

WELCOME

to
B'nai Torah

A House of Prayer
The Study of Torah
The Performance of Good Deeds

Bless all who enter this Sanctuary
in search and in need,
all who bring to this place the offerings of their hearts.
May our worship here lead us
to fulfill our words and our hopes
with acts of kindness, peace and love.

Amen.



Welcome to Shabbat Services
November 11, 2005

This week's Torah portion is *Lech Lecha* Genesis 12:1-17:27
This portion begins on page 45 of the Hertz Bible.

The story of our ancestors begins in earnest in *Lech Lecha*. Abram is promised he will be the father of a great multitude if he follows God's call. At the age of seventy-five, Abram leaves Haran for Canaan with Sarai and his nephew Lot under God's protection. Lot and Abram part ways when their flocks grow too big to graze together, but Abram remains protective of his nephew and goes to his aid when needed. Sarai gives her handmaid, Hagar, to Abram to bear a son for him. Then, sensing Hagar's pride at becoming pregnant, Sarai asks Abram to send Hagar away. God promises Hagar that her son, Ishmael, will be the father of many nations. At the age of ninety-nine, God promises Abram and Sarai a son of their own named Isaac through whom the covenant will be fulfilled. As a sign of the covenant they each receive a new name, Abraham and Sarah. Abraham then observes the covenant of circumcision along with Ishmael and all the males in their household.

We extend our sincere sympathy
to the family and friends of

Sarah Channick, Shirley Kolton, Betty Turner & Alvin Yaeger
who have recently passed away.

Hosting this evening's Oneg Shabbat will be

Holly & Larry Ginsburg, in honor of Hilary's bat mitzvah

Mark your calendars for our annual
ISRAEL BOND DINNER
honoring Carol & Carl Spielman
December 4, 2005
5:30 p.m.
Renaissance North Shore Hotel
Northbrook

This weekend's services...

Friday, November 11 2005

7:30 p.m., Shabbat Service

Hilary Ginsburg Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch &

Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

Saturday, November 12, 2005

10:30 a.m., Liza Paley & Alex Spizman B'nai Mitzvah

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

4:30 p.m., Jonathan Blanks Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi Debra Nesselson & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

Upcoming Events in our B'nai Torah Community:

Eat Breakfast and study Talmud with Rabbi Magidovitch
on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Explore the Rabbinic Mind with Rabbi Feinberg on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
This class meets to examine Midrash on weekly
Torah portions in English translation.

You can also join Rabbi Feinberg on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on
November 16, 30, December 7 & 14 to explore "Zionism - A Home Divided."

Join Rabbi Nesselson in her on-going analysis of Exodus. In these
interactive, intergenerational sessions, the many themes of Exodus will
be discussed using classical & modern commentaries and
contemporary film clips.
November 17; December 1, 8, 15 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Study "What it means to be a Jew today" with
Dr. Audrey Gordon on Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Rabbi Magidovitch will conduct a five session class "Introduction to Jewish
Meditation" on January 22, 23, 24, 26 and 30. Please call the
Temple office for more information and registration procedures.

We are pleased to announce the third session in a series of health related
topics presented by Dr. Malik. December 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the
social hall Dr. Malik will lead a talk titled "A healthy child, a happy mom."

Ken Shiokawa, pianist, and Katherine, vocalist, will perform a Jazz
program at Congregation B'nai Torah Sunday, December 18th,
at 7:00 P.M. Supply your own refreshments ala Ravinia as we will have
Cabaret style seating. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Reservations
accompanied by a \$10 per person check must be received no later than 12/12.

Mark envelope JAZZ and mail to B'nai Torah.
The B'nai Torah Social Seniors group invites all to attend.
For info call Elise at 847-433-7536.

Sisterhood News

Thanks to all who participated in the Holiday Shopping Bazaar.
It was a modest success.

We are looking for volunteers for the CJE Luncheon on December 23. Please call
Lorra Rudman (847-126-1838) or Deb Weil(847-926-0819) for details.

Consultation on Conscience

Regional Social Action Meeting ...Learn about: implementing programs &
sharing info related to church and state issues-stem cell research-dealing with
poverty-getting involved with Habitat for Humanity-and much more!
February 12, 2006-Beth Emet Synagogue-Evanston-1:00 to 5:00P.M.
-Questions?-call Barb Scott at 847-432-2007

ITEM OF THE WEEK

November - Personal Hygiene Products
December - Boxed Cereal

Please drop off your items in the lobby of the Sanctuary building.

B'nai Torah has established

The B'nai Torah Hurricane Katrina Tzedakah Fund
to provide emergency assistance to individuals and families affected by the
hurricane, to provide emergency financial aid directly to those affected by the
hurricane and to support the United Jewish Communities organization in its
efforts to aid those individuals and families in need.

If you would like to contribute money for the Hurricane Fund, please make your
check payable to B'nai Torah Hurricane Katrina Fund.

Many evacuees have relocated in the Highland Park area
and we are directly helping them establish a home in the community.

For more information on how you can help please call the B'nai Torah office at
847-433-7100

Congregation Bnai Torah and its education department is hosting a HATS AND
MITTENS DRIVE for children ages K-5 who are in Chicago's Gale School,
which has a 90% poverty rate. This collection is for the children who have either
lost or never received a hat and mittens, (or gloves), to keep them warm in the
winter. The collection will be a JANUARY collection only. Please bring new (or
gently used but clean) items to the temple office or to the synagogue lobby where
there will be a shopping cart or box for your donations. This collection is being
supported by SojuRn's "Consultation on Conscience Collections Committee"
which is a regional social action group of 11 temples that sponsor a conference
once a year. Please contact Barb Scott at 847-432-3007, or email her at
bams4@comcast.net with your questions. Thank you for your support!