



Shabbat Shalom

October 27-28 2017
7-8 Cheshvan 5778



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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, Oct 28

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Insights Into the Weekly Torah Portion.....	5:05 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	5:50 p.m.
Havdalah.....	7:08 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 29

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Bagels and Beit Medrash.....	9:45 a.m.
JYE BI - <i>Kashut & Zehirut</i>	10:00 a.m.
JYE BI - P.J. Library.....	10:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct 30

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Talmudic Tales w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ Beth Israel.....	12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 31 - Wednesday, Nov 1

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
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Thursday, Nov 2

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Women's Class @ Beth Israel.....	9:30 a.m.
Jewish Ethics @ UNMC.....	12:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov 3

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:00 p.m.



...to Jordana Kurtzman, Dani Shrago, Linda Potash and other volunteers for baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlshit prep, and clean-up.

...to the Banner family for sponsoring today's salad bar and ice cream bar in honor of Elliott's yahrzeit.

In Memoriam

Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to community members who have recently lost loved ones.

Barton "Bucky" Greenberg

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





Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays

Sarah Abrahamson	Oct 29
Maxine Kirshenbaum	Oct 30
Howard Kaiman	Oct 31
Isabella Weiss	Oct 31
George King	Nov 1
Bette Kozlen	Nov 2
Gabriel Barnoy	Nov 2
Jeanette Nadoff	Nov 2
Matt Beneda	Nov 3
Anniversaries	
Joshua & Cynthia Follick	Oct 28



Celebrating a special simcha next month? The next Simcha Kiddush will be November 11th. The cost is just \$25. Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be included.

Project Dreamland 2017 - November 9-12

Following the fabulous experience in March 2016, Beth Israel will welcome another group who will truly inspire those who meet them. These young men and women who cope daily with physical disabilities or are fighting cancer will be traveling to Omaha from St. Louis, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, and California.



The visitors arrive on Thursday evening, November 9 and it will be a fabulous weekend including Shabbat dinner, presentations, special JYE BI activities, visits to Omaha sites, a special Seudah Shlishit and a musical Havdalah.

Shabbat dinner, by guest chef Ben Shapiro, will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Make dinner reservations on the website or calling the office. Cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 3-12, free for under 3. Family pricing of \$36 also available, limited to immediate family only. Deadline for reservations is November 6 and space is limited. Volunteers also needed for the variety of happenings. Please talk to Yaakov Jeidel to help.



Shabbat & Holidays

9 a.m. through end of morning services
Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

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

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

Nov 25, Dec 16, Jan 20

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

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

Oct 29 - *Kashut & Zehirut - Healthy Food, Holy Food*

Nov 5 - *Shabbat & Humility*

Nov 12 - *Being Happy with What You Have*

Nov 19 - *Honoring Parents & Respect*

JYE BI/P.J. Library

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

Oct 29, Dec 3, Jan 7

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years

MONDAY PROGRAMMING

5-6:30 p.m. - 7th-12th Grades

Nov 6 - JYE BI at Sky Zone

Nov 20 - Chill & Learn, Red Mango

Questions on JYE BI?

See Faige, Rabbi Shlomo, Rabbi Ari or Yaakov



See Page 6 for next NCSY Regional event info!

Beth Israel Sisterhood
Annual Fund Raising Event

How Sweet It Is

Luncheon, Silent Auction & Style Show

Sunday, November 5, 2017

11:30am

Socializing, Gift Shop, Silent Auction

12:00 pm

Lunch, followed by Style Show

Featuring fashions from Dillard's



Beth Israel Synagogue
12604 Pacific Street

Event Chairs

Bette Kozlen &
Helene Shrago

Volunteers needed for set-up next Saturday evening, November 4. If you can help, please see Helene Shrago, Bette Kozlen or call the synagogue office.

RESERVATION DEADLINE
Tuesday, October 31



We are pleased to share a new design in our Teepublic store. Inspired by the mural on the historic Pinnacle Bank Building downtown and hand-lettered by Stephanie Plenner Gerber, Shalomaha is available as apparel, mugs, tote bags, and more! Beth Israel receives a portion of each sale. Thanks to Katherine Pawlowski for coordinating this project.

The Jewish Way to Death and Mourning

Sundays, December 10 & 17, 10-11:15 a.m.

How does Judaism view death? What are mourning practices? What are the steps one takes when a loved one dies? How does one properly observe shiva and for how long? Rabbi Ari will answer these questions and many others while teaching about all aspects related to death and mourning including the spiritual side of death in addition to the full array of ritual practices including preparation, burial, shiva, and year of mourning as well as yahrzeits. Please reserve the dates now and plan to attend these important classes.



