



**October 27, 2018**  
**18 Cheshvan 5779**



**Parsha Vayeira**

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**Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays**



Aviva Segall	Oct 27
Frederic Weiss	Oct 27
Iris Ricks	Oct 27
Linda Potash	Oct 28
Sarah Abrahamson	Oct 29
Maxine Kirshenbaum	Oct 30
Howard Kaiman	Oct 31
Isabella Weiss	Oct 31
George King	Nov 1
Bette Kozlen	Nov 2
Jeanette Nadoff	Nov 2



***Celebrating a special simcha in November? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the November 17 Simcha Kiddush.***

**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Saturday, October 27**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Dr. Eitan Abramovich <i>An Intro to Post-Modern Judaism</i> .....	10:15 a.m.
Simcha Kiddush.....	11:30 a.m.
Dr. Gil Graff <i>Jewish Education and the Jewish Future</i> .....	12:15 p.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	5:05 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	5:50 p.m.
Havdalah.....	7:09 p.m.

**Sunday, October 28**

*Rabbi Ari will be out of town until Friday*

Shacharit @ Beth Israel .....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	6:15 p.m.

**Monday, October 29**

Shacharit @ Beth Israel .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History - Your History</i> w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ JCC.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	6:15 p.m.

**Tuesday-Wednesday, October 31**

Shacharit @ Beth Israel .....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	6:15 p.m.

**Thursday, November 1**

Shacharit @ Beth Israel .....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish Ethics</i> w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	6:15 p.m.

**Friday, November 2**

Shacharit @ Beth Israel .....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha.....	6:01 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	6:01 p.m.

**Welcome to Our Guest Speakers**

A warm Beth Israel welcome to Dr. Eitan Abramovich and Dr. Gil Graff who will be speaking today. Both are in Omaha and will be presenting at the Klutznick Symposium on Sunday and Monday.

Eitan will present Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at UNO on *Dispute for the Sake of Heaven: Dissent and Multiplicity in Rav Shagar’s Thought.*” Also presenting on Sunday is our very own Rabbi Shlomo. At 2:50 p.m. at the JCC, Rabbi Shlomo will give a talk titled *Limiting the Authority of the Country: Disobedience in the IDF.*



Gil is the Symposium keynote speaker and will speak Sunday evening at the JCC at 7:30 p.m. on *Jewish Law and the Law of the State: The Impact of Modernity and Its Echoes in the United States.*

## In Memoriam

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

**Dr. Bert Kwasman**

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



**Todah  
Rabbah**

...to the sponsors for the October Simcha Kiddush.

**Birthdays** - Marvin Parilman; Vera Lewish; Jean Cahan; David Cahan; Laura Dembitzer; Rick Eirenberg; Maxine Kirshenbaum; Jack Kozlen; Debbie Powers; Ron Powers;

Iris Ricks; Ethan Shrago; Deborah Platt; Debbie Krisfeld, Sam Kricsfeld.

**Anniversaries** - Tippi & Steve Denenberg; Shoshy & Scott Susman.

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



### 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

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**Don't miss your chance to win \$500 in cash!**  
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Need not be present to win

**Reservations  
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accepted  
through  
Tuesday!**

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for info on  
buying raffle  
tickets**

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CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW**

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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!)**



*Communities Coming Together*

**Blood Drive  
Beth Israel Synagogue  
Social Hall  
Sunday, November 18, 2018  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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

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### **WHEN**

**NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018**

### **WHERE**

**BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

### **EVENT CHAIRS**

**LLOYD & DEBBIE ROITSTEIN**

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## **OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **FRIDAY, NOV 9**

**Candle lighting/Mincha - 4:53 p.m.  
Shabbat Dinner - 6 p.m.**

*Salad, chicken, side dishes, challah, desserts, beverages; \$18 Adults \$9 ages 3-12; Reservation deadline November 5; After deadline - prices increase to \$28/\$19*

