



Shabbat Shalom

February 3, 2018

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A Warm Welcome to Judy Rosenfeld



Parsha Yitro

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Cohen & Harry Berman in honor of the 14th
anniversary of the opening of the "new building,"
on Parshat Yitro, February 14, 2004.*

IN THE WEEK AHEAD
Saturday, Feb 3

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Chesed Weekend with Judy Rosenfeld.....	9:00 a.m.
Youth Classes with Judy Rosenfeld.....	10-10:45 a.m.
Women’s Class with Judy Rosenfeld	10:45-11:15 a.m.
D’var Torah by Judy Rosenfeld.....	11:15 a.m.
Teen Class with Judy Rosenfeld	After kiddush
Insights Into the Weekly Torah Portion	4:25 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	5:10 p.m.
Havdalah.....	6:27 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 4

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
“Kashrut - What to Eat and How to Eat” w/ Rabbi Shlomo.....	10:00 a.m.

Monday, Feb 5

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
“Eye on Israel” @ Kripke Library	12:00 p.m.

Note: There will be no Monday class with Rabbi Shlomo this week

Tuesday, Feb 6 - Thursday, Feb 8

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
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Friday, Feb 9

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	5:33 p.m.

Rabbi Ari is currently in Israel with Chai Lifeline, returning on January 12. His regular classes will resume January 13.



Kashrut - What to Eat & How to Eat
with Rabbi Shlomo

Sunday, Feb 4 and 11, 10-11am

Everyone has heard the old joke about Jewish holidays - “They tried to kill us, we won, let’s eat.” Not only is food a focus on

Jewish holidays but throughout Jewish life. Join Rabbi Shlomo as he discusses the spiritual and practical sides of food. “Food is obviously a basic need for everyone.” share Rabbi Shlomo. “How we deal with food also shows how we deal with other physical needs, which also has a deep spiritual aspect.” Brachot will also be covered during this two session series. The class is open to the community, free of charge. Registration is appreciated.



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays

Justin Kohll Feb 5
Darby Smith Feb 8

Anniversaries

Alan Kohll and Brigitte Mimran Feb 3



Celebrating a special simcha next month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the February 17th Simcha Kiddush.



...to Beth Cohen & Harry Berman, for sponsoring this week's Shabbat Sheet in honor of the 14th anniversary of the opening of the "new building," on Parshat Yitro, February 14, 2004.

...to friends of Judy Rosenfeld for sponsoring this week's kiddush in honor of Judy's birthday and her visit to Omaha
...to Dani Shrago, Linda Potash, Anna Goldberg, and other volunteers for their continued work baking, shopping, kiddush and Seudah Shlishit prep, and clean-up.

In Memoriam

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

Sandra Kay Yudelson

Anne Skolkin

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'aravelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! Now through March 9th

Support your local JCC Girl Scout Troop #42729 while treating yourself to delicious sweets. Proceeds will help the girls attend a summer camp. The troop is also participating in the "Gift of Sharing"

program and will be selling cookies which will be donated to the JFS food pantry. Visit the cookie sales table on Monday Feb 12 from 3:45-5:30pm outside the JCC entrance near Freidel Jewish Academy. If you can't stop by, just contact troop leaders Stephanie Beneda 402.650.7828 or Lauren Tam 520.247.3848 to make your order. Thank you for your support!



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

Led by teens with Faige Jeidel

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

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

Feb 04 - Shmiras Halasher

Feb 11 - Tefilla / Davening

Feb 18 - Maaser / Challah

Feb 25 - Purim

Mar 04 - Sofer / Torah Writing

Mar 11 - Day in the Life of a Torah Jew

Mar 18 - Story of Pesach

Mar 25 - Halachot of Pesach

Apr 01 - No session

Apr 08 - Sfirat Haomer

Apr 15 - Yom Ha'atzmaut



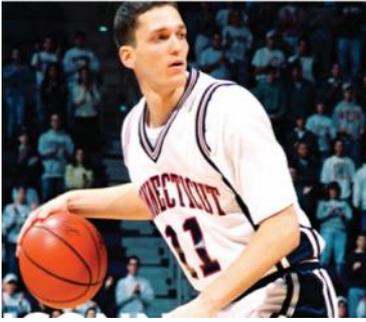
*Questions on JYE BI? See Faige Jeidel, Sarah Abrahamson,
Rabbi Shlomo, Rabbi Ari or Yaakov Jeidel*

MIDWEST NCSY UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9-11 - Regional Yarchei Kallah, Zion, IL

May 3-6 - Jr. Spring Regional, Camp Nageela

May 24-28 - Sr. Spring Regional, Camp Chi



Doron Sheffer
Scholar-in-Residence
February 23-25

Sheffer first gained fame in the Israel Basketball Premier League before moving to the US. From 1993-96, he played for the University of Connecticut and was named Big East Conference Rookie of the Year. He is the only player from UConn with 1,000 points and 500 assists in three varsity seasons.

