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Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays

Marsha Kleinberg
Eliyana Beneda

Mar 12
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Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the March 16 Simcha Kiddush.



IN THE WEEK AHEAD

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Fred Weiss
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 9

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion.....</i>	<i>5:05 p.m.</i>
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	5:50 p.m.
Havdalah.....	7:06 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:10 p.m.

Monday, March 11

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History - Your History with Rabbi Shlomo</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday with Rabbi Ari.....</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.</i>
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:10 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith with Rabbi Ari</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Jewish Ethics with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:10 p.m.

Friday, March 15

Project Dreamland 3.0

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	7:13 p.m.
Project Dreamland 3.0 Shabbat Dinner	7:45 p.m.



...to Fred Weiss for sponsoring the Week of Learning.

... to Faige Jeidel for doing a wonderful job managing the kitchen.

... to Yaakov Jeidel for heading the planning of Project Dreamland 3.0.

...to Kaitlin Maher for the work she has put in to help make Project Dreamland run as smoothly as possible.

...to the participants of the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project for the help in planning Project Dreamland



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

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

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To RSVP for the Pruim Seuda,
contact Kaitlin in the office by
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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?

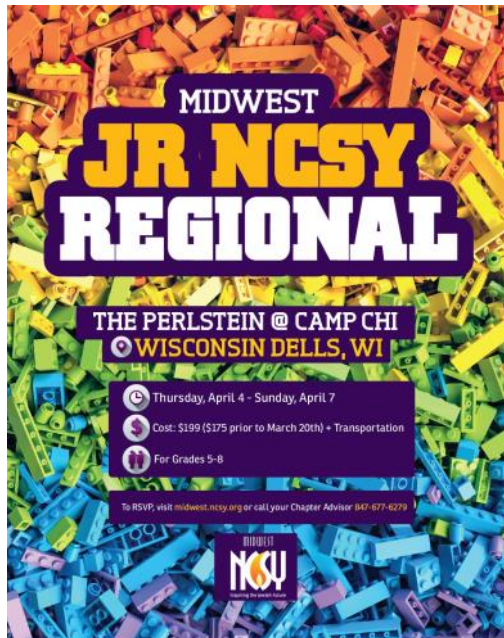
MARCH 24 • 10-11 AM
 REFORM, CONSERVATIVE, AND ORTHODOX
 JUDAISM IN THE EYES OF THE TORAH:
 IS PLURALISM THE WAY OF GOD?

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



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 Edan Raichel
NCSY Israel
for this week's D'var Torah**



"These are the reckonings of the mishkan, the mishkan of testimony, which were reckoned at Moshe's bidding." (Ex. 38:21)

The mishkan and all its holy vessels were completed. Moshe gave the Jewish People a calculation of how he had used every single ounce of gold, silver and copper which had been contributed. The verse opens, "These are the reckonings..." which implies that this was considered counting, while some other instance of reckoning was not considered a counting. (1) What is this reckoning coming to reject?

The verse is telling us that the only meaningful use of money is for building God's sanctuaries or for other heavenly purposes. Only such investments are eternal; others are transitory. (2) When a person dies, his Torah and mitzvos accompany him and provide him merits in the world to come, but the money which he spent all his life working for will be left behind.

Before dying, Baron Rothschild handed his children two letters. He instructed them to open one immediately following his death, and the second a month later. They opened the first letter and discovered the following message: "My last request is that I should be buried wearing my socks." Even though his children were perplexed by such a request, they still tried to honor it. They fought hard, but the Rabbis would not allow it and buried him without his socks. After the month had passed, his children anxiously opened up the second letter to discover another message: "I know that you did not bury me wearing my socks as I had requested, since it is against Halacha, Jewish Law. You are most probably wondering why, then, did I request it in the first place. My answer to you, my dear children, is to teach you an eternal lesson: a person can spend his life amassing a great amount of possessions and money, but no matter how hard he tries, he cannot even take his socks with him to the next world! Only the money which he used for Torah and mitzvos will accompany him."

1. Wherever it says "ve'eileh" (and these) in the Torah, it adds on to that which has been stated previously. Wherever it says "eileh" - these - as in our verse - it is rejecting that which has been stated previously (Rashi, start of Mishpatim).

2. Ohr Hachaim.

Parsha Pekude

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: Pekudei begins with an accounting of the materials used in the construction of the Mishkan. (gold = 4,386.5 lb./ silver = 15,088.75 lb./ copper = 10,620 lb.)

2nd & 3rd Aliyot: The Kohein Gadol's [High Priest] breastplate and vest are described. The remaining garments of the Kohein Gadol and the other Kohanim [Priests] are detailed.

4th Aliya: Moshe inspects the completed Mishkan. Moshe certifies that the entire project followed the exact details of Hashem's instructions. Moshe blesses the workers.

5th, 6th & 7th Aliyot: On the 1st day of Nissan, 2449, the Mishkan was assembled. After every vessel was properly in place, the presence of Hashem, the Shechina, descended in a cloud and filled the Mishkan.

Parsha Questions

1. Which two people were responsible for the building of the Tabernacle and everything that went with it?
2. By whom was the tabernacle to first be erected?
3. When was the tabernacle first erected?
4. Why was Moshe unable to enter the Tabernacle after he finished to erect it?

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.



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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