



# The Beth Israel Bulletin

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*Chag Sameach*  
**HAPPY  
PASSOVER**

## Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

We are approaching the month of “Nissan,” or the month “Aviv,” the springtime of the world. It is the time when we embrace the world naturally, and historically as well, as we prepare for our independence day, Pesach. It is a time when the life and soul within us “springs” outward as we encounter our role in this world. So as we all work on our lawns, and start taking long walks in our beautiful world, we remember the beauty within us that needs to be expressed as well. We rid our homes and souls of the negative “Chametz” so we can shine our eternal message to the world.

Happy Spring and Pesach to all,  
Rabbi Ari

## Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

The main theme of Passover is freedom, and at this time of the year we are seeking for true freedom. When we carefully read the story of Passover, we see that every time Moshe asks Pharaoh to send out the people of Israel, he immediately adds “to worship and sacrifice to G-d.” We can learn from it that the idea of being totally free, with no one in charge of us, is foreign to the Torah.

We are always part of something greater and will always have responsibilities. The real freedom is when we subject ourselves to something that fits our nature and which is not contradicting our identity. The service of Hashem, our creator, and the observing of the mitzvot are leading us to live our life according to our own true self. This will set us free, to real and deep freedom.

Rabbi Shlomo

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***The next Board of  
Commissioners meeting  
is scheduled for  
Wednesday, March 14th  
at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Social Hall***



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

...to Beth Cohen and Harry Berman for sponsoring a Shabbos Sheet in honor of the 14th anniversary of the opening of the "new building" on Parsha Yitro, February 14, 2004.

...to friends of Judy Rosenfeld for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Judy's birthday and her visit to Omaha.

...the February Simcha Kiddush sponsors: *Birthdays*: Carl Riekes, Marina Sadofsky, Paulette and Hersz Flatowicz by Pierre Flatowicz, Richard Reinblatt, Zena Fishbain, Errol Saltzman, Bonnie Bloch, Sherry Taxman, Joe Kirshenbaum, Joshua Priluck, Malechi Abramovich. *Anniversaries*: Jack and Bette Kozlen, Bruce and Linda Potash, Phil and Nancy Wolf.

...to Linda Potash for hosting the February Rosh Chodesh group.

...to Maneva Ruth Edelman for sponsoring the Beth Israel Beit Midrash classes February 18 through March 3.

...to Fred Weiss for donating 20 Artscroll Transliterated Siddurim.

...to Sharon & Jeff Kirshenbaum for chairing the Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat dinner.

... to Tippi Denenberg for making challah, Dani Shrago and Maneva Edelman for setting tables., and Bette Kozlen for her song-writing skills for the Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat dinner.

...to Anna Goldberg for chairing this year's hamentaschen sales and thanks to the hamentaschen baking crew - Stephanie Beneda, Sheila Priluck, Dani Shrago, Ida Banner, Jordana Kurtzman, Josh Priluck, Beth Cohen, Crystal Smith, Linda Potash, and Sunni Trotter. Thanks also to everyone for supporting this annual fundraiser.

...to Baker's at 120<sup>th</sup> & Center for donating the ice cream for Wednesday evening's Purim Ice Cream Social. Thanks to Helene Shrago for making those arrangements.

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

...to Susan Katzman for sponsoring Shabbos Sheets throughout the year.



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



**BETH ISRAEL IS HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE  
NJOP INITIATIVE CELEBRATING**

## "PASSOVER ACROSS AMERICA"

**Saturday, March 31, 2018**

7:30 p.m.

Mincha/Seudah Shlishit followed by  
Seder Introduction, Salad and Fish

8:00 p.m.

Maariv and Intermission

8:30 p.m.

Seder

Menu includes grape juice and wine, matzah, matzo ball soup, tossed salad, brisket, baked chicken, potatoes, vegetable, dessert, and beverages

\$18 for adults; \$9 ages 4-12; \$5 ages 3 and under

## RESERVATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 23

After March 23, price increases to \$28 for adults,  
\$19 ages 4-12; \$10 ages 3 and under

