



**February 16, 2019**  
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**Parsha Tetzaveh**

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Mazel Tov to Brigitte and Alan Kohll on the birth  
of their new baby boy,  
Benjamin Asher Kohll

**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Matt & Stephanie Beneda 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, February 9**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush .....	11:30 a.m.

Kiddush is being sponsored by Brigitte and Alan Kohll

In honor of the birth of their new baby boy, Benjamin Asher Kohll.

<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	4:40 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	5:25 p.m.
Havdalah.....	6:42 p.m.

**Sunday, February 10**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	5:45 p.m.

**Monday, February 11**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History - Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo .....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	5:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 12**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	5:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 13**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	5:45 p.m.

**Thursday, February 14**

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 .....	5:49 p.m.

**Friday, February 15**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting .....	5:49 p.m.



...to Matt & Stephanie Beneda for sponsoring the Week of Learning.

...to Brigitte & Alan Kohll for sponsoring kiddush.

...to Faige and Ron Lugasy for putting on a wonderful

*Israeli Cooking Workshop.*

...to everyone who has searched through the coat room for their belongings to help tidy up the area.

*Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week*

**Birthdays**

Joe Kirshenbaum	Feb 17
Marina Sadofsky	Feb 17
Kaye Giller	Feb 19
Jane Fishkin	Feb 20
Richard Gurevich	Feb 20
Sara Kohen	Feb 21
David Kay	Feb 21
Malachi Abramovich	Feb 21
Hersz Flatowicz	Feb 21
Zena Fishbain	Feb 22
Hannah Stein	Feb 22

**Anniversaries**

Isaac & Helena Davidson	Feb 18
Phil & Nancy Wolf	Feb 19
Yaakov & Faige Jeidel	Feb 22



*Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the February 23 Simcha Kiddush.*

# Shabbat Across America

**Open to Beth Israel 10-11th Grade Teens**



**Israeli Style Friday Night Dinner With Next Years Israel Trips Crew**

**Learn More About And Prepare For The JFO Teen Trip To Israel**

**Shabbat Dinner · 03/01/19 · 6 - 8 PM**

**[Executiveasst@OrthodoxOmaha.org](mailto:Executiveasst@OrthodoxOmaha.org)**



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## In Memoriam



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



***Edith R Shapiro*** ☆ ***Ilse Kahn*** ☆ ***Vera Bernstein***

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



Beth Israel Synagogue is now partnered with Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program. Dillons Food Stores include Dillons, Bakers, and Gerbes. When participants use their Plus Shopper's card at any

Bakers location, Beth Israel Synagogue could receive rewards up to \$500,000.

To use the Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program visit <http://www.bakersplus.com>  
Register for a Bakers Plus Shoppers card and enroll by searching for BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE.

Purchases will not count for the organization until after participants register their rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

This is one way to help the Synagogue by doing what you're already doing.



**Challah Tots**  
**Friday, February 22 at 9:30 a.m.**

In this twice-monthly program, tots and their favorite adult enjoy challah braiding, story time, crafts, and more. Challah Tots will meet at Friedel Jewish Academy on Friday, February 22, from 9:30 A.M.–10:30. Please sign up by 12:00 P.M. the day before the program so we can be sure to have enough dough on hand! Sign up for February 22 by emailing Sara Kohen at [skohen@fjaomaha.com](mailto:skohen@fjaomaha.com).

**Kindergarten Roundup**  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**  
**10:00–11:30 A.M.**  
**Friedel Jewish Academy**

Kindergarten Roundup is coming to Friedel Jewish Academy on Wednesday, February 27, from 10:00 until 11:30 A.M. Kindergarten Roundup gives children entering kindergarten in fall 2019 a fun preview of the kindergarten experience. Parents may choose to either drop off their child at Friedel or to have Friedel staff bring their child to and from the CDC for Kindergarten Roundup. Parents should let CDC staff know if they would like for Friedel to pick up their child. Please email Sara Kohen, Friedel's Director of Advancement, to register or with any questions at [skohen@fjaomaha.com](mailto:skohen@fjaomaha.com).

