

# *The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice*

## **Chapter 5 Vocabulary**

***Bet Av*** The basic social unit of the Israelite society, a patriarchal household of immediate and extended family members.

**judge** In ancient Israel, one who acted as a temporary military leader as well as arbiter of disputes within and between tribes. Judges were also expected to remind the people of their responsibility to God.

**just war doctrine** Teachings of the Church that define the moral limits of warfare.

**levirate marriage** The marriage of a widow to a near relative of her deceased husband. The first male child of a levirate marriage would be considered the legal son of the widow's first husband.

***Mishpachah*** The Hebrew word for the "clans" that were associations of related *Bet Av*, gathered together to help with planting and harvesting and with defense against aggressive neighbors.

***shofet*** A Hebrew word, traditionally translated into English as "judge," that more literally means "temporary military leader."

