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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Sarah Potash in memory of her brother David 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, March 2

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush sponsored by John Berlowitz.....	11:30 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	4:55 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	5:40 p.m.
Havdalah.....	6:58 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	6:05 p.m.

Monday, March 4

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History - Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	6:05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	6:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	6:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit.....	6:45 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	6:05 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:05 p.m.

In Memoriam

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

Sally Malashock ☆ **Harriet Klopper**

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

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week



Birthdays

Lea Jeidel	Mar 2
Alex Grossman	Mar 3
Meir Wheeler	Mar 3
Adam Goldberg	Mar 3
Amy Reynolds	Mar 5
Nancy Wolf	Mar 6
Roman Pitman	Mar 7



Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the March 16 Simcha Kiddush.



Beth Israel is excited to announce Project Dreamland 3.0 Friday night meal is open for registration.

**Friday, March 15th
7:45 p.m.**

Project Dreamland brings 10 kids who have been campers though Camp Simcha, a camp for children and teens with cancer, blood

disorders, and/or physical disabilities, to Omaha for a weekend of fun, camaraderie and inspiration.

Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, Yaakov Jeidel, and a number of other Beth Israel staff and volunteers are committed to making this weekend the best yet. There will be 10 kids from as far as the Tri-State area, Baltimore, Florida, and Chicago. Some of the events include going to the Star Deli at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home, Bagel Bin, the Judah Family Goat Farm, the Henry Doorly Zoo, the grave-site of Rabbi Grodzinsky, Saturday night BBQ hosted by NCSY teens, and a musical Havdalah on Saturday night.

The main event will be the Project Dreamland Friday night meal co-chaired by the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project. Friday, March 15 at 7:45 p.m..

RSVP for the Friday Night dinner as seats are limited.

Tickets are \$8 per person \$26 for Families of 4 or more.

To register please contact the Beth Israel office by phone 402.556.6288 or by Email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org

RABBI ARI DEMBITZER

JUDAISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Unlock your potential by deepening your
understanding of true Torah Judaism

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?



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 in Israel, it's complicated. Many people do not understand it. In Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich's March Friday Learning Series sessions, he will do his very best to demystify the process in order to help participants understand just what is happening over there. "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 next *Friday Learning Series* will be held on **March 8, 15, and 29** at 11:15 a.m. in the Kripke Jewish Federation Library. Bring a friend and attend one, two, or all three sessions. You may wish to bring a pen and some paper to take notes to keep track of it all – but Rabbi Shlomo assures us that he can explain the whole thing while standing on one foot. And no quizzes.

Top photo, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Lower photo, challenger Benny Gantz

Beth Israel's 70's Purim Disco

5:45 PM - MINCHA

6 - 8 PM - STROLLING MAGIC

6 PM - MEGILLAH READING

6:30 - THE PURIM SEUDA

7 PM - PURIM SPIEL

8:30 PM - WINE & THE SECRETS
OF TORAH WITH RABBI ARI

GROOVY

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The Wonder of Water Israeli Innovation for a Thirsty Planet

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M.
Friedel Jewish Academy (on the JCC campus)
335 S 132nd St. Omaha, NE 68154

Temple Israel, PJ Library Omaha, and Friedel Jewish Academy invite children in kindergarten through second grade to learn about Israeli water innovations through fun, hands-on activities. This program is free and open to the community, but registration is required. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JBFG7DC>. Contact Sara Kohen (skohen@fjaomaha.com) with questions.





**Todah Rabbah Shua Berger NCSY
Omaha
for this week's D'var Torah**



*Every man whose heart inspired him came...
Exodus 35:21*

Moshe called upon the people to assist in the construction of the mishkan, the tabernacle. The skills needed for this job included weaving, sewing and building. Despite this, the Jewish people seemed to have no problem in fulfilling their tasks. The backbreaking labor to which the people had been subjected in Egypt did not develop these skills. Where did they acquire the skills necessary?

Deep inside every person there are hidden talents which can be tapped into when one has a real desire to achieve something. The people who stepped forward to work in the mishkan did not know that they had such skills. However, as a result of their burning desire to be of assistance, they found untapped talents and hidden abilities that were used to fulfill their tasks.(1)

Rashi's daughter came home one night crying. Her 7-year-old son asked her, "Mommy, why are you crying?" She replied, "The light of the world just went out; your grandfather Rashi passed away."

The little boy thought for a moment and said, "Mommy, I'm going to re-ignite that light!" This little boy grew up to become known as Rabbeinu Tam, the most famous of the Tosafists!

Sometime a person may feel that he is inadequate, thinking, "I am just not cut out for this," or "I don't have the brains..." He may well be lacking something else - the desire to succeed. If someone has a strong will to accomplish something, he will achieve it. We have the ability to break beyond our limits and achieve the seemingly impossible - if there is a will.



Parsha Vayakhel

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st & 2nd Aliyot: The Parsha begins with the Mitzvah of Shabbos and the penalty for her transgression. Note that Pasuk 35:5 is classic proof of the Oral Law. Those who deny the Oral Law must explain the literal translation of this verse to prohibit having any burning flame on Shabbos. This would forbid the use of lights, heat, and even Shabbos candles! It is the Oral Law which teaches us that the G-d's prohibition was directed at lighting a fire, not having a fire. Moshe asked the Bnai Yisroel to donate the time, talents, and materials for the construction of the Mishkan [Tabernacle]. The Bnai Yisroel responded with unbridled enthusiasm.

3rd, 4th, & 5th Aliyot: Talents and materials were donated and Betzallel and Oholiav were appointed as chief architects and artists. The response to Moshe's appeal was so great that Moshe had to command the people to stop their donations! (see, miracles do happen!) The outer coverings of the Mishkan and the inner tapestries are detailed. The beams of the Mishkan, the Aron Hakodesh, and the Shulchan – Table are described.

6th & 7th Aliyot: The Menorah and the inner Golden Altar are described. The outer ramped Altar, the Washstand, and the Mishkan's surrounding enclosure are detailed.

Parsha Questions

1. In this week's parasha, what is the first commandment of Hashem that Moshe announces to the children of Israel?
2. What is the only specific prohibition about shabbat that mentioned in the parasha?
3. When Moshe told the people that they could come and make an offering to Hashem, what happened?
3. Of what material was the Holy Ark made and with what was it covered?



...to Sarah Potash for sponsoring the Week of Learning.
...to John Berlowitz for sponsoring Kiddish.
...to everyone who has searched through the coat room
for their belongings to help tidy up the area.



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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