



October 13, 2018
4 Cheshvan 5779



Welcome to the
Bat Mitzvah Celebration
of
Abigail Stein
Daughter of Dasha & Jeff Stein

Parsha Noach

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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Rabbi Shlomo and Hodaya Abramovich for the merit of a complete recovery for those who are ill and need a recovery in our community and in the entire nation of Israel.

Saturday, October 13

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| Shacharit..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| <i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> | 5:25 p.m. |
| Mincha/Seudah Shilshit..... | 6:10 p.m. |
| Havdalah..... | 7:29 p.m. |

Sunday, October 14

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| Shacharit @ Beth Israel..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| <i>"How Do We Pray" w/ Rabbi Shlomo</i> | 10:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home..... | 6:30 p.m. |

Monday, October 15

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| Shacharit @ Beth Israel..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| <i>Jewish History - Your History w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ JCC</i> | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home..... | 6:30 p.m. |

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 17

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| Shacharit @ Beth Israel..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home..... | 6:30 p.m. |

Thursday, October 18

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| Shacharit @ Beth Israel..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| <i>Connecting with Our Faith w/ Rabbi Ari</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| <i>Jewish Ethics w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC</i> | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home..... | 6:30 p.m. |

Friday, October 19

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| Shacharit @ Beth Israel..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| Mincha | 6:20 p.m. |
| Candle Lighting..... | 6:20 p.m. |



...for the donation of six Sephardic siddurim by an anonymous donor. The donation was made in memory of Rina bat Rachel.

...to Dasha and Jeff Stein for sponsoring kiddush luncheon in honor of Abby's Bat Mitzvah.

...to Sara Weiner for handling the unpacking of new silverware.



...to Abby Stein on the celebration of her Bat Mitzvah. Abby is the daughter of Dasha and Jeff Stein and her siblings include Danny, Hannah, Zachary, Adam, Joseph, Becky, Elyssa, and Eva.

...to former members, Rachel and Joey Shyken, on the arrival of twins on October 10. Welcoming their sister and brother home are older siblings Akiva and Nava.

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays



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| Yehoshua Rich | Oct 14 |
| Jean Cahan | Oct 14 |
| Yonatan Rich | Oct 15 |
| Adam Stein | Oct 15 |
| Talia Jane Kohen | Oct 18 |
| Carol Goldberg | Oct 19 |
| Jack Kozlen | Oct 19 |



Anniversaries

Scott & Shoshy Susman - Oct 13 - 5 years

Celebrating a special simcha in October? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the October 27 Simcha Kiddush.

In Memoriam

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



Daniel Wolk Robert L. Baker

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



**Beth Israel
Sisterhood
Annual Fund
Raising Event**

Luncheon, Silent Auction & Style Show
Sunday, November 4, 2018
11:30am

Socializing, Lunch, followed by Style Show
Fashions provided by Soft Surroundings

Event Chairs
Bette Kozlen & Helene Shrago

NEW THIS YEAR
Don't miss your chance to win \$500 in cash!
Tickets just \$10 each
Available in the office, on-line, or day of event
Need not be present to win

Donor categories: Love \$108, Beauty \$72,
Friendship \$54, Happiness \$36, Serenity \$20

Reservations due October 24



REMINDER: JYE BI Sunday morning sessions begin October 21st with the first Volunteer Day.

RABBI ARI DEMBITZER AND
RABBI SHLOMO ABRAMOVICH


connecting to
PRAYER

HOW TO PRAY IN OUR SYNAGOGUE
WITH FEELING AND MEANING

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE
Sunday, October 7, 10 AM
Why Do We Pray

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE
Sunday, October 14, 10 AM
How Do We Pray

Complimentary
Breakfast



**Friday Learning Series - Big Cities and Unusual Places in Israel
Oct. 26 | 11:15 am | Kripke Library**

The Friday Learning Series, with Rabbi Shlomo, will meet October 26 when he presents a discussion of two unusual villages - one that is half in Israel and the other half in Lebanon. The second village is a Hasidic, Halakhic village in which the people share a communal way of life. He's not revealing more than that, or even a clue about the other "unusual places."

The Friday Learning Series is a joint program of Beth Israel Synagogue and the Community Engagement and Education arm of the Jewish Federation of Omaha. The series is open to the community free of charge thanks to the support of the Ann Goldstein Programming Endowment Fund. Reservations are not required.



