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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ◆ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
- ◆ Ignac Grossman - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
- ◆ Gayle Wezelman - *Sol Wezelman*
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- ◆ George Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
- ◆ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

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SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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Thursdays

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

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First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

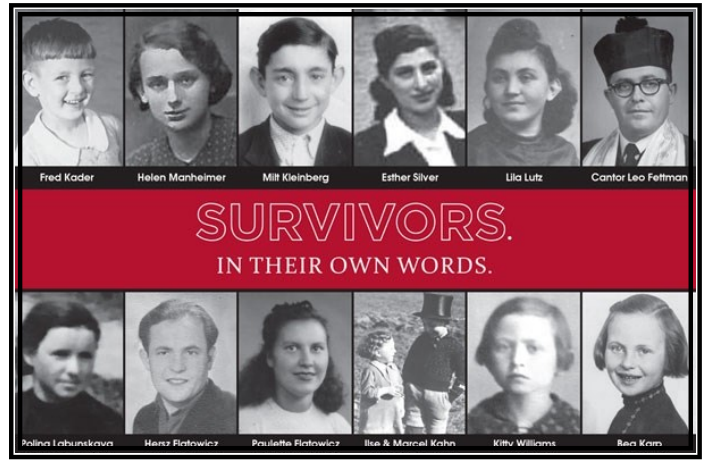
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Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

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Beth Israel's innovative,
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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



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Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

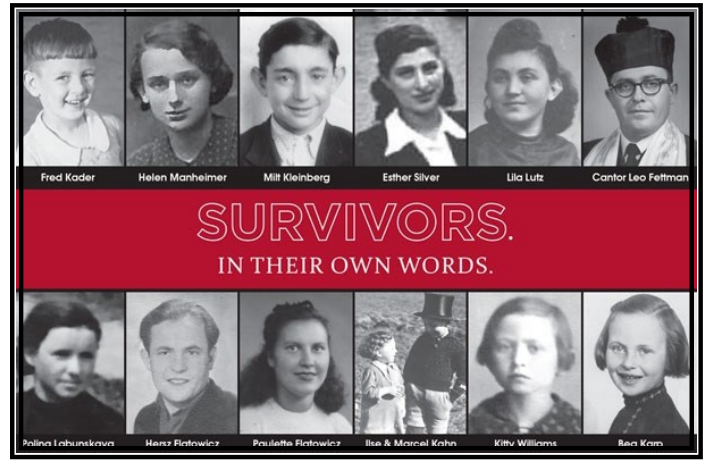
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BAOMER

Backyard BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

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The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

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Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
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◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekas	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home***.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Mondays

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Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

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Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

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Backyard BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
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MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

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Weekdays

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Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ◆ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ◆ Gloria Friedman - *Renie Lauter*
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- ◆ George Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
- ◆ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

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Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
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- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

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Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Special classes two Sundays a month

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Thursdays

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

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First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

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Beth Israel's innovative,
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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm

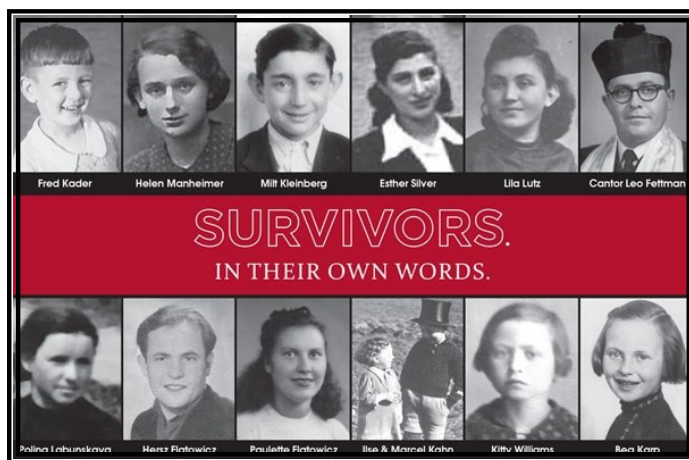
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Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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YAHREZEITS

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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

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Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

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for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm

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BAOMER

Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekas	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ◆ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ◆ Amy Barnum - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Will Bloom - *Sheila Moravec*
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- ◆ George Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Passover - Apr 6 & 7

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Thursdays

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

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Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

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See schedule below

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Don & Nancy Greenberg

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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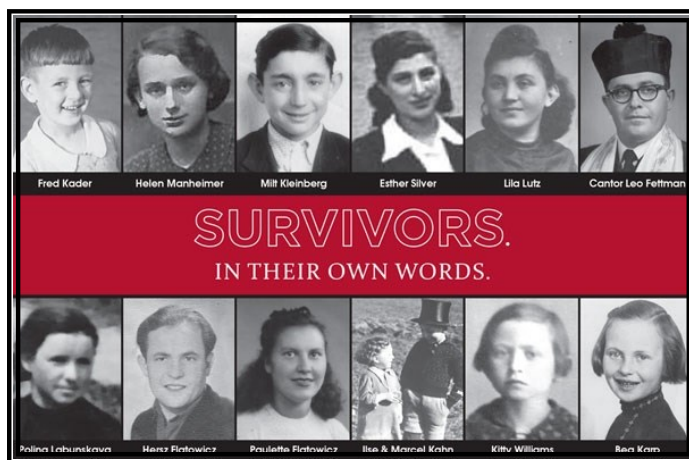
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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

