



**May 4, 2019**  
**29 Nisan 5779**



## **Parsha**

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## IN THE WEEK AHEAD

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by  
Jordana Kurtzman and Family 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 4

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush Sponsored .....	11:30 a.m.
Maneva Ruth Edelman in honor of the birthday of Harold Edelman Dessert Sponsored by the family of Ida Banner in honor of her birthday.	
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	7:05 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	7:50 p.m.
Havdalah.....	9:11 p.m.

### Sunday, May 5

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting .....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.

### Monday, May 6 Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
<i>Jewish History: Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 7

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Yom HaZikaron @ Beth Israel.....	6:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 8 Yom HaZikaron

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.

### Thursday, May 9 Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari .....	9:30 a.m.
Yom Ha'Atzmaut for Israelis	
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.

### Friday, May 10

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Friday Learning Series @ Kripke Library .....	11:15 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv .....	7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	8:13 p.m.

### In Memoriam



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

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

## Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Celebrate

### Birthdays

Moshe Nachman	May 4
Lina Kogan	May 5
Elyssa Miriam Stein	May 7
Irving Epstein	May 9
Evan Varkony	May 9

### Anniversaries

Stacey & Jonathan Rockman	May 4
Andrew & Bracha Goldsweig	May 6

*Celebrating a special simcha in April or May?  
Its graduation season don't forget to call Kaitlin in  
the office or contact Bette Kozlen to be apart of the  
April/May Simcha Kiddush.*

Celebrate

Today  
Rabah

...Jordana Kurtzman and family for sponsoring the Week of learning.

...Maneva Ruth Edelman for sponsoring kiddush in honor of Harold Edelman's birthday

...Ida Banner's family sponsoring dessert in honor of her birthday.

...Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.

...Helen Shrago, Shirly Banner, and Linda Potash for preparing and managing the kiddushes for last week.

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

# MAY AND JUNE TORAH CLASSES

Unlock your potential by deepening your understanding of true Torah Judaism

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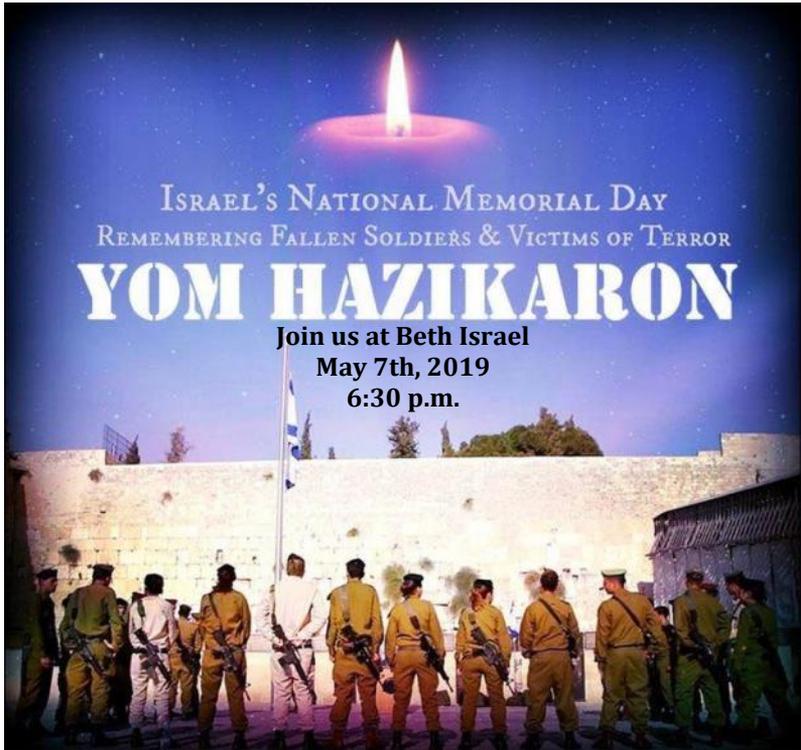
**MAY 12 • 10-11 AM**  
KABBALAH & MYSTICISM  
WHAT IS IT AND WHY HAS IT BECOME SO POPULAR  
RABBI SHLOMO ABRAMOVICH

**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



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2019 Yom Ha'Atzmaut  
**Festival**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

**5:30-7:30 p.m. | FREE CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL**  
Join us at the shuk for inflatables, games, prizes and more!  
Food from Star Catering will be available for purchase.

