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IN THE WEEK AHEAD
Saturday, September 22

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
September Simcha Kiddush.....	11:30 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	6:00 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	6:45 p.m.
Havdalah.....	8:03 p.m.

Sunday, September 23 - Erev Sukkot

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Bagels and Beit Midrash.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	7:02 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	7:02 p.m.

Monday, September 24 - Sukkot - 1st Day

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Lunch in the Sukkah.....	11:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	8:01 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25 - Sukkot - 2nd Day

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:00 p.m.
Havdalah.....	7:58 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shacharit.....	6:40 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 27 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shacharit.....	6:40 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith w/ Rabbi Ari</i>	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 28

Shacharit.....	6:40 a.m.
Mincha.....	6:54 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	6:54 p.m.



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays

Nathan Feldman

Sept 22

Nancy Rampey Biniamow

Sept 23



Celebrating a special simcha in September? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the September 22 Simcha Kiddush.



...the sponsors for the September Simcha Kiddush. **Anniversaries** - Bruce and Cindy Goldberg; Dr. Joshua & Anna Priluck. **Birthdays** - Marcia Lipsman; Anne Joseph; Mary Sue Grossman; Yosef Siegel; Nancy Rampey Biniamow; Lior Nicholson Shyken & Bertha Shyken by Paul & Susie Shyken.

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

...to Susan Katzman for sponsoring Shabbos Sheets throughout the year.



Register by next Wednesday for the Simchat Torah Dinner - Monday, October 1

It's a dairy dinner including macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, tuna salad, fruit salad, and great dairy desserts. Cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12, free for 3 and under. **Reservations needed by Wednesday, September 26.**

Make reservations on-line at orthodoxomaha.org, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org or call the office at (402) 556-6288.



Everyone is asked to please dispose of used tissues in waste cans in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for being considerate of others.

SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, September 23 - Erev Sukkot

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 7:02 p.m. Mincha/Maariv/Candle Lighting

Monday, September 24 - Sukkot - 1st Day

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch in the Sukkot
- 7:00 p.m. Mincha/Maariv
- 8:01 p.m. Earliest candle lighting

Tuesday, September 25 - Sukkot - 2nd Day

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 7:00 p.m. Mincha/Maariv/Candle Lighting
- 7:58 p.m. Havdalah

Wednesday, September 26 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot

- 6:40 a.m. Shacharit

Thursday, September 27 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot

- 6:40 a.m. Shacharit
- 5:35 p.m. *Connecting with Our Faith* with Rabbi Ari
- 12:00 p.m. *Jewish Ethics* with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

Friday, September 28 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot

- 6:40 a.m. Shacharit
- 6:40 p.m. Mincha/Maariv/Candle Lighting

Saturday, September 29

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 5:50 p.m. *Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion* with Rabbi Ari
- 12:30 p.m. Sukkah Hop for Teens
- 6:35 p.m. Mincha
- 7:51 p.m. Havdalah

Sunday, September 30 - Hoshana Rabba

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 10:00 a.m. STEM in the Sukkah - P.J. Library - Ages 5 and under
- 10:00 a.m. Sukkah Hop for Grades L-6
- 6:50 p.m. Mincha/Maariv/Candle Lighting

Monday, October 1 - Shemini Atzeret

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 10:00 a.m. Sermon, followed by Yizkor
- 6:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv
- 7:00 p.m. Hakafot
- 7:49 p.m. Earliest candle lighting
- 8:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Dinner

Tuesday, October 2 Simchat Torah

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 6:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv
- 7:46 p.m. Havdalah



