



August 31, 2019
30 Av 5779



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Book Of Remembrance Deadline

Deadline for Book of Remembrance submissions is
Wednesday, September 4.

You can contact the office with your submission by
phone 402.556.6288 or email executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org.

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, August 31

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	6:40 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	7:25 p.m.
Havdalah	8:42 p.m.

Sunday, September 1

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:40 p.m.

**Monday, September 2
Labor Day - Office Closed**

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:40 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:40 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:40 p.m.

Thursday, September 5

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	7:40 p.m.

Friday, September 6

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Friday Learning Series @ Kripke Jewish Federation Library	11:15 a.m.
<i>Jews in Cartoons: Usually Humorous, Often Insightful, Sometimes Inciteful</i> with Dr. Leonard Greenspoon	
Mincha	7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting	7:30 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

Todah Rabbah to those who joined us last week for
Tehilim Team at the Nachmans

Once a month, on the Shabbat before Rosh Chodesh, the Nachman family will be hosting a group of saying Tehilim (Psalms) for 'Refua Shlema' and for the success of the Jewish people. All children are welcome, parents can stay or leave the kids and go.

The next gathering will be September 28, at 12309 Deer Hollow.



...Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.
 ...Beth Cohen for being instrumental in working with Friedel Jewish Academy and Beth Israel to help keep Rabbi Shlomo and family with us longer.

...Donald Gerber for arranging new transportation for the Abramovich Family.
 ...Matthew Cohen for doing a security assessment and making recommendations for our shul.
 ...Shirley Goodman & Harry Weiner for their dedication to our cemeteries.
 ...the entire Beth Israel family for your patience and understanding with regards to our Book of Remembrance project.
 ...Rabbi Ari for coming back to us at Beth Israel. We have missed you.



Celebrate

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week



Birthdays (English)

Joseph Stein	August 31
Ezra Joshua Goldsweig	September 1
Anne Joseph	September 2
Ori Tam	September 3
Zachary Stein	September 3
Maximo Shechet	September 4
Bertha Shyken	September 4

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Fred Amster	30 Av
Elaine Feldman	30 Av
Shirley Goodman	3 Elul
Zachary Stein	3 Elul
Gavin Smith	6 Elul

Anniversaries

Joshua & Anna Priluck	September 4
Bruce & Cindy Goldberg	September 4

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



Israeli Art Workshop

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(for High-School age and above)



Where?

Beth Israel Synagogue
12604 Pacific St.

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



What?

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

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 mache sculpting, and create funny whimsical sculptures with humor.

Chaired by Bill Dreyfus

Annual BLOOD + DRIVE

Now with

Sunday, September 8

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Reserve your donation or vaccination spot at www.bethel-omaha.org

Flu Shots

*\$25 without insurance



Bone Marrow Match Screening

Through the

GIFT OF LIFE

MARROW REGISTRY

Super Science Sunday

Friedel Jewish Academy

335 S. 132nd St.

Sunday, September 8, 2019 3:30-5:00 P.M.



Omaha Children's Museum's Out of This World Space Show + hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activities.

Free and open to families with children ages 6 and under in the Jewish community and at the CDC. Older siblings welcome. A light snack will be provided.

RSVP using the below link by September 4. Contact Sara at skohen@fjaomaha.com with questions.



Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKSMQNW>

The Women's Rosh Chodesh Circle



A SPECIAL EVENT

IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEW YEAR

WITH SOME INSIGHTS INTO THE SPIRITUAL
MEANING OF THE
HEBREW MONTHS OF ELUL AND TISHREI

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, INSPIRING
STORIES, MUSIC AND MORE. ALL WOMEN
ARE INVITED, COME WITH SIMCHA.

HOSTED BY:

SARAH ABRAHAMSON AND RACHEL WHEELER
WEDNESDAY SEPT 18, 2019 @ 7:30PM
BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE



This week's D'var Torah Some Clarity in Charity



Rather, you shall open your hand to him; you shall lend him his requirement, whatever is lacking to him.

(Deut. 15:8)

The Torah tells that we should give a person "whatever he is lacking to him." The Sages learn from the words "to him" that we must give charity according to each individual's needs. If a person was wealthy and lived an extravagant lifestyle and then became poor, we must give him to the extent that he can live in accordance with his previous standing. If he used to drive a fancy car, we must get him that car. The question arises: if I myself would never pay so much, why must I pay for him?

An important factor in the act of giving charity is to ensure the emotional well-being of the beneficiary. When a person loses his assets the emotional strain may be greater than the physical one. When a wealthy person loses his fancy car the embarrassment is unbearable. It is equivalent to a pauper who is evicted from his apartment, even though the wealthy person can still live a normal life. Therefore, providing the wealthy person with his fancy car is literally giving him his life back just as much as paying the rent for a pauper.

It is for this reason that one who provides a poor person with money and adds kind words of encouragement receives twice as many blessings from God for adding the kind words as he does for simply giving the money!(Tosafos Baba Basra 9b.)

It takes a special person to be able to recognize the emotional needs of another, especially one from a different background. The Talmud (Kesubos 67b.) relates that Hillel, who was perhaps the poorest Torah scholar, raised money for a wealthy man who lost his money to purchase a horse to ride upon and a slave to run before him. On one occasion he could not find a slave to run before him, so Hillel took his place and ran for three miles! Despite Hillel's poverty, he was able to understand the needs of a wealthy man - to the extent of personally providing those needs!

Shabbat Shalom

Parsha Re'eh

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st and 2nd Aliyot: Moshe instructs the Chosen People to eradicate any remnant of idolatry and strengthen all aspects of service to G-d. All offerings must be brought to the “Chosen” place, the Bais Hamikdash, so that worship is an act of humility and selflessness, rather than a self-indulging “need”. An even greater danger to our uniqueness is the innate desire to compromise and assimilate Torah values with other forms of worship. (the Chanukah bush syndrome)

3rd and 4th Aliyot: Moshe forewarned the Jews against incorporating any pagan practices, and against the false prophet, idolatrous missionaries, and the Ir Hanidachas – the Apostate City. These must be destroyed along with their material belongings. When using the world in accordance with the wishes of the Creator, we declare the existence of a Creator who has a divine purpose for creating the material world. When we misuse the physical in the service of “gods who are not G-d”, we negate the Creator’s purpose for creating the universe. Therefore, they and all their belongings must be destroyed.

5th, 6th, and 7th Aliyot: The remainder of the Parsha, details those Mitzvos that set us apart from all other nations: Kashrus; Maasros – Tithes; the Shmitah – sabbatical year; the laws regarding lending money; the Eved Ivri – a Jew who is a slave; the consecration of the first born animal, and a review of the main Yomim Tovim – holidays: Pesach, Shavouth, and Succoth.

Rav S.R. Hirsch points out that Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are not reviewed in Sefer Divarim because there were no changes in the practices of those Yomim Tovim when living in the desert or living in Eretz Yisroel. (Intro. to Divarim)

Parsha Questions

1. What are the names of the two mountains, where the people of Israel should place the blessing and the curse?
2. What are the two signs of the kosher animals?
3. What are the two signs of the kosher fish?
4. What is the economic meaning of the Shmitha – the seventh year, in relevance to our money?
5. Why does a Jewish slave cannot work more than 6 years?



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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