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Shabbat Parsha Vayeshev

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Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman
In honor of the yahrzeit of Maneva's Father,
Gene Ruppe*

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, December 21

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| Open Beit Midrash..... | 8:30 a.m. |
| Shacharit | 9:00 a.m. |
| Torah Class with Rabbi Yoni..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| Torah Class with Rebbe Leon..... | 10:30 a.m. |
| Daven & Learn with Rebbe Donald | 10:30 a.m. |
| Torah Tot Shabbat..... | 10:45 a.m. |
| Sponsored Kiddush..... | 11:15 a.m. |

Sponsored by the Roth Family: In honor of their visit to Omaha.

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| Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion..... | 3:40 p.m. |
| Teen-led Children's Activity | 4:15 p.m. |
| Mincha/Seudah Shlishit..... | 4:25 p.m. |
| Havdalah | 5:45 p.m. |

Sunday, December 22

Erev Chanukah

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| Shacharit | 9:00 a.m. |
| Works of the Maimonides | 9:45 a.m. |
| <i>The True Light of Chanukah</i> with Rabbi Ari | 10:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 4:45 p.m. |

Monday, December 23

Chanukah

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| Laws of Shabbos with Rabbi Ari..... | 6:45 a.m. |
| Shacharit | 7:00 a.m. |
| Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets with Rabbi Ari..... | 7:40 a.m. |
| <i>Lights of Teshuva</i> with Rabbi Moshe..... | 8:00 a.m. |
| <i>Tasty Torah: Learning Torah Through the Palate</i> with Rabbi Yoni..... | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 4:40 p.m. |

Tuesday, December 24

Chanukah - Office will Close at 1:00 p.m.

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| Laws of Shabbos with Rabbi Ari..... | 6:45 a.m. |
| Shacharit | 7:00 a.m. |
| Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets with Rabbi Ari..... | 7:40 a.m. |
| Lights of Teshuva with Rabbi Moshe | 8:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 4:40 p.m. |

Wednesday, December 25

Chanukah - Office Closed

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| Shacharit | 9:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 4:40 p.m. |

Thursday, December 26

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| Laws of Shabbos with Rabbi Ari..... | 6:45 a.m. |
| Shacharit | 7:00 a.m. |
| Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets with Rabbi Ari..... | 7:40 a.m. |
| Lights of Teshuva with Rabbi Moshe | 8:00 a.m. |
| Character Development with Rabbi Ari..... | 9:30 a.m. |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 4:40 p.m. |

Friday, December 27

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| Laws of Shabbos with Rabbi Ari..... | 6:45 a.m. |
| Shacharit | 7:00 a.m. |
| Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets with Rabbi Ari..... | 7:40 a.m. |
| Lights of Teshuva with Rabbi Moshe | 8:00 a.m. |
| Mincha/Candle Lighting..... | 4:37 p.m. |

See pages 4-5 for the Chanukah Happenings



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

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| Jordana Kurtzman | December 21 |
| David Silver | December 22 |
| Yehodah Beneda | December 23 |
| Zev Eisenberg | December 25 |
| Sima Denenberg | December 26 |

Birthdays (Hebrew)

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| Georgia Plotkin | 24 Kislev |
| Ari Kohen | 25 Kislev |
| Audrey Rose Gerber | 28 Kislev |
| Rachel Kricsfeld | 29 Kislev |
| Jordana Kurtzman | 29 Kislev |
| Sima Denenberg | 29 Kislev |

Anniversaries

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| Bennett & Zena Fishbain | December 21 |
| Ed & Anne Joseph | December 23 |
| Leon & Danita Shrago | December 26 |
| Jake & Susan Besser | December 27 |

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



...Aaron Kurtzman for completing his Bachelor of Arts degree from UNO in Political Science and English!



... Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman for sponsoring this weeks Shabbos sheet.

...Roth family for sponsoring kiddush in honor of their visit to Omaha.

...Dani Shrago for doing our shopping.

...to the sponsors of the Chanukah Carnival; Joel & Conny Alperson, Beth Cohen & Harry Berman, Mary Sue & Alex Grossman, Sharon & Jeff Kirshenbaum, Bette & Jack Kozlen, Kohll's Rx, Susie & Paysie Shyken, Helene & Jack Shrago, and Fred & Alyshia Weiss.

...Rabbi Yoni Dreyer for his work in the kitchen.

Students from Friedel Jewish Academy's 5th and 6th grade did a project about Beth Israel Synagogue. Their work will be displayed this coming week in the Social Hall!

8 CHANUKAH HAPPENINGS



חג שמח אומה

Join us in celebrating the Festival of Lights

Sunday, December 22nd, 10AM - Chanukah Class @BI
True Light of Chanukah - Rabbi Ari

Sunday, December 22nd, 5-7PM - Chanukah Carnival
Beth Israel - Entire Jewish Community

Monday, December 23rd, 5:30PM - מסיבת חנוכה
JCC - Israelis (Hosted by: BI)

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24-25 at 5:30PM
Candle Lighting at Beth Israel

Thursday, December 26th, 8PM - Chanukah After Dark
Proof Bar - Young Professionals

Shabbat, December 28th, 11AM - Brisket Lunch
Beth Israel - Entire Jewish Community (12/23 12PM deadline)

Shabbat, December 28th, 6PM - Candle Lighting
Sterling Ridge - Entire Jewish Community



OrthodoxOmaha.org
tinyurl.com/BIwhatsapp



Chanukah Brisket Lunch Saturday, December 28, 2019 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*registration is now open. Call or email the office to reserve your spot today.

Enjoy a delicious traditional Chanukah meal. Including brisket, potato kugel, salad, applesauce, challah rolls, and desserts.

