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***This week's Shabbos Sheet
is sponsored by
Mary Sue Grossman
in celebration of her retirement.***

IN THE WEEK AHEAD

The Week of Learning is being sponsored by Michael & Karen Cohen in memory of Helen Manheimer 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 29

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Simcha Kiddush.....	11:30 a.m.
<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	3:45 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit	4:30 p.m.
Havdalah	5:50 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

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

Monday, December 31

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1

Office closed

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>Torah Tuesday</i> with Rabbi Ari	3:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Beth Israel.....	4:50 p.m.

Wednesday, January 2

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	4:50 p.m.

Thursday, January 3

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.....	4:50 p.m.

Friday, January 4

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Candle Lighting.....	4:51 p.m.

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week Birthdays



Milton Kleinberg	Jan 1
Orion Shnyder	Jan 2
Rose Rosenberg	Jan 3
Ron Giller	Jan 4
Ben Lohman	Jan 4
Daniel Denenberg	Jan 4



Celebrating a special simcha this month? Call the office or speak to Bette Kozlen to be a part of the January 26 Simcha Kiddush.



...to for Michael & Karen Cohen sponsoring the Week of Learning.

...to Mary Sue Grossman for sponsoring this weeks Shabbos Sheet.

...to the sponsors of the December Simacha Kiddush.

Birthdays - Matan Shapiro, Hodaya Abramovich, Ari Kohen, Bruce Potash, Mario Lopez, Rabbi Ari Dembitzer, Michael Shrago, Annette Fettman, Audrey Rose Walz, Noah Shrago, David Silver, Sima Denenberg, Adam Gendelman; **Anniversaries** - Leo & Annette Fettman, Debbie & Ron Powers, Bennett & Zena Fishbain, Ed & Anne Joseph, Leon & Dani Shrago, Dr & Mrs. Morris Roitstein; **Retirement** - Mary Sue Grossman; birth of granddaughter of Alex & Mary Sue Grossman

....to Dani Shrago for shopping and our on-going kitchen volunteers Jordana Kurtzman, Helene Shrago, Linda Neumann-Potash and others.

Heaven & Afterlife in Judaism with Rabbi Shlomo
January 6 & 13 | 10:00 a.m.

What will happened to us after we will die? How heaven is look like and what exactly will happened in the World to Come? These kind of questions always arouse a great curiosity, and Rabbi Shlomo will lead a class to examine these and more. These are very important issues, the foundations of Judaism, as Rabbi Nachman of Breslow said that the basis for all sins is the thought that there is only our world and life, without anything afterwards. On the other hand, the Torah is not talking about these issues at all. In the classes, we will discuss why the Torah 'ignores' these issues, and what we can learn from it. Plan to see what was said about these issues in the Jewish thought, and how it should affect your life.

**Jewish Federation of Omaha
Scholarship Opportunities**

Thanks to the generosity of the community, a variety of funding sources are available to Omaha's Jewish families to assist in meeting the financial challenges of programs for their children. Scholarships and grants exist for residential camp, JCC summer camp, Israel programs, the Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center, Friedel Jewish Academy, and youth group activities. Assistance is also available for undergraduate, graduate, vocational, technical, professional or yeshiva studies.

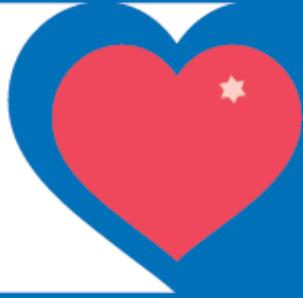


Visit the JFO web page for specific information and application forms. Now is the time to plan and apply.

COMMUNITY EVENT



Little Hands, Big Hearts:
A Family Day of Caring



Sunday, January 6, 2019

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

Please join us for a morning of service activities for preschool-aged children and their parents and/or grandparents! Learn how even tiny hands can start giving back! The program will be formatted open-house style with different activity stations, each with a different craft or service project teaching a related Jewish value.

Register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92Bhttps://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92BTNFJTNFJ>

Upcoming Events

- January 1 - Office closed
- January 6 - *Little Hands, Big Hearts: A Family Day of Caring* - A PJ Library event
- January 7 - Rosh Chodesh Group
- January 9 - Board of Commissioners Meeting
- January 19 - Sponsored Kiddush by Joel & Conny Alperson
- January 20 - Tu B'Shevat Seder
- January 21 - Tu B'Shevat
- January 26 - January Simcha Kiddush
- January 29 - Friedel Jewish Academy Open House



A reminder that payments must be received in the synagogue office by Dec 31st to be included on your 2018 tax statement. The office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on Monday.

