



December 28, 2019
30 Kislev 5780



Shabbat Parsha Miketz
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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning and Nach Yomi is being sponsored by Shirley & David Goodman in memory of Shirley's mother, Lillian Noodell, 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, December 28 Chanukah - Rosh Chodesh

Open Beit Midrash.....	8:30 a.m.
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Torah Class with Rebbe Howie	10:30 a.m.
Torah Class with Rebbe Leon.....	10:30 a.m.
Daven & Learn with Rebbe Donald	10:30 a.m.
Torah with Rabbi Yoni.....	10:45 a.m.
Torah Tot Shabbat.....	10:50 a.m.
Chanukah Brisket Lunch	11:30 a.m.

*Sponsored in part by the children and Grandchildren of Jack & Bette Kozlen
in honor of their coming 60th anniversary.*

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	5:49 p.m.
Candle Lighting at Sterling Ridge.....	6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 Chanukah - Rosh Chodesh

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Works of the Maimonidies	9:45 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	4:50 p.m.

Monday, December 30 Chanukah

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	4:50 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31

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	4:50 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st

Office Closed

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	4:50 p.m.

Thursday, January 2

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	4:50 p.m.

Friday, January 3

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.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Milton Kleinberg
David Silver
Yehodah Beneda

January 1
January 2
January 3

Birthdays (Hebrew)

David Silver
Noah Solomon Shrago
Michael Sadofsky
Zev Eisenberg
Yehodah Beneda

30 Kislev
4 Tevet
4 Tevet
4 Tevet
6 Tevet

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



...Laura & Rabbi Ari Dembizter on the birth of their baby boy.



... Shirley & David Goodman for sponsoring the Week of Learning and Nach Yomi in memory of Shirley's mother, Lillian Noodell.

... Jacob and Abigail Roth for hosting a PHENOMENAL Chanukah After Dark event at proof.

...Dani Shrago for doing our shopping

..The children and grandchildren of Jack & Bette Kozlen for being sponsors in part of the Chanukah Brisket Lunch in honor of Jack & Bette's coming 60th anniversary.

... to the following for helping to sponsor the amazing Chanukah Carnival:

Joel & Conny Alpers, Alan Biniamow & Nancy Rampey Biniamow, Beth Cohen & Harry Berman, Alex & Mary Sue Grossman, Sharon & Jeff Kirshenbaum, Bette & Jack Kozlen, Kohll's Rx, Susie & Paysie Shyken, Helene & Jack Shrago, and Fred & Alyshia Weiss.

... to the following volunteers for helping with the Chanukah Carnival:

Mike Ferguson, Hadar Nachman, Moshe Nachman, Mona Aoki, Stephanie Beneda, Judah Beneda, Shalom Beneda, Mordechai Lopez, Josh Kurtzman, Elijah Bates, Harry Weiner, Joan & Charles Shapiro, Beth Cohen, Shiran Dreyer, and Sarah Abrahamson.

... Harry Berman for driving kids to last weekends Shabbaton.

The Tasty Torah class with Rabbi Yoni on Monday, December 30, is canceled and will resume Monday, January 6.

CHANUKAH PARTY



Israeli Chanukah Party

Chanukah After Dark at Proof Bar



Remember to RSVP!

**You can sign up for as many or as few classes as you would like.
\$10 per couple per class or \$30 per couple for all Four!
Contact Kaitlin to RSVP. E-mail executiveasst@orthodoxomaha.org
or call 402.556.6288**



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The Miriam Initiative

Operation Grateful Goodies

Jewish Home, Ronald McDonald House, Rainbow House, and Offutt Air Force Base
Great job, everyone!

Thank you so much for being a part of the team!

On a beautiful day with temperatures in the high 40s, about 60 volunteers from the Jewish community delivered 161 boxes of cookies to 68 locations in the Omaha area. Specifically, we went to: 13 police stations, 32 fire stations, 15 hospitals, 3 dispatch centers, 1 Urgent care, Rose Blumkin



*In honor of baby boy
Dembitzer who will soon be
old enough give sermons.*



Caught in the Web!

*Then they said to one another, "Indeed we are guilty concerning our brother, inasmuch as we saw his heartfelt anguish when he pleaded with us and we paid no heed."
(Gen. 42:21)*

When the Egyptian viceroy demanded the presentation of Binyamin, the brothers began to feel guilty about their treatment of Yoseph. They said to one another, "Indeed we are guilty... we saw his heartfelt anguish when he pleaded with us and we paid no heed." Why did the brothers not say this after they sold Yoseph?

In the heat of sin, man is so captivated by evil that he does not hear any legitimate counter argument. It was only when they began to disengage themselves from the hold of the evil inclination that the brothers realized that Yoseph had begged for mercy during their sale of him. At the time they had been so spiritually deaf that they heard nothing. (Rav Shlomo Freideld)

Once man allows any evil to penetrate his defenses, he is no longer able to see the truth or accept rebuke. He becomes spiritually deaf and blind. Like a guard, the evil inclination patrols the entrance to his heart, preventing any change or growth. A person must set up boundaries to ensure that he doesn't get caught up in the web of the evil inclination. For once he falls into the trap, it is nearly impossible to escape.

****Announcement****

We are striving to shift the culture of our shul to one of more ownership and collective responsibility of the Shul. Whether it's clearing your plate from the table after kiddush, or helping to serve or put away Shaleshudes, we appreciate everyone who pitches in and helps keep the shul running and ask that if you see someone working, please lend a hand!



This is Harry Weiner replacing a light bulb.
Todah Rabah Harry.

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

Parsha Miketz

Source: By Rabbi Aron Tendler
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1st Aliya: The year is 2229 and Yoseph has been in prison for 12 years. Pharaoh has two similar dreams and demands their interpretation. The wine steward remembers Yoseph and his gift for dream interpretation, and Yoseph is rushed into Pharaoh's presence.

2nd Aliya: Yoseph interprets Pharaoh's dream and suggests to him how to best administrate the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine. (The extent of Yoseph's brilliance will first be revealed in next week's Parsha.)

3rd Aliya: Yoseph is appointed viceroy over Egypt, and puts into effect the plan that he had outlined to Pharaoh. He marries the daughter of Potiphar (the daughter of Dina) and has two sons, Menashe and Ephrayim.

4th Aliya: The seven years of famine begin, and the only food available is in Mitzrayim. Yoseph, unrecognized by his brothers, recognizes them when they come to buy food. He accuses them of treachery and imprisons them for three days.

5th Aliya: Yoseph demands that Binyamin be brought to Egypt and keeps Shimon as a hostage. The brothers relate their adventure to Yakov who refuses to send Binyamin. The increasing famine forces Yakov to concede to Yehuda's guarantee that Binyamin will be safe, and the brothers return to Egypt.

6th Aliya: The brothers are reunited with Shimon and invited to eat at the table of Yoseph. All appears to be forgiven and Yoseph sees Binyamin for the first time in 22 years.

7th Aliya: Yoseph hatches his final plot against his brothers. His famed chalice is planted in the Binyamin's saddlebag forcing the brothers to return to Mitzrayim and a confrontation with Yoseph. The year is 2238.

Parsha Questions

- 1)What were Pharaoh's two dreams?
- 2)What was Yosef's advice to Pharaoh regarding those dreams
- 3)What was Pharaoh name for Yosef?
- 4)Why didn't Yaakov send Binyomin with the brothers to Egypt
- 5) Why do we celebrate Chanukah 8 days if the miracle was only 7 days?

Attention

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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