



# The Beth Israel Bulletin

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## Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

This year, we have the opportunity to be double happy because it's a leap year and we celebrate two "Adars". However, it seems odd to tell people to be happy, or be double happy. Either we are happy or we aren't. The rabbis tell us that the key to joy in Judaism is knowledge and connection. If we learn and understand why we do what we do, we will be happy doing it. On Purim, we reaccepted the Torah joyously, because we identify with it and because we engage in it. We have a lot happening at Beth Israel in the next few weeks. Purim, we dance. Dreamland, we give... be a part. However, what makes us unique, are the opportunities to learn and deepen our ways. We have a Sunday morning series this month called "Living authentically Jewish in the 21st century, which addresses vegetarianism, non-orthodox movement, and charity. We also have a daily five - minute class in which we will finish the books of the prophets and writings in less than two years for just five minutes daily! Look out for all the excitement on Facebook and different literature. Our shul is vibrant and growing, be a part!

Happy Adar  
Rabbi Ari

## Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

In this month we will celebrate Purim, on the 14th day of the second Adar. The Talmud explains that Purim is being celebrated on the second Adar and not on the first, because we want to celebrate Purim on the month that is the closest to Passover, and to attach the miracle of Purim to the miracle of Passover. What does that mean? What is the connection between Passover and Purim?

Passover and Purim are two opposites. In Passover we celebrate the open miracles that happened in Egypt. In Purim the miracles are hidden, and we recognize and celebrate the miraculous events which led to the saving of the Jewish people. In the Torah, Nisan is the first month, and Passover is the first holiday, and so Purim is the last holiday. During the year, we grow and learn how to recognize the miracles hidden in nature, and how to find godliness in the world. Our journey is to move from Passover to Purim, to build deep and strong faith, which does not need open miracles in order to believe, and that is able to see godliness in every step in life.



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***The next  
Board of Commissioners  
meeting will be held on  
March 13 beginning  
at 6:30pm  
in the Social Hall.***

***Agenda items must be  
submitted two weeks  
in advance.***



## A Warm "Thank You" to Beth Israel's Wonderful Supporters

*(includes Todah Raba's for February 2 - February 23.)*

...to David Silver for sponsoring the February 2nd Week of Learning.

...to Susan Katzman for sponsoring the February 2nd Shabbos sheet.

...to Jeff Zacharia for sponsoring the February 9th Week of Learning.

...to Dani Shrago doing our weekly shopping.

...to Matt & Stephanie Beneda for sponsoring the February 16th Week of Learning.

...to Brigitte & Alan Kohll for sponsoring the February 16th kiddush.

...to Faige and Ron Lugasy for putting on a wonderful Israeli Cooking Workshop.

...to Harold & Maneva Ruth for sponsoring the February 23 Week of Learning.

...to the sponsors of the February Simcha Kiddish/Mazrachi Kiddush, Joel & Conny Alperson, Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Jeff & Sharon Kirshenbaum, Ann Moskovits, Jack & Helene Shrago, Leon & Dani Shrago; **Birthdays:** David Atri, Bonnie Bloch, Emma Ehrenkranz, Jane Fishkin, Paulette Flatowicz, Hersz Flatowicz, Joe Kirshenbaum, Sara Kohen, Abby Kohll, Joshua Priluck, Marina Sadofsky, Errol Saltzman and grandson Max, Sadie Tam, Sherry Taxman, Phil Wolf; **Anniversaries:** Yaakov & Faige Jeidel, Alan & Brigitte Kohll, Jack & Bette Kozlen, Bruce & Linda Potash, Phil & Nancy Wolf; and Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman in memory of Maneva's brother Gene Ruppe.

...to everyone who has searched through the coat room for their belongings to help tidy up the area.



...Brigitte & Alan Kohll on the birth of their baby boy,  
Benjamin Asher Kohll.

