

KJ Happenings

22 Adar 5781 | 6 March 2021

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Weekly Schedule

SHABBAT PARAH PARASHAT KI TISA

[Shemot 30:11 - 34:35](#)

[Maftir Parah, Bamidbar 19:1-22](#)

[Haftara, Yehezkel, 36:16-36](#)

EREV SHABBAT PARAH

Friday 3/5

Candle Lighting 5:34 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT PARAH

Saturday 3/6

Shaharit at Kahal!

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Open to Members who have pre-registered online ONLY! First arrived, first admitted, 50 MAX

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 6:39 pm

WEEKDAYS

Sunday-Friday

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

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Guest Message

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, zt'l,
Covenant & Conversation,
Family Edition



Ki Tissa begins with the final details about the Sanctuary, including a collection of money that was to serve as a census to count the Israelite population. The parsha then tells one of the most gripping stories in Jewish history. The people, confused and panicking without the leadership of Moses (who is up the mountain, receiving the tablets from God), make a Golden Calf and dance before it. God tells Moses to go down. Moses does, and in his anger he smashes the tablets. He lectures the people, then returns to the mountain to beg God to forgive them.

“And Moses hurried and knelt to the ground and bowed, and he said, ‘If I have found favour in your eyes, my Lord, may my Lord go among us, because [ki] it is a stiff-necked people, and forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.’” (Ex.34:8-9)

The difficulty in the verse is obvious. The reason Moses gives God for forgiving the Israelites is the very trait that God had previously given as a reason to abandon them: How can Moses use the people’s stubbornness as the very reason for God to continue His presence among them? What is the meaning of Moses’ “because” – “may my Lord go among us, because it is a stiff-necked people”?

The commentators offer a variety of interpretations. Rashi reads the word *ki* as “if” – “If they are stiff-necked, then forgive them.” Ibn Ezra and Chizkuni read it as “although” or “despite the fact that” (*af al pi*). These are straight-forward readings, though they assign to the word *ki* a meaning it does not normally have.

Nachmanides takes a different approach. Precisely because of the rebelliousness of Israel, this requires the close attention of a forgiving God –like a rebellious child for whom the kindest cure is the attention and concern of a loving parent.

Eventually Moses again descends Mount Sinai, with a second set of tablets, unaware that his face is now radiating light.

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[Ki Tisa Aliya 1, Hazzan Jalali](#)



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In Memoriam

We remember these *yahrzeit* anniversaries from March 6th to 13th 2021. We light memorial candles, donate *tsedaka*, & attend *Shabbat* services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

22 Adar / Shabbat, March 6th

Julian Elias

23 Adar / Sunday, March 7th

Bernard Jonathan Amron Bernard Yonatan ben Yishmael
Eliyahu Kattan Eliyahu ben Salim
Elisha ben Nassim Nawy
Kathleen Rosen Ramah Khatoun bat Regina
Rachel Jonah
Moshe Ezra Moses Moshe Ezra ben Raphael Moshe

24 Adar / Monday, March 8th

Fortunate Dallel Fortunate bat Naima

25 Adar / Tuesday, March 9th

Rivka Blank Rivka bat Sarah Hannah
Gamra Dallal
Sarah bat Gurjiyee

26 Adar / Wednesday, March 10th

Moses Solomon Noah Moshe ben Shlomo Noah
Yaghoub Partiyeli
Salomon Emquies Shlomo ben Messod

27 Adar / Thursday, March 11th

Elias M. Judah Eliyahu Hayim ben Meir Yehudah
Achajal Aghalar Nisim ben Yaacov
Saul K. Masliah Shaul ben Hacham Moshe Yakob

28 Adar / Friday, March 12th

Moshe Haim Navid
Tefaha Perry Tefaha bat Salima
Rahmatollah Rahamim

29 Adar / Shabbat, March 13th

Tefara Menashe Tefara bat Ezra
Lulu Raymond Lulu bat Matooka
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