



October 26, 2019
27 Tishri 5780



Shabbat Parsha Bereshit

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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, October 26

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush.....	11:15 a.m.
Welcome Rabbi Jonathan Gross	
<i>Female Leadership in the Book of Bereshit - Genesis</i>	11:45 a.m.
with Dr. Hanna Kehat	
Tehilim Team at the Nachmans	4:50 p.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	5:05 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	5:50 p.m.
Havdalah	7:10 p.m.

Sunday, October 27

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
JYE BI	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:10 p.m.

Monday, October 28

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:10 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:10 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30

Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit	6:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:10 p.m.
Rosh Chodesh Women's Gathering	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 31

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	6:10 p.m.

Friday, October 25

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	6:02 p.m.

Tehilim Team at the Nachmans

Join us today!

October 26th at 4:50 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 November 24, at 12309 Deer Hollow.



...The entire Abramovich family. Thank you for your dedication to our community. We were lucky to have you. We are sorry to see you go, but we wish you lots of luck and good fortune in the next step of your lives. Come back and visit anytime.

...Brad Berman for helping schlep the machzorim downstairs.

...Dani Shrago for doing the weekly shopping. This is a HUGE help. Thank you!

...Sarah Abrahamson and Rachel Wheeler for running the Rosh Chodesh events.

...Helene Shrago, Bette Kozlin, and some behind-the-scenes ladies for taking the charge on the sisterhood event!



CELEBRATE



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Abigail Stein	October 26
Frederic Weiss	October 27
Aviva Segall	October 27
Sarah Grossman-Lopez	October 28
Linda Potash	October 28
Sarah Abrahamson	October 29
Maxine Kirshenbaum	October 30
Howard Kaiman	October 31
Isabella Weiss	October 31
George King	November 1

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Samuel Kricsfeld	27 Tishrei
Dasha Stein	29 Tishrei
Frederic Weiss	1 Cheshvan
Ethan Shrago	2 Cheshvan
Talia Jane Kohen	2 Cheshvan
Sarah Grossman-Lopez	2 Cheshvan
Yonatan Rich	3 Cheshvan

***Celebrating a special simcha?
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part of
the November 16, Simcha Kiddush.***

Sponsored Kiddush

Join us for Kiddush on November 2
as we welcome the Dryers and honor Moshe Nachman's parents.
Kiddush will be sponsored by Moshe & Hadar Nachman.

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!

RSVP to bmazur@templeisraelomaha.com

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

Join Us at Friedel
Jewish Academy

6:00-7:30 PM

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.

Programs funded by a grant from
The Dennis Schuman Charitable Foundation

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

NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

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



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!



Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Women's Gathering

Light Refreshments, Inspiring Stories, with some
insights into the month of Cheshvan

Beth Israel Synagogue

Hosted By:

Rachel Wheeler and Sarah Abrahamson

Wednesday October 30th, 2019/7:30pm

All women are invited, come with Simcha





In honor of the holy work the Abramovich family has done for the Omaha community



*In the beginning of God's creating...
(1:1)*

God began the Torah with the word Bereishis – in the beginning – which starts with the Hebrew letter Beis. The Midrash teaches that the first Hebrew letter Aleph was dissatisfied that it had been passed over. It complained, “I am the very first letter and yet I was left out at the beginning of the Torah!” God promised the Aleph, “You will see justice done. When I give the Torah to my children at Mount Sinai, I shall commence with the letter Aleph.” When God gave the Ten Commandments to the Jewish people He placed an Aleph at the beginning: Anochi – I am the Lord your God....

Why did God ignore the Aleph at the beginning of the Torah, only reinstating it to its proper position when giving the Torah to the Jewish nation?

Living in the created physical world, we tend to give priority to our physical needs. We make sure to find a good job, a nice home, and as many conveniences as possible. Only once these points are settled, we try to find a shul or yeshiva in which to learn Torah and pray, regardless of our actual standards – near where we live. We attach the “Aleph” – the primary concern – to the attainment of a satisfactory material standard of living. The Torah is relegated to “Beis”, secondary rank. However, as the Mishnah states: learning Torah must be man’s primary occupation. One’s work schedule should be designed to accommodate one’s Torah learning, not vice versa. God therefore left out the Aleph, and deliberately prefaced the count of the six days of creation of the physical world with a Beis. The “Aleph”, our primary concern, must be for the Torah.²

NOTES

1. Pirkei Avos, 1:15, with explanation of Rav
2. Ozneyim Latorah 1:1 (Quoted in the Midrash says)

November 15-17
Overland Park Kansas
Grades 5-8



Register now at 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 Bereshit

Source: www.chabad.org

In the beginning G-d created separate and different creations. Each of these separate and different creations has its own assigned purpose in being created, and it is the universal responsibility of all creations to protect each others divinely ordained right to accomplish their individualized missions. If a creation hinders or interferes with another creation's purpose for being created, the interfering creation is opposing the established order of the Creator and His purpose in creating that specific creation.

The Creator provides all the necessary qualities and tools for each separate and different creation to exist and attain its reason for being created. Individual talents, rights, and ownership are the tools for accomplishing the Creator's purpose in creating separate and different creations. The need to protect these individual rights and qualities is as evident in the proper functioning of the complex ecosystem of our world as it is in the proper functioning of any human society. We must therefore conserve the natural resources of our world and cherish the right of all people to have what is theirs and be who they can be. This mandate of "Intentionally Created Speciation" is a universal truth as stated throughout Parshas Breishis. It began with the six days during which Hashem created all things as separate and different, and concluded with the creation of man, woman, and Shabbos as the most different and the most glorious of all creation. It is our responsibility to embrace the reality of "Speciation" and acknowledge through our actions the Creator and His purpose for creation.

1st Aliya: The creation of the universe is detailed day by day concluding with the creation of Shabbos. Note the emphasis on Speciation throughout the six day account.

2nd and 3rd Aliya: The creation of Adam and Chava and the story of Gan Eden is detailed.

4th Aliya: Adam and Chava are expelled from Gan Eden and the story of Kayin and Hevel is related.

5th, 6th, and 7th Aliyot: Chronologically, the time covered in Parshas Breishis is from year 1 (the creation of humankind) through the birth of Noach's three sons in 1556. The final three Aliyot list the 10 generations from Adam through Noach that lived during that time, as well as the degeneration of man's relationship with Hashem. It is important to note that Noach's generation was the first generation not to have personally known Adam.

Parsha Questions

1. What was created on the fourth day of creation?
2. Who gave the names to all the animals?
3. What was the first thing Adam and Eve did after they ate from the tree?
4. Why Cain was so angry on Abel?



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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