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Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays

Jane Cohen	Mar 16
Scott Goldberg	Mar 17
Patricia Newman	Mar 17
Howard Gendelman	Mar 18
Aviva Arti	Mar 19

Anniversary

Ben Shapiro & Amy Reynolds	Mar 18
Ron & Kaye Giller	Mar 18



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

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Rick Eirenberg 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, March 16
Project Dreamland 3.0**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
March Simcha Kiddush	11:30 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	6:10 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	6:55 p.m.
Havdalah.....	8:13 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17
Project Dreamland 3.0**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Priorities in Giving Charity</i> with Rabbi Ari	
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:15 p.m.

Monday, March 18

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History - Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Erev Purim

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Purim

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
<i>Megillah Reading & Purim 70's Disco Party</i>	6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	7:21 p.m.

**Friday Learning Series: Understanding the Elections in Israel
With Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich**

The Israel election system is very different from the American system, and as with many things Israel, it's complicated. "One of the true keys to understanding Israel is to understand Israel politics, how it is governed, and how people come to hold the positions they do." said Rabbi Shlomo.

The final session of this Friday Learning Series will be held on March 29 at 11:15 a.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library.



...to Rick Eirenberg for sponsoring the Week of Learning.
... to those who made Project Dreamland possible by sponsoring: Staenberg Family Foundation Anything Grant, Bruce & Cindy Goldberg, Michael & Karen Cohen, Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman, Moshe Rosenblatt, Alan

Biniamow & Nachy Rampey Biniamow, and Mr & Mrs Anonymous.

...the families who have opened their homes for Project Dreamland: Harry & Kathy Weiner, Matt & Stephanie Beneda, Andrew & Bracha Goldsweig, Yaakov & Faige Jeidel, Rabbi Ari & Laura Dembitzer, and Rabbi Shlomo & Hodaya Abramovich.

...to the drivers of Project Dreamland: Max Weiner, Eli Klinkowitz, and Rabbi Shlomo Abramovitch.

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...Jordana Kurtzman for donating material for Project Dreamland Welcome bags.

...to the Shnayder family for sponsored décor for the Project Dreamland Dinner.

...to the sponsors of the March Simcha Kiddish. Birthdays; Aviva Arti, Eliyana Beneda, Jane Cohen, Leo Fettman, Dr. Howard Gendelman, Adam Goldberg, Jen Goldberg, Scott Goldberg, Max Goldberg, Alex Grossman, Lea Jeidel, Daniel Lev Kohen, Patricia Newman, Rachel Shyken, and Sally Wintroub. Anniversaries; Matt & Stephanie Beneda, Les & Helen Kay, Joe & Maxine Kirshenbaum, and Alan & Deborah Kricsfeld.

A very special Executive Director's

Todah Rabah

...to Kaitlin Maher, Yaakov & Faige Jeidel, Rabbi Shlomo Abromovitch, and Rabbi Ari Dembitzer for all of their hard work making Project Dreamland a success.

...to the Project Dreamland guests and counselors who inspired everyone with their tremendous spirit.

Beth Israel's 70's Purim Disco

Wednesday March 20

8:00 p.m.

Megillah Reading

Ice Cream Social to follow

No charge. We do ask you contact the Office to make reservations.

Thursday March 21

5:45 p.m.

Mincha

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Strolling Magic

6:00 p.m.

Megillah Reading

6:30 p.m.

Purim Seuda

Sloppy Joe's, baked potato bar, and dessert
\$5 per person and children ages 5 and under FREE

7:00 p.m.

Purim Spiel

8:30 p.m.

Wine & The Secrets of the Torah with Rabbi Ari

To register for Purim Seuda or the Ice Cream Social -

contact Kaitlin in the office

by phone 402.556.6288

or by email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org



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MARCH 17 • 10-11 AM
 PRIORITIES IN GIVING CHARITY:
 WHERE SHOULD I GIVE MY HARD EARNED MONEY?

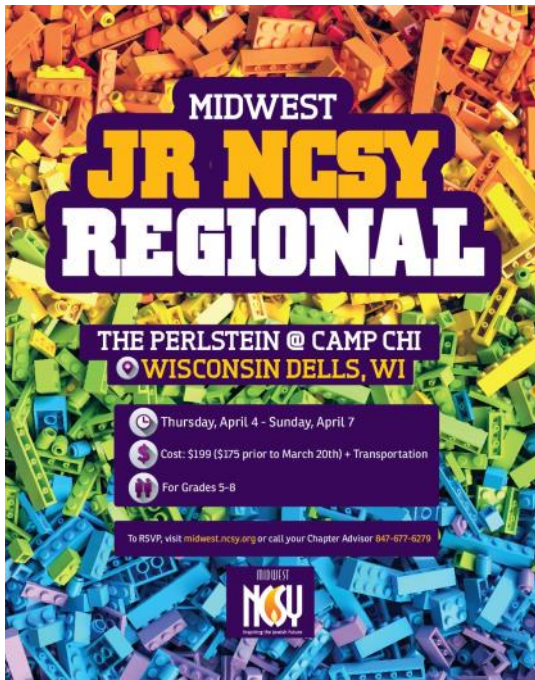
MARCH 24 • 10-11 AM
 REFORM, CONSERVATIVE, AND ORTHODOX
 JUDAISM IN THE EYES OF THE TORAH:
 IS PLURALISM THE WAY OF GOD?

