



**August 10, 2019**  
**9 Av 5779**



**Shabbat Parsha Devarim**  
**Erev Tisha B'Av**  
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**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Saturday, August 10**  
**Erev Tisha B'av**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Sponsored Kiddush (meat) Luncheon.....	11:00 a.m.
Sponsored by The Shrago, Susman, and Gritt family to thank all of you for your continued prayers! We are so thankful for such amazing family & friends! Also, for the yahrzeit of Helen Schwartz.	
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	7:30 p.m.
Fast Begins / Eicha Class.....	8:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv, Reading Eicha.....	9:15 p.m.

**Sunday, August 11**  
**Tisha B'av**

Shacharit Kinot.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Making Tisha B'av Meaningful</i> the OU Tisha B'av Presentation	10:30 a.m.
<i>Unveiling Jerusalem</i> a Movie and Discussion.....	7:00 p.m.
Mincha.....	8:10 p.m.
Ma'ariv / Havdalah / Fast Ends.....	9:15 p.m.

**Monday, August 12**

Halacha Class *.....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i> .....	7:45 a.m.
<i>The Secrets of Teshuva: Turning into a Better Version of Myself</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	
Lunch and Learn*.....	1:00 p.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 13**

Halacha Class *.....	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i> .....	7:45 a.m.
Kids Morning of Torah and Fun*.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:10 p.m.



The boys from Torah Umesorah Project Seed will be with us until August 22. If you would like to arrange a time to learn with the members of Project Seed please email Rabbi Shlomo at [rabramovich@orthodoxmaha.org](mailto:rabramovich@orthodoxmaha.org)

You can find extra Seed Learning schedules in the office and by the giftshop windows.

**In the Week Ahead (cont.)**

**Wednesday, August 14**

Halacha Class *	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i>	7:45 a.m.
Board of Commissioners Meeting	6:30 p.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	8:10 p.m.

**Thursday, August 15**

Halacha Class *	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i>	7:45 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith with Rabbi Shlomo</i>	9:30 a.m.
Parents & Children Learning*	6:00 p.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	8:20 p.m.

**Friday, August 16**

**Tu B'av**

Halacha Class *	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i>	7:45 a.m.
<i>A Jewish View on Contemporary Issues</i>	
with Rabbi Shlomo @ Kripke Jewish Federation Library	11:15 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv	7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	8:04 p.m.

You can sponsor a week of learning for \$100, 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. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Contact the office to schedule your Week of Learning sponsorship.  
executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org

**Friday Learning Series:**

**A Jewish View on Contemporary Issues**

**August 16, 23 and 30**

**11:15 am - 12:00 p.m.**

**Kripke Jewish Federation Library**

Rabbi Shlomo will bring the wisdom of tradition and teaching to contemporary issues. From vegetarianism to environmentalism to feminism, he promises to stimulate interesting and informative discussions. He will be drawing from a variety of Jewish sources to ensure a rich and comprehensive presentation.



# Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

## Birthdays (English)

Patrick McNamara	August 10
Hunter Tam	August 10
Gavin Smith	August 14
Lynne Saltzman	August 15

## Birthdays (Hebrew)

Patrick McNamara	9 Av
Adina Schuller	12 Av
Ruben Pitman-Kogan	13 Av
Lynne Saltzman	13 Av
Maneva Ruth Edelman	13 Av
Isaac Davidson	14 Av
Naomi Sarah Goldsweig	14 Av
Jeffrey Taxman	14 Av

## Anniversaries

Milton & Marsha Kleinberg	August 14
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*Celebrating a special simcha in August or September?  
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be apart of  
the September 14th, Simcha Kiddush.*

A new class at Beth Israel:

# **The Secrets of Teshuva: Turning into a Better Version of Myself**

Rabbi Shlomo Abramovich

**August 12-September 23  
Beth Israel, Mondays, noon**

**Beth Israel Presents:  
Israeli Style Kiddush**



Hummus Plates  
Laffa  
Pita  
Salads  
Israeli Soups  
Jerusalem Kugel  
Baba Cake  
Israeli Pickles  
Jerusalem Bagel



**Shabbat, August 24, 2019  
Approx 11:15 - Free of Charge**

Kiddush Sponsored by Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman  
In honor of their 55th Anniversary and the English and  
Hebrew birthdays of Maneva Ruth.