MIDWEST NCSY
**OKNER
WINTER
CONCLAVES
RETREAT**
2017

Grades: 9-12

Dec. 21-25

Marriott Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL

- ▶ Skiing & snowboarding
- ▶ Themed banquet
- ▶ Inspiring Shabbat program
- ▶ Unbelievable advisors
- ▶ Amazing food
- ▶ Beautiful resort

Cost: \$299 plus transportation (Early bird \$279 before Dec 1) transportation not included

For more information, contact the Midwest NCSY Office at 847.677.6279 or email midwest@ncsy.org

Register today at midwest.ncsy.org

MIDWEST
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Parsha Lech Lecha

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Avram is instructed to leave Charan and travel 400 miles to the Land of Canaan. (Charan was 600 miles from Ur Casdim) Upon arriving, they are forced to leave Canaan, due to a local famine, and travel to Mitzrayim in search of food.

2nd Aliya: Avram plans for his encounter with the amorality of Egypt. His and Sarah's confrontation with Pharaoh is detailed. Avram and Sarah return home.

3rd Aliya: Avram separates from his nephew / brother-in-law Lot, due to Lot's defection from the teachings of Avram. Hashem reassures Avram that he will have children, "like the dust of the earth", who will inherit the Land and carry on his work.

4th Aliya: Avram is forced to rescue Lot from captivity. In so doing, he adjusts the balance of power in Canaan and is recognized by the other political leaders for his military and moral strength. His encounter with Malki Tzedek (Shem) is in stark contrast to his confrontation with the King of Sodom.

5th Aliya: Hashem again reassures Avram that he will have genetic children (not just students) who would be as numerous as the stars in the sky.

6th Aliya: The monumental "Covenant Between the Halves" takes place during which the next 430 years of Jewish history is revealed. Avram is 70 years old. Sarai instructs Avram to marry Hagar. The story of her conflict with Sarai, her encounter with an angel, and the birth of Yishmael in 2034 is told. Following the birth of Yishmael Avram's name is changed to Avraham.

7th Aliya: Avraham is presented with the Mitzvah of Circumcision. Sarai's name is changed to Sarah, and Hashem assures Avraham he and Sarah will have a son called Yitzchak. It is the year 2047 and Avraham circumcises himself, Yishmael, and his entire household.

Parsha Questions

1. In the first verse of the parsha, where did G-d order Abram to go?
2. Against how many kings did Abram fight?
3. For this war, what did Abram get as a reward from the kings he saved?
4. How old was Abram when G-d promised him he would have a child?
5. As mentioned at the end of the parsha, what was the first commandment Abram was ordered to complete?



WELCOME TO BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

We are delighted to welcome you to Beth Israel Synagogue. A passage from Deuteronomy 30:11-14 inspired the art work in the sanctuary. "For this commandment that I command you today - it is not hidden from you and it is not distant. It is not in heaven, [for you] to say, 'Who can go to the heaven and take it for us so that we can listen to it and perform it? Nor is it across the seas, [for you] to say, 'Who can cross to the other side of the sea for us and take it for us, so that we can listen to it and perform it?' Rather, the matter is very near to you - in your mouth and your heart - to perform it." Mitzvot are obtainable.

- ◆ The focal point of the sanctuary is the Menorah Window, which frames the Ark and is shaped in the form of the six branched candelabrum. To the right, brilliantly colored window has forms that reflect the heavens, while the left side depicts the seas.
- ◆ The message is completed in a frieze, the horizontal painting on wood mounted on the wall. The background of the frieze symbolically and abstractly represents the relationship between G-d and the people of Israel through the Covenant. The perochet, or curtain over the Ark, completes the symbolic composition, with an expression that intertwines the Torah and the letter Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, of the Ten Commandments, and of G-d's name in Hebrew.
- ◆ As is traditional, the sanctuary has 12 windows, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. These windows contain the name of each tribe in flowing, organic letters. The windows are located above the continued frieze, which includes two central texts of the revelation at Sinai - "If you will keep my Covenant, you shall be precious to me," and "You shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." This composition expresses the unity of Israel as the people stood together at Sinai and accepted the Torah.

Beth Israel Synagogue strives to perpetuate the legacy of Torah Judaism in the modern world. Beth Israel welcomes all persons of the Jewish faith to join and accepts the diversity of practice and thought among its members.

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