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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Jeff Zacharia 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.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	4:30 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit	5:15 p.m.
Havdalah	6:34 p.m.

Sunday, February 10

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mitzvah Fair for 3rd & 4th graders	10:00 a.m.
<i>Jews and Money: Jewish Attitudes Towards Wealth</i> with Yosef Seigel.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	5:40 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.....	5:40 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	5:40 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	5:40 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.....	5:40 p.m.

Friday, February 15

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	5:40 p.m.



...to Jeff Zacharia for sponsoring the Week of Learning.
 ...to Dani Shrago doing our weekly shopping
 ...to everyone who has searched through the coat room for their belongings to help tidy up at area.

Special thanks to the Staenberg Family Foundation for awarding an Anything Grant of \$5,000 to Beth Israel Synagogue to help fund Project Dreamland 3.0.



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week



Birthdays

Carl Riekas	Feb 10
Samuel Cemaj	Feb 11
Jon Meyers	Feb 12
Paulette Flatowicz	Feb 13

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



Jews and Money

YOSEF SEIGEL

**JEWISH ATTITUDES
TOWARDS WEALTH**

WWW.ORTHODOXOMAHA.ORG

Beth Israel Synagogue 2/3 & 2/10 | 10-11 AM

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.

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

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

Gematria

Gematria is a numerological system by which Hebrew letters correspond to numbers. This system, developed by practitioners of Kabbalah, derived from Greek influence and became a tool for interpreting biblical texts.

In gematria, each Hebrew letter is represented by a number (see below). One can then calculate the numerical value of a word by adding together the values of each letter in it. In the realm of biblical interpretation, commentators base an argument on numerological equivalence of words. If a word's numerical value equals that of another word, a commentator might draw a connection between these two words and the verses in which they appear and use this to prove larger conceptual conclusions.

(<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/gematria/>)

Hebrew gematria

א = 1	מ = 40
ב = 2	נ = 50
ג = 3	ס = 60
ד = 4	ע = 70
ה = 5	פ = 80
ו = 6	צ = 90
ז = 7	ק = 100
ח = 8	ר = 200
ט = 9	ש = 300
י = 10	ת = 400
כ = 20	תק = 500
ל = 30	

Gematria is the reason Jews often give money in 18 dollar increments.

The word for “living” in Hebrew is *Chai* (חי). *Chet* has a value of 8, added with *yud*, which has a value of 10, equals 18.



**Todah Rabbah to an anonymous
NCSY-er for this week's
D'var Torah**



Enter Your Destination Trumah (exodus 25:1 - 27:19)

You shall make a menorah of pure gold, hammered out shall the menorah be made. (Ex. 25:31)

God commanded Moshe to make a menorah by fashioning it out of a single bar of gold. Moshe could not visualize the menorah, and so God showed him a vision of a menorah of fire. However, Moshe still found it difficult to make. God then told him to throw the bar of gold into the fire, give it one blow with the hammer, and a finished menorah would emerge! Moshe threw the gold into the fire, hit it with the hammer and prayed to Hashem. Immediately, the complete menorah emerged from the fire. There is an obvious difficulty with this: if God knew that Moshe was not going to be able to actually make the menorah by himself, why did He show him the heavenly vision first?

When you get into your car and you turn on the G.P.S. the first instruction is: ENTER YOUR DESTINATION. In order to get anywhere in life, you need to have a goal; a vision of where you are heading. You have to first know what you want, before it can happen. Similarly, you can't pray and expect heavenly assistance if you don't have a clear vision of what you are looking for. Therefore, God had to show Moshe a vision of what he was supposed to accomplish, and only then could Moshe pray for heavenly assistance in the making of the menorah.(1)

The Alter of Kelm explains how righteous people of previous generations became such great people. It was because they knew the power of setting goals, and had visions of what they aspired to reach. The evil inclination is able to persuade someone to sin by placing immoral fantasies in his mind. The only way to fight him is by using his own weapon against him - one needs to use the imagination to envision greatness.(2) A person can learn *mussar* but still retain his flaws. In order to really change, one needs to envision the great person he would like to be. When the great sage Rebbe Akiva Eiger was asked how he became who he was, he replied that he strove to become like the Rashba (a great Rabbi who lived hundreds of years before him), and therefore he was able to become Rebbe Eiger. A person should always aim higher - shoot for the sky, for if you fall you will land amongst the stars!

1. Sfas Emes.
2. Michtav M'Eliyahu IV, pg. 252

Parsha Terumah

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: A list of raw materials necessary for building the Mishkan was presented to the Bnai Yisroel: gold, silver, copper, wool dyed sky-blue, dark red, and crimson, linen, goats wool, ram skins, acacia wood, oil, spices, incense, and precious stones. The Ark is described in detail.

2nd Aliya: The cover of the Ark and the Cherubim are detailed. The weight of the cover alone, without the Cherubim, is between 150 lb. and 2500 lb. of pure gold! The Shulchan – Table and the Showbread are described.

3rd & 4th Aliyot: The Menorah and her utensils are described. Her weight was 1 Talent = 3000 Shekels = 150 lb. of pure gold. The basic structure of the Mishkan, consisting of beams, decorative materials and leather coverings, is outlined.

5th Aliya: The Paroches- dividing partition separating the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Mishkan is described.

6th & 7th Aliyot: The ramped, copper, Mizbeach is described. The outer enclosure surrounding the entire Mishkan is described.

Parsha Questions

1. What is the meaning of the word "Terumah"?
2. According to this parsha, what is the purpose of the sanctuary?
3. Of what material the Menorah – candlestick, was to be made?
4. How many branches were in the Menorah – candlestick?

In Memoriam

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

Aalt van de Kamp ☆ *Melinda Graham* ☆ *Brad T. Finkle*

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





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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