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The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



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Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

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Beth Israel's innovative,
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

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Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



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Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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- ◆ George Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

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12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ♦ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ♦ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

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Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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Yahrzeits

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

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See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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April 2018 ~ Nissan/Iyar 5778



Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

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Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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Shacharit Schedule

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
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at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
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Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
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Shacharit Schedule

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Thursdays

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
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See schedule below

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

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Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

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Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

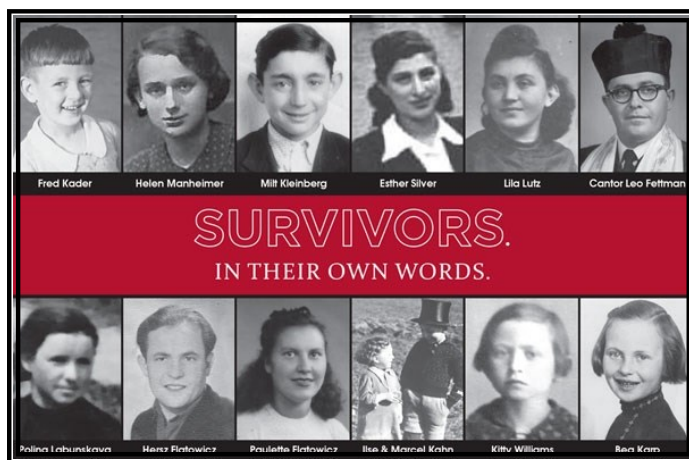
7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

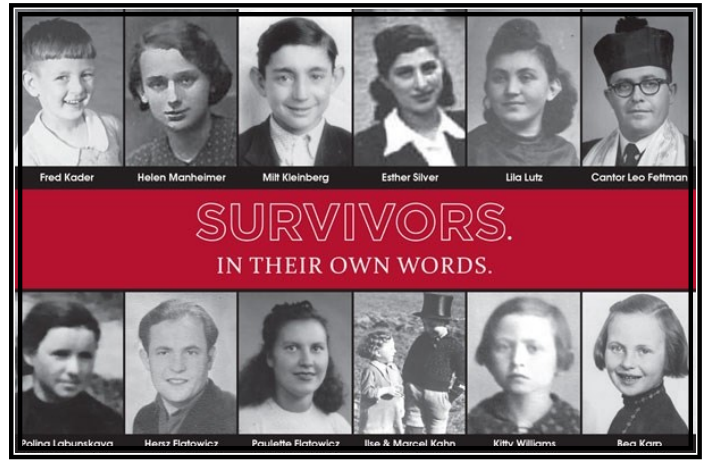
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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

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Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman.

Anniversaries: Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
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Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ◆ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ◆ George Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

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...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



The Beth Israel Bulletin

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April 2018 ~ Nissan/Iyar 5778



Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

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Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

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See schedule below

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

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Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

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Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

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Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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BAOMER

Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



**Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski
AKA Janet**



**Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel
and Emerson enjoying Purim**



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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MAY

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- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

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BIRTHDAYS

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◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
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- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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JYE BI/P.J. Library

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Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Special classes two Sundays a month

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Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
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Shacharit Schedule

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See schedule below

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



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First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
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YAHREZEITS

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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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JYE BI students getting creative!

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Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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Memorial Plaques

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ♦ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
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- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



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ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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April 2018 ~ Nissan/Iyar 5778



Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm

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Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

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(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

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7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Don & Nancy Greenberg

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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Shacharit 6:45am

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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JYE BI students getting creative!

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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Memorial Plaques

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ♦ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

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See schedule below

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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Shacharit 6:45am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

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Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ♦ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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April

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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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April 2018 ~ Nissan/Iyar 5778



Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

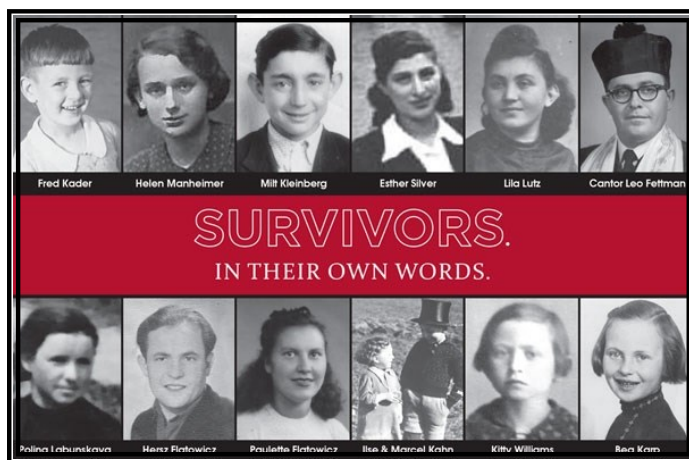
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Backyard
BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
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6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



**Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski
AKA Janet**



**Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel
and Emerson enjoying Purim**



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

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Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

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JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

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Mondays

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Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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See schedule below

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

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May 23, 2018

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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

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Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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Yahrzeits