**Presentation by Herb Keinon  
Immediately following dinner**

*"Travels with Bibi: A Decade  
Covering Prime Minister  
Netanyahu"*

### **SHABBAT, NOV 10**

**Shacharit - 9 a.m.**

**Presentation by Herb Keinon -10:15  
a.m.**

*"Is it as Bad as it Appears: A  
Non-Sensationalist Look at Israel's  
Current State of Affairs, from Iran  
to Gaza, Netanyahu to American  
Politics"*

**Kiddush - 11:30 a.m.**

**Insights into the Weekly Torah**

**Reading with Rabbi Ari - 3:50 p.m.**

**Mincha/Seudah Shlishit - 4:35 p.m.**

**Presentation by Herb Keinon**

*"French Fries in Pita – A Personal  
Look at the Quirks and Charms of  
Life in Israel"*

**Havdalah - 5:54 p.m.**



## D'var Torah

### Todah Rabbah to Faige Jeidel for this week's D'var Torah

*"In this week's Torah portion 'Vayeira', Lot and his family were saved from the destruction of their immoral city of Sedom. As they were being taken out by the angels, they were told not to look back; only ahead. Lot's wife didn't follow these instructions and turned behind her to see the destruction. As a result, she was turned into a lifeless pillar of salt. There is a strong message here: Sometimes, we just need to look forward into the future, and only do what we need to to get there. Often we look back at our pasts and let that define us. This is inhibiting. Essentially, this acts as a preservative (like salt) which stops us from reaching our future goals. May we merit to look towards the future and strive to be a better people tomorrow than we are today."*

**MIDWEST NCSY  
CALENDAR  
2018-2019**

<b>Sr. Fall Convention</b>	October 11-14 Overland Park, KS
<b>Anne &amp; Sy Okner Winter Conclave</b>	Dec 20-24 Schaumburg, IL
<b>JSU Springboard Trips</b>	Feb 14-18
<b>Jr. Spring Regional</b>	April 4-7 Camp Nageela Midwest, Marshall, IN
<b>Sr. Spring Regional</b>	May 23-27 Camp Chi, Lake Delton, WI

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**1st Aliya:** The three angels appear to Avraham and foretell the birth of Yitzchak. Upon hearing the news, Sarah laughs to herself.

**2nd Aliya:** The angels depart to destroy Sodom, and Hashem [G-d] tells Avraham about His plans for destroying Sodom. Pasuk 18:18-19 proclaims G-d's confidence in Avraham to teach the world the concept of justice. Avraham negotiates, unsuccessfully, on behalf of Sodom.

**3rd Aliya:** The story of the destruction of Sodom is told. Lot's generosity to the "two visitors" is rewarded and he, his wife, and only two of their children are saved from Sodom.

**4th Aliya:** Lot's wife looks back upon the destruction of Sodom and dies, and Lot and his two daughters escape into the mountains. Lot's daughters conspire to rebuild humankind, and taking advantage of Lot's drunkenness, they become pregnant from Lot resulting in the birth of Ammon and Moav. Avraham encounters Abimelech after which Sarah gives birth to Yitzchak in the year 2048.

**5th Aliya:** Yishmael and Hagar are forced out of Avraham's home, and an angel reassures Hagar of Yishmael's destiny.

**6th Aliya:** Abimelech and his general Phichol resolve their conflict with Avraham over water rights, and they "sign" a covenant of peace.

**7th Aliya:** In the year 2085, when Avraham was 137 and Yitzchak was 37, Avraham is commanded to sacrifice Yitzchak. This amazing story heralds the end of Avraham and Sarah's era, and the beginning of Yitzchak and Rivkah's era.

## Parsha Questions

1. When Avraham saw the three strangers, what did he do?
2. What might we find strange about the meal he served his guests?
3. How did Avraham try to convince Hashem not to destroy Sodom?
4. How did Hashem describe Yitzhak when He ordered Avraham to sacrifice him?



**Won't be attending the Sisterhood Donor event? Don't miss out on the chance to win \$500 in cash!**

**Tickets just \$10 each**

Purchase in advance in the Beth Israel office, or at [orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org). Tickets also available day of event. Payment only by cash, check, or credit card. Drawing at Sisterhood Donor Event on Nov 4th. Need not be present to win.



## **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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*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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