# April

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# MAY

2-5 April - Chol Hamead Pesach

6 April - 7th Day of Pesach

7 April - Final Day of Pesach/Yizkor

8 April - Yom Hashoah with Rabbi Shlomo

11 April - Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration  
at Temple Israel

15 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut with Rabbi Ari

17 April - Yom Hazikaron at Beth Israel

18 April - Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration @ J.C.C.

18 April - Board of Commissioners meeting

21 April - April Simcha Kiddush

22 April - Shofer Rabbi Zelig Mandel

3 May - Yom Yerushalayim

4 May - Lag B'Omer

6 May - Patron Member Event

6 May - Board of Commissioners meeting

10-13 May - NCSY Jr. Spring Regional

12 May - May Simcha Kiddush

13 May - Yom Yerushalayim

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



## 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**

Mar 11 - Day in the Life of a Torah Jew

Mar 18 - Story of Pesach

Mar 25 - Halashot of Pesach

Apr 1 - Pesach Break

### JYE BI/P.J. Library

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

Next session will be Mar 25

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 and Rabbi Shlomo

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

### Special Program for 5th & 6th Grades

Wednesday, March 14

Omaha Jewish History Tour

*Joint program of the Jewish Federation of Omaha,  
the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society,  
Beth El Synagogue, Temple Israel, and Beth Israel*

## 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.*



### Sunday

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

Special classes two Sundays a month

March 18 - *How to Make Pesach Kosher* - Rabbi Ari

March 25 - *The Haggadah - It's Much More Than  
Just Ten Questions* - Rabbi Ari

### Weekdays

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

### Monday

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

### Thursday

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 - Generational Learning with Rabbi Ari  
and Rabbi Shlomo

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

### Saturday

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**



*Be a part of this  
outstanding opportunity  
for you to help secure a  
Jewish future for Beth  
Israel and Omaha's  
Jewish community.  
Contact Bonnie Bloch,  
Donald Gerber or  
Mary Sue Grossman to learn more.*



# Photo Gallery



**Doron Sheffer does hamentaschen too!**



**What's a basketball player to do?**



**Doron Sheffer basketball clinic**



**Hamentaschen baking crew**



**Crystal Smith mixing dough**



**Sunday morning JYE BI action**



**February JYE BI PJ Library happenings**



## PRODUCTS REQUIRING PROPER RABBINICAL SUPERVISION FOR PASSOVER

- ✧ Apple juice
- ✧ Apple sauce
- ✧ Artificial sweetener
- ✧ Baby food
- ✧ Beverages
- ✧ Brown sugar
- ✧ Butter
- ✧ Candies
- ✧ Canned fruit (except in 100% natural juice)
- ✧ Chocolate
- ✧ Delicatessen meats
- ✧ Dried fruit
- ✧ Frozen vegetables
- ✧ Gefilte fish
- ✧ Grape juice
- ✧ Herbal tea
- ✧ Horseradish
- ✧ Ices/ice cream
- ✧ Jams/jellies
- ✧ Ketchup
- ✧ Margarine
- ✧ Mayonnaise
- ✧ Nondairy creamers
- ✧ Pet foods
- ✧ Pickles
- ✧ Pre-cooked poultry products
- ✧ Potato chips
- ✧ Salad dressing
- ✧ Soda pop
- ✧ Soft cheese
- ✧ Soup mixes
- ✧ Spices (ground)
- ✧ Syrup
- ✧ Tuna fish
- ✧ Vegetable oil/shortening
- ✧ Vinegar
- ✧ Wine
- ✧ Yogurt

### Special Notes

**MILK**—Hiland Milk with a P next to the date is supervised by the VAAD.

**PREWASHED FRESH VEGETABLES**—Require certification. Fresh Express must be OK-P, however, Dole with a Star K does not require a P. Salad Time with an OV is not approved for Pesach.

**EGG & GRAPE MATZAH**—Matzah made with fruit juice or eggs is permissible on Passover only for the elderly, the sick, or young children who cannot digest regular matzah. The following matzah falls into this category: egg matzah, chocolate covered egg matzah, egg matzah crackers, Passover Tam Tam crackers, white grape matzah.

**BAKING SODA.**

**COCOA**—Hershey's.

**COFFEE**—All regular, OU unflavored coffees do not need special certification. Decaffeinated coffees do require Passover certification (Folgers, Taster's Choice, Hills Bros.) All General Foods coffee (Maxwell House, Sanka) require OK-P.

**EGGS**—Should be purchased before Passover.

**FRUIT**—Raw or frozen, unsweetened and without syrup. Canned in 100% natural juices.

**INFANT FORMULA**—Isomil, Similac, Enfamil.

**FISH**—Kosher frozen or raw fish is acceptable.

**JUICE**—Any pure frozen orange or grapefruit juice with no added ingredients. In containers, look for Tropicana with the Circle K-P.

