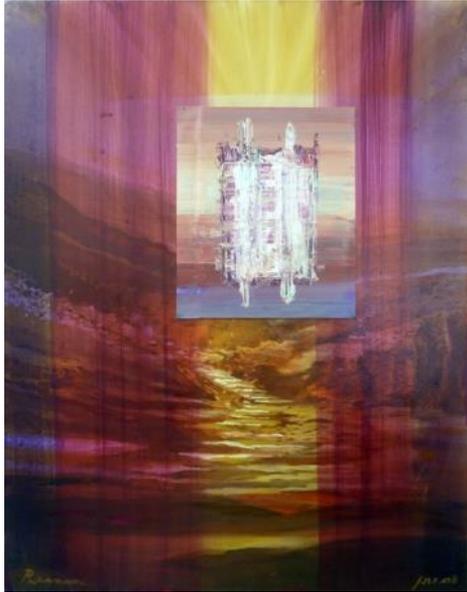




October 5, 2019
6 Tishri 5780



Shabbat Parsha Vayelech
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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Julee Katzman, Jacob, Alonit, Aviela, & Amalya in honor of the yahrzeit of Rick Katzman 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 5

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	5:40 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit	6:25 p.m.
Havdalah	7:41 p.m.
An Evening of Music & Inspiration	8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Sukkot Superheroes!	10:00 a.m.
JYE BI	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ RBJH	6:35 p.m.

Monday, October 7

Selichot/Shacharit	6:40 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel	6:35 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8

**Erev Yom Kippur
Kol Nidre**

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel	5:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:37 p.m.
Kol Nidre	6:40 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9

**Yom Kippur
Yizkor
Office Closed**

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Yizkor	10:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur Class	5:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel	5:30 p.m.
Nelah	6:30 p.m.
Havdalah	7:35 p.m.
Break the Fast Meal	7:35 p.m.

*Break the Fast is underwritten by
Harry, Zoe and Brad Berman, Marilyn Berman and Sheila Cohen
in honor of Beth Cohen's birthday.*

Thursday, October 10

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel	6:35 p.m.

Friday, October 11

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting	6:32 p.m.

Child Care will be available on the following schedule:

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.
<u>Simchat Torah</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</u>

*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.

<p>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 for all toddlers and in the youth lounge for all kids and teens.</p> <p>The babysitting hours are as follows:</p> <p>Monday 6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday 9am- 1pm, 5:30-7:30</p> <p>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</p>	 <p>BETH ISRAEL OMAHA, NEBRASKA</p> <p>Yom Kippur For Kids!</p> <p>Tuesday, October 8th and Wednesday, October 9th</p>	<p>Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Kids Room/ Youth Lounge</p> <p>Wednesday 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM Tefillah Youth Lounge</p> <p>11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Lunch Social Hall</p> <p>11:45 AM - 12:15 PM Class/Program Youth Lounge</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Kids Room/ Youth Lounge</p>
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Today Rabah

...Janet Thomas & Kelly Lewis for helping with extra childcare
 ...Jenny, Ezra, and Esther Cohen for helping switch over the machzorim and siddurim.

...Rachelli Friedman, Faigy Newhouse, Riki Kohn, Sarala Bistrizky, Tzipora Berkowitz for coming and helping with our Rosh Hashana youth programming.

...Jerry Bruna and his team for doing extra security work to ensure our safety.

...Dani Shrago for doing the shopping for the synagogue.

...Brad Berman, Eli Lopez, Cedric Young, and the rest of the kitchen staff for preparing the wonderful Rosh Hashanah Kiddush that was sponsored by Howard Gendelman & Bonnie Bloch.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Alexandra Oregon Shyken	October 5
Raaya Nachman	October 5
Marvin Parilman	October 7
Samuel Kricsfeld	October 7
Shirley Cemaj	October 8
Ron Powers	October 8
Joshua Grossman	October 10
Deborah Kricsfeld	October 10
Lee Lohman	October 11
Debbie Powers	October 11

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Sandra Kohll	6 Tishrei
Shirley Cemaj	6 Tishrei
Alexandra Oregon Shyken	6 Tishrei
Joshua Grossman	7 Tishrei
Rick Eirenberg	

Anniversary

Steve & Tippi Denenberg	October 10
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***Celebrating a special simcha?
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part of
the October 22, Simcha Kiddush.***

Sukkot Superheroes!
Sunday, October 6, 2019
10:00-11:30 A.M.
Free Program for Kids 0-5
Beth Israel Synagogue

Join tots (and their favorite adult) from throughout the community for this fun, interactive event! - participate in a hands - on Sukkot STEM activity
- create a superhero mask - hear a PJ Library Sukkot story - run the obstacle course (and shake the lulav!)

