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Parsha Miketz

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***This week's Shabbos Sheet is
sponsored by
Maneva Ruth & Harold Edelman
in honor of and appreciation for
Rabbi Ari and Rabbi Shlomo***

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Jack & Helene Shrago 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 8
Chanukah - 7th Night**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush following by Chanukah Lunch.....	11:30 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	3:35 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	4:20 p.m.
Havdalah.....	5:41 p.m.
Chanukah at Sterling Ridge (<i>see below for details</i>).....	6:15 p.m.

**Sunday, December 9
Chanukah - 8th Night**

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:40 p.m.

Monday, December 10

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History -Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:40 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari.....	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:40 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:40 p.m.
<i>A Taste of Conversational Hebrew</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	9:30 a.m.
<i>Jewish Ethics</i> with Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:40 p.m.

Friday, December 14

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	4:38 p.m.



Chanukah at Sterling Ridge with JYE BI

Immediately following havdalah, at approximately 6:15 p.m., join JYE BI students at Sterling Ridge for a short Chanukah celebration with candle lighting and music. (Sterling Ridge is the retirement center just south of Pacific, across from the synagogue. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays



Jeanne Shechet	Dec 10
Rabbi Ari Dembitzer	Dec 10
Michael Shrago	Dec 14
Annette Fettman	Dec 14

Anniversaries

Leo & Annette Fettman	Dec 09
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Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the December 29 Simcha Kiddush.



...to Mary Sue and Alex Grossman on the birth of a granddaughter, Nora Miriam Lopez, born on December 6. Nora's parents are Sarah and Dave Lopez and she has a big brother, Ben. She is named after Alex's mother, Miriam Grossman, of blessed memory.

...to Jon and Denise Meyers on the birth of a granddaughter, Brielle Meyers, daughter of Beth and James Meyers.



...to Jack & Helene Shrago for sponsoring the Week of Learning.

...to Harold & Maneva Ruth Edelman for sponsoring this week's Shabbos Sheet.

...to those who sponsored this year's Chanukah Carnival: Joel & Conny Alpersen, Beth Cohen & Harry Berman, Sharon & Jeff Kirshenbaum, Bette & Jack Kozlen, Julee Katzman, Kohll's Pharmacy & Healthcare, Linda Neumann-Potash & Bruce Potash, Nancy Rampey Biniamow, Susie & Paul Shyken. Helene & Jack Shrago, and Fred Weiss. Thanks also to Rabbi Shlomo, Faige Jeidel, and Yaakov Jeidel for planning and coordinating the event. And thank you to the many volunteers, including the majority of Beth Israel's awesome teens for running the games and helping with many other tasks.

...to Dani Shrago for handling shopping this week and to Jordana Kurtzman, Helene Shrago, Bette Kozlen, Linda Neumann-Potash, Faige Jeidel and other volunteers for helping with kitchen duties.

In Memoriam

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

April DePorte ♦ Marci Brookstein Mainus ♦ Irwin Goldenberg
 Ha' makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'aravelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim





Chanukah sweaters rule!
Maneva Edelman, Lynne Saltzman, Basia Tsed, and Debbie Roitstein with Rabbi Ari following Rabbi's Thursday morning class.

**Friday Learning Series with Rabbi Shlomo
Let's Talk About Chanukah
December 14, 21, & 28 | 11:15 a.m. | Kripke Library**

This month's "Friday Learning Series" will focus on the foundations of Jewish literature through the lens of Chanukah representing the fight for Jewish tradition and also the shaping of Jewish wisdom. While Chanukah will be over, Rabbi Shlomo said there is a tremendous amount to learn even after the conclusion of the holiday. "We will learn about the Mishnah, the Talmud and other basic rabbinic literature. We will learn the reason for the writing of each book, its unique shape and style, and its important contribution to the shaping of Judaism," said Rabbi Shlomo.

No prior knowledge required. Rabbi Shlomo will present the material in a way that will be informative, understandable, and enjoyable.

The Friday Learning Series is a presentation of the Jewish Federation of Omaha in coordination with Beth Israel. If you have questions about, call Mark Kirchhoff email mkirchhoff@jewishomaha.org or call (402) 334-6463.



**Have you "liked" your favorite?
Visit the Beth Israel Facebook page and to vote for your favorite "OmahasLit18" posting. The winner will be announced on FB and Instagram on the 8th day of Chanukah.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL

Kiddush Sponsorships

Mark a special occasion by sponsoring a weekly kiddush or Seudah Shlishit.

Week of Learning

Sponsor a Beth Israel Week Day Learning for just \$100, which includes nearly 20 classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to mark a special event.

Simcha Plaques

A birthday, anniversary, birth of a child or grandchild, Bar or Bat Mitzvah in your family? Simcha plaques at just \$100, and are a wonderful way to commemorate your special event.

The Tree of Life

A beautiful and meaningful way to celebrate a milestone or commemorate a loved one is with a lasting presence on the Tree of Life. Prices begin at \$300. Tree of Life donations fund Beth Israel Endowment Fund.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include

Lunch & Learn program, NCSY Shabbatons, youth events, Shabbat Sheet, Scholar-in- Residence programs, college outreach, and many other opportunities.

Beth Israel Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a wonderful - and easy! - way to commemorate a special occasion, wish someone a speedy recovery, say thank you or express your condolences. Call the synagogue office, email bethisrael@orthodoxomaha.org, submit via the website at www.orthodoxomaha.org or call the synagogue office.

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please contact the synagogue office.*

A sincere thank you to those who provide on-going critical financial support to Beth Israel and to the many hard-working volunteers who help make Beth Israel a success.



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.

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.

Operation Grateful Goodies is an opportunity for the Jewish community to say "thank you" to the dedicated people who serve our city all year long and are away from their families on December 25.

Volunteers from Beth El Beth Israel, Temple Israel, Chabad and the Jewish Federation of Omaha will bake, package and deliver home-baked goods to police



The Miriam Initiative

officers, fire fighters, hospital staff and employees of the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. It's our way of showing appreciation to those who protect, defend and heal us 365 days a year. Goodies can be baked at home or volunteers can join in several baking days scheduled at Beth El. Email Linda Saltzman for more information and to sign-up to help at linda_saltzman@hotmail.com.

Operation Grateful Goodies

Parsha Miketz

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

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

Parsha Questions

1. When Pharaoh said to Joseph that he heard he could interpret dreams, what did Joseph reply?
2. How did Joseph interpret Pharaoh's two dreams?
3. When Joseph's brothers left him after their first trip to Egypt, who was left behind as a hostage?
4. When the brothers were to return to Egypt, what did Yaakov give them to take as gifts?



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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