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Parsha Vayetze

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Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays



Marvin Kohll	Nov 19
Sharon Kirshenbaum	Nov 19
Marilyn Zevitz	Nov 20
Stephanie Beneda	Nov 21
Lev Denenberg	Nov 21
Benna Denenberg	Nov 21
Helen Rifkin	Nov 21



Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the December 29 Simcha Kiddush.

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Mort Glass 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 17

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion3:45 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....4:30 p.m.
Havdalah.....5:48 p.m.

Sunday, November 18

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.
Beth Israel Blood Drive 10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home4:45 p.m.

Monday, November 19

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.
Jewish History -Your History with Rabbi Shlomo..... 12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home4:45 p.m.

Tuesday - Wednesday, November 20-21

Shacharit..... 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home4:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 22

The synagogue office will be closed

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home4:45 p.m.

Friday, November 23

The synagogue office will be closed

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting4:47 p.m.

Mary Sue will be out of the office Wednesday and Rabbi Ari will be out of town Friday through Sunday



...to the sponsors for the November Simcha Kiddush.

Birthdays - Bette Kozlen, Ann Moskovits, Tippi Denenberg, Sharon Kirshenbaum, Oz Abromovich, Molly Nora Susman, Millie Campbell, Jack Cohen and Toba Cohen Dunning.

...to Linda Neuman-Potash for hosting last week's Rosh Chodesh Group.

...to Dani Shrago for shopping, Linda Neuman-Potash, Jordana Kurtzman, Helene Shrago, and other volunteers for helping with kiddush and Seudah Shilshit.

In Memoriam

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

Steve Jay Feldman

Gennadiy Menkov

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





Beth Israel Blood Drive
 Sun, Nov 18, 10am - 4pm
AFTERNOON SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE
 Sign up before Sunday to reserve your time and for planning purposes. Go to redcrossblood.org and enter BethIsrael to schedule an appointment. **Help save a life!**

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Beth Israel Synagogue



Jewish Time and Calendar with Yosef Seigel
 Sunday, 10 a.m., November 25
 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.

Omaha/Kansas City Jr. NCSY Shabbaton
 November 30 - December 2
 Beth Israel Synagogue



It will be a great Shabbat filled with learning, ruach, friendships, and fun. Contact Rabbi Shlomo to be a part of it. Can you help as a volunteer or by giving a monetary donation? Please talk to Yaakov or Rabbi Shlomo, or Rabbi Ari.

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For more information, contact the Midwest NCSY Office
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Statement on Vaccinations from the OU and Rabbinical Council of America

Orthodox Jewish parents, like responsible parents across the United States, overwhelmingly vaccinate their children against measles, mumps, rubella, polio and the other childhood diseases for which inoculations are now almost miraculously commonplace. As in many communities, a small minority of parents chooses not to do so. The ongoing measles outbreak demonstrates how this could bear very serious consequences, not only for their own children but others' too, especially those medically unable to be vaccinated. The Orthodox Union (OU) and the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) strongly urge all parents to vaccinate their healthy children on the timetable recommended by their pediatrician.

Judaism places the highest value on preserving human life. It is well known that those facing even a potential life or death situation are instructed to set aside the Sabbath and other key tenets of halachic (Jewish law) observance until the emergency has passed. Prayers for good health and for the complete and perfect healing of the ill are an ages-old aspect of Jewish tradition. But prayers must go hand-in-hand with availing oneself of medical science, including vaccination.

There are halachic obligations to care for one's own health as well as to take measures to prevent harm and illness to others, and Jewish law defers to the consensus of medical experts in determining and prescribing appropriate medical responses to illness and prevention. Therefore, the consensus of major poskim (halachic decisors) supports the vaccination of children to protect them from disease, to eradicate illness from the larger community through so-called herd immunity, and thus to protect others who may be vulnerable. While the health of children is an important consideration, everyone should consult with his or her religious, medical and legal advisors in determining what actions to take. Nothing in this statement should be construed to add to or detract from rights or obligations created by New York or other state and federal statutes and regulations.

