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***This week's Shabbos Sheet
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The Weiner Family
In memory of Rafi Eitan***

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Les & Helen Kay 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 30

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	6:25 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	7:10 p.m.
Havdalah.....	8:29 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Animal Sacrifice in the Age of Vegetarianism: How Can They Coincide?</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:35 p.m.

Monday, April 1

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Eye on Israel @ Jewish Community Center</i>	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:35 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:35 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:35 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:35 p.m.

Friday, April 5

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting	7:36 p.m.



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.

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



...Les & Helen Kay for sponsoring the Week of Learning
 ...to the Weiner Family for sponsoring this weeks Shabbos sheet in memory of Rafi Eitan.

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week



Birthdays

Bradley Berman	Apr 5
Max Goldberg	Apr 5
Solomon Denenberg	Apr 5

Anniversary

Yosef Seigel & Sarah Abrahamson	Apr 3
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Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the April/May Simcha Kiddush.

Making a Matzahpiece

Sunday, April 7, 2019

10:30-11:30 am

Beth Israel Synagogue

PJ Library will bring the stories, and Friedel will bring art activities to celebrate Passover! The activity is geared toward ages 3-5, with an adult, but siblings are welcome.

Please register for this FREE event at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSMFYL5>

Please contact Sara Kohen at skohen@fjaomaha.com with any questions.





PASSOVER: What Does Real Freedom Mean?

**April 5 and 12 at 11:15 am
Kripke Jewish Federation Library
Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich**

Does freedom mean the right to choose your own way - to do whatever you want? What happens when the freedom of the individual conflicts with the freedom of the society, or with other values the society stands for?

We are committed to varied types of obligations: the state, the community, our family and also our faith and religion. How can these commitments be compatible with our yearning for freedom? Does responsibility conflict with freedom?

In these classes we will start with the story of Passover and use varied sources to get a better understanding of what real freedom is and how we might achieve it.

Congregational Seder April 20 at 8:50 p.m.

Please join us in a fun interactive learning exploration to understand true freedom and independence.

Meal to include: Matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, mixed veggies, farfel, salad, and dessert

Member Prices:

Adult: \$25 Child 6-12: \$10 Child 5 & under: Free

Non-member Prices :

Adult: \$30 Child 6-12: \$15 Child 5 & under: Free

Please register by calling the office or emailing Kaitlin at kmaher@orthodoxomaha.org

DELEGATION OF POWER FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

Know that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Ari Dembitzer to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly), as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. chametz, possible chametz and all kinds of chametz mixtures). And to lease all places wherein the chametz owned by me may be found, wherever it may be. Rabbi Ari Dembitzer has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary in accordance with all detailed terms and detailed forms as explained in the general authorization contract which have been given this year to Rabbi Ari Dembitzer to sell the chametz.

This general authorization is made a part of this agreement. Also, I do hereby give the said Rabbi Ari Dembitzer full power and authority to appoint a substitute in his stead with full power to sell and to lease as provided herein. The above given power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinical regulations and laws, and also in accordance with laws of the State of Nebraska and of the United States. And to this I hereby affix my signature on the ____ day of _____, 2019.

Signed _____

Please print the following information

Name _____

Address where chometz is located

Daytime phone _____

Please drop off completed form to the Office.
Additional Forms are also located in the Office .



**Todah Rabbah Yaakov Jeidel
for this week's D'var Torah**



These shall you abominate from among the birds, they may not be eaten - they are an abomination: the Chassidah. (Lev. 11:13)

Among the non-kosher birds is the chassidah - the stork. It is called chassidah because it displays kindness (chessed) toward others of its species by sharing food with them. According to the Ramban, the reason why the non-kosher birds are not kosher is because of their cruel nature. If so, the chassidah should have been a kosher bird - after all, it bestows kindness upon its companions!

Man finds it easy to love his fellow man if they are similar. If he learns in my school, if he dresses like I do, then I love him and I'll try to assist him whenever the need arises. If he's not like me, then I have no business with him and have no interest in helping him. However, the kosher form of chessed is to bestow kindness equally on all people, regardless of how similar they are to us. The chassidah acts kindly toward its companions, but only towards its companions. It does not act kindly towards anyone else. To Jews, that is not an admirable characteristic.(1)

Many great people were known for their love and care for every single Jew, whether they wore a black hat, white kippah or no kippah. Being kind to just your own kind is not kosher!

1- Chidishei Harim

Parsha Questions

1. Two of Aaron's sons were killed by Hashem. Why were they killed, according to what it said in the parasha?
2. What was Aaron's first reaction to the death of his sons?
3. What restriction, regarding the work at the tabernacle, did Hashem give to Aaron after the death of his sons?
4. Why is the pig not kosher, as explained in the parasha?

PARSHA SHMINI

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st & 2nd Aliyot: The Parsha begins on Nissan 1, 2449. The seven-day inauguration of Aharon and his sons was completed and the ceremonies for the Mizbeach's consecration had begun. Over 40 offerings would be brought on that first day, each requiring the direct ministrations of Aharon. Aharon blessed the nation with the standard priestly blessing after which Moshe and Aharon blessed the nation with the special Bracha of Psalm 90.

3rd Aliya: The deaths of Nadav and Avihu are recorded at the very same time that fire descended from heaven to light the Mizbeach. Their cousins removed the bodies of Nadav and Avihu from the courtyard of the Mishkan. Moshe instructs Aharon and his two remaining sons, Elazar and Isamar, that they are forbidden to overtly mourn the deaths of Nadav and Avihu in the standard manner. It is from here that we are taught the standard practices of tearing Kriyah and of mourners not cutting their hair.

4th & 5th Aliyot: Moshe instructs Aharon and his sons to continue the service of the Mizbeach's consecration. The first recorded difference in Halachik rulings is recorded between Moshe and Aharon as it pertained to the eating of the Rosh Chodesh offering. (Note 16-20, Stone Edition ArtScroll pg. 595)

6th Aliya: The basic laws of Kosher and non-Kosher animals, fish, and fowl are recorded. Note that verses 11:4-7 is one of the established proofs for the divine authorship of the Torah.

7th Aliya: The basic laws of purity and impurity are recorded. It is important to clarify that the Torah does not associate "Tumma" impurity and "Taharah" purity with good and bad. The entire process involves the concept of life and death and the symbolic emphasis that the Torah places on serving G-d with optimism and vigor. So long as there is life there is the opportunity to grow in our relationship with G-d.

The question of "Why are we commanded to keep Kosher?" is answered in 11:44-47. The Torah clearly states that the reason to keep Kosher is to emulate G-d's sanctity. Sanctity "Kedusha" means being set apart and different. Just as G-d is apart from all things and divine in every way, so too are we to be set apart from all other nations and be different in the manner of our eating.



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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