**Jewish Federation of Omaha**  
**Scholarship Opportunities**

Thanks to the generosity of the community, a variety of funding sources are available to Omaha's Jewish families to assist in meeting the financial challenges of programs for their children. Scholarships and grants exist for residential camp, JCC summer camp, Israel programs, the Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center, Friedel Jewish Academy, and youth group activities. Assistance is also available for undergraduate, graduate, vocational, technical, professional or yeshiva studies.



Visit the JFO web page for specific information and application forms. Brochures available in the office at the front desk. Now is the time to plan and apply. Application Deadline is March 1, 2019



**Todah Rabbah Faige Jeidel  
NCSY Director Omaha  
for this week's D'var Torah**



*And you shall command the children of Israel that they shall take for you pure, pressed olive oil for illumination, to kindle the lamp. (Ex. 27:20)*

The oil for the menorah must be pure, without any admixture of foreign substances or olive particles and sediment. Even though such impurities can be filtered out later on, the verse tells us that the oil had to be absolutely pure and clear from the start. Therefore, the oil was made by pressing each olive gently, until only one drop of pure oil emerged. Afterwards, the olives would be crushed and the resulting oil used for *korbanos* (offerings). A powerful lesson can be learned from the fact that only the first drop of oil was permissible for use in lighting the menorah, whereas for the sacrifices the second pressing was allowed.

While an observant Jew ensures that the food he eats is kosher, he might be less concerned with the "food for the intellect" that enters his home in the form of literature or via the mass-media. The oil for the menorah represented the intellect, which needed to be 100% pure. The oil for the menorah must be superior to the oil for the sacrifices which symbolized nourishment. The Torah insists that our minds be fed only with information that is the purest and most refined.(1)

While the average car can be filled with any type of gas, high-class luxury cars can only be filled with premium gas. Filling the car with inferior gas can ruin the engine. In a similar vein, the average person may fill himself with all sorts of material, but a Jew has a most delicate soul which can only handle the purest and finest wisdom. When one is filled with only the finest spiritual gasoline, he is able to reach tremendous spiritual heights.

1. Oznayim Latorah.

**Parsha Questions**

1. What are the names of Aaron's four sons?
2. What was the purpose of the kohanim's garments, according to what it said at the beginning of the parasha?
3. The tzitz was a golden plate made for the high-priest to wear on his forehead. What was to be engraved on it?
4. How many stones were on the Choshen, and why?

# Parsha Tetzaveh

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

**1st Aliya:** The Parsha opens with the commandment to use pure olive oil in lighting the Menorah. Aharon and his four sons were selected to be the Kohanim. The basic garments of a Kohain consisted of a turban, shirt, pants, and belt. The Kohain Gadol wore four additional garments: the Me'ill – a long outer robe; the Ayphod – a quilted vest or bibbed apron; the Choshen – jeweled breastplate; and the Tzitz – engraved, golden, forehead plate. The quilted vest is described in this Aliya along with the two Shoham stones. These were engraved with the names of the 12 Tribes and set on the shoulders of the Kohain Gadol.

**2nd Aliya:** The cloth settings for the Shoham stones are described along with the jeweled breastplate. The method of fastening the breastplate to the quilted vest is explained. The breastplate was a quilted garment set with 12 stones, each engraved with the name of a Tribe.

**3rd Aliya:** The long outer robe is described. The hem of this garment was edged with small bells intended to announce the presence of the Kohain Gadol as he walked through the Bais Hamikdash. (From this the Gemara derives that a husband, prior to entering the door of his own home, out of respect for his wife, should announce his arrival by knocking on the door.) The engraved, golden forehead plate and the Kohain Gadol's turban are described, along with the four basic garments worn by all Kohanim. All the garments were hand made of the finest white linen. The special vestments of the Kohain Gadol were woven from a special thread spun from five different colored threads, including a thread made of pure gold.

**4th, 5th, & 6th Aliyot:** The seven day ceremony consecrating the Kohanim into their priestly service is detailed along with the consecration of the Mizbeach – Altar.

**7th Aliya:** The last vessel to be described is the inner, golden Altar, used to burn the daily incense offering. This offering, as well as the daily preparation for the lighting of the Menorah, could only be performed by the Kohain Gadol. The special mixture of incense called the Kitores, could only be formulated for this purpose. (The renowned biblical archeologist, Vendell Jones, claims to have unearthed a hidden cache containing 600 kilos of the Kitores, buried before the 1st Bais



## **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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