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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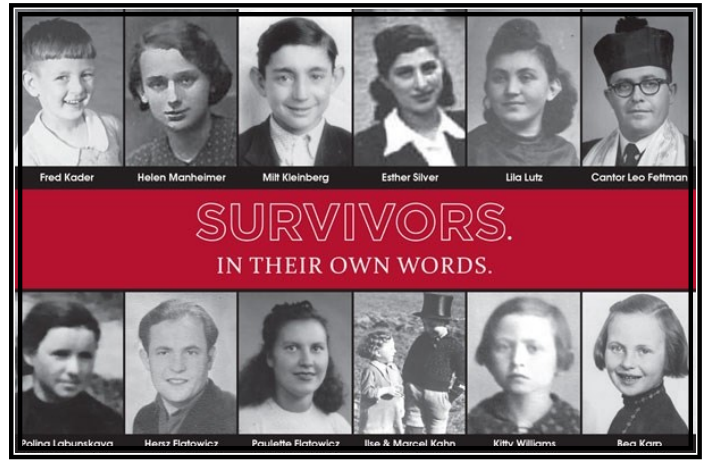
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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
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◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekas	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Passover - Apr 6 & 7

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

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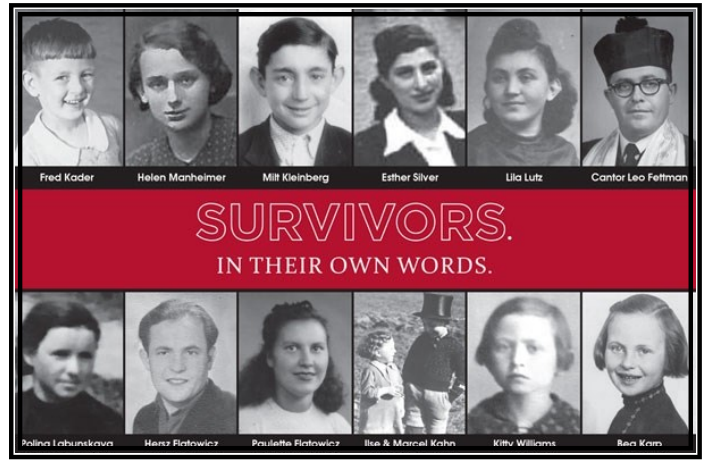
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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home***.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
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YAHREZEITS

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Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Special classes two Sundays a month

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Thursdays

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekas	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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See schedule below

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Don & Nancy Greenberg

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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

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Thursday, April 19, 10 am

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Beth Israel's innovative,
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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



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Morley Zipursky

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First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



**Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski
AKA Janet**



**Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel
and Emerson enjoying Purim**



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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YAHREZEITS

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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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MAY

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- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman.

Anniversaries: Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

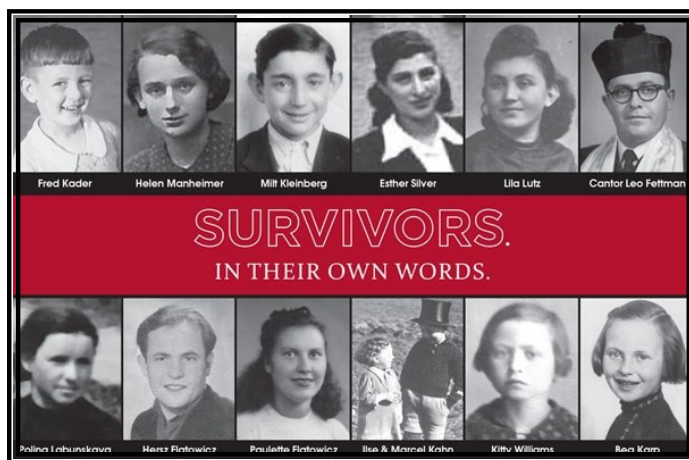
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Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

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Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ♦ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ♦ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
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SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

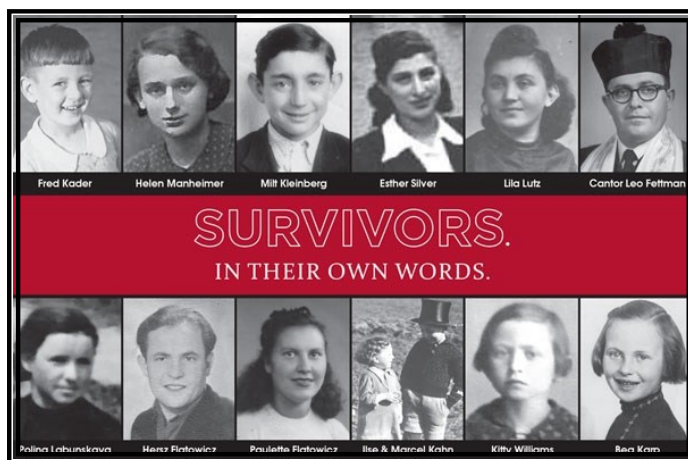
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Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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YAHREZEITS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

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Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

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May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

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10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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7th-12th Grades

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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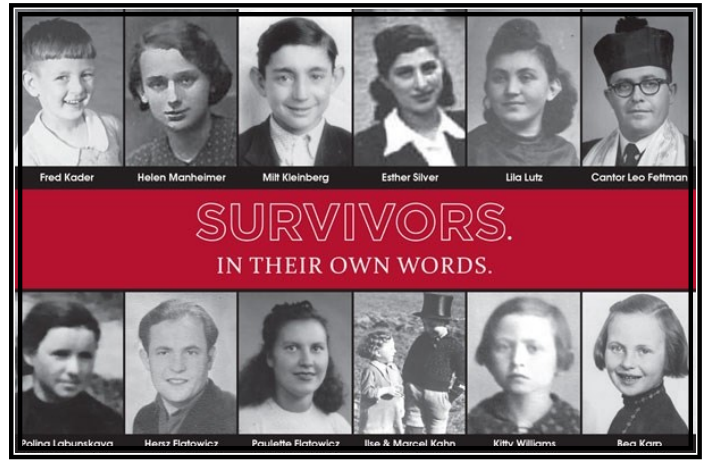
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Yom Hashoah 2018

