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Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, *Rabbi*

The rabbis tell us that the Hebrew months are compared to tribes of Israel. "Nissan", which just ended and in which we celebrate Pesach, corresponds to the tribe of Reuven, which also means "to see". We all can believe in a G-d of open miracles where we see His existence. The challenge, however, is this month, Iyar, which corresponds to Shimon, or "hearing G-d". Hearing is believing when His revelation is not so obvious. The holidays of the month of Iyar: Lag Bo'mer, Yom Ha'atzmaot, and Pesach Sheni, are not obvious celebrations. One has to go beyond the surface to appreciate and reveal G-d's presence beyond the surface. Our Holy Shul enables us to go deeper and not settle for the surface! Come learn and appreciate a deeper connection with G-d and the world around us!

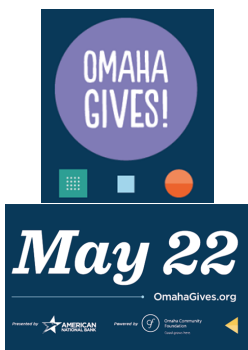
Happy May!
Rabbi Ari

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, *Visiting Scholar*

During this month we have several special days such as Yom HaShoah - the day commemorating the Holocaust, Yom Hazikaron - the Israeli Memorial Day, and Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel's Independence Day. Each day has its own uniqueness and each day has its own meaning, but there is one message we must take from these days: the story of the Jewish people continues.

We just finished celebrating Passover, and some people might have the wrong impression about this holiday, that Judaism is about celebrating the past and keeping our old traditions. These new days that we added to our Jewish calendar over the past decade teach us that Judaism is about present day and about shaping the future. We are always facing forward, adding our own chapters to the Jewish history. The journey of the Jewish people continues, and our responsibility is to ask ourselves what we can contribute? What is our mission in our lifetime, and what should we do to become better people, as proud members of our nation?

Rabbi Shlomo



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**The next
Board of Commissioners
meeting will be held on
May 8th 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 March 24 - April 27)

...Les & Helen Kay for sponsoring the Week of Learning for the week of March 30th.

...to the Weiner Family for sponsoring the March 30th Shabbos sheet in memory of Rafi Eitan.

...Bette & Jack Kozlen for sponsoring the Week of Learning, in memory of their daughter Amy Barnum, the week of April 6th.

...to Dani Shrago for doing the shopping for the kitchen every week.

...to Faige & Yaakov Jeidel for chaperoning the NCSY Shabbaton trip to Wisconsin.

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...Bruce & Linda Potash for sponsoring the Week of Learning, in honor of Aaron Kurtzman, the week of April 13th.

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...Faige Jeidel, Yaakov Jeidel, Nancy Mattley, Marge Williams, Ruthe Starlin, Dani Shrago, Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich and Rabbi Ari Dembitzer for working tirelessly to prepare our kitchen and food for Pesach.

...the volunteers of the Chevra Kadisha for taking care of our recently departed.

...Ruben and Anna Pitman-Kogan for helping set-up for pesach.

...Joel Alperson and Howie Gendelman for donating the awesome Aifkomen gifts.

...the Dream Team: Ruthe Starlin, Marge Williams, and Nancy Mattly for making Pesach happen in the kitchen.

...Dani Shrago, Harry Weiner, and Helene Shrago for helping shop for Passover.

...Helene Shrago and Shirly Banner for Managing this week's kiddush.

...Rabbi Shlomo and Faige Jeidel for their tireless Pesach preparations.

...Mary Sue Grossman, Harry Berman, and Beth Cohen for guidance.

2019 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Festival
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

ALL HEBREW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT THE JCC AS PART OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

5:30-7:30 p.m. | FREE CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL
Join us at the shuk for inflatables, games, prizes and more!
Food from Star Catering will be available for purchase.

6:00-6:15 p.m. | YOM HAZIKARON CEREMONY
Join us as we remember and honor fallen Israeli soldiers.

