



January 25, 2020
28 Tevet 5780



Shabbat Parsha Va'era
Torah Reading - pg. 318
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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, January 25

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| 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/ Mommy & Me..... | 10:50 a.m. |
| Kiddush | 11:15 a.m. |
| Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion..... | 4:10 p.m. |
| Teen-led Children's Activity | 4:50 p.m. |
| Mincha/Seudah Shlishit..... | 4:55 p.m. |
| Havdalah | 6:16 p.m. |
| Dor L'dor: Intergenerational Learning | 6:30 p.m. |

Sunday, January 26

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| Shacharit | 9:00 a.m. |
| Works of the Maimonides | 9:45 a.m. |
| JYE BI..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| JYE BI Jr..... | 10:15 a.m. |
| Passport to Eat | 4:00 p.m. |
| <i>Israeli Cooking Class</i> with Ron | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 5:15 p.m. |

Tuesday - Friday

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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. |

Monday, January 27

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

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| Shacharit | 6:45 a.m. |
| Nach Tomi: Daily Prophets with Rabbi Ari..... | 7:40 a.m. |
| Tasty Torah with Rabbi Yoni..... | 12:00 p.m. |
| Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 5:15 p.m. |
| Women's Rosh Chodesh Meeting..... | 7:30 p.m. |

Tuesday, January 28

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| Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 5:15 p.m. |
| Tasty Torah with Rabbi Yoni..... | 7:00 p.m. |

Wednesday, January 29

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| Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 5:15 p.m. |
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Thursday, January 30

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| Character Development with Rabbi Ari | 9:30 a.m. |
| Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home | 5:15 p.m. |
| Keeping "Relate" in Your Parent-Child Relationship | 7:15 p.m. |

Friday, January 31

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| Mincha/Candle Lighting | 5:22 p.m. |
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A note about severe weather

We employ a company that removes snow and salts our sidewalks and parking lot.

However, sometimes the weather conditions are such that their treatment is ineffective. Please exercise caution and good judgement when coming to synagogue.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

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| Ezra Cohen | January 25 |
| Eleanor Dunning | January 27 |
| Nikki Tindall | January 28 |
| Scherry Linsman | January 30 |

Birthdays (Hebrew)

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| Milton Kleinberg | 01 Shevat |
| Daniel Denenberg | 01 Shevat |
| Eitan Dreyer | 01 Shevat |
| Eva Stein | 02 Shevat |

Anniversary

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| Moshe & Sarah Rosenblatt | January 27 |
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*Celebrating a special simcha?
Contact Bette Kozlen or the office to be a part of
the January/February Simcha Kiddush on February 8.*



... Sid Zacharia, Ethan Cohen, & Alex Oregon for providing this week's parsha questions.

...Jay Benton, after 5 years of service, our custodian, Jay, will be moving on. Thank you very much, Jay, for your dedication to our synagogue.

...Sarah Abrahamson for helping with JYE BI Jr.

....Sarah Abrahamson and Rachel Wheeler for taking the lead on the Rosh Chodesh event this coming Monday.

...Matt Cohen for developing and leading safety training!

...to everyone who attended Matt Cohen's safety training session.

פינת ישראל:

Israel Corner: Yom Ivrit (Hebrew Day)

Read about the revival of the Hebrew Language!

Did you know? Interesting info about the man whose life's mission was Hebrew.

Place in Israel: A stunning new river was found near the Dead Sea!

INTER-GENERATIONAL DOR L'DOR LEARNING



BETH ISRAEL

JANUARY 25TH
6:30-7:30 PM

PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR GUIDED INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.
DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR THINKING CAPS!!



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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 Faiga at 347-522-2668



DATE

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JANUARY

DESTINATION

Beth Israel
Synagogue
12604 Pacific Street

TIME

4:00
PM

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH MEETING

Is returning

For the month of Shvat

What is so special about the 7 fruits of the
Land of Israel ?