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Together, we can make a difference for Beth Israel Synagogue's Sisterhood. Order Pampered Chef products through this virtual and catalog fundraiser and Pampered Chef will donate 15 percent of total sales. Many thanks to Linda Neumann-Potash for also donating 100% of her commission. This means Beth Israel will get approximately 30% of the sales!

There is also a Beth Israel Kitchen Wish List/Registry for you to help add items to the synagogue kitchen. Pampered Chef will also donate an extra \$3 for every show booked from the event.

**Get shopping now by clicking on the link found on Facebook or orthodoxomaha.org
See Linda with any questions!**



Chidon HaTanach The International Youth Bible Contest

Chidon HaTanach is an annual Bible contest from the Jewish Agency for Israel for youth from all around the world. The international finals take place every year during Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations in Jerusalem. The contest is open to students in 5th-11th grades, divided into divisions by age. The first part includes three tests, taken in Omaha. Whoever reaches the required results then moves on to the national finals, in Manhattan, NY. The first test is on Wednesday November 28. Studying for the test can be done individually and I will be also be holding a class for the Chidon participants to practice for the tests. It is a great for opportunity to learn and to be part an a unusual experience!

If your child want to be part of it, please contact Rabbi Shlomo. This is a great opportunity and Beth Israel youth are encouraged to participate.



Blood Drive **Beth Israel Synagogue**

Social Hall

Sunday, November 18, 2018
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please contact Faige at (347) 522-2668 or the office at (402) 556-6288 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: BethIsrael to schedule an appointment.



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

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D'var Torah

Todah Rabbah to Rachel Kricsfeld for this week's D'var Torah

“In this week’s Torah portion, Noah, G-d instructs Noah to build an ark. This ark would float on water and protect Noah, his family, and both male and female from each of the species. For 40 days and nights, it rained and flooded the entire Earth. In total for over a year afterwards, the world was covered with water and the ark was still floating. Eventually Noah sent a raven and a series of doves to see if there was any land that could be lived on. After a dove returned with an olive branch, G-d promised Noah with a rainbow that although he was unhappy with the progression of the world, he would never destroy it again. Nowadays, it is a very important to remember that G-d will not destroy the world. But just as we shouldn’t worry that G-d won’t destroy the world again, we must also always work on improving ourselves and taking upon more Mitzvot. The ultimate goal isn’t just to believe in a rainbow but it is to make sure that we get to a place where we don’t need it.”

Parsha Noach

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Noach, a righteous man, is introduced in contrast to a generation that “has perverted its ways”. Hashem instructs him to

2nd Aliya: Noach is told to enter the Ark along with all the animals. On Cheshvan 17, 1656 – October 27, 2106 b.c.e the flood began.

3rd Aliya: For 40 days and nights the waters increased, destroying all living things. The water raged upon the surface of the earth for 150 days, and then diminished for the next 150. On Nissan 17, May 23, the Ark rested upon Mt.Ararat. Noach sends out the Raven and then the Dove, and on Cheshvan 27, October 27, exactly 1 solar year after it began, the earth was dry.

4th Aliya: Noach and his family exit the Tayvah, and offer sacrifices to Hashem. They are commanded to keep the 7 Noahide mitzvos.

5th Aliya: Hashem promises to never again destroy the world and designates the rainbow as the symbol of that covenant.

6th Aliya: The story of Noach, the vineyard, and the subsequent blessings and curses is related. The descendants of Cham, Yefes, and Canaan are listed.

7th Aliya: The story of the Tower of Babel in 1996 and Nimrod's world dominance is told. The 10 generations of Shem, culminating in the introduction of Avram and Sarai, are listed. The year is 2023. Note that Avram was 48 years old when the Tower of Babel took place and he was 56 years old when Noach died.

Parsha Questions

1. There is a similarity between the story of Noach and the story of Abraham. What is the similarity?
2. How are the stories different?
3. What is the sign of HaShem's covenant between Himself and all living creatures?
4. What did Hashem allow Noach to eat after the Flood?



**A TASTE OF
CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW**
With Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich
Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.
Kripke Jewish Federation Library
October 24 - December 19
No prior knowledge needed
Open to the community, free of charge
Call (402) 334-3463 to register
(American accents welcome!)



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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