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Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

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True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



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Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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See schedule below

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

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(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Special classes two Sundays a month

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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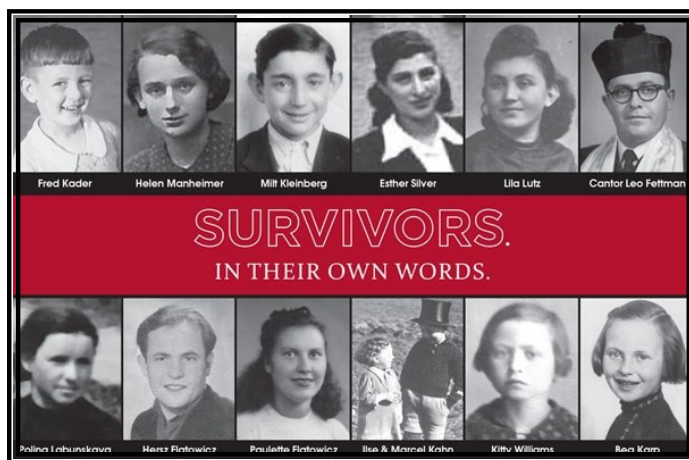
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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

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Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



**Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski
AKA Janet**



**Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel
and Emerson enjoying Purim**



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



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Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

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Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

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Week of Learning

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
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◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



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ANNUAL MEETING

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
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6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ◆ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ◆ Will Bloom - *Sheila Moravec*
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- ◆ George Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
- ◆ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

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Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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Yahrzeits

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
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MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



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9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:55 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



The Beth Israel Bulletin

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Mincha 7:30pm

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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7th-12th Grades

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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June 7-10

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

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Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

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How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

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True Independence at 70

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Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



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Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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See schedule below

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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April

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MAY

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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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Special classes two Sundays a month

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Thursdays

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekas	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Don & Nancy Greenberg

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

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Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

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Thursday, April 19, 10 am

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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

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Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



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Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

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See schedule below

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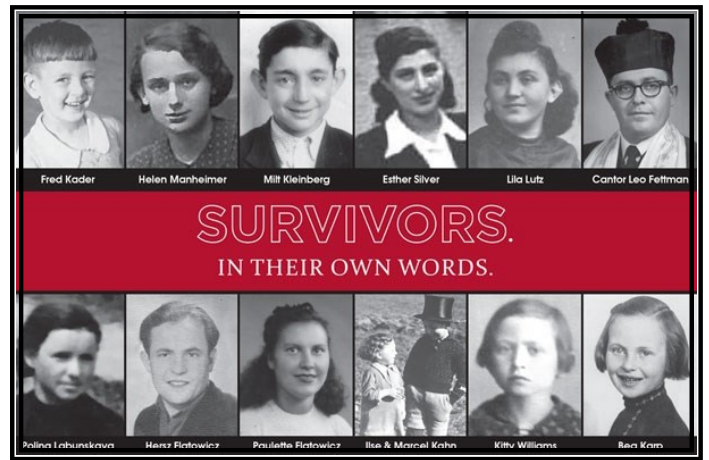
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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ♦ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ♦ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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- ♦ Will Bloom - *Sheila Moravec*
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- ♦ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

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...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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- ♦ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

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Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

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Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

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Mondays

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Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

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Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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April 2018 ~ Nissan/Iyar 5778



Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm

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Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
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◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
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◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

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Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

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7th Day of Omer

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Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

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BAOMER

Backyard BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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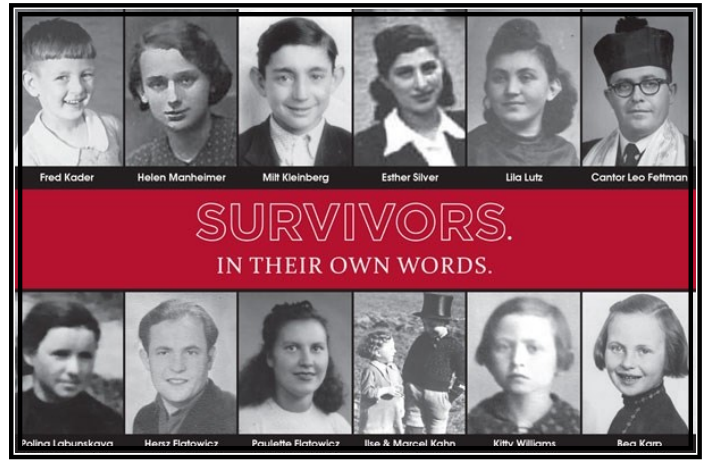
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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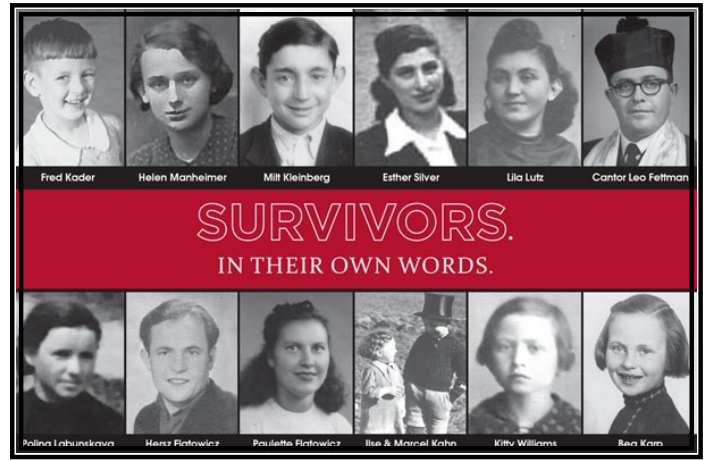
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Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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7th-12th Grades

