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Shabbat Parsha Nitzavin
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This weeks Shabbos sheet is sponsored by Nate & Carly Shapiro in honor of the entire Beth Israel Family.

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Evan Varkony for the yahrzeit of Evan's father, Nicholas Varkony and 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

Saturday, September 28

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	5:50 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	6:35 p.m.
Havdalah	7:53 p.m.

Sunday, September 29

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Selichot/Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:50 p.m.

Monday, September 30

Rosh Hashanah

Office Closed

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Kiddush Sponsored by Bonnie Bloch & Howard Gendleman</i>	12:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	7:50 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

Rosh Hashanah

Office Closed

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush.....	12:30 p.m.
Tashlich @ Trendwood Park.....	1:30 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	6:50 p.m.
Havdalah	7:48 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2

Fast of Gedaliah

Fast Begins	6:00 a.m.
Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	6:40 p.m.
Fast Ends	7:39 p.m.

Thursday, October 3

Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith with Rabbi Ari</i>	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	6:50 p.m.

Friday, October 4

Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:44 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

Sponsored by

Bonnie Bloch & Howard Gendleman in honor of their family and Ann Moskovitz

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 @ Trendwood Park,
13333 Pacific St.

(Weather Permitting)

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

underwritten by Harry, Zoe and Brad

Berman, Marilyn Berman

and Sheila Cohen

Child Care will be available on the following schedule:

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sep 29	6:30p.m. - end of services
Rosh Hashanah I	Sep 30	10a.m. - 1p.m, 6:30p - 9:00p*
Rosh Hashana II	Oct 1	10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kol Nidre	Oct 8	6:30p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	Oct 9	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
Yom Kippur	Oct 9	5:30 p.m. - 7:30p.m.*
Sukkot I	Oct 14	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*
Sukkot II	Oct 15	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret	Oct 21	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Simchat Torah	Oct 22	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*indicates only one baby sitter has been hired, which means the youth lounge MAY not be available. A minimum donation of \$5 per child is requested to assist in covering expenses for baby-sitting services.

Email Nate Shapiro at nshapiro@orthodoxomaha.org to reserve your spot for Rosh Hashanah, or the contact the office for the rest of the holidays.

Join Us Today for Tehilim Team at the Nachmans

12309 Deer Hollow @ 5:20 p.m.

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 October 26, at 12309 Deer Hollow.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Sandra Kohll	September 29
Shalom Beneda	October 01
Rick Eirenberg	October 03
David Cahan	October 03

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Nathan Feldman	28 Elul
Nancy Rampey Biniamow	29 Elul
Mary Sue Grossman	3 Tishrei
Jessica Rich	5 Tishrei
Reshit-Geula Nachman	5 Tishrei

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

Please join us for two mornings full of learning and games for kids of all ages!

In an effort to keep the synagogue neat and organized we ask that all children stay with their parents or with their respective group at all times. Babysitting will be available in the kids room from 10:00-1:00 for all toddlers, and programming for kids grades k-7 is detailed on the right side of this page. Teens who are interested in helping out can join the youth groups, and will have their own Chabura later in the day.

All toddlers, children and teens are welcome to join us for snacks in the social hall immediately following Shofar blowing.



BETH ISRAEL
OMAHA NEBRASKA

Rosh Hashana For Kids!

Monday, September 30th
and
Tuesday, October 1st

10:00-10:20

Icebreaker
youth lounge

10:20-10:35

Tefillah
youth lounge

10:35-10:55

Class #1

k 3rd graders in the chapel
4 7th graders in the social hall

10:55-11:20

Shofar and Snack
social hall

11:20-11:40

Class #2

k 3rd graders in the chapel
4 7th graders in the social hall

11:40-12:00

Game time!
youth lounge

12:00-12:15

Chill with Shimmy
youth lounge

12-12:30

Teen Chabura
social hall

The Games People Play

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD'S
ANNUAL FUND RAISING EVENT**

*Sunday, November 3, 2019, 11:30am
Luncheon, Silent Auction & Style Show*

Fashions provided by
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Event Chairs
Bette Kozlen & Helene Shrago

Beth Israel Synagogue, 12604 Pacific Street, Omaha NE 68154 (402) 556-6288

**Don't miss your
chance to win
\$500 in cash!**

Tickets just \$10 each

Purchase in advance in the Beth Israel office, or at online at orthodoxomaha.org.
Tickets also available day of event.
Payment only by cash, check, or credit card. Drawing at Sisterhood Donor Event on Nov 3. Need not be present to win!