***Have a special simcha in your family?  
Call the office so we can share your good news!***



Beth Israel Synagogue is now partnered with Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program. Dillons Food Stores include Dillons, Bakers, and Gerbes. When participants use their Plus Shopper's card at any Bakers location, Beth Israel Synagogue could receive rewards up to \$500,000. To use the Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program visit

<http://www.bakersplus.com>

Register for a Bakers Plus Shoppers card and enroll by searching for BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE. Purchases will not count for the organization until after participants register their rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

This is one way to help the Synagogue by doing what you're already doing.

Shopping on Amazon?  
Start by clicking the  
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[orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org).



Every purchase you make on Amazon that begins on the Beth Israel website returns a percentage of the purchase to the synagogue. Link found on the bottom right of the synagogue home page.



## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS AT BETH ISRAEL



- Mar 2 - Shabbat Shekalim
- Mar 7 - Rosh Chodesh
- Mar 13 - Board Meeting
- Mar 14-17 - Project Dreamland 3.0
- Mar 16 - Shabbat Zachor
- Mar 16 - Simcha Kiddush
- Mar 17 - *Priorities in Giving Charity: Where Should I Give My Hard Earned Money?* with Rabbi Ari
- Mar 20 - Fast of Esther
- Mar 20 - Megillah Reading
- Mar 21 - Purim
- Mar 21- *Purim - The Holiest Day of the Year?* with Rabbi Ari
- Mar 24 - *Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism in the Eyes of the Torah: What Do We Have in Common, and What is the Future of World Jewry?* with Rabbi Ari
- Mar 22 - Shushan Purim
- Mar 30 - Shabbat Parah
- Mar 31 - *Animal Sacrifice in the Age of Vegetarianism: How Can They Coincide?* with Rabbi Ari



- Apr 6 - Shabbat Hachodesh
- Apr 6 - Rosh Chodesh
- Apr 10 - Board Meeting
- Apr 13 - Shabbat Hagadol
- Apr 18 - Search for Chametz
- Apr 18 - First Seder
- Apr 18 - Burning of the Chametz
- Apr 20 - Congregational Seder
- Apr 19-27 - Passover
- Apr 27 - Yizkor

***Have a suggestion for the Beth Israel Programming Committee?  
Contact Julee Katzman,  
Programming Committee Chair***

**Beth Israel's 70's Purim Disco**

5:45 PM - MINCHA  
6 - 8 PM - STROLLING MAGIC  
6 PM - MEGILLAH READING  
6:30 - THE PURIM SEUDA  
7 PM - PURIM SPIEL  
8:30 PM - WINE & THE SECRETS OF TORAH WITH RABBI ARI

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**MARCH 17 • 10-11 AM**  
PRIORITIES IN GIVING CHARITY:  
WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY HARD EARNED MONEY?

**MARCH 24 • 10-11 AM**  
REFORM, CONSERVATIVE, AND ORTHODOX  
JUDAISM IN THE EYES OF THE TORAH:  
IS PLURALISM THE WAY OF GOD?

**MARCH 31 • 10-11 AM**  
ANIMAL SACRIFICE IN THE AGE OF  
VEGETARIANISM: HOW CAN THEY COINCIDE?

BETH ISRAEL OMAHA NEBRASKA



# Project Dreamland 3.0

## Project Dreamland Dinner

Friday, March 15th

Service at 7:13 p.m. Dinner at 7:45 p.m.

Tickets \$8 per person \$26 per Family (immediate families of 4 or more)



Project Dreamland brings 10 kids who have been campers though Camp Simcha, a camp for children and teens with cancer, blood disorders, and/or physical disabilities, to Omaha for a weekend of fun, camaraderie and inspiration. Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, Yaakov Jeidel, and a number of other Beth Israel staff and volunteers are committed to making this weekend the best yet. There will be 10 kids from as far as the Tri-State area, Baltimore, Florida, and Chicago. Some of the events include going to the Star Deli at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, Bagel Bin, the Judah Family Goat Farm, the Henry Doorly Zoo, the grave-site of Rabbi Grodzinsky, Saturday night BBQ hosted by NCSY teens, and a musical Havdalah on Saturday night .

