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Parsha Emor

Torah Reading - pg. 672

Haftarah - pg. 1176

***This week's Shabbos Sheet
is sponsored by Michel & Karen Cohen in honor of
Teddy Dunning's birthday this past week.***

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Aviva Segall & Patrick McNamara in honor of Ilana's graduation and in gratitude of the generosity from the community for helping in Ilana's education 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, May 11

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| Shacharit..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| Simcha Kiddush | 11:30 a.m. |
| <i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion.....</i> | 7:20 p.m. |
| Mincha/Seudah Shilshit..... | 8:05 p.m. |
| Havdalah..... | 9:27 p.m. |

Sunday, May 12

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| Shacharit..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| <i>Antisemitism: The World's Oldest Form of Hate. What is the Solution to this Age Old Problem? With Rabbi Ari</i> | 10:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 8:25 p.m. |

Monday, May 13

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| Shacharit..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| <i>Jewish History: Your History with Rabbi Shlomo.....</i> | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 8:25 p.m. |

Tuesday, May 14

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| Shacharit..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 8:25 p.m. |

Wednesday, May 15

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| Shacharit..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| Lag B'Omer Bonfire & BBQ Picnic | 8:00 p.m. |

Contact the office to register

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| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 8:25 p.m. |
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Thursday, May 16

Lag B'Omer

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| Shacharit..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| <i>Connecting with Our Faith with Rabbi Ari</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 8:25 p.m. |

Friday, May 17

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| Shacharit..... | 7:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Maariv | 7:30 p.m. |
| Candle Lighting..... | 8:25 p.m. |

In Memoriam



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

☆ Sandra Belgrade ☆ Larry E. Katz ☆



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

***This week's Security is sponsored by
Susie Shyken in honor of the 66th anniversary of
Pacey Shyken's bar mitzvah.***

As the needs of the shul and community change, so will our sponsorship opportunities. Our Beth Israel family is a giving and generous one and sometimes we don't have enough sponsorship opportunities on a given week. In addition, our security costs in the coming year will increase. To address both issues, we've created an additional sponsorship opportunity for Security.

What better way to honor a loved one's accomplishment, Simcha, or memory than with the gift of life for our community?

As of right now, a Security Sponsorship for Shabbat is \$100. Please contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring security for a particular event.



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...Aviva Segall & Patrick McNamara for sponsoring the Week of learning in honor of Ilana's graduation and in gratitude of the generosity from the community for helping in Ilana's education.

...Susie Shyken for sponsoring this week's security in honor of Pacey Shyken's 66 bar mitzvah anniversary.

...Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.

...Sara Weiner for making sure our chapel looks nice for Shabbos

...to the sponsors of the April, May, and Graduation Simcha Kiddush.

Birthdays; Shilo Abramovich, Bradley Berman, Harry Berman, Zoe Berman, Esther Dembitzer, Rina Dembitzer, Solomon Denenberg, William Theodore Dunning, Harold Edelman, Irving Epstein, Daniel Grossman, Julee Katzman, Lauren Kirshenbaum, Judah David Kohen, Adam Kohll, Anna Kohll, David Kohll, Jack Kohll, Janet Kohll, Samuel Kohll, Anna Priluck, Zoe Riekes, Johnathan Rockman, Oliver Rockman, Paul Shyken, Adam Orson Susman, Scott Susman, Evan Varkony, and David Wheeler. **Anniversaries;** Jeff & Sharon Kirshenbaum, Ari & Sara Kohen, Stacey & Jonathan Rockman, Errol & Lynne Saltzman, Aviva Segall & Patrick McNamara, Yosef Seigel & Sarah Abrahamson, and Fred & Alyshia Weiss. **Graduations;** Max Nehemiah Kohll, and Ilana McNamara.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS...

LAG BAOMER BONFIRE/BBQ PICNIC

BBQ DINNER - LEMONADE
WATERMELON - POPCORN - S'MORES
ARCHERY - FRISBEE/SOCCER
HASIDIC TALES WITH RABBI ARI
MUSIC (BRING YOUR GUITARS)

MAY 22, 2019 • 8:00 PM • BETH ISRAEL

This event is FREE for BBYO members

Register for Lag B'Omer Bonfire/ BBQ Picnic by visting orthodoxomaha.org or calling Kaitlin in the office.