Reservations close Monday, December 23 at noon.

Cost \$15 for adults, \$8 ages 6-12, \$5 ages 4-5, Free ages 3 & under.

Vegetarian meals available by request.

*As always, we never want finances to get in the way of your attendance at community events. If assistance is needed, please contact the office.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

THE BETH ISRAEL CHANUKA CARNIVAL

December 22nd | 5-7 PM | Beth Israel Social Hall

Enjoy carnival games, face painting, bounce house, crafts, trivia games and a McMaccabee's style dinner!

ADMIT ONE

FREE OF CHARGE



חנוכה ישראלי

המסורת ממשיכה!

כמדוי שנה נפגש הקהילה הישראלית להדלקת נרות משותפת, ארוחת ערב קלה, ופעילויות לילדים ולמבוגרים

ביום שני, 23/12/2019, נר שני של חנוכה, בשעה 17:30 בקפיטריית JCC



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BETH ISRAEL INVITES YOU TO

HANUKKAH AFTER DARK

DECEMBER 26, 2019

8:00 PM

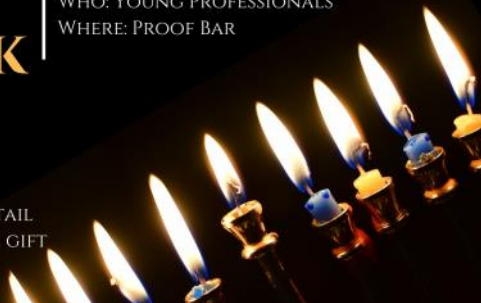
WHO: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

WHERE: PROOF BAR

FIRST DRINK IS FREE

TRY OUR HANUKKAH-THEMED COCKTAIL

ENTER OUR RAFFLE FOR A HANUKKAH GIFT





***In honor of all the teens
on the NCSY Shabbaton in
Chicago this week.***



Look for the Signs

Behold! A caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, their camels bearing spices, balsam, and lotus - on their way to bring them down to Egypt. (Gen. 37:25)

Rashi explains that Ishmaelite caravans normally carry foul-smelling spices, but in order to spare the righteous Joseph from the offensive odor, God arranged that this caravan carried fragrant spices. We learn from this the great reward that the righteous enjoy.

Imagine a man who was arrested and is about to be transported to a prison which houses dangerous criminals. The officer sees him shaking like a leaf and tells him "Don't worry - there is some good news - the bus that's transporting you to prison has a good smell!" The man stares at the officer in amazement. The last thing he cares about is how his transportation to prison smells!

Joseph was being sold as a slave. The last thing he cared about was the aroma; all he wanted was to be freed. How does the presence of spices show us the great reward that the righteous enjoy?

A young boy wakes up and finds himself in a car driven by a man he does not know. He realizes that he has been kidnapped! He starts crying for his parents, only to be ignored - causing him to cry even harder. The man stops the car and says, "We are going to eat now." The little boy opens up the platter and is shocked to see that the food is the same thing that he eats every day, in the exact same way that his mother prepares it for him. He realizes that it must be that his mother sent this food and she must have arranged this whole ride. He hasn't been kidnapped; he's in safe hands! He stops crying and immediately feels at ease. He feels great!

Joseph's brothers wanted to execute him. He was thrown into a pit feeling abandoned and lost. He was sold to a caravan of Ishmaelites who always had foul-smelling wagons. However, this time there was a pleasant smell. He understood the message: God was telling him that all of these events were part of the plan: "Don't worry, I'm holding your hand the whole way through." Sometimes we may go through very hard periods, but throughout them we see seemingly random events that appear unusual - almost like a miracle. It's God telling us, "Don't worry, I'm orchestrating all these events and there's a plan behind everything. You're in safe hands!"

*We apologize for any errors or omissions in the Shabbos sheet.

Parsha Vayeshev

Source: By Rabbi Aron Tendler
www.torah.org

1st Aliya: In the year 2216, Yakov was settled in Canaan. Yoseph was 17 years old and Yakov presented him with the multi-colored coat. Yoseph related his two dreams to his brothers.

2nd Aliya: The brothers conspired to kill Yoseph, but Reuven intervened. He suggested throwing Yoseph into a pit to buy time, during which he would have been able to save Yoseph.

3rd Aliya: During Reuven's absence, Yehudah suggested selling Yoseph into slavery. The brothers presented Yakov with contrived evidence of Yoseph's death, and he was inconsolable.

4th Aliya: The story of Yehudah and Tamar is related. In the end, their first son, Peretz, is the progenitor of Mashiach.

5th Aliya: Yoseph had been purchased by Potiphar and was quickly recognized for his managerial skills and integrity. He was appointed to run Potiphar's household.

6th Aliya: Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Yoseph, but Yoseph withstood temptation and fled his mistress's presence. He was thrown into the royal prison and was soon chosen by the warden to run the prison.

7th Aliya: Due to his managerial position, Yoseph came in contact with the former royal wine steward and baker. He successfully interpreted their dreams and the wine steward was re-appointed to his position. Yoseph asked the wine steward to intervene on his behalf with Pharaoh. In the year 2227, Yoseph is 28 years old.

Parsha Questions

- 1) Why did Yisroel (Yaakov) love Yosef the most?
- 2) What were the two dreams of Yosef in the beginning of the parsha? What did they mean?
- 3) Who was against the plot to kill Yosef?
- 4) Who is a descendant of the union between Yehuda and Tamar?

Winter (flu) season is here, please be mindful that we have vulnerable folks in our community. Remember to sneeze into your elbow, and wash your hands thoroughly after using the restroom or before handling food. Let's keep everyone healthy and happy.



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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