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**Shabbat Parsha Ha'azinu**

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*This weeks Shabbos sheet is sponsored by  
Lynne & Errol Saltzman for the speedy recovery of  
Daisy Mae, the upcoming recovery of Lloyd Roitstein,  
the birthday of Beth Cohen, and the upcoming  
marriage of Daniel Grossman & Rachel Martin.*

**IN THE WEEK AHEAD**

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Bracha, Andy, Naomi, & Ezra Goldsweig in honor of the visit of Bracha's parents, Rochel & Yossi Kenigsberg 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, October 12**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Sponsored Kiddush .....	10:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i> .....	5:30 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit .....	6:15 p.m.
Havdalah .....	7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 13**

**Erev Sukkot**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 14**

**Sukkot**

**Office Closed**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Lunch in the Sukkot.....	11:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	7:27 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 15**

**Sukkot**

**Office Closed**

Shacharit .....	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush.....	11:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	6:30 p.m.
Havdalah .....	7:26 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 16**

**Intermediate Day**

Shacharit .....	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 17**

**Intermediate Day**

Shacharit .....	6:45 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 18**

**Intermediate Day**

Shacharit .....	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:21 p.m.

**Scholar in Residence at Beth Israel**

**Saturday, October 26**

Dr. Hanna Kehat, professor for Jewish thought and Tanakh in Givat Washington Academic College, Israel will visit at Beth Israel. Dr. Kehat will speak after kiddush about "Female Leadership in the Book of Bereshit-Genesis"

**Child Care will be available on the following schedule:**

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.

Contact the Office to reserve your spot.

*Todah  
Rabah*

...to Lynne and Errol Saltzman for sponsoring this weeks Shabbos Sheet for the speedy recovery of Daisy Mae, the upcoming recovery of Lloyd Roitstein, the birthday of Beth Cohen, and the upcoming marriage of Daniel Grossman & Rachel Martin.

...to Bracha, Andy, Naomi, & Ezra Goldsweig for sponsoring the Week of Learning in honor of the visit of Bracha's parents, Rochel & Yossi Kenigsberg.

.....to Mary Sue and Alex Grossman for sponsoring today's kiddush in honor of their son, Daniel's, auf ruf, in celebration of his upcoming marriage to Rachel Martin. The cake at kiddush is in celebration of Julie and Mark Martin's 39th wedding anniversary today.

...to Donald Gerber for contributing to the sponsorship of Lunch in the Sukkah in honor of Daniel & Audrey (& baby Maya) Walz, and Ben & Stephanie Gerber.

...to David & Meir Wheeler, Daniel Menendez, and Yaakov Jeidel for putting up our Sukkah.

...to the enire professional team at Beth Israel: Rabbi Ari, Rabbi Shlomo, Kaitlin Maher, Jay Benton, Faige & Yaakov Jeidel, Marge Williams & Ruthe Starlin; to Jerry Bruna for managing security; and Kelly Lewis, Janet Thompson & Ashley Barrow for providing Child Care during the High Holidays.

**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 October 26, at 12309 Deer Hollow.

With love, pride, and gratitude  
The Beneda Family invites you to join us as their daughter  
Shalom becomes a bat mitzvah  
Saturday, October 19th 2019  
10:30 a.m.  
at Beth Israel Synagogue



# Celebrate



## Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

### Birthdays (English)

Ethan Shrago	October 12
Yehoshua Rich	October 14
Jean Cahan	October 14
Yonatan Rich	October 15
Adam Stein	October 15
Lauren Wertheim	October 18
Abe Hoch	October 18
Talia Jane Kohen	October 18

### Birthdays (Hebrew)

Lauren Wertheim	14 Tishrei
Ron Powers	16 Tishrei
Yehoshua Rich	16 Tishrei
Marvin Parilman	17 Tishrei
Debbie Powers	18 Tishrei
Raaya Nachman	19 Tishrei
David Cahan	19 Tishrei
Shalom Beneda	19 Tishrei

### Anniversary

Scott & Shoshy Susman	October 13
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*Celebrating a special simcha?  
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part of  
the October 22, Simcha Kiddush.*



Rabbi Yitzchak Mizrahi was the assistant Rabbi here in Omaha for 5 years. He and his wife Taliah just had a baby girl. They are now living in Kansas City. If you would like to contribute to a group gift (a certificate to Target) let Dani Shrago know by October 24.

Her address is 12209 Leavenworth Road Omaha, NE 68154.  
E-mail Dani12209@yahoo.com.

We are suggesting between \$10 and \$20 per family for the gift.

