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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, September 21

Selichot

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	6:05 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	6:50 p.m.
Havdalah	8:05 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

Selichot.....	1:15 a.m.
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
JYE BI - Community Service Project.....	10:00 a.m.
<i>High Holiday Crash Course</i> with Rabbi Ari	10:00 a.m.
Kever Avot @ Golden Hill Cemetery.....	12:00 p.m.
Kever Avot @ Beth Israel Cemetery.....	1:00 p.m.
Kever Avot @ Fisher Farm Cemetery	2:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:05 p.m.

Monday, September 23

Selichot/Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
<i>The Secrets of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Shlomo	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

Selichot/Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:05 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25

Selichot/Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:05 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

Selichot/Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	7:05 p.m.

Friday, September 27

Shacharit	6:40 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.....	6:55 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:55 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

High Holiday Schedule

Sunday, September 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah

8:30 a.m. Selichot/Shacharit

6:50 p.m. Mincha/Candle Lighting

Monday, September 30

Rosh Hashanah

Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

12:30 p.m. Kiddush

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6:50 p.m. Mincha/Maariv @ BI

7:50 p.m. Candle Lighting

Tuesday, October 1

Rosh Hashanah

Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

12:30 p.m. Kiddush

1:30 p.m. Tashlich

6:50 p.m. Mincha/Maariv @BI

7:48 p.m. Havdalah

Wednesday, October 2

Fast of Gedaliah

6:00 a.m. Fast Begins

7:39p.m. Fast ends

Tuesday, October 8

Erev Yom Kippur

6:40 a.m. Shacharit

5:00 p.m. Mincha/Maariv @ BI

6:37 p.m. Candle Lighting

6:40 p.m. Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 9

Yom Kippur

Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

10:30 a.m. Yizkor

5:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Class

5:30 p.m. Mincha/Maariv @ BI

6:30 p.m. Nelah

7:35 p.m. Break the Fast

Sponsored in-part by

Beth Cohen & Harry Berman



...Julee Katzman and Jim Polack for coordinating Chevra Kadisha volunteers!

...Chevra Kadisha volunteers come from all over the community to ensure a dignified and kosher burial for our recently deceased community. Thank you to all who have volunteered for this holy task.

...Our neighbors, The Montessori school, for being great partners in updating our security and safety plan.

...Bette Kozlen, Helene Shrago, Mary Sue Grossman, and others who are spearheading the sisterhood event. Thank you!

...Rabbi Shlomo for his tireless work to Kasher the Temple Israel to ensure Kosher food for the Federation's Campaign Kickoff event.

...Big Todah Rabah to Sarah Abrahamson and Rachel Wheeler for leading their Women's Rosh Hodesh Event.

...Faige Jeidel for all her work in ensuring that we all get fed.

...The entire Beth Israel Staff: Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo, Kaitlin Maher, Yaakov and Faige Jeidel, Jay Benton, Marge Williams, Ruthe Starlin, Nancy Mattly, for putting the extra time in and helping us prepare for the holidays!



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Helene Shrago	September 21
Nathan Feldman	September 22
Leandro Haas	September 22
Nancy Rampey Biniamow	September 23

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Todd Gerber	22 Elul
Esther Silver	26 Elul
Crystal Epstein	26 Elul
Ezra Joshua Goldsweig	26 Elul
Helene Shrago	27 Elul

*Celebrating a special simcha?
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part of
the October 22, Simcha Kiddush.*



**ORDER YOUR
LULAV & ETROG**

Lulav and Etrog

Orders due September 23

Order your lulav and etrog by going to OrthodoxOmaha.org. Cost is \$55 per set. Don't miss your opportunity to perform this beautiful mitzvot.

Orders needed by Monday, September 23.

Selichot - Sunday, September 22 - 1:15 a.m.

Selichot Services will be held Saturday night/Sunday morning beginning at 1:15 a.m. The High Holidays officially begin the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah and Selichot is perhaps the most spiritual event of the year and sets the tone for the entire season.



Kever Avot Services

Sunday, September 22

One visits the cemetery before Rosh Hashanah to ask Hashem, in the merit of the righteous, to grant a good year.

The service schedule is as follows:

- 12 p.m. Golden Hill Cemetery
- 1 p.m. Beth Israel and Mt. Sinai Cemeteries;
- 2 p.m. Fisher Farm/B'nai Abraham/BHH Cemeteries

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.



Jewish High Schoolers!!!

Sunday, Sept 22

Join us for FREE bagels and snacks!

Let's talk about Tzedakah and how you can make a DIFFERENCE

Bagel Bin 12:30-2pm

Bring a friend!

