



August 17, 2019
16 Av 5779



Shabbat Parsha Va'etchanan
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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, August 17

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Shnayder.....	9:00 a.m.
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion	7:00 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	7:45 p.m.
Havdalah.....	9:05 p.m.

Sunday, August 18

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 19

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	12:00 p.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20

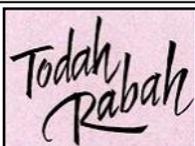
Halacha Class *	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i>	7:45 a.m.
Lunch and Learn*	1:00 p.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21

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

Mazel Tov!

To Natalie Shnayder on the celebration of her Bat Mitzvah.
Natalie is the daughter of Andreea & Michael Shnayder
and her siblings include Orion, Aidan, & Kayla.



...Rabbi Shlomo for fixing the Eruv.
...Donald Gerber for his generosity and assistance in
securing a vehicle for the Abramovich Family.
...Shirley Goodman for her continued volunteering with
the cemeteries.

**In the Week Ahead (cont.)
Thursday, August 22**

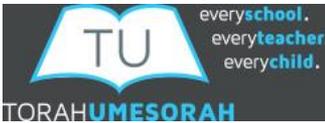
Halacha Class *	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>The Path of the Just*</i>	7:45 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Shlomo	9:30 a.m.
Parents & Children Learning*	6:00 p.m.
<i>Insights from the Jewish Thought @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home*</i>	7:45 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home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

Friday, August 23

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.....	7:54 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



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@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.

MISSING- it has been brought to our attention that some items from the kitchen have gone missing. - Flat griddle pan from Fridel, a pineapple, and a bag lemons. Any info leading to the recapture of the items will be met with a small reward.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Andrew Goldsweig	August 18
Jack Shrago	August 21
Alan Kricsfeld	August 21
Kayla Shnayder	August 21
Marsha Feldman	August 22
Shelley Smith	August 22

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Bailee Gerber	16 Av
Kayla Shnayder	16 Av
Natalie Shnayder	16 Av
Andrew Goldsweig	18 Av
Evelyn Zacharia	19 Av

Anniversaries

Jack & Helene Shrago	August 20
Pacey & Susie Shyken	August 22

*Celebrating a special simcha in August or September?
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part 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

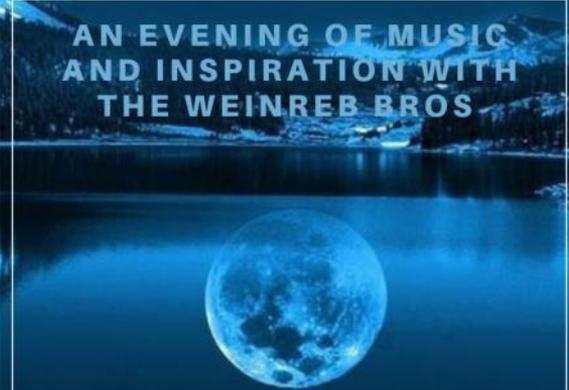


**Shabbat, August 24, 2019
Approx 11:15 - Free of Charge**

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 In honor of Everyone Starting School



Jealousy??

*And you shall not covet your fellow's wife,
you shall not desire your fellow's house...
(Deut. 5:18)*

We understand why God commanded us not to steal or to kill; after all, it is physically possible for a person to refrain from performing such crimes. On the other hand, jealousy is an emotion and is an integral part of human nature; when you see something you like - you desire it. How can the Torah forbid something so natural as to desire someone else's possessions?

The Ibn Ezra uses a profound insight into human nature to explain this prohibition. It is quite expected that an ignorant, poverty-stricken peasant might covet his neighbor's daughter, but it would never dawn on him to lust after the queen. She is so far away and inaccessible that such a thought would never enter his mind. Sensible, logical people only yearn for things within their frame of reference; they have no interest in things that are beyond their scope or their imagination. Similarly, man must perceive his neighbor's belongings as unattainable, like a golden ingot in Fort Knox.

A storekeeper once complained to R' Meir of Premishlan, "Somebody opened a store right next to mine, and he is taking my business away!" The sage replied, "Have you ever seen a horse drink water from a river? He walks into the water and stamps his hooves. He sees another horse also drinking, he's envious and afraid that the 'other' horse will drink up all the water, and therefore he kicks his own mirror image. That is the attitude of the horse, but you know better. Realize that there is enough water in the river for all the horses, and no one can touch what God has prepared for you. You have nothing to fear or be jealous of."

Parsha Questions

1. Moshe asked Hashem to "go over" and see the good Land beyond the Jordan. What was Hashem's response?
2. What two famous texts appear in this week's parasha?
3. Why are we commanded to form no likeness of Hashem?
4. Moshe tells the people that they were chosen by Hashem, even though they were one of the smaller nations. Why were they chosen?

Parsha Va'etchanan

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st & 2nd Aliyot: Moshe beseeched Hashem to enter the Land. However, he seemingly blamed the nation when his request was turned down. Moshe explained the foundation of our divine mission, which will be recognized by the other nations. Moshe stressed allegiance to Hashem and the consequences to ourselves and our children if we do not keep the law.

3rd & 4th Aliyot: Moshe designated the Cities of Refuge, and reviewed the entire experience of Revelation.

5th, 6th & 7th Aliyot: Moshe stressed the reaction of the nation after the giving of the Torah, and forewarned them not to deviate from the Torah, either to the right or to the left. The first paragraph of Shema is recorded. (6:10-15) Moshe warned the people about the dangers of prosperity, and directed them to keep the commandments and remember the Exodus. Moshe forewarned them about the dangers of assimilation and told them to always remember that they are the Chosen People.

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Israeli Art Workshop



What?

We will create and decorate a picture holder made out of paper maché in two sessions

Where?

Beth Israel Synagogue
12604 Pacific St.



By Whom?

Naava Naslavsky

Grew up in Israel, in Kibbutz Givat Oz. During the week she has a scientific career of biomedical research, but in the weekends and nights she emerges herself in paper maché sculpting, and create funny whimsical sculptures with humor.

When?

Part 1 - September 8, 4-5:30 PM
(we will make the projects)

Part 2 - September 15, 4-5:30 PM
(we will decorate the projects)

15\$ for both parts
Space is limited
RSVP by September 1
sabramovich@orthodoxomaha.org



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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