**The Games People Play**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
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ANNUAL FUND RAISING EVENT**

*Sunday, November 3, 2019, 11:30am  
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Contact the office at (402) 556-6288 or [executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org](mailto:executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org) for reservations and additional information.

## Omaha Jewish Camp Fair!

Sunday, October 27, 12:00-1:00 PM  
Temple Israel, 13111 Sterling Ridge Drive

Join us for a camp-style cookout lunch and learn about all the fantastic Jewish summer programs in the Midwest and beyond!

Logos and organizations featured on the map:

- NFI in ISRAEL
- URJ mitzvah corps
- Camp Ramah
- HERZL CAMP
- O.S.R.U.I.
- Camp Nageels
- Camp Sabra
- SHAWYER
- the J EXPRESS CAMP
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- CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

RSVP to [bmazur@templeisraelomaha.com](mailto:bmazur@templeisraelomaha.com)



# In honor of the 11 kids who have signed up for the NCSY Shabbaton on Nov 15!



## *The Missing Puzzle Pieces*

*The Rock! – perfect is His work, for all His paths are justice; a God of faith without iniquity, righteous and fair is He. (32:4)*

Few people need to be convinced that God created the world. However, situations may occur that are difficult to comprehend and leave even believers with many questions. There is a higher level of belief in God: not only did He create the world, but He is intimately involved in its day-to-day running. Hashem presses all the buttons and causes all events to occur, right down to the last detail.<sup>1</sup>

It is for this reason that the Torah put the first commandment in the context of the exodus: "I am your God who has taken you out of the land of Egypt." Even though it would have been logical for God to identify himself as the Creator of the universe, a more all-inclusive title than that of engineer of the exodus, God was teaching us that He is also deeply involved in our everyday lives, intervening to pluck us out of Egypt.

A guest in a village did not understand why the more important members of the shul sat at the back, while the beggars and paupers sat at the front. When he questioned the shul president about it he was told, "You are confused because you are here for only one Shabbos. If you would be here every Shabbos you would understand that we have a procedure of alternating places which, over the course of a year, is fair to everybody." The Chofetz Chaim uses this parable to demonstrate that our questions and doubts over God's supervision of the world are due to our lack of understanding. God's management of this world is based on considerations of a 6,000 year time period. We are in this world for a sum total of 70, 80, or maybe 90 years. How can we expect to know the answers when we are missing parts of the puzzle?

### NOTES

1. Darkei Mussar

**November 15-17**  
**Overland Park Kansas**  
**Grades 5-8**



Register now at [MidwestNcsy.org](http://MidwestNcsy.org) or call Faige at 347.522.2668  
 Cost is covered for Beth Israel Members in full if registered before November 1, otherwise is \$29.

Join the Jeidel's and the Omaha group for a fun weekend in KC! Lets Show them how much Omaha rocks!

# Parsha Ha'azinu

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

1st Aliya: Moshe begins by describing the presence of Hashem in nature as being as evident as the rain or dew that nourish the fields and gardens. G-d is entirely just, always good, always compassionate and forgiving. Therefore, all destruction and negativity must be ascribed directly to the ill fated decisions and actions of His children.

2nd Aliya: The Jew must always remember that he was chosen from among all other nations to be nurtured by the direct ministrations of the Creator. We were born in a "desolate, howling, wasteland" and protected till we were able to assume responsibility for our unique relationship with the Creator of heaven and earth.

3rd Aliya: Unfortunately, humankind's tendency is to forget the degree of their dependency upon Hashem and to create the illusion of self sufficiency and independence. "Yeshurun thus became fat and rebelled..."

4th Aliya: We will then be punished with exile and persecution. Chased from our land and sold into slavery, the Chosen People will experience what it means to be independent of Hashem's direct protection and benevolence.

5th Aliya: However, the other nations will fail in the very same manner that we did. They will assume that their ability to enslave the Chosen People and ravage Israel is proof of G-d's impotence and their own prowess and strength. Therefore, they will be punished and destroyed and the Chosen People will again recognize Hashem's primacy and control.

6th Aliya: Moshe's song ends with the Jewish people singing forth their acceptance and understanding of divine purpose and justice.

7th Aliya: Moshe presents the entire "song" to the nation and reemphasizes that the condition for keeping the Land is adherence to Torah and serving Hashem.

## Parsha Questions

1. Who are the two witnesses for Moshe's Shira - song, as mentioned at the beginning of the parasha?
2. At the beginning of the parasha while describing Hashem's justice, what does Moshe compare Hashem to?
3. Why didn't Moshe enter to the Land of Israel?
4. What is the name of the place where Moshe is about to die?





## 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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