RSVP to 402.578.5058

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH **6:00-7:30 PM**

Join Us at Friedel Jewish Academy

335 S 132nd St, Omaha, NE 68154

This program is for ages 8-12

Our focus will be on Building Resilience in order for our children to be better equipped to handle life's challenges. Pizza dinner will be offered for all those who register in advance. Each registered child, between the ages of 8-12, will receive a book!! An adult must accompany the child.

RSVP by October 31 to JFS at (402)330-2024 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/jfsfriedelprevention>

*Free childcare is available for participant siblings, ages 8 and under. Parents that wish to use this childcare service MUST reserve a spot when submitting their RSVP. Space is limited.

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This week's D'var Torah is in honor of all the kids on the NCSY



Shabbaton this weekend in Chicago: *I'll do it tomorrow*

*Today, Hashem, your God, commands you to perform
these decrees and the statutes...
(Deut. 26:16)*

People often say, "I don't have time to work on figuring out all the big questions of life today, but there's always tomorrow. Then I'll have plenty of time to do it." Tomorrow comes and they say the same thing. This can go on and on for years, until an entire lifetime has passed! Addressing this danger, the Torah says, "TODAY, Hashem, your God, commands you to perform these decrees." (Chofetz Chaim) The Torah is telling us not to procrastinate. We must not push off our spiritual obligations.

Each day in a person's life carries with it its own challenges and mission. What is to be accomplished today cannot be postponed for tomorrow, because tomorrow has its own set of challenges. The verse states "Avraham and Sarah were old, well on in years..." (Genesis 18:11) Literally, the expression means "they came with days." The Zohar explains that Avraham and Sarah came through life with all their days intact, for they had utilized them all to the maximum.

The mishnah in Pirkei Avos teaches, "Do not say, 'when I am free I will study,' for perhaps you will not become free." One should never postpone learning Torah to a more opportune time since it may never come. Every day has its preoccupations and distractions. The Kotzker Rebbe explained the Mishnah with a slight twist: "Don't wait until you are free to learn, for your special task in life may be to learn while under stress and pressure." If you wait until the pressure subsides, you may end up waiting forever!

Parsha Questions

1. What must a man do with his first fruits grown in his garden?
2. Which story should this man say when he does it?
3. What should the people of Israel inscribe on the great stones, on the day they cross the Jordan river?
4. Why should we observe the covenant and G-d's commandments, according to the last verse of the Parasha?

Parsha Ki Tavo

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

Following the last two Parshios that focused on Justice and the value of individual rights, Moshe directed the nation's attention to the realities of what it meant to live in Eretz Yisroel.

Our behaviors, as well as natural law, are subject to the word of G-d and interface with each other in the most intimate example of cause and effect. As the Chosen People, our lifestyle should manifest the ever-present mastery of the Creator over mankind and the realization of the connection between our adherence of Mitzvot and the laws of nature. This is most apparent in Eretz Yisroel. As Moshe told the Bnai Yisroel in Parshas Ekev, (11:12) "It is therefore a land constantly under Hashem's scrutiny..." As clearly as the rain and dew fall, the land reflects G-d's presence. Keeping the mitzvot of the Torah proclaims in word and deed G-d's mastery over man and results in nature serving man as her accepted master. By ignoring or opposing the Torah we deny G-d's mastery over man; and in turn, nature opposes man's attempts at mastery over the natural world.

During the 40 years of the desert, the Jews were being prepared to accept the reality of Hashem's mastery and the responsibility of keeping His mitzvot. Now, in Parshas Ki Tavo, as they were poised to cross the Yarden and assume their intended place as "... highest of all the nations on earth." (28:1) Moshe commanded a number of declarations and ceremonies. These ceremonies would underscore the cause and effect relationship that exists between adherence to Torah, the laws of nature, and the divine responsiveness of the land.

1st & 2nd Aliyot: The Parsha begins with the Mitzvot of the first fruits and the completion of the Tithing cycles. Both are accompanied by special declarations of Hashem's mastery over the land, and man's responsibility to keep the commandments of Hashem.

3rd, 4th & 5th Aliyot: Moshe presents a statement of allegiance between Hashem and His People. We are to keep the Torah and Hashem guarantees us praise, fame and glory as the "highest of all the nations". (26:19) Upon crossing the Yarden, the Nation will publicly declare its acceptance of Hashem's covenant by: inscribing the Torah upon twelve stones; erecting them as a monument; and the ceremony of blessings and curses that is to take place between the opposing mountains, Grizim and Ayval.

6th Aliya: Commonly known as the Tochacha the admonitions and punishments. It describes the consequences that will befall the Jewish people if they ignore Hashem's Torah and his providence. The custom is for the Reader to read this Aliya more quickly and quietly than the rest of the Parsha.

7th Aliya: The Parsha concludes with the beginning of Moshe's final discourse. He starts by recounting the miraculous nature of the past 40 years and its clear indication of Hashem's ever present protection, past and future.



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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