**MEAT**—All kosher raw unprocessed meat and chicken may be used. Ground beef needs special Passover certification.

**NUTS**—Commercially packaged, raw unroasted, uncolored nuts with no additives and not listing "BHA and corn oil," bleached or unbleached, shelled or unshelled. All Herman's raw and unroasted nuts are acceptable, including almonds, pecans, and walnuts.

**OLIVE OIL**—All extra virgin olive oil with an OU or Pompeian Extra Virgin with the Star K.

**POULTRY**—All raw Empire or Aaron's poultry that has no added ingredients.

**SALT**—Any non-iodized brand without maltodextrin, dextrose or polysorbate.

**SOAP PADS**—Scotch Brite.

**SUGAR**—Any brand, white granulated cane sugar (not confectionary); Domino brand Brown or Brownulated with a Circle K-P.

**TEA**—Any brand of pure, unflavored tea or tea bags (Lipton, Tetley); Nestea Instant, regular and decaf, unflavored.

THE O.U. PASSOVER GUIDE'S ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BETH ISRAEL OFFICE  
GUIDES PLUS THE O.U. PRE-PASSOVER WEBINAR ALSO AVAILABLE AT [WWW.OU.ORG](http://WWW.OU.ORG)

### Passover Maot Chitim Fund



*One of the basic preparations for Passover is to ensure that every Jew has the financial ability "to make Pesach." As you prepare for your Seders, it is also time to open your heart and support those in need. Through the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, money is discreetly distributed to the needy to provide support during the holiday and throughout the year. Please send your check to the synagogue office, payable to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.*

# THE KASHERING PRIMER – PASSOVER 2018

Rabbi Eli Gersten of the Orthodox Union

One of the most daunting preparations we make for Passover is kashering, a process to prepare chametz utensils for Passover use. As with all areas of halachah, those who are unsure of how to apply the rules of kashering to their situation should consult an Orthodox rabbi. The Torah (Bemidbar 31:23) requires kashering utensils that have been used with non-kosher (and will have absorbed non-kosher flavor). Chametz on Passover is forbidden so the laws of kashering to chametz. There are four basic methods. The prescribed method depends on the utensil and how it was used.

**LIBUN Gamur (Burning):** Utensils used directly in the fire, (e.g. BBQ grate) must be kashered by placing them into fire. This process has the effect of burning any absorbed taste. To qualify as a complete libun, metal must be heated until it glows. A self-clean cycle of an oven (approx. 850° F) also qualifies as libun. There is no need to wait 24 hours before libun, though it is advised. There is no need to scrub the utensil before performing libun, since the fire will burn off residue, but some cleaning is advised.



**HAGALAH (Boiling):** Utensils that were used to cook non-kosher liquid can be kashered with hagalah (boiling in water). To prepare the utensil for hagalah, the utensil must be thoroughly cleaned. Only utensils that can be scrubbed clean should be kashered. Items that have narrow cracks, crevices, deep scratches or other areas that cannot be cleaned, cannot be kashered for Passover. The following, for example, cannot be kashered for Passover: pots with rolled lips, bottles with narrow necks, filters, colanders, knives (or other utensils) where food can get trapped between the blade and handle. After cleaning, the utensils should then be left idle for 24 hours. To kasher, every part of the utensil must make contact with boiling water. This process can be done in parts. For example, a large spoon can be immersed into a pot of boiling water for 10 seconds, turned over and then the remainder immersed. When the utensil is removed from the boiling water, it should be rinsed off in cold water. While strictly speaking these utensils may be kashered in a clean non-Passover pot that was not used for 24 hours, the minhag, however, is to kasher the pot first, by boiling water in the pot and discarding.



**IRUY KLI RISHON (Poured boiling water):** If the utensil only came in contact with hot liquid being poured on it (iruy), it can be kashered in the same manner. If the utensil came in contact with hot chametz solids, then one should kasher by pouring boiling water accompanied by an even melubenet, a heated stone. For example, if hot pasta fell into a sink, stones should be heated on the stove, and moved around the surface of the sink while boiling water is poured over them. In this way, the water will remain boiling on the surface of the sink. The stones may need to be reheated several times, since they cool down quickly. In all other aspects the process is identical to hagalah.



**LIBUN KAL (Light burning):** In certain cases, libun kal is sufficient. This can be accomplished by heating in an oven at 550° F for one hour. This method of kashering can be used in place of hagalah. It is also used when the need for libun is only an added stringency.

**Not every material can be kashered.** Ceramic, such as china, and enamel coated pots cannot be kashered. Ask your rabbi for guidance.

