



# Shabbat Shalom

**June 30, 2018**  
**17 Tammuz 5778**

Welcome to the  
Bar Mitzvah Celebration  
of  
***Fred Weiss***



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**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Saturday, June 30**

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion*..... 7:40 p.m.  
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit ..... 8:25 p.m.  
Shabbat ends due to Fast of Tammuz..... 9:53 p.m.

**Sunday, July 1 - Fast of Tammuz**

Fast begins ..... 4:05 a.m.  
Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.  
Beit Medrash..... 10:00 a.m.  
Fast ends/Havdallah..... 9:43 p.m.

**Weekdays**

*Creating a Spiritual Life* with Rabbi Ari ..... 7:45 a.m.

**Monday, July 2 - Tuesday, July 3**

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 4**

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, July 5**

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.  
*Connecting to Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari ..... 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 6**

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.  
Mincha ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Candle Lighting ..... 8:42 p.m.

***The Shabbos Sheet is sponsored by Paul & Susie Shyken in honor of Gary, Liat, Shmuel Aaron, Aviva Chana, Batsheva Tova, Eliezer, Aliza Miriam, Yehuda Simcha, and Hadassah Liba visiting Omaha this week! Welcome back Shyken family!***



...to Linda Potash, Jordana Kurtzman, Lisa Lassiter, and Helene Shrago for their work on this week's kiddush.

...to Helene & Jack Shrago, Michael & Melissa Shrago, Noah Shrago, Bette Kozlen, and Linda Potash for making the Beth Israel Summer BBQ such a success.

...to Fred Weiss for sponsoring this week's kiddush.

## Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week



### Birthdays

Dani Shrago	June 30
Harry Weiner	June 30
Isaac Kurtzman	June 30
Rebecca Esther Stein	July 2
Max Polack	July 3
Devora Rich	July 5
Shirley Goodman	July 6



### Anniversaries

Nancy & Alan Biniamow (22nd)	June 30
Ari & Laura Dembitzer (2nd)	July 4

***Celebrating a special simcha in July or August? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the July Simcha Kiddush.***



### ***Mazel Tov to Fred Weiss on his Bar Mitzvah!***

Born on October 27, 1965, Fred grew up in Skokie, Illinois with his wonderful younger sister, Stephanie Weiss. His parents were Moshe and Selma Weiss. Fred is married to Alyshia Weiss, and they have a 10 year old daughter, Isabella. Their son, Joel lives in Dallas. Fred and his family reside in Papillion and he is very excited to be an integral part of the Beth Israel community. Many thanks to Fred for sponsoring kiddush immediately following services.

### **In Memoriam**

Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to our members and others in the community on their recent losses.

*Alison Slosburg*

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



*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!*



## Tisha B'Av July 21 & 22

*Tisha B'Av is a day of mourning and repentance on which we recall the destruction of the First and Second Temples and other tragic events in Jewish history that took place on this day. A fast day, the following is the schedule of observance at Beth Israel.*

### **Saturday, July 21**

7:45pm - Mincha

8:15pm - Seudah Shlishit

8:51pm - Fast Begins followed by *Understanding Eicha* with Rabbi Shlomo

9:30pm - Reading of Eicha

### **Sunday, July 22**

9:00am - Shacharit

10:00am - Kinnot

10:30am - Film (*TBA*)

8:30pm - Mincha

9:15pm - *The Destruction of the Temple* with Rabbi Shlomo

9:30pm - Maariv

9:40pm - Fast Ends

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Wondering what the Abramovich and Goldsweig families have been up to this past week? They're hiking in the beautiful hills of Israel! Rabbi Shlomo and his family will return on July 4th this coming week.



Mark your calendar now and plan to stay for lunch following Shabbat services on **Saturday, July 21**. Beth Israel's wonderful caterer, Nancy Mattly, will prepare a delicious meat

lunch for everyone to enjoy. It will be a great opportunity to sit and smooze with your friends and family while enjoying a nice Shabbat meal. Better yet, invite friends to join you for services and lunch!

Watch the weekly emails, check the website, or call the office in early July for the lunch menu. The cost will be \$13 for adults, \$6.50 for children ages 3-12, and free of charge for those under 3 years. Reservations are needed by Monday, July 31. Vegetarian option will also be available by request.



How do you express your commitment to your community? How do you support the Jewish organizations that are important to you? Omaha's Jewish community is fortunate to have many who donate their time and/or money to area Jewish organizations. However, what happens after the donors are gone?