**Todah Rabbah to NCSY Advisor Chedva Wielgus
for this week's D'var Torah**

“Few people need to be convinced that God created the world. However, situations may occur that are difficult to comprehend and leave even believers with many questions. There is a higher level of belief in God: not only did He create the world, but He is intimately involved in its day-to-day running. Hashem presses all the buttons and causes all events to occur, right down to the last detail. It is for this reason that the Torah put the first commandment in the context of the exodus: *“I am your God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt.”* Even though it would have been logical for God to identify himself as the Creator of the universe, a more all-inclusive title than that of engineer of the exodus, God was teaching us that He is also deeply involved in our everyday lives, intervening to pluck us out of Egypt. A guest in a village did not understand why the more important members of the shul sat at the back, while the beggars and paupers sat at the front. When he questioned the shul president about it he was told, “You are confused because you are here for only one Shabbos. If you would be here every Shabbos you would understand that we have a procedure of alternating places which, over the course of a year, is fair to everybody.” The Chofetz Chaim uses this parable to demonstrate that our questions and doubts over God’s supervision of the world are due to our lack of understanding. God’s management of this world is based on considerations of a 6,000 year time period. We are in this world for a sum total of 70, 80, or maybe 90 years. How can we expect to know the answers when we are missing parts of the puzzle? “



FRIEDEL
JEWISH ACADEMY

FJA September Events

Challah Tots at Friedel -

Fri, Sept 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Challah braiding, story time, crafts and more for tots ages 0–5 and their favorite adult.

Once a month Challah Tots will now take place at Friedel Jewish Academy! This month families will experience a special STEM-focused Sukkot activity with the innovation learning teacher while the challah bakes.

STEM in the Sukkah at Beth Israel for Ages 5 and Under -

Sun, Sept 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

PJ Library will bring the stories, and Friedel will bring STEM-focused activities to celebrate Sukkot! The activity is geared toward ages 3–5, with an adult, but siblings are welcome.

Please contact Sara Kohen at skohen@fjaomaha.com to register.



Nebraska Jewish Community Candidate Forum

Sunday, October 7, 3 p.m.

Congregation of Temple Israel • 13111 Sterling Ridge Drive

Candidates for Governor



Governor
Pete Ricketts

State Senator
Bob Krist



Candidates for U. S. Congress (NE-2)



Congressman
Don Bacon

Kara Eastman



Candidates for U. S. Senate

Council Member
Jane Raybould



Nebraska Legislature Candidates

State Senator Robert Hilkemann (District 4)

Michaela Cavanaugh (District 6)

State Senator Theresa Thibodeau (District 6)

Mina Davis (District 8)

Megan Hunt (District 8)

Matt Deaver (District 10)

State Senator Merv Riepe (District 12)

State Senator Brett Lindstrom (District 18)

Scott Winkler (District 18)

State Senator John McCollister (District 20)

Find your district at nebraskalegislature.gov/senators

After the Forum, we invite you to join us for the Jewish Federation of Omaha Community Event at the Hilton Omaha downtown.



Parsha Haazinu

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Moshe begins by describing the presence of Hashem in nature as being as evident as the rain or dew that nourish the fields and gardens. G-d is entirely just, always good, always compassionate and forgiving. Therefore, all destruction and negativity must be ascribed directly to the ill fated decisions and actions of His children.

2nd Aliya: The Jew must always remember that he was chosen from among all other nations to be nurtured by the direct ministrations of the Creator. We were born in a “desolate, howling, wasteland” and protected till we were able to assume responsibility for our unique relationship with the Creator of heaven and earth.

3rd Aliya: Unfortunately, humankind’s tendency is to forget the degree of their dependency upon Hashem and to create the illusion of self sufficiency and independence. “Yeshurun thus became fat and rebelled...”

4th Aliya: We will then be punished with exile and persecution. Chased from our land and sold into slavery, the Chosen People will experience what it means to be independent of Hashem’s direct protection and benevolence.

5th Aliya: However, the other nations will fail in the very same manner that we did. They will assume that their ability to enslave the Chosen People and ravage Israel is proof of G-d’s impotence and their own prowess and strength. Therefore, they will be punished and destroyed and the Chosen People will again recognize Hashem’s primacy and control.

6th Aliya: Moshe’s song ends with the Jewish people singing forth their acceptance and understanding of divine purpose and justice.

7th Aliya: Moshe presents the entire “song” to the nation and reemphasizes that the condition for keeping the Land is adherence to Torah and serving Hashem.

Parsha Questions

1. Who is Moshe approaching at the beginning of this week’s parsha?
2. What symbol is most used to describe Hashem in Moshe’s song? How many times?
3. Who was alongside Moshe when he sang his song to the people?
4. Where did Hashem tell Moshe he will die?



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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