## Mechirat Chametz—Selling Chametz

It is preferable to either eat or give away all chametz in one's house prior to Pesach. If this is not possible, then the chametz can be sold before Pesach to a non-Jew (see contract above). The sold Chametz is the non-Jew's property until after Passover ends and must be secured until after Passover when the Rabbi repurchases it for the community. It should be stored away in a manner in which the non-Jew would have access to it. Unsold Chametz which remained in a Jew's possession during Passover may not be used even after Passover ends. If you have any questions, call Rabbi Ari. Rabbi will be available in the office for the Sale of Chametz after minyan each day the week prior to Pesach or by appointment. You may also send your form via mail, fax to (402) 556-5759, or email to [bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org](mailto:bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org). The signed form must be received in the synagogue office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH at 11 a.m..**

### DELEGATION OF POWER FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

Know that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Ari Dembitzer to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly), as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. chametz, possible chametz and all kinds of chametz mixtures). And to lease all places wherein the chametz owned by me may be found, wherever it may be. Rabbi Ari Dembitzer has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and detailed forms as explained in the general authorization contract which have been given this year to Rabbi Ari Dembitzer to sell the chametz.

This general authorization is made a part of this agreement. Also, I do hereby give the said Rabbi Ari Dembitzer full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with laws of the State of Nebraska and of the United States. And to this I hereby affix my signature on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address where chometz is located \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Jake and Susan Besser  
Israel Experience  
Endowment Fund**



Many thanks to Jake and Susie Besser who have generously funded the *Jake and Susan Besser Israel Experience Endowment Fund* at the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation. The fund is available to award up to three, \$500 scholarships each year, to enable Jewish high school students from families of Beth Israel members to take organized trips to Israel sponsored by a Jewish organization. Each scholarship recipient shall provide the Foundation an essay describing his or her experience in Israel including the places and sites visited, perception of the country and its people, and the impact of the visit on the scholarship recipient. For additional information, please call the Foundation office at (402) 334-6498.



**March 19-23, 2018**

Week of Understanding is an annual educational initiative created by the Institute for Holocaust Education and the Omaha Public Schools. The week is designed to deliver Holocaust survivor testimony to a maximum number of students in one school week. The IHE anticipates well over 5,000 students from 30 different schools will participate in the program this year. The following are special engagements open to the public.

**Dr. Mark Wygoda**

***"Comandante Enricom," My Father's Holocaust Resistance***

Tuesday, March 20, 7pm

Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific St

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30pm

OPL - Millard Branch (13214 Westwood Lane)

**A Roll of the Dice**

**Testimony of Holocaust survivor & Author, Agnes Schwartz**

March 21, 6:30pm

Durham Museum, Truhlsen Hall

Reservations required to 402-444-5071 or

reservations@DurhamMuseum.org

Museum admission applies

For the 2018 Week of Understanding, local Holocaust survivors Fred Kader, Bea Karp, Kitty Williams, Lila Lutz, Milt Kleinberg, and Marcel Kahn will be joined by several out-of-town speakers.

## Welcome New Members!

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

*Sam & Shirley Cemaj*

*David & Susan Lekowsky*

*Joan Marcus*

*Jon and Denise Meyers*

*Mercedes Obora & Gabor Petro*

*and son, Gabor*

*Lloyd and Debbie Roitstein*

*Uriel Sandkovsky & Silvia Herszkopf Oreamuno,*

*and children, Ruth and Joel*

### A Look Back at Beth Israel's History

This past month, Beth Israel celebrated the 14th anniversary of the "new" building. The following is a summary of the synagogue's rich history.

1883 - First presence of an Orthodox community in Omaha. Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol (BHH), otherwise known as "The Litvsche Shul," was built. Other small synagogues were formed over the next few years, including B'nai Israel Adas Russia (better known as "The Kippler Shul"), B'nai Jacob Anshe Sholom ("The Kapulier Shul"), and Beth Hamedrash Adas Yeshurun. Bnai Jacob Anshe Sholom and Beth Hamedrosh Adas Yeshurun merged to form B'nai Jacob Adas Yeshurun, but kept the nickname "The Kapulier Shul." B'nai Israel and BHH merged to form the Union of Orthodox Congregations of Omaha.

1946 - UOC hires architect Clarence Kivett of the firm Kivett and Meyers (Kansas City) to create a design for a new synagogue building. The building was a major advance in architecture; its large sanctuary and social hall spanned about 200 feet without any support columns. Beth Israel Synagogue is the name selected for this new congregation.