**6:00-6:15 p.m. | YOM HAZIKARON CEREMONY**  
Join us as we remember and honor fallen Israeli soldiers.

**7:00-8:00 p.m. | B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH TRIVIA CONTEST**  
All ages are welcome. Advanced registration requested.

*All events are FREE and open to the community.*

**3rd-6th Grade & Beth El 7th Grade**  
4:00-6:00pm | JCC Social Hall  
Snacks, religious school activities  
6:00-6:15pm | JCC Gymnasium  
Yom HaZikaron Ceremony  
6:15-7:30pm | JCC Gymnasium  
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Carnival w/ parental supervision

**8th-12th Grade & Temple 7th Grade**  
6:00-6:15pm | JCC Gymnasium  
Yom HaZikaron Ceremony  
6:15-7:00pm | JCC Auditorium  
Dinner and activities with Israeli teen delegation  
7:00-8:00pm | JCC Auditorium  
B'nai B'rith Jewish Trivia Contest

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**Spring into Life: Blood Drive**  
**Beth Israel Synagogue**  
**Sunday, May 12th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Donate blood this Mother's Day and receive a flower and admission ticket for Lauritzen Gardens to gift your mother (or keep for yourself)!

For an appointment please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search sponsor code: BethIsrael or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

Please call or email Faige Jeidel with any questions.





**Todah Rabbah to  
Ilana McNamara  
for this week's D'var Torah**



This week's parsha is Acharei Mot. In Acharei Mot, we learn about how once a year, the kohen gadol is allowed to enter the Holy of Holies in the Mishkan. Since we just celebrated holiday of Pesach, naturally the time that this parsha is talking about is...Yom Kippur? Why would the Torah be talking about the laws of Yom Kippur NOW, when there's an entire book dedicated to the story of Pesach that could have fallen around this holiday? I believe that Hashem is trying to remind us of the sanctity of time. If you pay attention in Rabbi Ari's sermons (and I'll admit, I sometimes don't), he talks a lot about the sanctity of time and place. Pesach represents the sanctity of time, because we choose to start a late meal, and tell a whole bunch of stories and say a whole bunch of brachot before we even get to the meal, in order to relive Hashem taking us out of Egypt. Acharei Mot directly relates to the sanctity of time with the rules about when the kohen gadol can go into the Holy of Holies. This connection is crucial, and I hope we all remembered how holy this time of Pesach is when our stomach is growling before Shulchan Orech during the Seders.

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

# Parsha Achrie Mot

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

**1st Aliya:** The service of Yom Kippur that was performed by the Kohain Gadol in the Bais Hamikdash is described. The Kohain Gadol may only enter into the Holy of Holies wearing his plain linen garments requiring that he change his garments five times and immerse in the Mikvah five times.

**2nd-3rd Aliya:** The selection of the he-goats for the primary Teshuva process is described. This portion of the Torah makes up the “Avodah” that is the lengthy Musaf service on Yom Kippur.

**4th-5th Aliya:** Following the description of the remaining services for Yom Kippur, the Torah discusses the prohibition of offering a Korban outside of the Mishkan or the Bais Hamikdash. The only offerings allowed were those that were brought to the Temple. The “Bamah”, as an outside altar is called, was among the most prevalent sins for which the Jews were guilty. The prohibition against eating blood is repeated.

**6th Aliya:** The end of Acharei Mos is devoted to a presentation of the fifteen prohibited sexual relationships. There is no doubt that G-d considers physical intimacy between a male and female as singularly important. Therefore, it is essential that there be a framework of controls for satisfying the physical.

**7th Aliya:** Verses 18: 24-29 clearly state the unique relationship that the inhabitants of Eretz Yisroel have to the land and the consequences for defiling her sanctity.

## Parsha Questions

1. Lots were cast upon the two goats. What were the two lots?
2. What was done with the goat which was designated by lot “for Azazel”?
3. What is the reason mentioned in the parasha for not eating blood?
4. What special act should a man do after slaughtering a beast or a bird?





## **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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