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June 7-10

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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yearzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yearzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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Yizkor 10:30am

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BAOMER

Backyard BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

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See schedule below

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

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BIRTHDAYS

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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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Memorial Plaques

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
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Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



**Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski
AKA Janet**



**Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel
and Emerson enjoying Purim**



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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YAHREZEITS

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Thursdays

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Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home***.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
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in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekess	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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Shacharit Schedule

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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April

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

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Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

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Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

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How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

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Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

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Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay. ...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday. ...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman. ...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum. ...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group. ...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday. ...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah. ...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday. ...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover. ...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
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◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
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◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

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Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

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◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

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...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

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Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

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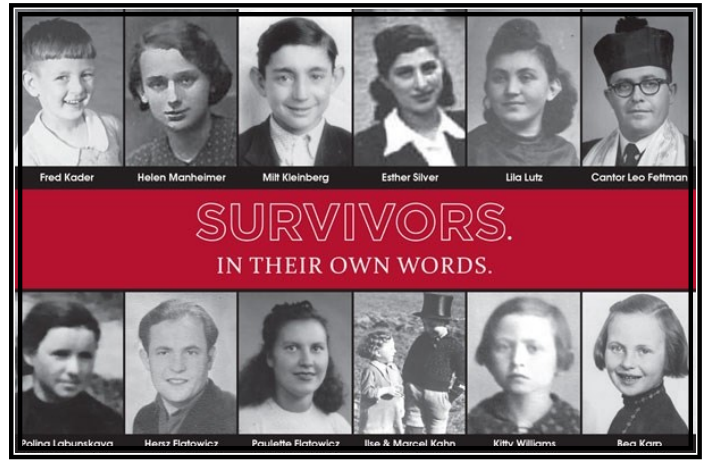
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
- 17 April - Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Beth Israel
- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
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not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
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Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

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(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
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Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm

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BAOMER

Backyard

BBQ / BONFIRE

Hot Dogs/Burgers + Watermelon + Lemonade
S'mores + Music + Frisbee + Hasidic Tales

MAY 2, 2018 • 6:00-8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week***

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
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- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

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June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

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***Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
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A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.***



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with ***Torah in Your Home.***
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. ***See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.***



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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- ♦ Mary Smith - *Roger & Jeri Smith*

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
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- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
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- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

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See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

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9:03 pm Havdalah

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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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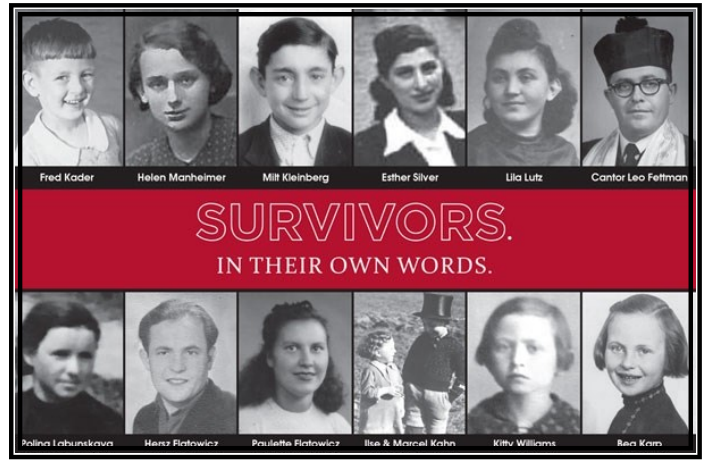
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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

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Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

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MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

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Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

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7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

...to Jack and Bette Kozlen for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of their daughter, Amy Barnum.

...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

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Mincha 7:20pm

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
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April

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MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
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Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
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📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

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Week of Learning

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Simcha Plaques

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A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
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◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
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- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

YAHREZEITS

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- ♦ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
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April

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
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- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

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See schedule below

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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May 23, 2018

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...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

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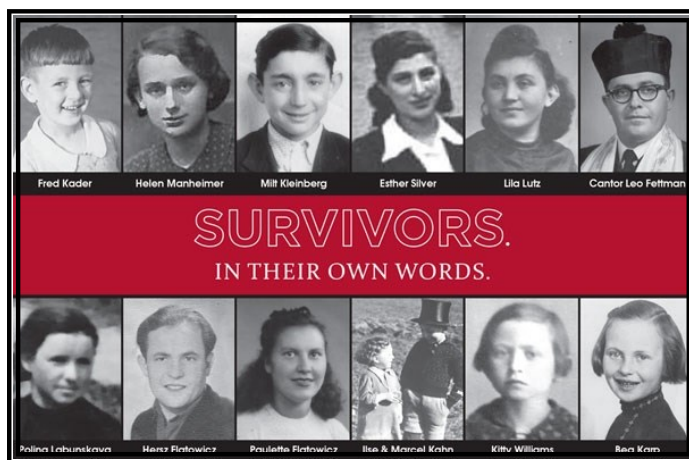
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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

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7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

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...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

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Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

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Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
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SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
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3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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7th-12th Grades

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NCSY HAPPENINGS

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TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

...to Donald Gerber for donating the cake for the March Simcha Kiddish in honor of Patricia Newman's birthday.

