



**April 6, 2019**  
**1 Nisan 5779**



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**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by  
Bette & Jack Kozlen in memory of their daughter Amy Barnum  
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, April 6**

**Rosh Chodesh**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	6:35 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	7:20 p.m.
Havdalah.....	8:37 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	7:40 p.m.

**Monday, April 8**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Eye on Israel @ Jewish Community Center</i> .....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	7:40 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 9**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	7:40 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 10**

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

**Thursday, April 11**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home .....	7:40 p.m.

**Friday, April 12**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting .....	7:43 p.m.



...Bette & Jack Kozlen for sponsoring the Week of Learning in memory of their daughter Amy Barnum.  
...to Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.  
...to Faige & Yaakov Jeidel for chaperoning the NCSY Shabbaton trip to Wisconsin.

...Deborah Platt for helping proof read the monthly bulletin.



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A very special thank you goes out to our  
Guardian and Patron Members  
for going above and beyond in supporting our Synagogue.

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**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.

# Passover



## Schedule of Events

### Friday, April 19

- 10:39 a.m. Last time to eat Chametz
- 11:30 a.m. Burning of Chametz
- 7:50 p.m. Candle lighting
- 8:52 p.m. First Seder

### Saturday, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 7:35 p.m. Mincha
- 8:15 p.m. Congregational Pesach Seder

### Sunday, April 21

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 8:00 p.m. Mincha
- 8:40 p.m. Maariv
- 8:54 p.m. Havdala

### Monday, April 22

- 6:45 a.m. Shacharit
- 8:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv

### Tuesday, April 23

- 6:45 a.m. Shacharit
- 8:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv

### Wednesday, April 24

- 6:45 a.m. Shacharit
- 8:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv

### Thursday, April 25

- 6:45 a.m. Shacharit
- 7:57 p.m. Candel Lighting

### Friday, April 26

#### Office Closed

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 7:58 p.m. Mincha/Maariv
- 7:58 p.m. Candle Lighting

### Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. Shacharit
- 6:55 p.m. Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion
- 7:40 p.m. Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
- 9:02 p.m. Havdalah

### 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](mailto: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 Brad Berman  
for this week's D'var Torah**



*If a tzaraas affliction will be in a person... (Lev. 13:9)*

Lashon hara (negative speech) is a very serious sin and results in the transgressor being afflicted with tzaraas, a leprosy-like illness. Why is the sin of lashon hara so severe that it must be punished with tzaraas?

The Torah states, "And [God] blew into his nostrils the soul of life; and man became a living being." (Bereishis 2:7) Onkelos translates "a living being" as a "speaking spirit." Accordingly, it is the soul that gives a person the power to speak. Because the soul and the ability to speak are directly connected, great damage is done to the soul when someone sins through speech. Lashon hara is therefore punished severely and instantaneously.

Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel once sent his servant, Tavi, to buy "good food." Tavi, who was famous for his wisdom, brought back a tongue. Thereupon, Rav Shimon sent him to buy some "bad food." Again he returned with a tongue. Rav Shimon asked him to explain how the same food could be both good and bad. Tavi answered, "From a tongue can come good and bad. When a tongue speaks good, by complimenting or praising another, there is nothing better. But when a tongue speaks evil, when it tells lashon hara or makes fun of people, there is nothing worse. It can break up families and kill.

The verse states, "Death and life are in the hands of the tongue." (Mishlei 18:21) The tongue is mightier than the sword. A sword can only kill someone nearby, whereas words spoken on one continent can "hit the heart" of someone on another continent. The tongue, of all the limbs and organs, moves with the least difficulty and most speed. Consequently, lashon hara is one of the sins committed most frequently. It is for this reason that the mouth is guarded with two gates: the teeth and the lips. A person has to think twice before he says something once. A bird that escapes may be caught again, but a word that escapes will never return!

1: Vayikra Rabbah 33:1

# PARSHA TAZRIA

Source: [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org)  
Rabbi Aron Tendler

**1st, 2nd and 3rd Aliya:** The laws of purity and impurity as they pertain to childbirth are discussed. The basic laws of Tzaras, its diagnosis by a Kohain, the possibility of a quarantine, and the laws of Tzaras as it relates to healthy and infected skin are discussed.

**4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th Aliyot:** The laws of Tzaras as it relates to a burn, a bald patch, dull white spots, and the presence of a Tzaras blemish on clothing is detailed.

## Parsha Questions

1. If a woman delivers a boy, how many days is she is impure?
2. Which offerings does a woman need to bring after having a baby?
3. When it appeared that a person might have leprosy - tzaraath, to whom was he taken to check it?
4. What is the reason, according to the Rabbis, that a person contracted leprosy – tzaraath? What is the source in the Torah for this interpretation?

## Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

### Birthdays



Sara Weiner	Apr 6
David Kohll	Apr 9
Joshua Kurtzman	Apr 9
Adam Orson Susman	Apr 9
Crystal Smith	Apr 10
Joan M. Kaiman	Apr 11
Jack Kohll	Apr 11
Kevin Adler	Apr 11



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



## **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.

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