



**May 25, 2019**  
**20 Iyar 5779**



**Parsha Behar**

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**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Nate & Carly Shapiro in honor of the birth of Rabbi Sholmo and Hodaya Abramovich's beautiful daughter 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 25**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	7:25 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit .....	8:10 p.m.
Havdalah.....	9:35 p.m.

**Sunday, May 26**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 27  
Memorial Day  
Office Closed**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 28**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 29**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 30**

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

**Friday, May 31**

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	8:32 p.m.

**Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week**

**Birthdays**

<b>Oliver Rockman</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>Janet Kohll</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>Eva Cohen</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>Solo Cemaj</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>Julee Katzman</b>	<b>May 29</b>

**Anniversaries**

<b>Michael &amp; Melissa Shrago</b>	<b>May 25</b>
<b>Aviva Segal &amp; Patrick McNamara</b>	<b>May 30</b>

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



## ***New Sponsorship Opportunity***

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.



...Nate & Carly Shapiro for sponsoring the week of learning in honor of the birth of Rabbi Shlomo & Hodaya's beautiful daughter.

...Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.

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

...Helene Shrago, Ida Banner, Bette Kozlen, Linda Neumann-Potash, and the other volunteers who helped in the kitchen to make Lag B'Omer go off without a hitch.

...Harry Weiner for building and keeping our bonfire burning bright for Lag B'Omer.

...Max Weiner for being our grill master at the Lag B'Omer Bonfire & BBQ Picnic

...Kaitlin Maher for helping set up for the Lag B'Omer Bonfire & BBQ Picnic

...Yaakov Jeidel for being the Lag B'Omer DJ and helping clean up.

...Harry Berman for driving the NCSY kids to Wisconsin.

...Jack Kozlen & Jonathan Rockman for spending hours working with Nate to understand the financial history and future of the Shul.

## **Omaha Gives!**

Beth Israel, along with many other organizations, participated in Omaha Gives! on Wednesday, May 23rd. We are proud to report that Beth Israel raised \$1,206!

Thank you very much to the following for their support:

Jeff Kirshenbaum, Patricia Newman (in honor of Dani Shrago), Dana Christensen, Joshua Priluck, Linda Neuman-Potash, Jennie Beckman, Anonymous, Adina Schuller, Nate and Hannah Schwalb, David Silver (in honor of his Parents), Nancy and Phil Wolf, Steve and Margo Riekes, Milton and Marsha Kleinberg, Benjamin Johnson, Aviva Segall, Mary Sue Grossman (In honor of Nate Shapiro), Jordana Kurtzman (In honor of Donald Gerber), Lourdes Secola, Anonymous (in honor of Maram Persky Schuster), Rachel Shyken, Anonymous (in honor of The Minyan Men), Toba Cohen-Dunning (In honor of Rabbi Ari Dembitzer), Beth Cohen, Scott Susman, Catherine Eberle, Maneva Ruth Edelman, Vera Dobin, and Lynne Saltzman.

On behalf of the Beth Israel family, we really appreciate your thinking of us on this wonderful day.



BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE  
PRESENTS

# SHAVUOT 2019

## A NIGHT OF INTROSPECTION AND IN-DEPTH LEARNING

- 8 PM Mincha
- 8:15 PM Dinner Part 1
- 8:30 - 9:45 PM Classes: Part 1
- 9:45 PM Candle Lighting / Mariv
- 10 PM Dinner Part 2
- 10 PM - 12 AM Classes: Part 2
- 11 PM Cheesecake in Paradise
- 12 AM 1:1 Chavruta Style Learning
- 5:20 AM (Sunday) Early Shachris
- 9 AM (Sunday) Late Shachris

Dinner Includes: salmon, soup, salad, pasta and more!  
Dinner Cost: Adults \$15 - Kids \$7

SATURDAY NIGHT • JUNE 8, 2019  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Don't forget to register!

Adults \$15 - early-bird rate  
Children \$7 - early-bird rate  
Early-bird rate closes June 4, at 4 pm

Costs after June 4, at 4 pm  
Adults \$20  
Children \$10

Vist [orthodoxomaha.org](http://orthodoxomaha.org) or call the office  
to make your reservation.

**No reservations will be taken after noon on June 6th.**

**CLASSES: PART 1**  
**8:30 PM - 9:45 PM**

The Most Common Challenges  
of the Book of Genesis

**Joel Alperson**

Living in Israel:  
Obligation or Choice

**Eli Levin**

Passover and Shavuot

**Anna Priluck**

When is it Ok to Talk About Other  
People: Laws of Lashon Hara

**Debbie Roitstein**

The Mitzvah of Saving Life  
**Howard Gendelman**

The Torah:  
The Blueprint of Creation  
**Jonathan Rockman**

Kids Classes 8:30 - 9:45

**CLASSES: PART 2**  
**10 PM - 12 AM**

The Meaning Behind  
Wearing Tefillin

**Fred Weiss**

Torah and Medicine

**Jacob Kahn**

Ruth and Redemption

**Aviva Segal**

The Journey from Food Fit for an  
Animal to Food Fit for a Human

**Moshe Nachman**

Why Isn't The Torah in English

**Yosef Seigel**

What is Messiah According  
to The Torah

**Sharon Klibanow**

Body and Soul: What's the Goal

**Leon Shrago**

8:30 - 9:45 PM and 12 AM - 5:20 AM

Teen Classes / Study Partners





## Todah Rabah Almog Zinman For this week' D'var Torah

Source: [www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com)



This torah portion talks about G-d's rules about land ownership after Moses leads the Jewish people in to Israel. When up on Mount Sinai, G-d tells Moses to tell the Jewish people to tend to their land all the time and to use its resources. However, on the seventh year the land should have a shabbat of complete rest, a shabbat of G-d. You should not sow your field, nor prune your vineyard; it will be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat the Sabbath produce of the land. During the tenth day of the seventh month, a day of atonement, or Yom Kippur, happens, where we focus on our relationship with G-d, atoning for all our sins of the past year. One could ask why G-d insisted that even the land have a shabbat just like us? I think that this is because the land was given to us by Hashem, therefore it is similar to Hashem giving to us a part of him. To exhaust the land is almost like taking advantage of the benefits he gives us.

## 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 teen/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](mailto:usbooksandme@yahoo.com)



# Parsha Behar

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

**1st Aliya:** Parshas BeHar begins with the laws of Shemittah and Yovel. The land lay fallow every 7th year, and after the 49th year, (7×7) it lay fallow a 2nd year for the 50th year as well.

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Aliyot:** G-d promises (25:21-22) that He will provide for the nation, regardless of the land being fallow. No one will go hungry. The return at Yovel of all hereditary lands to their original owners is commanded.

**5th Aliya:** The difference between the sale of a property in a walled city vs. an unwalled city is established. Continuing the theme of providing and dependency, we are commanded to provide for our impoverished brethren. Just as G-d provides for us, we must provide for each other.

**6th & 7th Aliyot:** The freeing of all Jewish slaves at the Yovel is detailed. The Torah discusses redeeming a Jewish slave from a non-Jewish owner, and the formula for how much to pay the non-Jewish master.

## Parsha Questions

- 1) what is the connection between “shemitta” and mt sinai
- 2) what is used to signal the arrival of the jubilee?
- 3) what is the special law about houses in walled cities?
- 4) what is the reward for keeping the “shemitta”

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 Alperson Jeff &  
Sharon  
Kirshenbaum,  
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Kirshenbaum  
David & Janet Kohll  
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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.

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*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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