...to Jonathan and Stacey Rockman for sponsoring a Week of Learning for the yahrzeit of Jonathan's father, Jack Cople Rockman.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - **For 3-6 year olds**

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - **For K-6th Grades**

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - **Infants - 6 years**

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
Rabbi Ari or the synagogue office to
schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

April 8 - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust?*
with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
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◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

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GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ♦ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ♦ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ♦ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
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- ♦ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ♦ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ♦ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ♦ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
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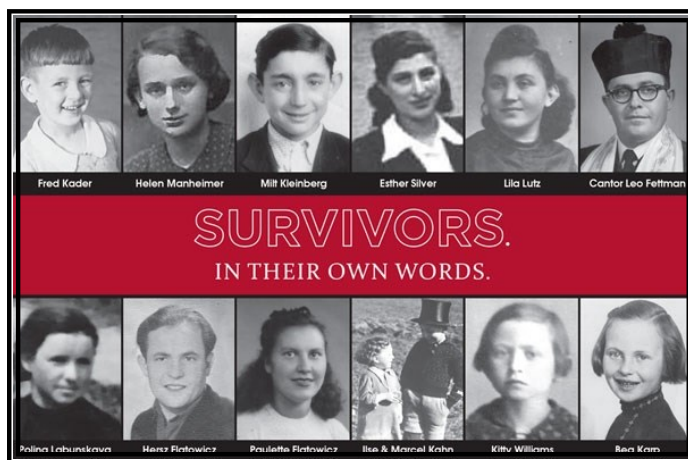
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The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



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Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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with Rabbi Shlomo

April 15 - *True Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

7:30 p.m. - *Talmud* with Rabbi Shlomo

Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohli Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact Mary Sue Grossman.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Israel sends its very best wishes to those who will be celebrating in the coming month. Call the synagogue office for any additions.

BIRTHDAYS

◆ Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5	◆ Scott Susman	Apr 17
◆ Max Goldberg	Apr 5	◆ Daniel Grossman	Apr 18
◆ Bradley Berman	Apr 5	◆ Rachel Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Sara Weiner	Apr 6	◆ Sarah Aoki	Apr 18
◆ Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9	◆ Ilana Tam	Apr 18
◆ David Kohll	Apr 9	◆ Samuel Kohll	Apr 21
◆ Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9	◆ Elayne Stoller	Apr 22
◆ Kevin Adler	Apr 11	◆ Harold Edelman	Apr 23
◆ Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11	◆ Zoe Riekes	Apr 23
◆ Jack Kohll	Apr 14	◆ Yaakov Jeidel	Apr 23
◆ Zoe Berman	Apr 14	◆ Josephine Lila Epstein	Apr 23
◆ Jonathan Rockman	Apr 15	◆ Nathan Wolf	Apr 25
◆ Georgia Ann Steinberg	Apr 16	◆ Shilo Abramovich	Apr 26
◆ Sarah Potash	Apr 16	◆ Paul Shyken	Apr 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



Celebrate your special family events at the April Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, April 21st. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.



In Memoriam

Rina Waks

Molly Lipsman

Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

A tribute card is a lovely way to express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.

Memorial Plaques

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones is with a memorial plaque installed in the alcoves at the back of the sanctuary. The price of a plaque, including your loved one's name and yahrzeit date in both English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

Richard Gurevich

CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from
February 26, 2018 through March 21, 2018*

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- ◆ For the speedy recovery of Michael Lohman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Happy 90th birthday to Rose David - *Esther Silver*
- ◆ To Kim Stoler, condolences on your loss - *Mike and Marina Sadofsky*
- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
- ◆ Mazel Tov to Joel Alperson on the arrival of Connie and the new babies - *Donald Gerber*
- ◆ Happy Birthday to Patricia Newman - *Jordana Kurtzman*
- ◆ Praying for a speedy recovery for Bob Spitzer - *David & Shirley Goodman*
- ◆ In memory of Jan Glass - *Richard & Cheryl Diamond*
- ◆ To Jim and Sally Zipursky, our sincere condolences on Morley's passing. - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*

Yahrzeits

- ◆ Bruce Bloom - *Dick Fellman*
- ◆ Samuel Shiff - *Garry & Shirley Laupheimer*
- ◆ Harry & Bess Trustin - *Barbara Taxman*
- ◆ Moshe Parilman - *Vera Lewis*
- ◆ Sarah Golomb - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach
- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
- 8 April - *How Should We Remember the Holocaust*
with Rabbi Shlomo
- 10 April - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- 11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration
at Beth El Synagogue
- 15 April - *Ture Independence at 70* with Rabbi Ari
- 16 April - Rosh Chodesh Group @ home of Jordana Kurtzman
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- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
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- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

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Passover - Apr 6 & 7

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8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Yosef Seigel and Sarah Abramson - Apr 3



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In Memoriam

Rina Waks

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Louise Radler

Morley Zipursky

Dr. Jerry Kaufman



Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and members of the community on the recent loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

A warm Beth Israel welcome to the following who have recently joined the Beth Israel family.