After declining to sign with the LA Clippers, he signed with Maccabi Tel Aviv where he won four straight Israeli League championships.

His life journey next included a sojourn to India, a successful battle with testicular cancer and several basketball comebacks. Over the years his religious observance grew and he runs basketball clinics that impart values and addressing various audiences in Israel and abroad about his life story. His autobiography is titled *Aneni*, from David's famous proclamation in Psalm (118:5) "Out of my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me [*aneni*] with liberation."

The weekend will include a visit to Friedel Jewish Academy, Shabbat dinner, presentations by Doron and a youth basketball clinic at Burke High School. Registration info for all events opens next week.



Cholent Madness Continues



With just one vote, Rabbi Shlomo had last week's winning cholent. Enjoy two more offerings today and vote for your Contest continues through early March. Slots still available. Contact Mary Sue for full information.



KC Kosher Co-Op Pesach Order!
Order Deadline: Thursday, February 8
Delivery Date: Wednesday, March 14

Visit kckoshercoop.com to browse through the thousands of items available, learn how the co-op works, to split items with other members and place an order. Items sold through the co-op are on average 33% less expensive than finding them in stores and provide a way to obtain kosher foods that are unavailable in Omaha. Please email admin@kckoshercoop.com with any questions about products and availability, or contact Jordana Kurtzman at j.kurtzman@cox.net for assistance navigating the website or using the split products page.

PURIM BEGINS WED EVENING, FEBRUARY 28!

Place your orders NOW for delicious, delectable, not to be missed Beth Israel Hamantashen! \$8 per dozen - apricot, poppy seed, strawberry, chocolate or assorted. Thanks to Anna Goldberg for chairing this great fund raiser. Place your order online or call the office. Orders are due February 20. Pick up will be the week of February 26 during office hours.



Volunteers needed for the baking crew on Friday, February 23rd, 8am-1pm, Saturday, February 24, 6-11pm. or Sunday, February 25, 5-10pm. Contact Anna Goldberg at (847) 722-0531 or angoldbe@gmail.com or (847) 722-0531 to volunteer.

PURIM SCHEDULE IN A NUTSHELL

Wednesday, February 28 - 5:48am, Fast of Esther Begins; 6pm, Mincha; 6:15 Fast Ends; 6:55pm, Megillah Reading followed by ice cream social

Thursday, March 1 - 6:45am Shacharit; 7:30am Megillah Reading; 8am, Daily Class Special Edition; 9:30am Women's Class; 10am RBJH Megillah Reading; 2pm Sterling Ridge Megillah Reading; 5pm Mincha; 5:15pm Final Megillah Reading; 5:45 Parade, Seudah, and fun

Parsha Questions

1. What convinced Yitro that Hashem was greater than all other gods?
2. What was Yitro's advice to Moshe?
3. What did Hashem promise the people of Israel to be for him, if they will keep his covenant? (Hint: it is written on the synagogue wall!)
4. What does it mean, according to the 3rd commandment, that we may not take Hashem's name in vain?

Parsha Yitro

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Yitro brings Moshe's wife and two sons to join him in the desert. In 18:10, Yitro proclaims his belief in Hashem (G-d) and identifies His manifest justice as the primary motive for his belief and conversion.

2nd & 3rd Aliyot: Yitro observes Moshe's daily schedule as chief administrator, judge, and teacher. He advises his son-in-law to delegate some responsibilities to a hierarchy of worthy judges and administrators. This would allow Moshe to focus his attention on those issues that demand his specific attention. Moshe listens to Yitro's advice.

4th Aliya: This begins the preparation for Revelation. It is the 1st day of Sivan, and the B'nai Yisrael have been in the desert for 43 days. Moshe is told by Hashem to explain to the nation that they are a "kingdom of priests..."

5th Aliya: Moshe tells the nation of G-d's expectations and they respond, "all that Hashem will command we will do." Moshe is further instructed to tell the people to prepare themselves by immersing themselves and their clothing in a Mikveh, and to remain apart from their spouses for 3 days. Mt. Sinai is to be fenced off so that no person or animal could ascend the mountain until the shofar sounded the conclusion of Revelation. On the 3rd day, Revelation began with lightning, thunder, the sounding of a Shofar, and Mt. Sinai completely engulfed in clouds, smoke, and fire. Moshe led the nation to assemble at the foot of a trembling Mt. Sinai.

6th Aliya: Hashem summoned Moshe to ascend the mountain and instructed him to re-emphasize the prohibition against anyone ascending the mountain during Revelation. Moshe descends and discharges G-d's wishes. With Moshe standing among the people at the foot of the mountain, Hashem spoke the Ten Commandments to the entire people.

7th Aliya: This last Aliya describes the reaction of the nation to Revelation. In 20:19, the Pasuk factually states that the B'nai Yisrael (Jewish Nation) collectively heard G-d speak. It is among the most fundamentally important statements in the entire Torah. The Parsha concludes with the three commandments regarding the Mizbeach (Altar).



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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