



June 1, 2019
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Parsha Bechukotai

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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

This Week of Learning is unsponsored

Saturday, June 1

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	7:30 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	8:15 p.m.
Havdalah.....	9:41 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

Yom Yerushalayim

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>What is So Special and Contentious About Jerusalem</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:35 p.m.

Monday, June 3

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History: Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:35 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:35 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:35 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:35 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	8:37 p.m.

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays

Sophie Cemaj	June 1
Cindy Goldberg	June 3
Lloyd Roitstein	June 4
Bracha Goldsweig	June 7

Anniversaries

Aryeh & Crystal Epstein	June 3
Jon & Denise Meyers	June 7

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



Sponsorship Opportunities

Beth Israel is a place of learning, spiritual growth, and community. Sponsoring a week of learning, Shabbos sheet, or security, allows us to deepen our connection with each other and offers you an opportunity to honor a loved one's accomplishment, Simcha, or memory.

Sponsorship Opportunities include, but are not limited to,
Week of Learning - \$100
Security - \$100
Shabbos Sheet - \$18

As the needs of the shul and community change, so will our sponsorship opportunities. Our Beth Israel family is a giving and generous one. We thank you for your continued support.

To schedule your sponsorship
or learn about other sponsorship opportunities
contact the office at 402.556.6288 or email Kaitlin at
executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org



...Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.

...Helene Shrago for doing our special event shopping

...Jordana Kurtzman for volunteering to assist with kiddush last week.

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

...Lloyd Roitstein for securing the last life and legacy commitment which helped us accomplish our yearly goal.

...Lynne Saltzman for koshering our new kitchen utensils.

...Janet Kohll for potting the flowers in front of the shul.

One of the recommendations in our security audit was to secure good relationships with our neighbors. It is with this in mind, that we will be allowing the Montessori Educational Centers to use our parking lot Sunday, June 2nd and June 10th through July 2nd. We have asked them to use the Northwest corner of the parking lot and to be mindful of Shabbat. If you have questions, please contact the office.




 BETH ISRAEL
 OMAHA, NEBRASKA
 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

Visit orthodoxomaha.org or call the office
to make your reservation.

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

<p>CLASSES: PART 1 8:30 PM - 9:45 PM</p> <p>The Most Common Challenges of the Book of Genesis Joel Alperson</p> <p>Living in Israel: Obligation or Choice Eli Levin</p> <p>Passover and Shavuot Anna Priluck</p> <p>When is it Ok to Talk About Other People: Laws of Lashon Hara Debbie Roltstein</p> <p>The Mitzvah of Saving Life Howard Gendelman</p> <p>The Torah: The Blueprint of Creation Jonathan Rockman</p>	<p>CLASSES: PART 2 10 PM - 12 AM</p> <p>The Meaning Behind Wearing Tefillin Fred Weiss</p> <p>Torah and Medicine Jacob Kahn</p> <p>Ruth and Redemption Aviva Segal</p> <p>The Journey from Food Fit for an Animal to Food Fit for a Human Moshe Nachman</p> <p>Why Isn't The Torah in English Yosef Seigel</p> <p>What is Messiah According to The Torah Sharon Klibanow</p> <p>Body and Soul: What's the Goal Leon Shrago</p>	
<p>Kids Classes 8:30 - 9:45</p>	<p>8:30 - 9:45 PM and 12 AM - 5:20 AM Teen Classes / Study Partners</p>	

Shavuot Luncheon
June 10, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Meal includes: garlic bread, lasagna, pasta primavera, salad, and ice cream bar

Event pricing
Adults: \$10
Children: \$5

[Click here to register or call the office.](#)
Registration closes June 5, 2019.

The office will be closed Monday, June 10, in observance of Shavuot.

Lily Tam's Challah Baking Class
1:00 p.m. June 23rd @ Beth Israel

There is something truly beautiful and sacred when a woman makes challah. It is a labor of love, but so much more! In honor of her Bat Mitzvah, Lily Tam will be teaching the greater meaning of Challah baking. We are calling all women to come join us at Beth Israel on June 23rd from 1-3 for a class on how you can add an extra element to your Shabbas Table! Please RSVP to Lauren Tam at usbooksandme@yahoo.com by June 10th to guarantee we have enough supplies!



Todah Rabah
NCSY - Anonymous teen
For this week' D'var Torah



Five of you will pursue a hundred, and a hundred of you will pursue ten thousand. (Lev. 26:8)

The Torah portion begins with the blessings that await the Jewish people if they keep their covenant with God: five Jews will pursue a hundred enemies, and a hundred Jews will pursue 10,000. Rashi, the most famous cometary asks: if five Jews can pursue a hundred enemies, a ratio of 1:20, then shouldn't one hundred Jews pursue 2,000, not 10,000? Do the math! You'll see it doesn't add up.

It is said that if one person can lift 50 pounds, two people together can lift three times that amount: 150 pounds. As the verse states, "Two are better than one." Two people together can accomplish a lot more than just two individuals. When more people are united in serving God their actions are more effective. Each individual in the group reaches a far higher level than he would have had he acted alone, no matter how hard he has worked. The Chofetz Chaim points out that we see this in Birchat Hamazon. When three people recite Grace after Meals together, they say "let us bless," but when ten people recite it, they say, "let us bless our God" - they reach a higher level.

When a community is actively involved in the pursuit of Torah and Mitzvos one should not separate himself from them since he is thereby preventing them from reaching higher levels and accomplishing greater things. The word "TEAM" stands for: Together, Everyone Accomplishes More!

Omaha's Jewish community exemplifies what it means to be a team, but we can always do better. Together, let us strengthen our togetherness as we serve God in ways that we'll accomplish anything we set out to do.

Shabbat Shalom

Parsha Bechukatai

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st & 2nd Aliyot: The beginning Pesukim describe the wondrous successes awaiting the nation, so long as they follow G-d's Mitzvos.

3rd Aliya: This Aliya is called the Tochacha – the Rebuke. It is a lengthy description of the terrible punishments awaiting the nation, if they do not follow the Torah. It is customary for the Baal Koreh (the one reading the Torah) to have this Aliya, and to read it faster and more quietly than the rest of the Parsha.

4th Aliya: The established prices for endowments of an individual's worth, or that of an animal, are listed.

5th, 6th & 7th Aliyot: The final portions deals with endowments of property to the Bais Hamikdash.

Parsha Questions

1. Which number appears few times in the description of the curses?
2. Abraham is 58 years old. What is his valuation according to the parasha?
3. If a man redeems his tithe, what shall he shall add to its value?
4. A man sanctified an animal to be an offering, and then decided to substitute it for a different animal. What is the status of these two animals?

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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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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