The main event will be the Project Dreamland Friday night meal co-chaired by participants of Jewish Women's Renaissance Project. Friday, March 15 at 7:45 p.m..

RSVP for the Friday Night dinner as seat are limited. Tickets are \$8 per person \$26 for Families of 4 or more. To register please contact the Beth Israel office by phone 402.556.6288 or by Email [executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org](mailto:executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org)



*Photos from  
2017 Project Dreamland*



Thank you to Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Michael & Karen Cohen, Maneva Ruth & Harold Edelman, Moshe & Sarah Rosenblatt, Nancy Rampy-Biniamow & Alan Biniamow, our anonymous donors and the Staenberg Family Foundation for making this year's Dreamland possible with their generous donations and grants.



*The Jewish Youth Experience at Beth Israel - JYE BI is based on the goal of developing passionate and knowledgeable Jews in a fun, content-based environment. Giving kids the building blocks of Torah*

*Judaism and showing the way to make those a part of their daily lives will be found throughout the JYE BI's many activities.*

#### SHABBAT

##### 10:30-11:15am - Classes for all ages

3-6 years old - *Middot Class* with Dr. Gendelman in the Social Hall (If no class is held, children go to baby-sitting room or with parents)

7-11 years old - *Parsha Pearls* with Mr. Gerber in the Beit Midrash (Chapel) and with Rabbi Moshe in the Social Hall

12-17 years old - *Shmooz'n Torah* with Faige Jeidel in the Social Hall

Matmidim with Mr. Shrago in the Social Hall

Approximately 12pm, following kiddush - *Teen Class* with Rabbi Ari his office

#### SUNDAY

##### 10:00-11:30am - K through 6th Grades

Divided into two groups, Faige Jeidel and Sarah Abrahamson will lead the students to deepen their Jewish knowledge and gain a stronger understanding and appreciation for Jewish history, culture, and halacha. This year, the older group will be focusing on Shabbat. They will learn the answers to questions such as what is Shabbat, how do we celebrate Shabbat, what does it mean to celebrate Shabbat, and what are the practical laws that surround it? The younger group has a curriculum structured around the weekly Parsha and learning all the important brachot.

#### TUESDAY

##### Teen Programming

Every Monday from 4:30-5:30pm, teens - 7-12 graders, will meet with Yakkov Jeidel, studying *The Path of the Just*. Once a month the teens will have a fun outing and/or chesed activity.

##### Tot Programming/PJ Library

Special programs, in collaboration with PJ Library Omaha, will take place several times during the year.

**Sunday, April 7**, 10:30-11:30am, at Beth Israel, PJ Library for Passover. Ages 5 and under

**Wednesday May 8**, 5-7pm, at the JCC, PJ Library at the Yom Ha'atzmaut Carnival

**Sunday June 23**, at Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, PJ Library Day at the Zoo. Time to be determined.

Ages 0-12 years.

## WEEK OF LEARNING AT BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

*Sponsoring a Week of Learning is a wonderful way to commemorate a special occasion and support Beth Israel. In addition to the sponsor indicated reason, each Week of Learning sponsorship will be "in the merit of a complete recovery for those who are ill and need a recovery in our community and in the entire nation of Israel." A sponsorship is just \$100. Contact the office to schedule.*

#### Saturday

Approximately 20 mins before Mincha  
*Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion*

#### Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Mar 17 - *Priorities in Giving Charity: Where Should I Give My Hard Earned Money?* - Rabbi Ari

Mar 24 - Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism in the Eyes of the Torah: Is Pluralism the Way of God? - Rabbi Ari

Mar 31 - Animal Sacrifice in the Age of Vegetarianism: How Can They Coincide? - Rabbi Ari

Apr 7 & 14 - *Practical & Spiritual Guide for Passover* - Yosef Seigel

May 5 & 12 - *Kabbalah & Mysticism* - Rabbi Shlomo

Jun 2 - *What is So Special About Jerusalem?* - Rabbi Ari

#### Tuesday

3:00 p.m.

