gaddites respond that they will leave their cattle and families behind in fortified cities, and all their men will proceed into Israel with their brethren and lead them in the conquest of the land. Only after all the land has been conquered and settled would they return to the other side of the Jordan.

Seventh Aliyah: Moses accepts the offer of the Reubenites and Gaddites, and informs Joshua and Elazar the High Priest of the agreement. These two tribes, along with half of the tribe of Manasseh settle on the eastern bank of the Jordan, and conquer many of the areas where they encountered opposition.

## Refuah Shlemah

Yocheved bat Rachel	Mazal bat Malka,
Dan Herdoon	Mazal Tov bat Salha Matana
Moshe ben Ezra	Vera Levi
Sasson ben Rahel/Sassoon Moses	
Penina bat Henia	Dov Ber ben Sonia
Maurice Ovadia / Moshe ben Noosha,	
Pnina bat Esther	Yossef ben Jamila
Ruth bat Aliza	Dina bat Simha
Shoshana Goury/ Shoshana bat Rahel	
Gerry Meyers / Ezra ben Yosef Aharon	
Yehoshua ben Channah	

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for July 6th to 13th, 2013. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, and attend services the preceding Shabbat.

### 28 Tammuz / Shabbat, July 6th

Ezra Said Goury *Ezra Said ben Simcha*

### 29 Tammuz / Sunday, July 7th

Selim Hanoon *Selim ben Ashair*

### 1 Av / Monday, July 8th

Aron Phillip Blank *Aharon Shraga ben Avraham*

Ezra Ezrapour *Ezra ben Avraham Hayim*

Yohanan Hattanian *Yohanan ben Yehezkel*

### 2 Av / Tuesday, July 9th

Shlomo Dallal

Shimon Sarraf

### 3 Av / Wednesday, July 10th

Hilda Nawy *Habiba bat Lulu*

David Stoler

### 4 Av / Thursday, July 11th

Sylvia Aboulafia *Sylvia bat Miriam*

Yaakov Kemareh *Yaakov ben Ezra*

### 5 Av / Friday, July 12th

Rev Albert Morris *Abdala Faraj ben Moshe*

### 6 Av / Shabbat, July 13th

Eric Morris *Itzhak Rahamim ben Abdullah Moshe*



## David S. Kelly Youth Choir Summer Break

The Youth Choir is on vacation! We will resume on August 25th. We thank our kids, our parents, our devoted volunteers, and Rabbi Batzri who all put so much into this program to make it great. **Enjoy your summer!**