7:00-8:00 p.m. | B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH TRIVIA CONTEST
All ages are welcome. Advanced registration requested.

All events are FREE and open to the community.

3rd-6th Grade & Beth El 7th Grade
4:00-6:00pm | JCC Social Hall
Snacks, religious school activities
6:00-6:15pm | JCC Gymnasium
Yom HaZikaron Ceremony
6:15-7:30pm | JCC Gymnasium
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Carnival w/ parental supervision

8th-12th Grade & Temple 7th Grade
6:00-6:15pm | JCC Gymnasium
Yom HaZikaron Ceremony
6:15-7:00pm | JCC Auditorium
Dinner and activities with Israeli teen delegation
7:00-8:00pm | JCC Auditorium
B'nai B'rith Jewish Trivia Contest

THANK YOU! This program is made possible with the support of the Herbert Goldstein Trust, and the following Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation Funds: Albert and Eleanor Feldman Family Israel Foundation and the Murray H. and Sheree C. Newman Supporting Foundation.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS AT BETH ISRAEL



May 2 - Fridel's Annal Plant Sale
@ Jewish Community Center
May 3 - Fridel's Annual Plant Sale
@ Jewish Community Center
May 4 - Kiddush Sponsored by
Maneva Ruth Edelman in Honor of
Harold Edelman's birthday
May 5 - Annual Meeting & Election
May 5 - Rosh Chodesh
May 6 - Rosh Chodesh
May 7 - Yom Hazikaron @ Beth Israel
May 8 - Yom Hazikaron
May 8 - Yom HaAtzmaut Festival

@ Jewish Community Center
May 9 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut for Israelis
@ Beth Israel
May 11 - Kiddush sponsored by Josh & Anna
Priluck for the birth of Ariella Adara
May 12 - *Kabbalah & Mysticism* with
Rabbi Shlomo
May 18 - April/May/Graduation Kiddush
May 19 - Pesach Sheni
May 19 - *Antisemitism Throughout The Ages:
What's the Solution?* with Rabbi Ari
May 22 - Lag Baomer BBQ & Bonfire
May 23 - Lag B'omer

June 2 - Yom Yerushalayim
June 2 - *What Is So Special and
Contentious About Jerusalem?* With
Rabbi Ari
June 4 - Rosh Chodesh
June 8 - Erev Shavuot
June 9 - Shavuot
June 10 - Shavuot Yizkor

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

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.

Weekdays

Monday
12:00 p.m.
Jewish History: Your History
with Rabbi Shlomo

Tuesday
Torah Tuesday
with Rabbi Ari

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

Weekends

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

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
May 12 - *Kabbalah & Mysticism:
What Is It and Why Has It Become So Popular?*
with Rabbi Shlomo
May 19 - *Antisemitism Throughout The Ages:
What's the Solution?*
with Rabbi Ari
Jun 2 - *What is So Special and Contentious
About Jerusalem?*
with Rabbi Ari

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.

Photo Gallery

NCSY jr Shabbaton



Wonderful turnout at the Shtetel season 1 Roundtable

ISRAEL'S NATIONAL DAYS OF COMMEMORATION *Community Events*

Yom Hashoah

Omaha Community Holocaust Commemoration
Wednesday, May 1st, 2019, 7pm, at Temple Israel

Zikaron BaSalon- Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, 6:30 pm
Gathering to express, discuss, and most importantly, listen.

We will be gathering at Jamie Skog- Burke's living room, to express, discuss, and most importantly, listen to Henry Krausman's Story, Shared by his son, Hazzan Michael Krausman, a second generation Holocaust Survivor.

Yom HaZikaron

Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30 PM at Beth Israel Synagogue
Ceremony & Siren followed by stories & memories from IDF veterans.

Wednesday, May 8th, 10:50 AM at the JCC Theater
A Ceremony & Siren led by Friedel Jewish Academy. All members of community are welcome to join.
Special Exhibit, "Soon We will Be a Song" shown at the JCC Gallery, May 7th-9th.

