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14 Tevet 5780



Shabbat Parsha Vayechi

Torah Reading - pg. 268

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***This week's Shabbos sheet is sponsored by
Susan Katzman.***

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, January 11

Open Beit Midrash	8:30 a.m.
Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Torah Class with Rebbe Howie.....	10:15 a.m.
Torah Class with Rebbe Leon.....	10:30 a.m.
Daven & Learn with Rebbe Donald	10:30 a.m.
Torah with Rabbi Moshe	10:45 a.m.
Torah Tot Shabbat	10:50 a.m.
Master Chef: Competition - Kiddush	11:15 a.m.
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion.....	3:55 p.m.
Teen-led Children's Activity.....	4:35 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	4:40 p.m.
Havdalah.....	6:01 p.m.

Sunday, January 12

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Works of the Maimonidies.....	9:45 a.m.
JYE BI.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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.

Monday, January 13

Tasty Torah with Rabbi Yoni.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 14

Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.
Tasty Torah with Rabbi Yoni.....	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.
Board of Commissioners Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Open Beit Midrash: Study with Rabbi Ari	7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

Character Development with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:00 p.m.
Keeping "Relate" in Your Parent-Child Relationship	8:15 p.m.

Friday, January 17

Mincha/Candle Lighting	5:05 p.m.
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פינת ישראל:

(Israel corner)

News A crazy winter is going on in Israel. Read about the good and some unfortunate things it brings.

Did you know How many Jews exist today in the world?

Place Expose the beautiful Ga'aton river in Naharia.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Aaron Zachariah Priluck	January 11
Garbor Obora-Petro	January 11
Jeff Kirshenbaum	January 12
Shoshy Susman	January 12
Alyssa Kirshenbaum	January 13
Helene Lohman	January 13
Max Weiner	January 15

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Sasha Denenberg	15 Tevet
Eric Dunning	16 Tevet
Aaron Zachariah Priluck	18 Tevet
Orion Shnayder	18 Tevet
Liora Shapiro	19 Tevet

Anniversary

Mary Sue & Alex Grossman	January 16
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- ... Susan Katzman for sponsoring this weeks Shabbos sheet.
- ... Dani Shrago for doing our shopping.
- ... Scott Weiler, Brent Wine, and James Polack for helping out with the Jewish Funeral Home.
- ... The Jeidels and Rabbi Yoni for creating new youth programing.
- ... Jay Benton for keeping the shul clean in between all the new classes and programing.
- ... Rabbi Yoni and the Beth Israel teens for cleaning up after the Master Chef Class. (Can't wait to try their creations at Kiddush!)
- ... Eli Cohen for helping clean up the children's room.
- ... to the entire congregation for taking ownership of the shul and helping clean up after Seudah Shlishit.

Announcements

At Beth Israel, we are constantly evolving our security protocols. Matt Cohen is the head of our Security Committee. If you see anything suspicious, please report to him or any Beth Israel Staff member.

Reminder: Firearms are not permitted to be carried in the Synagogue, except by security personnel authorized by Synagogue.

JOIN US FOR BETH ISRAEL'S ANNUAL

CHOLENT COMPETITION

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1) **FIND A GROUP** OF 2-5 HEIMISH FRIENDS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING THE BEST CHOLENT IN OMAHA
- 2) **REGISTER YOUR GROUP** BY CALLING FAIGE (347-522-2668) BY FRIDAY (1/10/20)
- 3) **COLLABORATE** WITH YOUR GROUP ON RECIPE IDEAS AND SUBMIT A SHOPPING LIST TO FAIGE BY MONDAY (1/13/20)
- 4) **COME IN ON FRIDAY (1/17/20) TO COOK THE BEST CHOLENT EVER!!**
- 5) **HAVE YOUR CHOLENT SERVED** AT THE SHABBOS KIDDUSH (1/18/20) AND HOPE THAT YOU WIN THE VOTES OF BETH ISRAEL SHUL GOERS.

DISCLAIMER: WINNING GROUP GETS BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR!



Due to popular demand, Beth Israel is proud to present the newest edition to our Sunday Classes:

JYE BI JR.

An exclusive 6 week session, starting January 19th thru February 23rd.
\$18 per child, \$30 per family

Children ages 18mo-5yo are invited to join us with a parent every Sunday from 10:15-11:15 as we explore topics in Judaism through songs, crafts, and hands-on STEM activities.

Register online by following the link:
tinyurl.com/JYEBI



PASSPORT TO EAT

Omaha Jewish High School teens and their parents are invited to join us as we take a culinary journey around the world. On the way, we'll pass through Italy, America, China, France, India, and finally Israel where we will conclude with a special program by Naale Elite Academy.



RSVP by January 20th to Faige at 347-522-2668

DATE

26
JANUARY

DESTINATION

Beth Israel
Synagogue
12604 Pacific Street

TIME

4:00
PM

COME HEAR FROM DANIELLE BETTMANN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR AND PARENTING COACH, IN HER NEW CLASS SERIES:

KEEPING "RELATE" IN YOUR PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

Through these classes, Danielle will discuss everyday parenting strategies and practical advice for effectively raising your 1-7 year olds.

