



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
FOR
PORTLAND:

Friday, Jul. 9 8:06 pm

Torah Portion: Matot-
Massei

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

In the concluding portion of the Book of Numbers, we read about the 42 encampments of the Jewish people in their journey to the Promised Land.

Interestingly, the Torah refers to these encampments as 42 steps in leaving Egypt. Although only the first encampment technically involved leaving Egypt, because their goal was to arrive in the Holy Land, until that goal was realized, they were still in the process of leaving Egypt.

In our daily lives we are also in the constant process of leaving Egypt the limitations and hindrances we experience in our service of G-d. And every step we take is part of the process, eventually arriving at our goal of being truly free!

Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Wilansky



Torah Studies



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

Tuesday, July 13, at 9:30 am

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Service Times

Thursday

7:00 am

Friday night

8:00 pm

Shabbat day

10:30 am

Kiddush and refreshments

12:30 pm

This Shabbos: Rosh Chodesh Av



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

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YOUR QUESTIONS

What Is the Significance of King Davids Harp?

As a lad David played for Saul, and at the end of his life, he is described as the sweet singer of Israel.

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PARSHAH

Being Honest Should be Completely Obvious

The summary verse of the first part of Matot appears to omit the most salient point!

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WOMEN

To Whom Does a U.S. President Bow?

Last week we witnessed the leader of the free world, U.S. President Joe Biden, going down on one knee in the Oval Office

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Matot-Massei

Moses conveys the laws governing the **annulment of vows** to the heads of the **tribes** of Israel. **War** is waged against **Midian** for their role in plotting the moral destruction of Israel, and the Torah gives a detailed account of the war spoils and how they were allocated amongst the **people**, the **warriors**, the **Levites** and the **high priest**.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad (later joined by half of the tribe of Manasseh) ask for the lands **east of the Jordan** as their portion in the Promised Land, these being prime pastureland for their **cattle**. Moses is initially angered by the request, but subsequently agrees on the condition that they first join, and lead, in Israel's conquest of the lands **west of the Jordan**.

The forty-two **journeys** and **encampments** of Israel are listed, from the Exodus to their encampment on the plains of Moab across the river from the land of Canaan. The **boundaries** of the Promised Land are given, and **cities of refuge** are designated as havens and places of exile for **inadvertent murderers**. The **daughters of Tzelafchad** marry within their own tribe of Manasseh, so that the **estate** which they inherit from their father should not pass to the province of another tribe.



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My Friend and Mentor, Itty Ainsworth

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