



## This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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Torah Portion: [Devarim](#)

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## Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This week we focus on mourning. We mourn the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem thousands of years ago, and we mourn the current exile of the Jewish people.

We pray for better times, for the coming of Moshiach, redeemer of the Jewish people, who will usher an era of Divine light into the universe. And while we pray for this every day of the year, the nine days leading up to the fast of Tisha Bav are particularly propitious.

As such, in addition to the mourning observances during this week, we also focus on the joy associated with Torah study, which we are guaranteed will bring the redemption even closer. This can be accomplished by attending or listening to (virtually) the conclusion of a Talmudic tractate.

Traditionally, when concluding a tractate, we celebrate; and all those present at the time of the conclusion celebrate along with us. This celebration has the power to override some of the mourning practices, but more importantly the joy that it brings will overshadow the darkness of this time, and shine a bright light onto the entire world.

Shabbat shalom.



## Shabbos Chazon



The Shabbat before Tisha B'av is known as "Shabbos Chazon" or "Shabbat of Vision", when every Jew gets a vision of the third Beit Hamikdash. [Click here](#) to learn more about this special Shabbos.



## Torah Studies



Join Rabbi Levi for an enriching class on the weekly Torah portion.

Tuesday, July 20, at 9:30 am

[chabadofmaine.com/zoom](https://chabadofmaine.com/zoom)



## Jewish Art Calendar- Deadline This Sunday!

The advertisement features a central graphic for the 'JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR' for the year 5782 (2021/22). The graphic shows several pages of the calendar with vibrant, colorful illustrations of Jewish symbols like a menorah, a Torah scroll, and a menorah. A red banner at the bottom of the graphic reads 'RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!'. To the left of the graphic, there is a list of bullet points: 'Great opportunity to advertise your business!', 'Your personal calendar', and 'Yahrzeits, Birthdays and Bar Mitzvahs - Let's mark it in the calendar!'. The text 'JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR' is in a large, bold, serif font, and '5782 - 2021/22' is in a smaller font below it.

[Click here](#) to be seen in the Jewish Art Calendar or email [chana@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:chana@chabadofmaine.com).



## Service Times

**Thursday**

7:00 am

**Friday night**

8:00 pm

**Shabbat day**

10:30 am

**Kiddush and refreshments**

12:30 pm



## Tisha B'Av Schedule

**Shabbat, July 17: Fast begins**

8:19 pm

**Shabbat ends**

9:11 pm

**Sunday, July 18, Fast day**

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha: 7:30 pm

Fast ends: 8:53 pm

**[Click here](#) to learn about the laws and customs of the Three Weeks of mourning.**



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# Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Devarim

On the first of Shevat (thirty-seven days before his passing), **Moses** begins his **repetition of the Torah** to the assembled **children of Israel**, reviewing the events that occurred and the laws that were given in the course of their **forty-year journey** from Egypt to Sinai to the Promised Land, **rebuking** the people for their failings and iniquities, and enjoining them to keep the Torah and observe its commandments in the land that Gd is giving them as an **eternal heritage**, into which they shall cross after his death.

Moses recalls his appointment of judges and magistrates to ease his burden of meting out **justice** to the people and teaching them the word of Gd; the journey from Sinai through the **great and fearsome desert**; the sending of the **spies** and the peoples subsequent spurning of the Promised Land, so that Gd decreed that the entire generation of the Exodus would die out in the desert. Also against me, says Moses, was Gd angry for your sake, saying: **You, too, shall not go in there.**

Moses also recounts some more recent events: the refusal of the nations of **Moab and Ammon** to allow the Israelites to pass through their countries; the **wars** against the Emorite kings Sichon and Og, and the settlement of their lands by the tribes of Reuben and Gad and part of the tribe of Manasseh; and Moses message to his successor, **Joshua**, who will take the people into the Land and lead them in the battles for its conquest: **Fear them not**, for the Lrd your Gd, He shall fight for you.

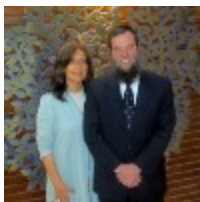


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