Don & Nancy Greenberg

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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- ◆ To Eileen and Martin Winkler, thank you for your gracious hospitality - *Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ◆ In appreciation of Beth Israel's hospitality - *Alan Miller & Michal Gross*
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April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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- 6 April - 7th Day of Pesach
- 7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor
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- 18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.
- 21 April - April Simcha Kiddush
- 22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

- 2 May - Lag Ba'Omer Celebration
- 6 May - Beth Israel Annual Meeting
- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
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- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

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Passover - Mar 30 & 31

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8:38 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

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REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

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At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
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May 23, 2018

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...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

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...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

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Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

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Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

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Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

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7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

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7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.



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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are freed on Pesach and we receive our eternal responsibility on Shavuot. To go from freedom to responsibility requires self-work. During the time period of "sefirat haomer," we transform our bodies to be vessels of spirit. We work on our traits, one at a time, to be the best we can be. At Beth Israel, we are not happy with yesterday. We want to become better, and be more than yesterday. We learn, connect and pray to ready ourselves for our mission as a nation, and as a shul.

May we be the best shul we can be,
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

At Passover, we stop asking for rain in our daily prayers. In Sephardic siddurs there is instead a special additional prayer for the dew. Even though the separation for rain in the winter and dew in the summer is more relevant to the weather in Israel, it is still relevant to our nature and our connection to Hashem everywhere. The Talmud teaches us that the rain represents the visible influence of Hashem when we pray and ask for something we think we need, and He, hopefully, responds to us. The dew represents a different type of relationship, invisible but crucial. In that relationship, Hashem provides us with what we need, without our asking, even when we aren't aware that we need it and that He is supporting us. That is the nature of this season, the season of the dew, which represents the endless love and support of Hashem.

Best Wishes,
Rabbi Shlomo



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May 23, 2018

Beth Israel's Volunteer of the Year Award 2018

Please provide a short summary describing why your nominee should be recognized as the Beth Israel Volunteer of the Year. Mail to the office or email to bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org by Tuesday, May 1st. The volunteer award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 6th.



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The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.



A warm "thank you" to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters

...to the March Simcha Kiddish sponsors: *Birthdays:* Dr. Howard Gendelman, Nancy Wolf, Sally Wintroub, Patricia Newman by Donald Gerber, Scott, Adam & Jennifer Goldberg by Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Harry

Berman by Beth, Alex Grossman by Mary Sue Grossman, Cantor Leo Fettman. *Anniversaries:* Beth & Harry Berman, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, Les & Helen Kay.

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...to Anna Goldberg for hosting the March Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Bonnie Bloch for sponsoring the March 17 Shabbos Sheet in honor of Dr. Howard Gendelman's birthday.

...to David and Rocheli Wheeler for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Meir's Bar Mitzvah.

...Alan and Brigitte Kohll for providing a cake for the Purim Seudah in honor of Abby's 16th birthday.

...to Dani Shrago for baking challah for the SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Shabbat dinner and cleaning the synagogue apartment for Passover.

...Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.



...to Danny Stein for qualifying as a national finalist for Chidon Ha'Tanach, Israel's annual national bible contest, coordinated through the Jewish Agency for Israel. Danny will compete in New York in late April. Hannah Stein also participated in the contest.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - 10 A.M.

The Nominating Committee is now working on the slate which will be provided to the congregation. All self-nominations must be submitted in writing to the synagogue office by April 1st.

"Section 5. Nominees for elective vacancies on the Board of Commissioners shall be made by the Nominating Committee and also may be made by written petition on the part of such nominee. Such petition must have endorsed thereon in writing the consent of the candidate or candidates named therein. Such petition shall be filed at the synagogue office on or before April 1st of each year. A list of all nominees shall be mailed to the membership units of the Congregation no later than fifteen days prior to the Annual Meeting."

PASSOVER AT BETH ISRAEL - 2018

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz not before 8:27pm

Erev Pesach - Friday, March 30

Shacharit, followed by Siyum B'chorim 7:00am

Chametz may be eaten until 10:59am

Beth Israel burning of Chametz will be at 11:30am

(you may come at 11:30 or drop off earlier that day)

Burning/Bitul Chametz completed before 12:14pm

Matzah should not be eaten before the Seder

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:29pm

Earliest Seder time 8:28pm

First Day of Pesach - Saturday, March 31

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha/Maariv/Seudah Shlishit 7:30pm

Candle lighting/Earliest Seder time 8:30pm

Second Day of Pesach - Sunday, April 1

First Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

Mincha 7:30pm

Havdalah 8:30pm

Monday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 4 - 2-4 Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Thursday, April 5 - Chol HaMoed - 5th Day of Omer

Shacharit 6:45am

Mincha/Candle Lighting 7:35pm

Friday, April 6 - Chol HaMoed - 6th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00am

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Saturday, April 7 - Shabbat - Last Day of Pesach

7th Day of Omer

Shacharit 9:00 am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 7:20pm

Havdalah 8:38pm



Yom Hashoah 2018

Omaha's Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm at Beth El

Beth El Synagogue will host the 2018 commemoration remembering those loss in the Shoah. Hear the stories, insights and wisdom of Omaha's Holocaust survivors in their own words. This event is open to the community. For more info visit www.ihene.org.