Contact the office at
(402) 556-6288 or
executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org
for reservations and additional
information.

BETH ISRAEL PRESENTS:

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND
INSPIRATION IN PREPARATION OF
THE HIGH HOLIDAYS**

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 5TH | 8 PM

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Inspiring the Jewish Future



**This week's D'var Torah is
in honor of Shimmy Mensch
moving to Omaha after he
gets married
(with or without his wife).**



Choose Life

*And you shall choose life, so that you will live, you and your offspring.
(Deut. 30:19)*

The Torah stresses that choosing life is not only for the benefit of the one making the choice, but also for the benefit of his offspring so that they will live. How does your decision to want life help your children? Don't they have to choose life as well?

It is possible for a person to learn Torah and do mitzvot, and yet these actions won't have any positive effect on his children. If one does mitzvot because he believes in God and knows that he has to do it, but does so half-heartedly, or with the attitude that they are a heavy burden, his children may well choose not to follow his path of Torah and mitzvot. For example, after spending \$100 on an etrog he says, "Oiy, s' iz shver tzoo zaiyn a yid" (it is hard to be a Jew). Naturally, his children will be reluctant to follow the Torah. They'll reason, "Our father is doing all this because he has to. We are not as strong as him and it is just too hard for us to keep the Torah."

However, if one does mitzvot with joy and pride, making it clear that this is what gives him life and energizes him, then they will want to experience the same enjoyment in life that their father experienced. Therefore the Torah tells us, "You shall choose life in a way that will inspire your children to choose it and live." (Rav Moshe Feinstein)



...Brad Berman for schlepping the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur books up from the basement.

...The Jeidels for putting together programming for Rosh Hashanah Youth.

...Faige and Lea Jeidel who brought some snacks to the executive director when he was working late.

...Mary Sue Grossman, Helene Shrago, Bette Kozlen, and others for working hard to put the Sisterhood event together.

...Those of you in the community who took the time to let us know that the cemeteries looked nice for Kever Avot (you know who you are!)

...Kaitlin Maher who has worked very hard to make sure that our High Holidays run smoothly.

...Jeff Zacharia for taking some time to look for ways to save on expenses at the cemeteries.

Parsha Nitzavin

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

It's about time we stopped making excuses and took responsibility for who and what we are. It's long overdue. Here we are at the threshold of a new-year and it's all about being honest with ourselves. The degree of our commitment to Torah and Mitzvos will be in direct proportion to how many excuses we make for ourselves in avoiding commitment. The more the excuses, the less the commitment. As Moshe continued his final discourse, he confronted the primary excuses we all use in avoiding commitment and responsibility.

1st & 2nd Aliyot: Moshe presented the entire nation with the basis for our covenant with G-d. Starting with the promise to the forefathers and stretching across 500 years of history, our relationship with G-d had been substantiated through miracle after miracle. Yet, future generations might deny their personal obligation to continue the relationship and its attendant responsibilities. Therefore; Moshe made it absolutely clear that each generation is obligated to educate their children and train them to accept the covenant with G-d. Subsequent generation should not be able to excuse their responsibilities for Torah and Mitzvos due to ignorance.

3rd Aliya: The next excuse Moshe confronted was the modernization of Torah. In every generation there are those who see Torah as archaic and outdated. "Only by grafting new ideas and practices to the stale practices of Torah will Judaism continue to exist and flourish." This excuse for changing Torah's eternal truths will result in the compromise of Torah observance, our land, and our people.

4th & 5th Aliyot: As history will tragically prove, Moshe's warnings would be ignored. Subsequent generations would wonder about the destruction and desolation and, in their search for answers, return to the uncompromised truths and practices of their forefathers.

6th Aliya: As a generation of Baalei Teshuva find their way back, many will be overwhelmed by the seemingly inaccessibility of Torah knowledge. Moshe reassures us that Torah is accessible to all those who truly desire it. Ignorance and a lack of opportunity for learning should never be an excuse.

7th Aliya: Finally, Moshe presented the bottom line. Endowed with free will we must choose properly. In the end, we are responsible for what happens.

Parsha Questions

1. Who was included in the covenant that was mentioned at the beginning of the parasha?
2. What is the meaning of the name of the parasha, Nitzavim?
3. The Torah tells us that the commandments, the mitzvot, are not distant - in heaven or across the sea. Where are they, according to the parasha?
4. What will be circumcised by Hashem?



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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