1948 - Groundbreaking ceremony in September at 1502 North 52nd Street.

1950 - Cornerstone ceremony in May.

1951 - Completion of the building and dedication ceremony in September.

1961 - Construction of school wing.

1999 - Membership of Beth Israel approved the building of the new synagogue on property owned by the synagogue at 126th and Pacific Streets. With architects RDG Planning and Design, the synagogue works to design a building to meet the needs of the congregation.

2002 - Groundbreaking ceremony in October at 12604 Pacific Street.

2004 - Opening of the new building in February and formal dedication in October.



## NOTES FROM THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE



### Welcome, Kurt!

Kurt Myers has joined the Beth Israel staff in the position of Executive Assistant. Kurt is a native of Florida and has lived in Omaha for two years. He and his wife, Ashley, have five children, Kincaid, Korbin, Alice, Kolten, and Ariel. Kurt is a veteran of the U.S.

Army, during which he served in Iraq.

### Office Hours

The synagogue office is open 9am-4pm, Monday through Thursday and Friday, 9am-2pm. If your phone call is not answered, please select the voice mail option for the person with whom you wish to speak, and they will call you back as soon as possible.

Please call ahead if you wish to meet with Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo, or Mary Sue to assure they are available to meet. Schedules are quite variable and we do not want to disappoint anyone.

### Keep Yourself "In the Know"

For timely information on Beth Israel happenings, please provide the synagogue with your email address. Each Thursday, a weekly email is sent which includes service times and details on upcoming events. Emails are also sent with a notification of any death in the Jewish community. Reminders, special information and more is also shared via email. Did you miss Shabbat services? The weekly email also includes a link to the weekly Shabbos Sheet so you can always be "in the know" and keep up to date. Please contact the office at [bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org](mailto:bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org) or (402) 556-6288 or to update your records.



### Synagogue Statements

Statements will be mailed approximately the 10th of each month. Your prompt payment of your balance is greatly appreciated. Please contact Mary Sue with any questions.

### Hebrew Names, Birthdays and More

All accounts will reviewed in the near future to assure records are complete, particularly to have everyone's Hebrew name and birthday. Kurt will be contacting those for whom the information is missing. Your prompt response to his inquiry will be greatly appreciated.

## Beth Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop



**Let the Gift Shop help you make this the best Pesach ever!**

Gift Shop Hours

Mon - Thu - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fri - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**ALL PASSOVER ITEMS 20% OFF!**



Great new Passover items include adorable baby bibs, Passover games, seder props, Passover board books, hostess gift sets, matzah holders, charoset and salt water dishes, beautiful seder plates and much more.

The gift shop also has a wonderful selection of games, toys, and other items for weddings, babies, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, or just for yourself.

Thanks to Lynne Saltzman for serving as the Gift Shop



## 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](mailto:bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org), submit via the website at [www.orthodoxomaha.org](http://www.orthodoxomaha.org) or call the synagogue office.

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

## MARCH 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

Mar 1	Paulette Flatowicz	Mar 14	Phil Wolf
Mar 2	Jane Cohen	Mar 14	Debbie Denenberg
Mar 2	Lea Jeidel	Mar 15	Sherry Taxman
Mar 2	Abby Kohll	Mar 16	Jane Cohen
Mar 3	Alex Grossman	Mar 16	Richard Reinblatt
Mar 4	Roman Pitman	Mar 17	Patricia Newman
Mar 4	Sally Wintroub	Mar 17	Scott Goldberg
Mar 5	Amy Reynolds	Mar 18	Howard Gendelman
Mar 5	Joe Kirshenbaum	Mar 19	Aviva Atri
Mar 6	Nancy Wolf	Mar 21	Kim Klein-Dickerson
Mar 7	Kaye Giller	Mar 23	Rachel Shyken
Mar 8	Jane Fishkin	Mar 24	Scott Susman
Mar 9	Hersz Flatowicz	Mar 24	David Kohll
Mar 10	Zena Fishbain	Mar 27	Leo Fettman
Mar 12	Vera Bernstein	Mar 28	Joan M. Kaiman
Mar 12	Marsha Kleinberg	Mar 28	Debbie Denenberg
Mar 12	Adam Rich	Mar 29	Solomon Denenberg
Mar 13	Leo Fettman	Mar 29	Sally Wintroub
Mar 13	Bonnie Bloch	Mar 30	Bradley Berman
Mar 13	Errol Saltzman	Mar 31	Jonathan Rockman