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'utzmaut at Beth Israel

Community members are invited to expand and enhance their knowledge of these remembrances with special classes and events at Beth Israel.

Sunday, April 8, 10 am

How Should We Remember the Holocaust?

Rabbi Shlomo's class will include a discussion on the three dates on which the Shoah can be remembered and their significance.

Sunday, April 15, 10 am

True Independence at 70

Rabbi Ari's class for Yom Ha'atzma'ut will include a discussion on how American Jews can deepen their relationship to Israel.

Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm

The event will begin at 7 p.m., commencing with the sounding of a siren as is done in Israel. The evening will include clips from the Israeli film, "Teum Kavnot - InSight" followed by talks by Sara and Yaakov Abramovich, parents of Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich. Yaakov served as a tank gunner in the Yom Kippur War and Sara will recall her childhood memories of the Six-Day War. Others who served in the IDF will also share their personal stories. The evening will conclude with the reciting of Kel Maleh Rachmim, the prayer for the souls of the departed.



Thursday, April 19, 10 am

Yom Ha'atzma'ut—The Final Step of the Redemption from Egypt

Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel

Beth Israel's innovative,
dynamic new program for
youth of all ages



SHABBAT PROGRAMMING

10:30-11:15 a.m.

*Class times may vary slightly - please
confirm with the teacher. All classes may
not be held each week*

3-6 years - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman

7-11 years - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber

12-17 years - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel

12-17 years - *Matmidim* with Mr. Shrago

Approx 12pm, *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari

Tot Shabbat

First Shabbat of the Hebrew month

10:40-11 a.m. - For 3-6 year olds

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

10-11:30 a.m. - For K-6th Grades

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

Apr 8 - *Sfirat Haomer*

Apr 15 - *Yom Ha'atzma'ut*

Apr 22 - *Pesach Sheni* - Tumah/Tehara

JYE BI/P.J. Library

10:30-11:30a.m. - Infants - 6 years

Next session date to be announced

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

THURSDAY PROGRAMMING

7th-12th Grades

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Generational Learning*
for all ages with Rabbi Ari & Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for 7th-12th Grades*
with Rabbi Ari

NCSY HAPPENINGS

May 10-13 - Jr. Spring Regional at Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional at Camp Chi

TEEN TRIP TO NEW YORK

June 7-10

Contact Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo or Yaakov for details

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE BEIT MIDRASH LEARNING

*Sponsoring a week of Beit Midrash
learning is a wonderful way to
commemorate a special occasion.
A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact
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schedule.*



Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Bagels & Beit Midrash

Special classes two Sundays a month

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Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Creating Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari

Mondays

12:00 p.m. - *Talmudic Tales* with Rabbi Shlomo

Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari

12 noon - *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

6:30 p.m. - *L'Dor V'Dor - Intergenerational Learning* -
with Rabbi Shlomo

6:30 p.m. - *Character Building for Teens* - Rabbi Ari

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Saturdays

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion

Study according to your schedule with **Torah in Your Home**.
Meet one-on-one, or with a few friends for this learning
opportunity. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to set up a time. Bar and
Bat Mitzvah prep provided by Donald Gerber and Rabbi Ari.
Contact them directly for additional information. **See left
column for JYE BI learning schedule.**



Rabbi Zelig Mandel - Sofer Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22

Rabbi Zelig Mandel, a certified sofer
(scribe) who is the owner and CEO
of Sofer Plus, will be visiting Omaha

in April. He will spend time at Friedel Jewish Academy on the
20th and lead a class for JYE BI students and inspect mezuzot
and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd. Watch the Jewish Press and
Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.

📷 Photo Gallery 📷



Purim 2018



JYE BI teens studying



The "Super" Kohl Family enjoying Purim and a birthday celebration



Joshua Kurtzman with Katherine Pawlowski AKA Janet



Rabbi Ari, Matt Beneda, Yosef Seigel and Emerson enjoying Purim



JYE BI students making matzah



JYE BI students getting creative!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in-Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

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- 10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional
- 12 May - May Graduation & Simcha Kiddush
- 13 May - Yom Yerushalayim
- 15 May - Rosh Chodesh Group
- 19 May - Erev Shavuot
- 20 May - First Day of Shavuot
- 21 May - Second Day of Shavuot
- 23 May - Omaha Gives!
- 24-28 May - NCSY Sr. Spring Regional
- 28 May - Memorial Day - Office Closed



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SERVICE SCHEDULE APRIL 2018

Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:30 pm Candle Lighting

Passover - Apr 6 & 7

7:37 pm Candle Lighting

7:20 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:38 pm Havdalah

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14

7:44 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:30 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

Parsha Shemini - Apr 13 & 14 (cont.)

8:47 pm Havdalah

Parsha Tazria-Metzora - Apr 20 & 21

7:52 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:35 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

8:55 pm Havdalah

Parsha Acharei Mot-Kedoshim - Apr 27 & 28

7:59 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting

7:45 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit

9:03 pm Havdalah

REMINDER! To assure the scheduling of mincha/maariv minyan times in advance, please contact the office by the Wednesday of the week before the date. This allows the synagogue to include those times in the weekly schedule and also allow minyan attendees to adjust their schedules accordingly.