



Shabbat Shalom

August 4, 2018

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Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays

Jeffrey Zacharia	Aug 5
Nehemiah Kohll	Aug 7
Evelyn Zacharia	Aug 7
Adina Schuller	Aug 7
Isaac Davidson	Aug 9
Jeffrey Taxman	Aug 9
Jenna Potash	Aug 9
Patrick McNamara	Aug 10
Hunter Tam	Aug 10

Celebrate

Celebrating a special simcha in July or August? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the July/August Simcha Kiddush on August 18.

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

*Rabbi Ari returns to the office August 10th
Mary Sue will be on vacation August 11-19.*

Saturday, August 4

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion 7:15 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit 8:00 p.m.
Havdalah 9:25 p.m.

Sunday, August 5

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

Monday, August 6

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.
Eye on Israel w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ Kripke Library 12:00 p.m.
Jewish History - Your History w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ Kripke Library.... 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7 - Thursday, August 9

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

Friday, August 10

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.
Friday Learning Series w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ Kripke Library 11:15 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv 7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting 8:12 p.m.



...to Jordana Kurtzman, Anna Goldberg, Helene Shrago, Linda Potash, and other volunteers for their on-going help in baking, shopping, and prep work for the weekly kiddush.

In Memoriam

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

Stanley R. Katelman Eva Heisler Delwin Bailey

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



2018 Book of Remembrance

Each year, Beth Israel publishes the **Book of Remembrance** which contains prayers used at the Yizkor service as well as listing names of family and friends being remembered. Remembering your loved ones in this manner is a wonderful tribute. Family pages and individual listings both available. Contact the office by August 21.

IT'S THE JYE BI KICKOFF EVENT!

Sunday, August 26

**3-4:30 p.m. - For kids of all ages
Games! Food! Fun, Fun, Fun!**



Parsha Eikev

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliyah: Moshe details the general rewards for following the Torah, and encourages the nation to have complete confidence in Hashem's protection. Moshe forewarns them of the dangers in being overly confident and commands them in the Mitzvah of Birkas Hamazon (8:10).

2nd Aliyah: Moshe warns them regarding the pitfalls of prosperity and idolatry, and exhorts them to remain humble in the face of their guaranteed victories. G-d is the one who deserves the credit!

3rd Aliyah: In order to illustrate his point, Moshe reviews the incident of the Golden Calf. He explains why G-d, being a G-d of Justice, will grant the Bnai Yisroel a victory over the inhabitants of Canaan. Not because the Jews are deserving, but because the Seven Nations deserve to be punished for their own evil actions. The actions of the Bnai Yisroel during the 40 years, such as the Golden Calf, should have resulted in the Jews' destruction. It was three factors which kept them alive and well so that they could inherit the land.

1. Hashem's promise to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov.
2. The Chillul Hashem— desecration of G-d's name—that would have occurred among the other nations who would question G-d's ability to protect His nation.
3. Moshe's begging for Hashem's forgiveness.

4th Aliyah: Moshe finishes the story of the Golden Calf by retelling the giving of the Second Luchos.

5th Aliyah: Moshe poses the famous rhetorical question of, "What does G-d want... follow His ways..." and describes other instances of Hashem's demanding justice.

6th Aliyah: Moshe describes the nature of Eretz Yisroel as demanding and responsive to our following the Torah. The second Parsha of Shema is recorded.

7th Aliyah: Moshe promises the nation total victory if they listen to the Mitzvos and follow the ways of the Hashem.

Parsha Questions

1. What are the two meanings of the word "Ekev"?
2. What does the phrase "not only by bread alone does man live" (8:3) mean?
3. Moshe fasted 40 days and nights to change Hashem's plan. What was his argument that convinced Hashem not to destroy the people?
4. When Hashem saw time after time how wicked and stiff-necked B'nai Yisrael was he offered a new deal to Moshe. What was it?



FOR OMAHA'S JEWISH TEENS

Sunday, August 12, 3-5 p.m.
Westroads Mall - Meet across from the
Flagship Commons

RSVP to Faige, Yaakov or Rabbi Shlomo by August 10th



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.

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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