Yom HaAtzmaut

Community Festival + Yom HaZikaron Ceremony
Wednesday, May 8th, 5:30-8:00 PM at the JCC. the ceremony will be from 6:00-6:15pm

יום העצמאות לישראלים
יום חמישי, 18:30, 9/5/19, בבית כנסת בית ישראל



**April 30th – May 9th, 2019,
at the JCC.**

A chance to appreciate and give thanks for the accomplishments, achievements and successes of our nation, integrating gratitude into our way of being for this period of national reflection.



Burning of Chometz





Spring into Life: Blood Drive

Beth Israel Synagogue

Sunday, May 12th

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

Donate blood this Mother's Day and receive a flower and admission ticket for Lauritzen Gardens to gift your mother (or keep for yourself)! For an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and search

sponsor code: BethIsrael

or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

Please call or email Faige Jeidel with any questions.

Teen Fundraiser

We are looking for youth 11 years and up who have benefited from Beth Israel's youth programming. Whether it be the adventures of NCSY/NCSY Junior shabbaton, financial help to Friedel, or even attending JYE BI events, please consider talking to your teens/preteens about giving back! We are looking at organizing a teen-led fundraiser with preteen assistance! This will be completely youth run with educational opportunities from folks in our community that have experience with fundraising, advertising, business sense and more. We would like to showcase all the amazing talent that our kids have, while providing opportunities for them to grow, and empowering them to lead.

If you are a teen, know a teen, or have a teen, that would be willing to help us plan and execute a teen led fundraising project, please contact Lauren Tam usbooksandme@yahoo.com



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.

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, or submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org.

For additional information on supporting Beth Israel, please contact the synagogue office.

MAY 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

Marvin Kirke	May 1	Ester Dembitzer	May 17
Ida Banner	May 1	Nathaniel Joseph	May 17
Benjamin Wiesman	May 2	Hadar Nachman	May 17
Moshe Nachman	May 4	Nina Y'aira Epstein	May 17
Lina Kogan	May 5	Adam Kohll	May 20
Elyssa Miriam Stein	May 7	Rina Dembitzer	May 21
Irving Epstein	May 9	Malachi Nachman	May 21
Evan Varkony	May 9	Ella Miriam Seigel	May 21
Anna Kohll	May 12	Anna Priluck	May 23
James Polack	May 12	Yoni Herskovitz	May 23
Melissa Shrago	May 13	Harry Berman	May 24
Lily Tam	May 13	Oliver Rockman	May 26
Lauren Kirshenbaum	May 13	Eva Ohen	May 27
Bruce Goldberg	May 16	Solo Cemaj	May 28
Judah David Kohen	May 16	Janet Kohll	May 27
William Theodore Dunning	May 16	Julee Katzman	May 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Frederic & Alyshia Weiss	May 2
Stacey & Jonathan Rockman	May 4
Andrew & Bracha Goldsweig	May 6
Ari & Sara Kohen	May 17
Errol & Lynne Saltzman	May 18
Jeff & Sharon Kirshenbaum	May 22
Michael & Melissa Shrago	May 25
Aviva Segall & Patrick McNamara	May 30

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*

☆ Hersz Flatowicz ☆ Mike Feldman ☆ Lorraine Hopson ☆



CONTRIBUTIONS

*Beth Israel acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the following contributions made from March 27 through April 30.
Please contact the office with any questions.*

DONATIONS

GENERAL DONATIONS

For the anniversary of Les & Helen Kay - *Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman*

For the birthday of Sally Wintroub - *Bette & Jack Kozlen and Sonny Marko*

For the speedy recovery of Holly Fineman from her knee replacement - *Lynne & Errol Saltzman*

In honor of Dani & Leon Shrago hosting us for Passover Seder - *Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman*