THE CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT BETH ISRAEL ON JANUARY 9, 16, 23, AND 30 FROM 8:15-9:15 PM

Cost of attendance is \$30 per couple for four classes, or \$10 per a class. Please RSVP by calling (402) 556-6288. You can still RSVP for the remaining classes and walk-ins are welcome!



COMMUNITY EVENT



Little Hands, Big Hearts:
A Family Day of Caring



Sunday, January 12, 2020

10:00 - 11:30 AM | Location: Friedel Jewish Academy

Registration is closed. Contact Jennie Gates Beckman with questions at jbeckman@jewishomaha.org



Deaf to the World



*His sons carried him (Yaakov) to the land of Canaan and they buried him in the cave of Machpelah.
(Gen. 29:13)*

Eisav interfered with the burial of Yaakov in Me'aras Hamachpelah, saying that the remaining space in the cave was reserved for him. Yaakov's sons sent Naftali, who was fleet-footed, to Egypt to fetch the contract which stated that Eisav had sold his spot to Yaakov. Meanwhile, the burial was delayed. When Chushim, the deaf son of Dan, realized what was happening, he became infuriated and shouted, "Shall my grandfather lie here in disgrace until Naftali returns from Egypt!?" Chushim took a club and struck Eisav so hard that he knocked his head off his shoulders.(1) Why didn't Yaakov's sons stand up for their father's honor? Was Chushim the only one who truly cared? When Eisav interfered the brothers assumed that they would resolve the argument quickly and have Yaakov buried in no time. Then it started dragging out, and in the interim Yaakov was just lying there in disgrace. The brothers soon got used to that, and they did not see it as ignominious anymore. However, Chushim was deaf; he was impervious to outside influences and always saw reality as it was: Eisav was preventing his grandfather from being buried. He did not hear any argument from Eisav that could have made him see things differently, and so he could not get used to the situation as it was. The only way to end this was to kill Eisav.

Rooted inside everyone is the ability to adapt to different situations. Adaptability helps a person get used to difficult and uncomfortable circumstances. The first day at school you may feel out of place and you just want to go home, but a few days later you already feel like you are home! On the other hand, adaptability may weaken a person's motivation to do good. You walk out from a lecture inspired, you're on fire, excited to achieve great things, and then someone tells you, "You have to be realistic" or "You're dreaming." You then procrastinate and second-guess yourself, until the fire gets smaller and smaller until it goes out. One must act immediately and be deaf to the world, ignoring everyone's negative and discouraging remarks.(2)

NOTES

1. Sota 13a.2. R' Chaim Shmuelevitz.

****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!

Parsha Vayechi

Source: By Rabbi Aron Tendler
www.torah.org

1st Aliya: In the year 2255, Yakov was 147 years old and Yoseph was 56. Yakov had been living in Mitzrayim for 17 years. (Note that Yoseph was 17 years old when he was sold into slavery and that the numerical value of the word "Vayichi" is 34.) Yakov summoned Yoseph to his bed-side. Yoseph came with his 2 sons. Yakov greeted them and appointed Menashe and Ephrayim to the status of "Tribe". Yakov then insisted that Yoseph "swear" that he would bury him in Canaan, and not in the land of Mitzrayim.

2nd Aliya: The parsha relates the famous scene of Yakov crossing his arms in order to place his right hand on the head of Ephrayim (who was standing to Yakov's left) and his left hand on the head of Menashe. Yakov blessed his grandchildren with the renown blessing of Hamalach Hagoel. (48:16)

3rd Aliya: Yoseph attempted to straighten Yakov's hands. Yakov resisted and told Yoseph that, although Menashe was destined for greatness, Ephrayim would be even greater. The classic blessing of a father to his son is stated. (48:20)

4th & 5th Aliyot: Yakov summoned his twelve sons and blessed each one.

6th Aliya: Yakov instructed all of his sons to bury him in Canaan, next to his wife Leah, and then passed away. Mitzrayim mourned Yakov for 70 days. Yoseph arranged with Pharaoh to bury Yakov in Canaan. After sitting Shiva (50:10) and the burial, the 12 sons returned to Egypt. Following Yakov's death, the brothers expressed their concern to Yoseph that he would now take revenge against them for having sold him into slavery. Yoseph cried as he heard their concerns and assured them that he bore no grudges against them.

7th Aliya: Yoseph ruled over Egypt for another 54 years. He made his brothers promise that at the time of their exodus from Egypt his bones would be transported for re-burial in Canaan. Yoseph died in the year 2309 at the age of 110.

Parsha Questions

- 1) Why is there no space between today's parsha and last week's?
- 2) Where did Yosef place his sons to receive brachos from Yaakov?
- 3) What did Yaakov do in response?
- 4) Hashem didn't want Yaakov to reveal end of days to his children, instead of this what did Yaakov do?

In Memoriam

Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort to members of the community on recent losses.

✠ Cheri Weiner ✠

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'aravelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim





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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