MARCH 31 • 10-11 AM
 ANIMAL SACRIFICE IN THE AGE OF
 VEGETARIANISM: HOW CAN THEY COINCIDE?



Beth Israel will cover the reduced cost of \$175 to anyone who registers prior to March 20th.

For registration or questions please contact Yaakov Jeidel, Faige Jeidel, or Rabbi Shlomo




**MIDWEST
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**THE PERLSTEIN @ CAMP CHI
 WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**

🕒 Thursday, April 4 - Sunday, April 7
 💰 Cost: \$199 (\$175 prior to March 20th) + Transportation
 👤 For Grades 5-8

To RSVP, visit midwest.ncsy.org or call your Chapter Advisor 847-677-6279





**Todah Rabbah Rena/Shira Rachlin -
Dreamlanders
for this week's D'var Torah**



*Speak to the Children of Israel and say to them:
When a man among you brings an offering to Hashem...*

Vayikra deals with the offerings one had to bring in the times of the Temple after sinning. Why was it necessary to set up an elaborate system involving slaughtering animals in order to evoke in a sinner thoughts of repentance? Surely it would have been simpler for the Torah to command the transgressor to confess his sin and accept rebuke!

The Torah chose the most effective method of stirring us to sincere repentance. Of course the Torah could have demanded of a transgressor a mere verbal confession: "I did wrong." However, the effect of spoken words cannot compare to that of actions, which make a vivid visual impression. Man must bring an animal to the Beis Hamikdash, the Holy Temple, rest his hands on it, and then witness it being slaughtered and burned. One would become conscious of the fact that all the acts performed on the sacrificial animal should rightfully have been done to him. This arouses in a sinner a far more profound awareness of the evil of sin than a mere oral acknowledgment of his wrong doing.¹

Nowadays, since we do not have the opportunity to bring sacrificial offerings for our sins, we need other tools to help make us aware of the reality of sin. A person only sins because he sees the sin as an isolated incident, failing to appreciate the bigger picture which includes the results of his actions. One needs to picture a sin as poison. Just as one can understand that eating a small but harmful thing can really damage the body, so too, every sin is poison for the soul and does real damage. We must take the spiritual world as seriously as the physical world.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein was once asked to leave the Beis Midrash in order to take an important phone call from another country, but he would not go to the phone since someone was davening Shemoneh Esrei near the front door and blocking his exit, and one is not allowed to enter the four amos of a person standing in prayer. When asked why he could not leave, he said that there was a wall blocking him and he could not walk through a wall. For Rav Moshe, the four amos of prayer was not some vague concept – it was a tangible reality!

1. Chinuch 95

PARSHA VAYIKRA

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Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st & 2nd & 3rd Aliyot: The instructions for offering a “Oleh” – burnt offering (fully consumed on the Alter) is detailed. This offering could be brought from a bull, or male sheep or goat. The less expensive “Oleh”, using a Turtle Dove or common dove, is described. The Mincha, an offering made from baked, fried, or deep fried matzoh type crackers is detailed.

4th Aliya: The Korban Shlomim – the peace offering, brought from male or female cattle, sheep, and goats is described.

5th Aliya: This aliya describes this Korban Chatas – the sin offering. Three unique sin offerings are described:

1. When the High Priest sinned
2. If the King sinned
3. If the entire nation sinned because of a wrong ruling by the Sanhedrin – High Court. Note: A Korban Chatas could only be offered if the sin was unintentional.

6th & 7th Aliyot: The Korban Chatas of a commoner is detailed, as well as the specifics of the Korban Asham – the guilt offering. This Korban was offered in instances where intentional wrong doing was implicated; such as not fulfilling an assumed oath, or doing something questionable without first ascertaining the law. Additionally, a type of Asham was offered in instances of dishonesty and swearing falsely.

Parsha Questions

1. In the beginning of this parasha, from where did Hashem's voice come when He spoke to Moshe?
2. What is the uniqueness of the Olah offering?
3. What ingredients are specifically omitted from the meal offerings?
4. What ingredient must be added to all offerings?

SHABBAT SHALOM



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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