



**November 10, 2018**  
**2 Kislev 5779**

Beth Israel is pleased to welcome  
***Herb Keinon***  
Scholar in Residence



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**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Evan Varkony in loving memory of his parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Varkony 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 10**

**Scholar-in-Residence w/ Herb Keinon**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	3:50 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	4:35 p.m.
Havdalah.....	5:54 p.m.

**Sunday, November 11**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish Time and Calendar</i> with Yosef Siegel.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.

**Monday, November 12**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History -Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 13**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 14**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.
Board of Commissioners Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.
<i>A Taste of Conversational Hebrew</i> with Rabbi Shlomo @ JCC.....	7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 15**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	9:30 a.m.
<i>Jewish Ethics</i> with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.

**Friday, November 16**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Friday Learning Series</i> with Rabbi Shlomo @ JCC.....	11:15 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	4:47 p.m.



**Beth Israel Blood Drive**

**Sun, Nov 16, 10am - 4pm**

*Sign up before Sunday to reserve your time and for planning purposes. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter BethIsrael to schedule an appointment. Rabbi Ari will also be giving a short class and refreshments will be served.*

# Scholar-in-Residence

## HERB KEINON

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT  
FOR THE JERUSALEM POST**



### **WHEN**

**NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018**

### **WHERE**

**BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

### **EVENT CHAIRS**

**LLOYD & DEBBIE ROITSTEIN**

## **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/Sseudah 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.**



...to Debbie and Lloyd Roitstein for chairing and helping sponsor this weekend's Scholar in Residence event. Thanks also to Barb Widman, Aveva Siegal, Debbie Roitstein, Shelley Smith, Bette Kozlen for setting tables for last night's Shabbat dinner.

...to Bette Kozlen and Helene Shrago for chairing a fabulous Sisterhood Donor event. Thanks also to the NUMEROUS volunteers and the over 170 attendees who helped make the event such a success.

...to Evan Varkony for sponsoring the Week of Learning in loving memory of his parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Varkony.

...to Jordana Kurtzman for her assistance in the office again this week.

...to Debbie Roitstein for baking this week, Dani Shrago for handling shopping, and other volunteers for handling other kitchen duties.

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



Helena Davidson	Nov 12
Aurelia Tindall	Nov 12
Jake Besser	Nov 13
Ariel Rife	Nov 13
Gloria Jones	Nov 13
Ann Moskovits	Nov 15
Kathy Weiner	Nov 16



**Anniversaries**

Marty & Iris Ricks - Nov 15 - 31 years  
 Jean & David Cahan - Nov 15 - 39 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.***

**TREAT YOURSELF AND HELP**

**BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD!**

**SHOP THE BETH ISRAEL**

**SISTERHOOD PAMPERED**

**CHEF PARTY NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 14TH.**

*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.)*



**Experience the Unforgettable**

**March of the Living Next Generation Pilot Program**

April 29 – May 10, 2019

Spend Yom HaShoah in Poland and Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel. The International March of the Living is excited to introduce a new pilot program for the next generation to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.



More information and registration details can be found at [motl.org/next-gen](http://motl.org/next-gen) or by contacting Monise Neumann, International March of the Living 818.621.0278 or [monise@motlmail.org](mailto:monise@motlmail.org).



## ***Jewish Time and Calendar with Yosef Seigel***

Sundays, 10 a.m., November 11 and 25

Nov 11 - Discover the uniquely Jewish approach to time management. Making the most out of your hours & days, why do some mitzvot only apply at certain times, and how does that work in practice?

Nov 25 - Explaining the history and development of the Jewish calendar; laws of months & leap years; when & why holidays fall throughout the seasons; Sabbatical & Jubilee cycles.

## *THE Sensual AND THE Sacred*

Intimacy, Relationships & the Mikvah

Presented by Miriam Lipskier

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

7:00pm at Chabad

1866 South 120th Street

Light Refreshments | RSVP at [OChabad.com/Mikvah](http://OChabad.com/Mikvah)

Mrs. Miriam Lipskier is the co-founder and director of the Chabad Student Center at Emory University. She is a staff member at Bais Chana Women International and has led teen and adult education programs around the world.

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**Todah Rabbah to Eleanor Dunning  
for this week's D'var Torah**

*"Any love that depends on something  
else will not last" -Talmud*

This week's Parsha talks about taking the small things in life and making decisions based off what will be good for us in the long run rather than just the small, sweet encounters. The big question is, why did Eisav give up his birthright for some lentil soup? You see, Eisav represents short term pleasure while Yaakov represents long term pleasure (ie. a relationship with God). For Eisav, he thought that it was better to live day to day, but it was the small things that throw him off track. He favored the soup over the birthright as he wanted that short term pleasure vs the responsibility that came with the birthright.

Why does the Torah mention this episode? The lesson is clear. Everyday Hashem sends us opportunities that will shape our potential. If we follow Eisav's example we'll be controlled by the fear of additional responsibility. Those opportunities are for our benefit. We have both Yaakov and Eisav inside of us. It's the human condition. But the real test is how we handle our reactions. The choice is yours.



# Parsha Toldos

Source: [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org)  
Rabbi Aron Tendler

**1st Aliya:** Yitzchak is 40 years old (2088) when he marries Rivkah. After 20 years, Esav and Yakov are born. The Parsha jumps from their birth to Yakov's purchase of the 1st born rights from Esav at the age of 15. (2123 – the day Avraham died)

**2nd Aliya:** The Parsha returns to the story of Yitzchak and Rivkah and the famine which forces them to settle among the Plishtim. Yitzchak, like his father before him, has a moral confrontation with Avimelech, after which his fields are uniquely prolific and financially successful.

**3rd Aliya:** Yitzchak's financial success leads to jealousy with his Plishtim neighbors. He re-digs Avraham's wells, resulting in a confrontation with the Plishtim over water rights. He moves back to Beer Sheva.

**4th Aliya:** Hashem (G-d), in a dream, confirms for Yitzchak the future of his children. Avimelech, the King of the Plishtim, and his General, Phicol, approach Yitzchak to make a peace treaty.

**5th Aliya:** The treaty between Yitzchak and the Plishtim is celebrated. The Parsha returns to the story of Yakov and Esav. Esav's marriage to two Canaanite women at the age of 40 (2148) brings disappointment to Yitzchak and Rivkah. In 2171, when Yakov and Esav are 63 and Yitzchak is 123, Yitzchak blesses Yakov and Esav. The Parsha details the duplicity of Yakov and Rivkah in fooling Yitzchak.

**6th Aliya:** Yitzchak blesses Yakov with spiritual and material gain, after which Esav returns to discover Yakov's plot. He receives his own blessing for material gain, and is determined to kill Yakov. Rivkah, fearful for Yakov's life, convinces Yitzchak to send Yakov to her brother Lavan in search of a shiduch – a wife. Yitzchak confirms on Yakov the future of the Jewish nation before his departure to Lavan.

**7th Aliya:** Yakov departs for Padan Aram, and Esav marries the daughter of Yishmael. (his 1/2 1st cousin)

## Parsha Questions

1. What did HaShem tell Rivka about her pregnancy?
2. Yaakov is accused of manipulating Esau on two important issues. What were those issues?
3. Why did Rivka want to send Yaakov away?
4. What reason did she give to Yitzhak?



## **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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