



Beth Israel SYNAGOGUE

Shabbat Shalom!

**Parshat Beha'alotecha is on page 774 in the
Stone Chumash.**

The Haftarah is on page 1182.

SHABBAT: Children's Torah Parade 9:45 a.m.
Minchah 8:10 p.m.
followed by Seuda Shlishit
Havdalah 9:35 p.m.

SUNDAY: Shacharit 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS: Shacharit 7:00 a.m.

NEXT SHABBAT Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 8:31 p.m.
Shabbat Morning 9:00 a.m.

For a Minchah/Ma'ariv minyan, please
contact Rabbi Gross .

Schedule of Events

Today

6:10 p.m. ~ Advanced Parshah Study for Boys (Age 10 & up)
7:10 p.m. ~ The Laws of Shabbat

Sunday

9:00 a.m. ~ Shacharit

Monday

Office Closed

9:30 a.m. ~ Shacharit and Memorial Day Service at Beth Israel Cemetery Chapel, 78th and Crown Point. All Veterans, Boy Scouts, and ROTC are invited to help lead the service, please contact Rabbi Gross with any questions.

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. ~ Shacharit
7:45 a.m. ~ Daf Yomi with Rabbi Gross
6:30 p.m. ~ Women's Study Group at Harry and Kathy Weiner's Home, 12905 Marcy St., Omaha NE. 68154

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. ~ Shacharit
7:45 a.m. ~ Daf Yomi with Rabbi Gross
7:45 p.m. ~ Wrestling with Rashi with Rabbi Gross

Thursday

7:00 a.m. ~ Shacharit
7:45 a.m. ~ Daf Yomi with Rabbi Gross
9:30 a.m. ~ Sacred Grounds with Rabbi Gross
1:00 p.m. ~ Med Center Chabura

**Kiddush is sponsored in memory of
Ralph Biniamow by Rita, Alan &
Nancy Biniamow.**

**MEMORIAL
DAY**



Join us on Memorial Day
May 27, 2013 , 9:30 a.m.

For Shacharit followed by
Memorial Day Service
to honor those who fell while
fighting for our freedom.

at

Beth Israel Cemetery Chapel,
78nd & Crown Point.

All Veterans, Boy Scouts and ROTC are invited to help
lead the service, please contact Rabbi Gross with any
questions.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Birthdays! Anniversaries!
There's always a good reason to shop at the

Visit the Gift Shop anytime during synagogue office hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In this Week's Haftarah...

Zecharia 2:14-4:7

The end of this chapter refers to the Messianic era when Israel will rejoice and G-d will dwell among them. Many nations will join Israel in the worship of the One G-d, Who will dwell in their midst. G-d will again choose Israel and Jerusalem and the rest of the nations will be silent when G-d takes this action.

Chapter 3

G-d showed Zechariah a vision of Joshua the Kohein Gadol (High Priest) standing before an angel with prosecuting angel nearby to accuse him. G-d reprimanded the prosecuting angel saying that He chose Jerusalem and that Joshua the Kohein Gadol was pulled from the fire (referring to an incident related in Sanhedrin 93a). Joshua the Kohein Gadol was wearing filthy garments, representative of sins. (The Talmud says that his sons married non-Jewish women.) The angel instructed the dirty clothes to be removed from Joshua and be replaced with clean clothes and a pure cap placed on his head, saying to Joshua, "I have removed your sin from you."

The angel instructed Joshua saying, "Thus says G-d: If you walk My ways and follow My instructions, then you will judge over My Temple and guard My courtyards." Joshua was told that he and his companions (Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah from the Book of Daniel) are holy men, worthy of having miracles performed for them. G-d will send His servant, the "sprout" or "shoot" of David (Moshiach, the Messiah). G-d has placed before Joshua the cornerstone of the second Temple, whose foundation had already begun to be laid. People will look at it and open their eyes seven times as wide when they see it. G-d will thwart the plans of those who are trying to stop the construction of the second Temple and He will remove the sin of the land in one day. (Rashi says he does not know what day that is.) When the Temple is completed, the people will live in peace under their vines and trees.

Continued

The accusing angel in this chapter is called the Satan (pronounced sah-tahn, not say-tin). It is the Satan's first appearance in the Bible, preceding his better known role in Iyov (the Book of Job). The Satan is not a "devil" in Jewish thought, nor does he rule over Hell; he is merely an angel whose job is to serve as a prosecutor.

Chapter 4

The angel who spoke with Zechariah returned and woke him up. He asked Zechariah what he had seen in his vision. Zechariah responded that he saw a golden menorah with its bowl of oil on top and seven lamps (in which the oil and wicks were placed). There were seven tubes going to the lamps. (Rashi says seven tubes to each lamp; the Radak says seven altogether, one going to each lamp.) There were two olive trees next to the menorah, one on either side. Zechariah asked the angel what these represent. (Rashi, based on materials that we will see shortly, explains that the menorah ran on "automatic." The trees would beat themselves into the vats and the oil would flow into the lamps by itself.) The angel answered Zechariah that this is the word of G-d to Zerubbabel saying, "The Temple will be built not by military force or physical might but by the spirit of G-d, which He will place upon Darius." Who do the officers of the other nations think they are to stop G-d's Temple from being built? They will have no more power before Zerubbabel. When he brings out the cornerstone everyone will cheer how beautiful the Temple will be."

Excerpted from The OU's Nach Yomi

CHESS CLUB

Beth Israel Synagogue
is the new home of
Spence Chess Club
for June and July!

Every Tuesday night from 7p.m - 10 p.m.

Inaugural Event
June 11, 2013
Simultaneous game with Ben Fabrikant

Beth Israel Sister- hood BINGO Lunch



Lunch: \$5/person
Make your lunch reservation by June 7

Parshah Questions:

1. The people reminisce about great food in Egypt. Where did that food come from?
2. If the man was so great why did they complain about it?
3. What was the crime of Eldad and Meidad?
4. Why did Miriam speak Lashon Harah about Moshe?



The Parshah on One Foot:

- Aharon is told how to light the menorah and the Leviim are inaugurated.
- The first anniversary of Pesach is celebrated and the laws of the Pesach offering are given.
- The Bnei Yisrael get ready to travel and make trumpets.
- Moshe invites his father-in-law to join them.
- The Bnei Yisrael start moving from Har Sinai to Eretz Yisrael.
- The people complain about the food so Moshe appoints the first group of sages to help him.
- Miriam and Aharon speak Lashon Harah about Moshe.

Pay close attention and enjoy this exciting learning experience that Jews all over the world are currently participating in.

Have a wonderful Shabbat!

It is a passage from the Book of Deuteronomy that inspired the art work in the sanctuary of Beth Israel Synagogue.

“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 ascend to the heaven for us and take it for us so that we can listen to it and perform it?” Nor is it across the sea, [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.” (Deut. 30:11-14)

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, the brilliantly-colored window has forms that reflect the heavens, while the left-hand window 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 parochet, 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 twelve windows representing the twelve tribes of Israel. These windows contain the names 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

Jonathan Gross, Rabbi

David Kohll, President

Jeannie Nickels, Office Manager

Leo Fettman, Cantor Emeritus

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.

Beth Israel offers a variety of religious, cultural and social programs:

Award Winning NCSY Youth Groups Sisterhood Guest Lectures
Adult Education Classes Lunch and Learn Daily Minyan
Innovative Religious School Program Scholar-in-Residence Weekends
Shabbat and Holiday meals Weekly Junior Congregation

This weekly Shabbos Sheet is available for sponsorship for \$18 per week. Sponsorship will be noted on the inside cover.