*Torah Tuesday with Rabbi Ari*

#### Thursday

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

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

#### Friday

11:15 a.m. - *Friday Learning Series* @ Kripke Library  
Watch Jewish Press and weekly emails for dates and topics

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 schedule a time.

## 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 the synagogue office.*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Lea Jeidel	Mar 2	Scott Goldberg	Mar 17
Alex Grossman	Mar 3	Howard Gendelman	Mar 18
Meir Wheeler	Mar 3	Aviva Atri	Mar 19
Adam Goldberg	Mar 3	Rachel Shyken	Mar 23
Amy Reynolds	Mar 5	Sarah Rosenblatt	Mar 24
Nancy Wolf	Mar 6	Kim Klein-Dickerson	Mar 26
Roman Pitman	Mar 7	Leo Fettman	Mar 27
Marsha Kleinberg	Mar 12	Debbie Denenberg	Mar 28
Eliyana Beneda	Mar 12	Daniel Lev Kohen	Mar 28
Jane Cohen	Mar 16	Sally Wintroub	Mar 29
Patricia Newman	Mar 17		

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ben Shaprio & Amy Reynolds	Mar 18
Ron & Kaye Giller	Mar 18
Fred & Rita Amster	Mar 24
David & Shirley Goodman	Mar 26
Les & Helen Kay	Mar 26
Matt & Stephanie Beneda	Mar 28
Joe & Mazine Kirshenbaum	Mar 28
Alan & Deborah Kricsfeld	Mar 29

### Keeping Kosher in Omaha - Stay in the Know!

- Like the Kosher Omaha Facebook page on Facebook and keep up-to-date on the latest kosher finds in Omaha.
- Many thanks to Amy Reynolds and Ben Shapiro for their non-profit venture, Affordable Kosher Meats. A variety of meats - ground beef, briskets, hot dogs, specialty packaged items, steaks, and much more. For more information email Ben and Amy at [affordablekoshermeats@cox.net](mailto:affordablekoshermeats@cox.net).
- Shop the Jerusalem Grocery at 2455 S 120 St for many Israeli and kosher products.
- Have a list of acceptable kosher symbols available at any time on your phone. Download the CRC Kosher Guide app for a handy and up-to-date reference.
- Check out the "Kosher Food" page under the "Community" tab at [orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org)



## CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from January 25 through February 26. Please contact the office with any questions.*

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#### GENERAL DONATIONS

For the Birth of Benjamin Asher Kohll - Donald Gerber, Jack & Bette Kozlen  
In Honor of the Freidman Family for sponsoring kiddush - Lourdes Secola and Shelly  
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For the Birth of Benjamin Asher Kohll - Jordana, Aaron, Joshua, & Isaac Kurtzman

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- ◆ Bruce Bloom - Richard Fellman
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Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort  
to our members and members of the community  
on the loss of loved ones.

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokhshe'ar avelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE MARCH 2019

### Shacharit Schedule

Regular Weekday - 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Shabbat, Sunday & Holidays

### Sunday - Thursday Mincha/Maariv

Refer to weekly email or [orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org). Services typically held at Rose Blumkin Jewish Home

### Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

## CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

### Parshat Vayakhel - Mar 1-2

5:57 pm Candle Lighting  
 5:40 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
 6:58 pm Havdalah

### Parshat Pekude - Mar 8-9

6:05 pm Candle Lighting  
 5:50 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
 7:06 pm Havdalah

### Parshat Vayikra - Mar 15-16

7:13 pm Candle Lighting  
 6:55 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
 8:13 pm Havdalah

### Parshat Tzav - Mar 22-23

7:21 pm Candle Lighting  
 7:05 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
 8:21 pm Havdalah

### Parshat Shimi - Mar 29-30

7:28 pm Candle Lighting  
 7:10 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit  
 8:29 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. Thank you.*