Families - \$20

Member - \$5

Non-member - \$10

FREE for BBYO members and Children 5 & Under

OMAHA GIVES! **May 22** OmahaGives.org

Presented by AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK Presented by Omaha Community Foundation

Omaha Gives! is an online celebration of charitable giving in Omaha-Council Bluffs. This year-round platform connects those who want to keep the giving going and area organizations working to create change in a big way! It only takes a \$10 donation to join the community giving. Be sure to save the date for Omaha's 7th annual 24-hour charitable challenge set for May 22.

go to www.omahagives.org
to make your donation to Beth Israel

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

MAY AND JUNE TORAH CLASSES

Unlock your potential by deepening your understanding of true Torah Judaism

MAY 12 • 10-11 AM
 KABBALAH & MYSTICISM
 WHAT IS IT AND WHY HAS IT BECOME SO POPULAR
 RABBI SHLOMO ABRAMOVICH

MAY 19 • 10-11 AM
 ANTI SEMITISM: THE WORLD'S OLDEST FORM OF HATE
 WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THIS AGE OLD PROBLEM
 RABBI ARI DEMBITZER

JUNE 2 • 10-11 AM
 JERUSALEM
 WHY IS IT SO SPECIAL AND SO CONTENTIOUS
 RABBI ARI DEMBITZER



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays

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| Adam Kohll | May 20 |
| Malachi Nachman | May 21 |
| Rina Dembitzer | May 21 |
| Ella Miriam Seigel | May 21 |
| Yoni Herskovitz | May 23 |
| Anna Priluck | May 23 |
| Harry Berman | May 24 |

Anniversaries

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| Errol & Lynne Saltzman | May 18 |
| Jeff & Sharon Kirshenbaum | May 22 |

*Celebrating a special simcha in June?
 Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be apart of the
 June Simcha Kiddush.*





D'var Torah

Source: www.aish.com



Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: God's appointed festivals... For six days labor may be done, and the seventh day is a day of complete rest.

(Lev. 23:2)

God is about to teach Moshe the laws of the festivals. Right before it lists the festivals the Torah mentions Shabbos. Why does the Torah introduce the chapter of festivals with Shabbos?

There are two steps to emunah (belief). The first step is knowing that the world has a Creator. One has to know that at first there was nothing, until God spoke and brought all of reality into being. The second step is to know that God is involved in the actual running of the world. Every issue - whether big or small - involves Hashem. He is orchestrating all events at all times.

Shabbos bears testimony to the fact that God created heaven and earth, while the festivals, which recall the miracles of the exodus, testify that God controls nature on an ongoing basis and can change it at will. By placing Shabbos together with the festivals the Torah is teaching us that both concepts are equally essential to the faith of a Jew. Belief in one step without the other is not considered emunah. It is heretical to think that God created the universe, but then "stepped back" and left it to the unfettered laws of nature or in the control of angels or other powers. Emunah is knowing that God is the Creator and Sustainer.

Teen Fundraiser

We are looking for youth, 11 years and up, who have benefited from Beth Israel's youth programming. Whether it be the adventures of NCSY/NCSY Junior shabbaton, financial help to Friedel, or even attending JYE BI events, please consider talking to your teens/preteens about giving back! We are looking at organizing a teen-led fundraiser with preteen assistance! This will be completely youth run with educational opportunities from folks in our community that have experience with fundraising, advertising, business sense and more. We would like to showcase all the amazing talent that our kids have, while providing opportunities for them to grow, and empowering them to lead.

If you are a teen, know a teen, or have a teen, that would be willing to help us plan and execute a teen led fundraising project, please contact Lauren Tam: usbooksandme@yahoo.com

Parsha Emor

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

- 1st Aliya:** Specific restrictions for Kohanim and the Kohain Gadol pertaining to marriages, sexuality, and mourning.
- 2nd Aliya:** Laws pertaining to physical blemishes of the Kohanim and who can and can not eat from the priestly gifts.
- 3rd Aliya:** Laws defining what constitutes an acceptable and unacceptable blemish on an animal designated to be a Korban.
- 4th Aliya:** The establishment of Shabbos, Pesach, the Omer, the counting of the Omer and Shavuoth.
- 5th Aliya:** The establishment of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.
- 6th Aliya:** The establishment of Sukkoth.
- 7th Aliya:** Laws of the Ner Tamid, the Showbread, the incident with the Blasphemer, and the penalties for Blasphemy.

Parsha Questions

1. The priests were not allowed to defile themselves for the dead. There were exceptions to this, however. Who were they?
2. Do these exceptions apply also to the high priest – the Kohen Gadol?
3. How old does a sheep need to be, before it can be sacrificed?
4. At the end of the Parasha, the blasphemer is sentenced to death. Who was to carry out his punishment?

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

Guardian Members:

Joel & Conny Alpersen
Jeff & Sharon
Kirshenbaum,
Joe & Maxine
Kirshenbaum
David & Janet Kohll
Stacey & Jonathan
Rockman
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Bruce & Linda Potash
Carl & Zoe Riekas
Mike & Marina Sadofsky
Jack & Helene Shrago
Paul & Susan Shyken
Jeff Zacharia



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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