(including some special tastings)

Monday February 3rd at 7:30PM

Looking forward to seeing you



**ORTHODOX
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COALITION**

MIZRACHI: VOTE TORAH

POLLS ARE OPEN! The voting period for the World Zionist Congress Election has begun! From January 21-March 11 **VOTE ORTHODOX ISRAEL COALITION - SLATE #4** to make your voice heard and help secure up to \$1 billion of funding for our community! Join major Orthodox-Zionist organizations such as the OU, YU, AMIT, and more to ensure that the **CORE FOUR** foundations of our Slate - Physical Safety, Jewish Identity, Self Determination, and Purpose - are preserved!

Go to the website below to vote:

<https://www.ou.org/vote/BethIsraelOmaha/>



*And the frog-infestation ascended and covered the land of Egypt.
Exodus (8:2)*

As soon as Aharon stretched out his hand, a hideous super-sized frog hopped out of the river and began to march down the main road towards Pharaoh's palace. The Egyptians brought weapons and sticks with which to kill the monstrous frog. Instead of falling dead, it opened its mouth wide and spit out legions of baby frogs. They hit it again, but every time they struck it, more frogs came out. Why didn't they just stop hitting it, if the more they hit it the more damage was caused?

When one is insulted he feels a need to retaliate, thinking, "Who is he to speak to me like that?!" The aggressor then returns the insult, which in turn leads to further escalation. A vicious cycle of fruitless quarrelling erupts, leaving both of them with significant damage. Similarly, when the Egyptians were faced with this threatening frog, their instinctive reaction was to strike it. When more frogs swarmed out they grew angry and lost themselves, striking it again and again, despite the damage they were causing.¹

There was once a man who greatly honored his father. His father said to him, "You honored me in my lifetime, honor me after my death as well. Any time you are about to get angry, hold it in for one night and don't take action." After his father passed away he went on a business trip for many years, leaving his wife behind without knowing that she was expecting a child. After many years of absence, the husband returned home unannounced, hoping to surprise his wife. But as he approached he saw his wife embracing a handsome young man, a stranger. He took out a knife and planned to stab them both, when he remembered his father's command: "Any time you are about to get angry, hold it in for one night and don't take action." Reluctantly he held himself back. The next day he heard his wife saying to the young man, "It's already many years that your father is away on business, if he only knew that he had a son he would have been back already." When he heard this he ran out and said, "Thank God that I held in my anger, and blessed is my father who commanded me to hold in my anger for one night, for it saved me from killing out my family!!²

A person who becomes angry is punishing himself for the stupidity of others. The only one anger destroys is the angry person himself. It eats away happiness and causes health problems. In a moment of anger, if one would step back for a minute and not take action, the whole thing would just fade away. The Alter of Kelm would not get angry until he first put on a special garment that he reserved for such occasions. He explained, "For when one has to stop to put on a special garment before he allows himself to become completely enraged – by the time he has donned the garment, his anger will have subsided, and his calm will have returned."

1. Birkas Peretz (Steipler)
2. Sefer Chassidim 655

Parsha Va'era

Source: By Rabbi Aron Tendler
www.torah.org

1st Aliya: The year is 2448 and Moshe had unsuccessfully confronted Pharaoh. The situation had gotten worse, not better, and Hashem (G-d) reassured Moshe that in fact the redemption was about to begin. The 4 statements of redemption are stated for which we have the 4 cups of wine at the Passover Seder.

2nd & 3rd Aliyot: Moshe's Yichus (lineage) is established. He is 80 years old and Aharon is 83.

4th Aliya: Moshe performed the miracle of the "staff turning to a serpent" and performed the first and second plagues.

5th Aliya: Moshe performed the third plague and forewarned Pharaoh about the fourth.

6th Aliya: The fourth, fifth, and sixth plagues were performed, and Moshe forewarned Pharaoh regarding the seventh.

7th Aliya: The seventh plague was performed and Pharaoh "hardens his heart" and refused to let the Jews go.

Parsha Questions

This weeks questions written by Sid Zacharia, Ethan Cohen, & Alex Oregon.

1. What was the first miracle that Hashem told Moshe and Aaron to do in front of the Egyptians?
2. Why wasn't Pharaoh impressed by this miracle?
3. How many plagues are in this parsha and how many are in the next parsha?
4. What was the first plague that the Egyptian magician couldn't repeat, and what was their response?
5. Was the 7th plague regular hail? If not, what was it?

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

Shabbat Shalom



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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