**Beth Israel Presents:**

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC  
AND INSPIRATION WITH  
THE WEINREB BROS**



**Wednesday | August 28th | 6-7:30 PM  
\* Light Refreshments \***





**This week's D'var Torah**  
**Stop, Think, Act!**  
**Devarim**  
**(Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22)**



Moses starts his words of rebuke to the nation by reminding them of their sins and rebellions. One of the events he mentioned was the incident of the spies. The Jews believed their slanderous report concerning the land of Israel, and did not believe Yehoshua and Calev who reported that the land was in fact a very good place. It is difficult to understand this because Yehoshua and Calev were outnumbered ten to two. Why were the Jewish People reprimanded for not listening to Yehoshua and Calev - mustn't one follow the majority? Although Yehoshua and Calev were outnumbered, logic would suggest that their report had a much stronger basis than the report from the other 10. The 10 spies said that they should not enter the land, but no one would ever know if they were telling the truth. However, Yehoshua and Calev said that the people should enter the land, and they knew that when the Jews would enter they would see if Yehoshua and Calev had been telling the truth or not. (Maharal, Gur Aryeh.) The sin of believing the slanderous report of the 10 spies was that the people did not use their intellect. They should have taken a step back and pondered the situation, and then they would have realized the real truth.

The gravest sin a person can be guilty of is to abandon the gift of intellect that God gave him. God instilled every human being with intelligence and understanding with which he is capable of grasping divine wisdom. It is our intellect that puts us above the animal kingdom and gives us the ability to reach tremendous heights.



Don't forget that your everyday shopping can help Beth Israel Synagogue. Contact the office to learn how your rewards can help the shul.

Judaica is available for purchase at our very own Sisterhood gift shop. Kippot, Mezuzot, Seder plates, and more! Come visit Mon-Thu 9-4, Fri 9-2, or contact the office for an appointment.

Todah Rabah to Lynne Saltzman for volunteering and managing the gift shop.

# Parsha Devarim

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

**1st and 2nd Aliyot:** Moshe recounts the history of the 40 years from after the 2nd Luchos, until the request by the people to send the Spies. (Pasuk 12 is read to the tune of Eicha – Lamentations) He notes the establishment of the Sanhedrin and the Judicial system.

**3rd and 4th Aliyot:** The incident of the Meraglim – Spies and its terrible punishment is related. Remember, the sin of the Spies and the decree for that generation to die out in the desert occurred today, on Tisha B'Av 2449, 3266 years ago.

**5th and 6th Aliyot:** Moshe jumps 38 years during which the decree of the 40 years was carried out and focuses on Israel's encounter with the nations of: Eisav, Moav, and Ammon. The battles with Sichon and Og and the acquisition of Trans-Jordan are retold.

**7th Aliya:** Trans-Jordan is given to the 2 1/2 tribes, and Yehoshua is encouraged to view these victories as a promise of future success in taking Land.

## Parsha Questions

1. What is the meaning of the name of the parasha, Devarim?
2. When did Moshe make his recounting to the people?
3. Where did he make this speech?
4. Which word at the beginning of the parasha relates to Tisha Bv?



...Rabbi Shlomo for taking charge of the spiritual and educational needs of the synagogue.

...The Shrago, Susman, and Gitt Families for sponsoring kiddush to thank all of you for your continued prayers! We are so thankful for such amazing family & friends! Also, for the yahrzeit of Helen Schwartz.

...to everyone involved in helping to make this week's Kiddush a success.

...to everyone for your patience with regards to the parking lot maintenance.

...Julee Katzman who has been instrumental in organizing chevra Kadisha ladies enabling us to give proper Jewish burials.

...to Kaitlin Maher who spent a lot of time putting together the Book of Remembrance mailing.

...to anyone who took time to do something kind for another person.





## **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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