



# Shabbat Shalom

**December 2, 2017**  
20 Kislev 5778



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**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*Rabbi Ari will be out of town until mid-day Thursday.*

**Saturday, Dec 2**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Insights Into the Weekly Torah Portion .....	3:35 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	4:20 p.m.
Havdalah .....	5:42 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec 3**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Gift Shop Open House.....	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
JYE BI - P.J. Library.....	10:30 a.m.

**Monday, Dec 4**

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

**Tuesday, Dec 5 - Thursday, Dec 7**

Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
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**Friday, Dec 8**

Shacharit .....	7:00 a.m.
Women’s Class - NOTE DATE CHANGE.....	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	4:37 p.m.

**In Memoriam**

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

*Ilene Pachman*

*Ha'makom yenchem etkhem betokh she'aravelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim*



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

Treat yourself to a shirt, mug, tote bag or more with the new **Shalomaha** logo. Items also still available with the epic **"If I Can't Live in Israel, Second Best is Omaha"** logo. The shul receives a profit on all sales.

**Start on Beth Israel's home page at [orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org) and treat yourself today!**





## Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays

Rachel Kricsfeld	Dec 4
Hodaya Abramovich	Dec 4
Bruce Potash	Dec 5
Mordechai Lopez	Dec 7



***Celebrating a special simcha next month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the December 30 Simcha Kiddush.***

### Getting Creative: Arts Education in the 21st Century

Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

A panel of experts will discuss the importance of arts education in children's development, the current state of arts education in the schools, and best practices in arts education. The event is free and open to the public.

#### **The Jewish Way to Death and Mourning**

Sundays, Dec 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.

***Attending is also the opportunity to honor Rabbi Ari. Anyone who knows Rabbi Ari understands teaching and having people learn is a passion. So deep is this passion, he will be teaching the first session on his English birthday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. What better gift could he receive than that of a room full of enthusiastic students, ready to learn.***

All participants will receive the book "The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning." There is no charge for the class however registration is needed to assure sufficient materials. Register on-line or call the office at (402) 556-6288. Open to the community. Thanks to Shirley & David Goodman for providing funding for the series.



## **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**

Dec 16, Jan 20

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

## **SUNDAY PROGRAMMING**

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

Dec 3 - *Kibbud Av Va'em*

Dec 10 - *Chanukah*

Dec 17 - *Chanukah Carnival*

Dec 24 - *Talmud Torah*

Dec 31 - *Jewish Calendar / Hebrew Birthday*

## **JYE BI/P.J. Library**

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

Dec 3, Jan 7

Baby-sitting for ages 6 months - 6 years



## **MONDAY PROGRAMMING**

Dec 5 - *Sky Zone* - 6:30-8pm

Dec 17 - *Chanukah Carnival* - 4-5:30pm

Jan 2 - *BBQ and Learn* - 7-8pm

Jan 15 - *West Lane Bowling* - 6:30-8pm

Jan 29 - *Hot Soup and Learn* - 7-8pm

*Questions on JYE BI? See Faige, Rabbi Shlomo, Rabbi Ari or Yaakov*



# Looking Ahead to Chanukah!



**Gift Shop Open House - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 3**

***Stop by for Hanukah gifts, decorations, plus a number of  
items still available from the Sisterhood Donor event!***

First Night of Chanukah - Tuesday, December 12

Chanukah Luncheon - Saturday, December 16

JYE BI Chanukah Carnival - Sunday, December 17

Visit the Gift Shop for menorahs, candles, decorations,  
kids' books, games, toys, and more!



