



November 3, 2018
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Parsha Chayei Sarah

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Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays



Matt Beneda	Nov 3
Marian Cackin	Nov 5
Marty Ricks	Nov 5
Don Greenberg	Nov 6
Susan Polack	Nov 7
Oz Abramovich	Nov 7
Molly Nora Susman	Nov 8
Millie Campbell	Nov 9



Anniversaries

Patti & David Adler - Nov 8 - 31 years

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

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

This week's learning was sponsored by Donald Gerber in memory of his father, Arthur "Sonny" Gerber and his grandmother, Esther Feldman and 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, November 3

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	4:55 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit	5:40 p.m.
Havdalah	7:01 p.m.

Sunday, November 4

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Sisterhood Donor Luncheon, Silent Auction, Style Show	11:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 5

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History - Your History</i> w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ JCC.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 6-7

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 8

Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	9:30 a.m.
<i>Jewish Ethics</i> w/ Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 9

Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting	4:53 p.m.



...to Jordana Kurtzman for her fabulous help in the office this week.

...to Linda Potash for coordinating the Pampered Chef fundraiser and to those who made purchases. *(Missed the deadline? See page 4 for another opportunity to shop.)*

...to Shirley Goodman for sponsoring a cake for today's kiddush in honor of the birth of Ezra N'tanel Margolin, their 4th great grandchild, on October 21. Ezra has a big brother Tzur Noam, and they live in Sede Boaz, Israel. His parents are Ya'el and Avi Margolin and grandparents are Cathy and Joe Gluck of Skokie, IL

...to Donald Gerber for sponsoring the Week of Learning as noted above

...to Alex Grossman for installing new simcha plaques.

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

YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE!

The wall between the Social Hall and sanctuary will be open on Sunday for the Sisterhood Donor event. Everyone is asked to please tidy up his/her area. Wherever possible, do not leave personal items. Set-up will begin immediately after Havdalah this evening. Additional set-up help would be appreciated.

In Memoriam

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

Sherman Sperling

And the many families and friends who are mourning for the victims of the attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh

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



The following are some of the messages received in response to the Pittsburgh tragedy.

Lucas from South Dakota - *I came across your page as I was working yesterday and debated about writing you. After some prayer and contemplation, I felt compelled to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with people of the Jewish faith and for all humanity. The violence and hatred witnessed in Pittsburgh is beyond senseless. I wanted you to know that you are not alone and that throughout this great nation and the globe, good and decent people stand by and support all victims, their families and anyone affected by this tragedy. Bless you all.*

Katie and family - *We are so heartbroken for the Jewish community, and well as the entire nation. Each time the news of a mass shooting begins to unfold, my stomach turns. My family is so sad for those grieving in Squirrel Hill as well as the entire Jewish community. Please let us know what we can do, for your synagogue or if there is anything we can do for Squirrel Hill from afar, please let us know. We want to help.*

Karen - *As a Lutheran/Christian, I just want to say how sorry I am for the horrible events yesterday in Pittsburgh. You are in our prayers and our Pastor said to help support the Jewish community at this time to keep you in our prayers and to send a note saying we pray for the Jewish community and all of us as something like this affects everyone. We pray for peace and love! Blessings to you!*

Additionally, a number of messages were sent by high school students from a local Presbyterian Church. People have called and stopped by and Rabbi Ari has received flowers at their home.

Should you wish to send a letter of support for the Pittsburgh families, please send to Rabbi Danny Schiff, UJF of Greater Pittsburgh. 234 McKee Place, Pittsburgh Pa 15217. Submit online messages to www.jfcpgh.org/communitysupport.



Beth Israel Blood Drive

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

**TREAT YOURSELF AND HELP BETH ISRAEL
SISTERHOOD! SHOP THE BETH ISRAEL
SISTERHOOD PAMPERED CHEF PARTY
NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 14TH.**

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Linda Neumann-Potash will be donating 100% of her commission and we will use the host gifts to purchase products for the Beth Israel kitchen. Thanks for your generosity, Linda! (REMINDER: Orders from the previous fund raiser are available for pick-up in the synagogue office.)

**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!)

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NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018

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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."

A vibrant, abstract graphic for the Midwest NCSY Calendar 2018-2019. The background is a deep blue with dynamic, colorful splashes in shades of teal, lime green, and purple. The central text 'MIDWEST NCSY CALENDAR 2018-2019' is prominently displayed in white and yellow. Below this, a list of events is provided in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the NCSY logo and website information are included.

**MIDWEST NCSY
CALENDAR
2018-2019**

Sr. Fall Convention October 11-14
Overland Park, KS

**Anne & Sy Okner
Winter Conclave** Dec 20-24
Schaumburg, IL

JSU Springboard Trips Feb 14-18

Jr. Spring Regional April 4-7
Camp Nageela Midwest, Marshall, IN

Sr. Spring Regional May 23-27
Camp Chi, Lake Delton, WI

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Parsha Vayeira

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Avraham negotiates with Ephron the Hitite to purchase the Cave of Machpelah as a burial place for Sarah. Tradition says that this is also the burial place of Adam and Chava.

2nd Aliya: Avraham sends Eliezar, his trusted servant, to Aram Naharayim, (between the Tigris and the Euphrates) to find Yitzchak a shiduch – a bride.

3rd Aliya: Leading a caravan of supplies and riches, Eliezar arrives in Nachor. While resting by “the well,” he devises a test to ascertain the worthiness of a potential mate for Yitzchak. Rivkah (Yitzchak’s 1st cousin once removed) meets all the criteria and Eliezar presents her with the appropriate gifts.

4th Aliya: Eliezar is invited into Bisuel’s home (Rivkah’s father), and he relates the entire story of his mission and his encounter with Rivkah. Eliezar asks for her hand in marriage to Yitzchak. Bisuel and Lavan (Rivka’s brother) agree.

5th Aliya: Rivkah express her desire to depart immediately. Her family blesses her, and Eliezar brings her to Canaan. Yitzchak marries Rivka in the year 2108.

6th & 7th Aliyot: Avraham marries Keturah (some say she was Hagar) and has 6 more sons. Avraham dies in 2123 – 1638 b.c.e. at the age of 175. His two sons Yitzchak and Yishmael bury him in the Cave of Machpelah. Yishmael’s 12 sons are listed and Yishmael dies at 137.

Parsha Questions

1. What did Avraham make his servant promise?
2. What sign did Eliezer expect to receive to know that he met the right woman?
3. What was Rivka's relationship to Yitzhak (besides being his wife)?
4. What was the name of the wife Avraham took after Sarah died?



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. 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.

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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