Children (and their grown-ups!) are encouraged to dress in their favorite superhero costume. Free and open to families with children ages 5 and under in the Jewish community and at the CDC, this program is a collaboration between PJ Library Omaha, Beth Israel & Friedel Jewish Academy. A light snack will be provided. Space is limited, so please register by filling out this form:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9JY83V>

The Games People Play

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

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Event Chairs
Bette Kozlen & Helene Shrago

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

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Becoming the CEO

*So now, write this song for yourselves,
and teach it to the children of Israel...
(31:19)*

Our Sages derive from this verse that each person is required to write a Sefer Torah, a Torah scroll for himself. Even if one inherited a Sefer Torah or received one as a gift, he is nevertheless still obligated to write one. Why is it so important for each individual to write his own Sefer Torah?

A person who starts a business will put his whole heart and soul into it. He will stay up late at night and spend lots of money to make sure everything runs smoothly. If anyone makes a negative remark about his company, he will be the first one to stick up for it. For some reason he never gets sick and doesn't need to take off. When he retires and passes the reigns over to his son, things just won't be the same. His son will definitely do his job and may even work overtime, but he won't put his whole heart and soul into it like his father did. After all, it's not his own business. There is no comparison between an employee and the founder of a company.

A person is obligated to write his own Sefer Torah because Hashem wants a person to feel the Torah is his own, and not a hand-me-down. Each individual is meant to become a CEO over the Torah, going to great lengths to make sure he fulfills the Torah, and spending the time and effort to ensure that his "business" is running smoothly.

Parsha Questions

1. How old is Moshe in this week's parasha?
2. How is he feeling?
3. In this week's parasha Moshe finished writing the Torah.
 - a. To whom did he give it?
 - b. Where did he tell them to put it?
4. What should the people of Israel do every seven years?

Shabbat Shalom

Parsha Vayelech

Source: www.torah.org

Rabbi Aron Tendler

It's the 7th day of Adar, 2488, the last day of Moshe's life. Exactly 120 years earlier the world was graced with the birth of a child who brought redemption to his people and the light of Torah to the world. He became a prophet of unparalleled greatness who led his nation through a miraculous 40 year journey to the edge of the promised land.

Trials and tribulations, rebellions and conspiracies, disillusionment and questions were his lot in life. Yet, Moshe never gave up. He nurtured the Jews "like a mother cares for her child". He confronted man and G-d in protecting his charges, and succeeded in bringing the people, both physically and spiritually intact, to the fulfillment of a 500 year old promise. Now he had to put his affairs in order, finish his work, and insure an unquestioned transition of leadership to his student Yehoshua. This is the focus of Parshas Vayelech.

1st & 2nd Aliyot: Moshe emphasized Hashem's continued presence and protection, even though, Moshe himself would not be with them any longer. Ever since assuming the leadership of Israel, Moshe had the conflicting job of fostering the nation's dependency upon Hashem while de-emphasizing their dependency upon him as a leader and provider. Now, as he prepared his final good-bye, it was clear that by day's end, with Moshe's death, the nation would have no other choice but to reassess their dependency on Moshe and direct their attention to Hashem. However this was far more complex than it seemed. True, Moshe's death would be a definitive "cutting of the apron strings"; but, living in the Land by the laws of nature rather than miracles would de-emphasize G-d's overt role in all aspects of their lives.

3rd & 4th Aliyot: By writing the entire text of the Torah, entrusting it into the care of the Kohanim, and explaining the unique mitzvah of Hakhel, Moshe hoped that the people would retain the perspective of their dependency upon Hashem. The Kohanim represented the continued presence of "G-d in the midst of the camp". As teachers and role models, they kept an otherwise dispersed and decentralized nation focused on their national and individual missions. Once every 7 years, the entire nation gathered in the Bais Hamikdash in a recreation of the giving of the Torah. This national expression of devotion would serve as an essential reminder that adherence to the Torah is the reason why the nation occupied and retained the Land.

5th, 6th & 7th Aliyot: Moshe and Yehoshua were summoned to the Ohel Moed and told the harsh future of their charges. In spite of all the warnings, the people would sin and lose sight of their dependency upon Hashem. They would be punished, and instead of accepting responsibility for the consequences that their neglect of G-d's commandments caused, they would have the chutzpah to blame G-d's absence and neglect for the calamities and disasters that had befallen them. (31:17) It would then be the very words of this "Song" which would testify to the reality of their defection from Hashem and the inevitable consequences which occurred, as forewarned in this Torah.

Yehoshua was encouraged to be strong and courageous and lead the nation with the same devotion that Moshe had.



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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