## CHANUKA TOY DRIVE

To benefit the  
sick children of  
Chai Lifeline

This year's drive is in  
memory of an  
extraordinary girl named  
Arianna who passed away  
after her long battle with  
cancer

Drop off new toys at Beth  
Israel Synagogue or Friedel  
Jewish Academy by  
December 19th or ship toys  
directly to us using the link  
on Beth Israel's website  
[orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org)

Questions or comments?  
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## Beth Israel Chanukah Toy Drive

Help bring special light to a seriously ill child by being a part of Beth Israel's Chanukah Toy Drive for Chai Lifeline! Donated toys – new toys only, please! - will be distributed to patients and their siblings throughout the year. Of special significance is the dedication of the toy drive to Arianna Dougan. Ar, who was scheduled to visit Omaha as part of last month's Project Dreamland weekend at Beth Israel, lost her eight-year battle against cancer on November 11. Having donations made in Arianna's memory is a wonderful tribute to her continual zest for life. Don't want to fight the crowds in the stores? Just click on the link on the synagogue's home page for a gift registry. Gifts can be shipped directly to Beth

Israel. Toys can also be dropped at Friedel Jewish Academy. Gifts accepted through Sunday, December 19.

## Friday Learning Series - Chanukah

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 11:15 a.m.

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich, visiting Scholar at Beth Israel Synagogue, presents a three week educational series on



Hanukkah on December 1, 8 and 15 - just in time for the holiday. "What better way to start the series than to look at it from the very beginning?" asks Rabbi Shlomo. "This first session will focus on the history of Hanukkah. It is a fascinating story."

HAPPY  
CHANUKAH



### Hanukah Extravaganza!

Join the community on Sunday, December 10 in the JCC auditorium for exciting games, prizes, face painting, a bounce house, and much more! Latkes or grilled cheese sandwiches will be available for purchase.

*This year's theme will be "Hanukah for Houston." The Jewish community in Houston was hit especially hard during this past hurricane season, and it's in need of our help! Bring cash and coins to help fill an electric coin counting pushka in the auditorium, and let's show Houston how much Omaha cares! Please visit the JCC website for registration info.*



*Remember to like us on Facebook to keep up with all the Beth Israel updates! Don't miss out on pictures from Project Dreamland and the Sisterhood Luncheon, Rabbi Ari's weekly Parsha video, and more!*

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# Parsha Vayishlach

Source: [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org)  
Rabbi Aron Tendler

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Aliyot:** It's the year 2205 and Yakov is 97 years old. He sends messengers to greet Eisav and is informed that Eisav is approaching, prepared to do battle. He applies a three pronged strategy in preparation for the confrontation: a) Tefilah prayer b) diplomacy c) war. Prior to the actual confrontation, Yakov bests Eisav in a spiritual battle with Eisav's Angel, and earns the name "Yisroel." Due to the wound he sustained in the battle, G-d prohibits Yakov and his family from eating the Gid Hanashe – the sciatic nerve. Yakov and Eisav meet after 34 years.

**4th Aliya:** Yakov and Eisav agree to separate peacefully. Eisav returns to his kingdom of Seir, and Yakov settles outside of the city of Shechem.

**5th Aliya:** Dina is abducted and raped by Shechem the son of Chamor, and Shimon and Levi devise a strategy for successfully killing the entire male population of Shechem. According to Chazal, Shimon and Levi were 13 years old. Hashem (G-d) instructs Yakov to move to Beth El. Rivka's nurse Devora dies, and Hashem confirms the name Yisroel upon Yakov.

**6th & 7th Aliyot:** Rachel dies while giving birth to Binyamin and Yakov buries her in Beis Lechem. Following Rachel's death, Reuven switches the bed of Yakov from Bilha's tent to Leah's tent. Although Yitzchak will live another 21 years, the Torah relates his death at the age of 180 (2228). The remainder of Vayishlach lists Eisav's descendants as well as the specific Kings of Seir who ruled prior to King Saul – the first king of Israel. (2882)

## Parsha Questions

1. When Yaakov saw Esau coming, in what order did he place his family?
2. After Yaakov wrestled with the angel, what did the angel tell him?
3. What did Yaakov call the place where he wrestled with the angel? What does the name mean?
4. What is the significant issue about Yitzhak's burial?

# Shabbat Shalom



## **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.

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