LEARN AND GROW AT BETH ISRAEL

Weekdays

7:45 a.m. - *Daily Halacha* - Rabbi Ari

Sunday

Jan 6 & 13 - *Heaven & Afterlife in Judaism* - Rabbi Shlomo

Feb 3 & 10 - *Jews & Money: Jewish Attitudes
to Wealth* - Yosef Seigel

Monday

12-1 p.m. - *Jewish History - Your History* - Rabbi Shlomo

Tuesday

3 p.m. - *Torah Tuesday* - Rabbi Ari

Thursdays

9:30-10:45 a.m. - *Connecting to Our Faith* - Rabbi Ari

12-1 p.m. - *Jewish Ethics* - Rabbi Shlomo @ UNMC

Friday

Call for dates and topics

11:15 a.m. - *Friday Learning Series with Rabbi Shlomo @
Kripke Jewish Federation Library*

Shabbat

Shabbat afternoon - see weekly email for time

Insights into the Weekly Torah Reading - Rabbi Ari

Individual or group learning sessions also available.

Talk to Rabbi Shlomo or Rabbi Ari to schedule.

**Sponsoring a Week of Learning is a wonderful way
to remember a special occasion, yahrzeit, or other
happenings all while supporting Beth Israel's
"Refuah Sh'lemah" program.**

Cost \$100 - Contact the office to reserve your week.

This week's parasha asks us to dig deep within ourselves and truly think about what makes a real leader. To guide us with this mind boggling question we look to Moshe's story. Moshe left his comfort zone, Pharaoh's palace - in trade for the happiness of his brothers. Moshe was a man who felt so deeply about others' pain, that the rabbis say he himself was able to physically feel the pain of others.

You see, a leader is a teammate with an extra pair of sunglasses on. A leader sets themselves apart from the crowd yet they never cease to leave their team's side. On the contrary they're so entrenched with helping others that it occupied their heart and mind at all times. Judaism teaches us that we must set aside our problems and focus on what really matters. Let's be true leaders. Let's be leaders that support ourselves and our families. Let's be leaders that support our community, and eventually the entire world.



Special January order opportunity . Order now to have delivered at the end of January.

Orders due January 3. To shop the amazing selection go to kckoshercoop.com.



In Memoriam

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

Ron Brodkey ♦ Judy Siref

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

Parsha Shemot

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: The Jews had been in Mitzrayim since 2238. The Parsha begins as Pharaoh orchestrated the oppression of the Bnai Yisroel. Starting in 2362, with the birth of Miriam, the oppression began in earnest as newborn males were drowned in the Nile. The heroism of the two Midwives was rewarded.

2nd Aliya: Moshe's birth and "basket river cruise" is detailed. He was adopted by Basya, the daughter of Pharaoh, and raised by his own mother, Yocheved.

3rd Aliya: Moshe killed the Egyptian but was turned in by his own people. Forced to flee, he ended up in the house of Yisro. Moshe married Tziporah, Yisro's daughter, and Gershon, his first son, was born. The year was approximately 2428, and Moshe was 60.

4th & 5th Aliyot: Moshe received his mission at the Burning Bush. The Medresh says that the entire conversation lasted 7 days. At its conclusion, Moshe, armed with the power of Hashem's promise and the three "signs", was prepared to confront Pharaoh.

6th Aliya: Moshe asked Yisro for permission to go on his mission. Along the way, Hashem attempted to kill Moshe, but Tziporah saves him by giving their son a Bris Milah. Aharon went to greet Moshe, as per G-d's commandment. Moshe and Aharon met with the Elders and received their support.

7th Aliya: Moshe and Aharon unsuccessfully confronted Pharaoh. Pharaoh punished the Jews by refusing to supply straw for the making of bricks. The Jewish officers were held responsible and were beaten by the Egyptian overseers. The Jewish officers confronted Moshe and Moshe then confronted G-d. Hashem reassured Moshe that his mission would be successful.

Parsha Questions

1. Why did the midwives disobey Pharaoh?
2. What did Moshe do, like Eliezer and Yaakov, when he came to Midian?
3. What was the name of Moshe and Zipporah's first child, and what does the name mean or signify?
4. What were the signs that HaShem gave Moshe to prove that He was HaShem?



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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