What can you do for future generations to ensure that they are well-served by the Jewish organizations you support?

Life & Legacy, a partnership of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, promotes after-lifetime giving to benefit the Omaha Jewish community. All commitments, no matter the amount, are key to Jewish Omaha's future.

***Thank you to Beth Israel's wonderful supporters through the Life & Legacy program. Beth Israel is fortunate to have 71 individuals who have committed financial support to help insure a Jewish future for Beth Israel and for Omaha's Jewish community.***

If you have not yet become a donor, please consider making a gift to Beth Israel. Your generosity will benefit our synagogue for generations to come.



***Triple your money and provide your child with an Israel experience for a lifetime!***

From the time your child is in kindergarten through the 10th grade, you may deposit up to \$250 per year into a "Passport to Israel Account." You may set aside a maximum of \$2,000 to be used for your child's Israel trip. When the time comes for your child to experience Israel, the Jewish Federation of Omaha and Beth Israel will match – **dollar for dollar** - your dollars for the trip. This may sound too good to be true but there absolutely is no risk for you. You may withdraw any funds you have deposited at any time. Passport funds can be used through age 27. Contact Mark Kirchhoff at (402) 334-6463 or email Mark at [mkirchhoff@jewishomaha.org](mailto:mkirchhoff@jewishomaha.org) for enrollment forms and additional information. ***Don't miss this amazing opportunity!***



### **Rabbi Ari to Camp Simcha July 9th**

Rabbi Ari and family depart for Camp Simcha July 9 and will return to Omaha by August 13. ***What is Camp Simcha?*** Each summer, 500 seriously ill children are treated to unforgettable, medically supervised overnight camp experiences at Camp

Simcha, for children battling cancer and other hematological illnesses, and Camp Simcha Special, for children with debilitating chronic conditions. At Camp Simcha and Camp Simcha Special, children and teens trade hospital rooms and doctors' offices for fun, friendship, and hope for the future. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities in fully handicapped-accessible facilities. Talent shows, concerts, and helicopter, hot-air, and motorcycle rides make every day super-special. Campers return home reinvigorated, with deep friendships and happy memories to help them travel the rough road ahead.

Rabbi Ari's first summer at camp was 1997 and he has served as Head Boys Counselor since 2001. The Camp Simcha website states *"If Camp Simcha is a fairy tale for sick children, then Ari Dembitzer is it's Pied Piper."* Beth Israel is proud to support Rabbi Ari's continued work with this amazing organization. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.campsimcha.org](http://www.campsimcha.org).

# Parsha Balak

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

**1st Aliya:** Parshas Balak begins with King Balak's offer to Bilam the Prophet to curse the Jewish people and G-d's refusal to allow him to accept.

**2nd Aliya:** Balak sent a second negotiating team and Bilam was given permission to go. However, G-d stipulated that Bilam could only speak the word of G-d.

**3rd Aliya:** Along the way the incident with the talking donkey occurred, emphasizing G-d's instructions to that Bilam only deliver the word of G-d.

**4th Aliya:** Bilam attempted his first curse and was unable to do so. Instead, the words he spoke were a blessing for the Jewish people.

**5th Aliya:** Bilam made his second attempt at cursing the Jews and was again unable to do so. Instead, he issued his second blessing.

**6th & 7th Aliya:** Bilam attempted his final curse but again blessed the Jews. As he left in disgrace, Bilam told the assembled coalition of kings of their eventual destruction by the Jews. As a parting shot against the Jews, he advised them to seduce the Jewish men with Midianite women and bring G-d's wrath down upon the nation. The Parsha concludes with the incident of Baal-Peor and Pinchas's heroism.

## Parsha Questions

1. What tactic did Balak use to attempt to weaken the Jewish people?
2. Did Hashem give permission to Balaam to carry out his task?
3. What was Balaam's physical disability?
4. After Balaam's original attempts failed, what was his last response to weaken the Jewish people?

## Friday Learning Series with Rabbi Shlomo

Rabbi Shlomo will be presenting a 3-part learning series on the Hassidic movement. The classes will take place on **Fridays** at **11:15 a.m.** on **July 13, 20, and 27** at the Kripke Jewish Federation Library. The Friday Learning Series offers a wide variety of topics and is always open to the community. The classes are offered through the Jewish Federation of Omaha.

# 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 windows have 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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