Moishe Bane, President, OU

Allen Fagin, Executive Vice President, OU

Rabbi Mark Dratch Executive Vice President, Rabbinical Council of America



Chanukah begins Sunday evening, December 2

- Shop the Beth Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop for decorations, gifts for young and old, menorahs, candles, and more! Gift shop available Mon-Thu, 9am-4pm, and Fri, 9am-2pm.
- Join Rabbi Ari Sunday, Dec 2 at 10 a.m. for *The Secret Lights of Chanukah* and learn about the true light of this special holiday.
- The Beth Israel Chanukah Carnival will be held Dec 2, 4-5:30 p.m. See next page for more info.
- Enjoy a delicious meal at the Chanukah lunch on Shabbat, Dec 8. Brisket, potato kugel, salad, cranberry relish, challah rolls, and dessert. Adults \$14, ages 3-12, \$7. Sign up on line or call the office.

Operation Grateful Goodies is an opportunity for the Jewish community to say “thank you” to the dedicated people who serve our city all year long and are away from their families on December 25. Volunteers from Beth El Beth Israel, Temple Israel, Chabad and the Jewish Federation of Omaha will bake, package and deliver



The Miriam Initiative

Operation Grateful Goodies

home-baked goods to police officers, fire fighters, hospital staff and employees of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. It’s our way of showing appreciation to those who protect, defend and heal us 365 days a year. Goodies can be baked at home or volunteers can join in several baking days scheduled at Beth El. For more information, please email Linda Saltzman at linda_saltzman@hotmail.com.



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 or by contacting Monise Neumann, International March of the Living 818.621.0278 or monise@motlmail.org.

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Helene & Jack Shrago, and Fred Weiss.*

Parsha Vayetze

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Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Yakov experiences the famed prophecy of “Jacob’s Ladder”.

2nd Aliya: Yakov arrives in Charan, encounters Rachel, and contracts with Lavan for her hand in marriage.

3rd Aliya: Lavan switches Leah for Rachel forcing Yakov to negotiate another 7 years of service for Rachel. Leah gives birth to Reuven, Shimon, Levi, and Yehudah. Rachel marries off Bilhah to Yakov who gives birth to Dan and Naftoli. Leah marries off Zilpah to Yakov, and she gives birth to Gad and Asher.

4th Aliya: Rachel contracts with Leah for Reuven’s mandrakes, after which Leah gives birth to Yisachar and Zevulun. Rachel finally gives birth to Yoseph, and Yakov approaches Lavan to negotiate a proper salary for continued service.

5th Aliya: Yakov’s uses his vast knowledge of nature and husbandry to amass a fortune in sheep and cattle. After 6 years he decides with Rachel and Leah to flee from Lavan.

6th Aliya: They flee and Lavan catches them. Hashem (G-d) intervenes and Yakov, while confronting Lavan for his years of duplicity, unwittingly curses Rachel.

7th Aliya: Yakov and Lavan separate and Yakov arrives at the border of Canaan in 2205.

Parsha Questions

1. What was the name of the place where Yaakov had his dream?
2. What vow did Yaakov make after his dream?
3. Sarah, Rivka and Rachel had a common problem. What was it?
4. What did Rachel name her first own child, and what did his name mean?



Todah Rabbah to Leora McNamara for this week's D'var Torah

This week's Torah portion is Vayetze. In Vayetze Leah has her fourth child, Judah. After he was born Leah said "This time, I thank Hashem" and she preceded to name him Judah which means thank you G-d. Leah realized that the key to happiness is saying thank you. A speaker in a Ted-Talk I watched recently said it's not that happy people are grateful, it's that people that are grateful allow happiness to come into their lives. Once Leah was able to be grateful to Hashem, then Judah was able to lead the Jewish people to become a great nation. And to be the start of the Jewish people is a pretty happy ending.



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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