### ANNIVERSARIES

Harry Berman & Beth Cohen	Mar 14
Ben Shapiro & Amy Reynolds	Mar 18
Ron & Kaye Giller	Mar 18
Michael & Kimberlee Cherry	Mar 18
Fred & Rita Amster	Mar 24
David & Shirley Goodman	Mar 26
Les & Helen Kay	Mar 26
Matt & Stephanie Beneda	Mar 28
Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum	Mar 28
Alan & Deborah Kricsfeld	Mar 29

***Celebrate your family simchas at the March Simcha Kiddush, Saturday, March 17th. It's just \$25 to be a sponsor. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 to sign-up.***



Anne Skolkin  
Saralyn Judd Pinson  
Lillian Schrager

### In Memoriam

Phyllis Milder Weinberg

Miriam Ruppe  
Shirley Falk  
Alan Stoler



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 let express your condolences. Call the office at (402) 556-6288 or email [executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org](mailto:executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org) to send a card for condolences or any other occasion.***



## CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from  
January 26, 2018 through February 25, 2018*

### GENERAL DONATIONS

- ♦ In memory of grandparents - *Gregory Cohn*
- ♦ In memory of Alan Stoler - *Jane Fishkin & the Fishkin family, Dick Fellman, Shelly Lerner & Lourdes Secola, Steven & Margo Riekes, Julee Katzmman*
- ♦ Happy Birthday to Johanna Moss - *Esther Silver*
- ♦ In memory of Miriam Ruppe - *Lourdes Secola. Jack & Bette Kozlen, Ann Moskovits, Julee Katzmman*
- ♦ Thank you for the hospitality - *Aviva & Joel Schwab*
- ♦ In memory of Shirley Falk - *Lourdes Secola & Shelly Lerner*
- ♦ In memory of Esther Erlich - *Gregory & Kimberly Brokke*
- ♦ In memory of the mother of Eileen Winkler - *Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman*
- ♦ In appreciation for those who helped with minyan for yahrzeits - *Bruce & Linda Potash*

### RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS

- ♦ In appreciation of your support to our family – *Todd Smith*

### Yahrzeits

- ♦ Paul & Bernice Crounse - *Joni Crounse*
- ♦ Belle Joseph - *Ed, Anne, & Nate Joseph*
- ♦ Fannie Sherman Chunovic - *Leo & Annette Fettman*
- ♦ Belle Giller - *Ron & Kaye Giller*
- ♦ Merriam Friedman - *Cheryl Smith*
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- ♦ Anna Garrop - *Rosalie Greenspan*
- ♦ Esther Bloom - *Sheila Moravec*
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- ♦ Samuel Orenstein - *Marcia Lipsman*
- ♦ Sallye Levin - *David Levin*
- ♦ Morris Wiseman - *Joan Kaiman*
- ♦ Norman Gendler - *Sally Wintroub*
- ♦ Faye Hollander - *Cheryl Smith*
- ♦ Lottie Erlich - *Richard, Abe & Patty Erlich*



**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, which include your loved ones name and yahrzeit date in both**

**English and Hebrew, is \$400. Contact Mary Sue Grossman for more information.**

**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, April 22**

**Rabbi Zelig Mandel, Sofer**

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, speak on Shabbat, and will inspect mezuzot and tefilin on Sunday the 22nd.

Rabbi Mandel lives in Passaic, NJ with his family, and enjoys running and biking for Team Lifeline and Bike4Chai in his (nonexistent) free time. Watch the Jewish Press and Beth Israel's weekly emails for additional details.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



**Remember to "spring forward", moving your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 10.**





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## SERVICE SCHEDULE MARCH 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

#### Parsha Ki Tisa - Mar 2 & 3

5:58 pm Candle Lighting  
5:40 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
6:59 pm Havdalah

#### Shabbat Parah

#### Parshiyot Vayakhel-Pekude - Mar 9 & 10

6:06 pm Candle Lighting  
5:50 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
7:07 pm Havdalah

#### Parsha Vayikra - Mar 16 & 17

7:14 pm Candle Lighting

#### Parsha Vayikra - Mar 16 & 17, continued

7:00 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
8:15 pm Havdalah

#### Parsha Tzav - Mar 23 & 24

7:22 pm Candle Lighting  
7:05 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
8:22 pm Havdalah

#### Passover - Mar 30 & 31

7:29 pm Mincha/Candle Lighting  
7:15 pm Mincha  
8:30 pm Candle Lighting

*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.*