In honor of Sasha Denenberg's bat mitzvah - *Esther Silver*

In memory of Harriet Klopper - *Ann Moskovits*

In Appreciation of Beth Israel Synagogue - *Anonymous*

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In Appreciation of Beth Israel Synagogue - *Alex Nidetch, Annette Fettman, and Ido & Brittani Shtrobach*

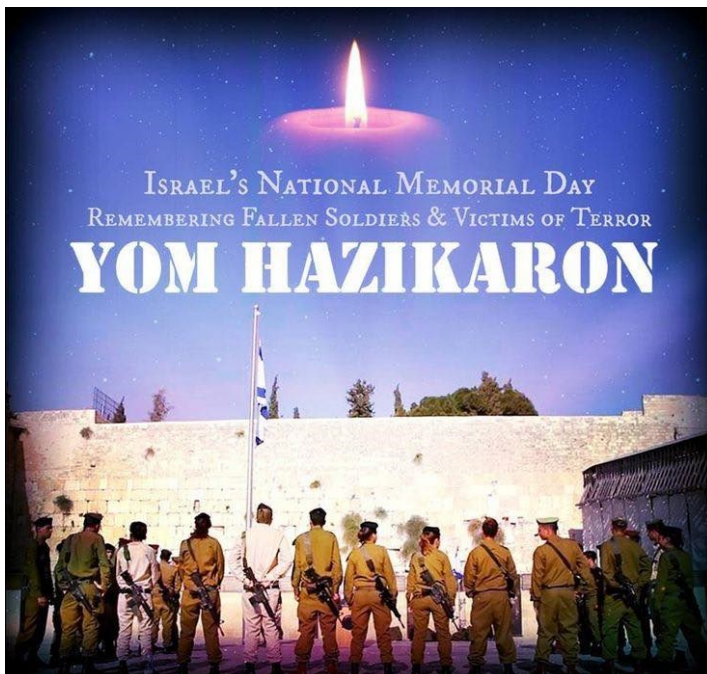
In honor of Faige Jeidel and the amazing job she is doing in running the kitchen - *Jordana Kurtzman*

Yahrzeit of Stanley Kurtzman - *Jordana Kurtzman*

YAHREIT DONATIONS

- ◆ Beverly Franklin - *Sydney & Margie Pessen*
- ◆ Elaine Goldberg - *Manny & Carol Goldberg*
- ◆ Esther Gendler - *Sally Wintroub*
- ◆ Esther Lipsman - *Marcia Lipsman and Marian P Gelfand*
- ◆ Forence Blumental - *Steven Orlikoff, Michael Orlikoff, Sandra Cole, & William Gilinsky*
- ◆ Galina Elizarova - *Vera & Alex Dobin*
- ◆ Gerald Wezelman - *Sol Wezelman*
- ◆ Harold Bloom - *Richard Fellman*
- ◆ Ignac Grossman - *Mary Sue & Alex Grossman*
- ◆ Molly Lipsman - *Marcia Lipsman*
- ◆ Oscar Diamond - *Richard Diamond*

- ◆ Reva Suvalsky - *Marti Goodman*
- ◆ Roman Amster - *Fred & Rita Amster*
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- ◆ William R Diamond - *Richard Diamond*
- ◆ Max Paykel - *Milton & Marsha Kleinberg*
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SERVICE SCHEDULE MAY 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. Services typically held at Rose Blumkin Jewish Home

Friday Night Mincha, Maariv, Kabbalat Shabbat

See schedule below

CANDLE LIGHTING AND HAVDALAH TIMES

Parshat Achrei Mot - May 3-4

8:06 pm Candle Lighting
 7:50 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
 9:11 pm Havdalah

Parshat Kedoshim - May 10-11

8:13 pm Candle Lighting
 7:55 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
 9:19 pm Havdalah

Parshat Emor - May 17-18

8:20 pm Candle Lighting
 8:05 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
 9:27 pm Candle Lighting

Parshat Behar - May 24-25

8:26 pm Candle Lighting
 8:10 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
 9:35 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.