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13 Shevat 5780



Shabbat Parsha Beshalach

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

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Dr. Evan Varkony in honor of Evan's grand-daughter, Talia Esther, 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, February 8

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.
Simcha Kiddush - Heavy Meat Kiddush	11:15 a.m.
Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion.....	4:30 p.m.
Teen-led Children's Activity	5:10 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shlishit.....	5:15 p.m.
Havdalah	6:33 p.m.

Sunday, February 9

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Works of the Maimonides	9:45 a.m.
JYE BI.....	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:40 p.m.
Tu Bishvat Seder (in the Youth Lounge).....	6:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Laws of Shabbos	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Nach Yomi: Daily Prophets.....	7:40 a.m.
Lights of Teshuva with Rabbi Moshe.....	8:00 a.m.

Monday, February 10

Tu Bishvat

Tasty Torah with Rabbi Yoni.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:40 p.m.

Tuesday, February 11

Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:40 p.m.
Tasty Torah with Rabbi Yoni.....	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12

Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:40 p.m.
Board of Commissioners Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

Mincha/Daf Yomi/Ma'ariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home	5:30 p.m.
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Friday, February 14

Mincha/Candle Lighting	5:22 p.m.
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פינת ישראל Israel Corner

NEWS- Historic event took place last week when leaders from all over the world came to Yerushalaim.

DID YOU KNOW- Is it possible to have snow in the dead sea?! Read about the biggest snow event ever recorded in Israel.

PLACE IN ISRAEL- Mount Hermon, a European view in the holly land.



Celebrate



Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Birthdays (English)

Dory Marshall	February 8
Darby Smith	February 8
Carl Riekes	February 10
Samuel Cemaj	February 11
Jon Meyers	February 12
Paulette Flatowicz	February 13

Birthdays (Hebrew)

Helene Lohman	13 Shevat
Eleanor Dunning	14 Shevat
Alan Biniamow	18 Shevat

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



...Dr. Evan Varkony for sponsoring the Week of Learning in honor of his grand-daughter, Talia Esther

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

... Susan Katzman for sponsoring this week's Shabbos sheet.

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

... the sponsors of the January/February Simcha Kiddush.

Birthdays; Soshy Susman, Jeff Kirshenbaum, Alyssa Kirshenbaum, Dr. Bonnie Bloch, Emma Ehrenkranz, David Alperson, Aaron Alperson, Eric Dunning, Eleanor Dunning, Stacey Rockman, Esther Cohen, Ezra Cohen, Alan Biniamow, Benjamin Kohll, Abby Kohll, Richard Reinblatt, Shiran Dreyer, Eitan Dreyer, Helen Kay, David Kay, Joe Kirshenbaum, Marina Sadofsky, and David Atri

Anniversaries; Alan & Brigitte Kohll, Helene & Ben Lohman, Mary Sue & Alex Grossman, and Yaakov & Faige Jeidel.

Welcome Allen Lovelace!

We are excited to welcome Allen Lovelace to the Beth Israel family as our new custodian. Allen was previously a custodian at Eppley Airfield and the JCC. Many of your Friedel children may remember him as "Mr. Allen." We are appreciative of his attention to detail and his efficiency.



BETH ISRAEL OMAHA
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
TO A MEANINGFUL AND UPLIFTING

Tu Bishvat Seder

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH | 6:30 PM
BETH ISRAEL SOCIAL HALL

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 5TH TO
YDREYER@ORTHOXOMAHA.ORG
JOIN US IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE



**MasterChef
Beth Israel Teens**

Thursday 3/5/2020 • 7:00 pm
7th-12th graders

For More information- Rabbi Yoni (402) 401-8184



special for Purim!!

MEGILLA READING

Monday, March 9th
8 PM Megilla and Ice Cream at Beth Israel

Tuesday, March 10th
6:40 AM Shacharit and Megilla at Beth Israel
11:00 AM Megilla at the Blumkin Home
1:00 PM Megilla at Sterling Ridge
6:00 PM Megilla at Beth Israel



BETH ISRAEL INVITES YOU TO

PLAY AT PURIM: BOARD GAMES AND BEER

MARCH 12, 2019

7:30 PM

WHO: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

WHERE: SPIELBOUND

3229 HARNEY ST
OMAHA, NE 68131

\$10 ENTRY

FIRST DRINK IS FREE

WIN A GIFT IN OUR
COSTUME CONTEST

JOIN US IN THE JUNGLE AT BETH ISRAEL'S ANNUAL PURIM PARTY

IT'S GOING TO BE A WILD ADVENTURE
TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

5:45 PM Mincha

6:00 PM Megillah Reading

6:00-8:00 PM Facepainting and balloon magic

6:30 PM Purim Seudah

7:00 PM Purim Spiel

8:30 PM Wine and Secrets of the Torah with Rabbi Ari

RSVP: (402) 556-6288 or OrthodoxOmaha.org

\$10 per person, \$36 for family of 4+





In honor of the upcoming
NCSY jr Shabbaton
(Ask Yaakov/ R' Yoni for more info)



THE APPRECIATION OF A NATION

*It happened on the seventh day that some of the people went out
to gather, and they did not find.
Exodus (16:27)*

After Moses said that no manna would fall on Shabbos, Dasan and Aviram tried to trick the people into thinking that the manna had fallen on Shabbos by scattering some on the ground at sunrise. Birds came and ate all the manna they had spread before the Bnei Yisroel woke up. Had the people seen even a small amount of manna on Shabbos after Moses had said that it wouldn't fall might have caused a tremendous amount of confusion, which could have led to a rebellion against Moses. Once a year we show appreciation to the birds by feeding them bread.(1)

Birds naturally eat. By eating all the manna they didn't do anything that goes against their nature. In fact they didn't even know that they were doing a great kindness, they just saw bread and ate it. Why then do we reward them yearly? It is true that birds eat, and eating the manna was not an act against their nature. However, because the eating of the manna was favorable for us, we need to be grateful for it. Being grateful is not dependent on what drove the benefactor to do the act; rather it is for the one receiving the kindness to show appreciation - regardless of the intentions of the giver.

Focusing on what you're lacking leads to misery. When one has a sore throat he can focus on his throat - which will then make him gloomy, or he can focus on the fact that he's breathing fine, his business is going smooth... On average, 90% of things in our life are good. The key to happiness is to be appreciative - focus on the 90%!

NOTE

1. There is a custom to put out bread for the birds on the week of Parshas B'shalach, in gratitude for the fact that they ate the manna.

Parsha Questions

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

1. Why did G-d send the Hebrews the long way to Eretz Yisrael instead of the short way?
2. What two things protected the Hebrews when they were walking in the desert?
3. Why did the hebrew sing a song in our parsha?
4. Who was the first nation that attacked the Hebrews when they went out of Egypt?
5. What did G-d give the Hebrews to eat?

Parsha Beshalach

Source: By Rabbi Aron Tendler
www.torah.org

1st Aliya: The Bnai Yisroel (Children of Israel – Jews) had left Mitzrayim (Egypt). The closest route to Eretz Yisroel (The Land of Israel) was along the Mediterranean coast up into Israel. However; this territory was occupied by the Philistines. The Bnai Yisroel were not ready for a battle, so Hashem (G-d) lead them toward the Sea of Reeds. Pharaoh was informed that The Bnai Yisroel appeared to be lost, and he strengthened his resolve and that of his people and pursued the Jews into the Desert.

2nd Aliya: The Egyptians caught up to the Jews as they were camped by the edge of the sea. (Imagine the thundering sound, and cloud of dust that 600 charging chariots must have made and you can begin to understand the pure terror that must have struck the hearts of the people.) Moshe reassured them that they only had to trust Hashem and stand silently as His awesome majesty wiped out the might of Mitzrayim.

3rd Aliya: Moshe was told to stretch out his staff over the sea. Hashem separated the Jews from the Egyptians with a cloud cover and caused an Easterly wind to blow the entire night. As the waters parted, the Bnai Yisroel entered between the towering walls of water and crossed to the other side. The Egyptians chased after them into the parted waters of the sea.

4th Aliya: Moshe stretched his arm back over the sea and the waters returned to their natural state, drowning the might and glory of Egypt's best. The Bnai Yisroel witnessed G-d's awesome display of justice and they believed in the reality of Hashem and in the appointment of Moshe as His most trusted servant. Moshe, and then Miriam, lead the Bnai Yisroel in a spontaneous song of exaltation and thanksgiving. The incident with the bitter waters at Marah is detailed.

5th Aliya: The Bnai Yisroel struggled with the realities of their experience, attempting to balance faith with practical concerns for survival. The concerns for food and water were overwhelming and Moshe promised them quail and Maana. These "miracles" were introduced to the Jews as evidence of Hashem's love, caring, honor and glory.

6th Aliya: The Bnai Yisroel were given strict instructions regarding the gathering and eating of the Maana. They were introduced to Shabbos, and an urn of Manna was saved for posterity.

7th Aliya: The nation traveled to Rephidim, and confronted Moshe over the issue of water. Moshe saw this as an unnecessary challenge to Hashem's caring and love. Hashem instructed Moshe to hit the rock and bring forth water. The final episode in the Parsha was Amalek's unprovoked attack on the newly independent nation. Yehoshua lead the attack against Amalek while Moshe, Aharon, and Chur (Miriam's son) stood atop the battle field with Moshe's arms stretched heavenward. Hashem commanded us to eradicate and never forget Amalek's evil.

Haben – redeeming the first born male child; and the Mitzvah of Tefillin.



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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