

W E L C O M E

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.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Sylvia Adelman, Sarah Channick, Edward Cohan, Shirley Kolton,
Harry Ross, Betty Turner & Alvin Yeager
who have recently passed away.**

Hosting this evening's Oneg Shabbat will be

Jeri & Steve Rifkin, in honor of Tatum's naming

Jan & Steve Weinstein in honor of Alana's bat mitzvah.

Amy Gilman & Paul Gilman in honor of Howard's bar mitzvah.

Lisa & Gary Kaplan in honor of Matthew's bar 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

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Welcome to Shabbat Services
November 18, 2005

This week's Torah portion is *Vayera* Genesis 18:1-22:24
This portion begins on page 63 of the Hertz Bible.

Parashat Vayera opens with a visit to Abraham from messengers who bring predictions of Isaac's birth. Abraham stands up to God to protest the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the former of which Lot must flee. Abraham pretends Sarah is his sister because he fears a jealous king would kill him in order to acquire his beautiful wife. Isaac is born and begins to grow. Sarah observes Isaac playing with Hagar's son, Ishmael, and in her own fit of jealousy, banishes mother and son. The final scene in the *parashah* is Abraham trying to fulfill God's request that he sacrifice his son Isaac.

This weekend's services...

Friday, November 18 2005

7:30 p.m., Shabbat Family Service

Shalom Singers perform, Second Grade Service

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Rabbi Bob Feinberg

Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

Saturday, November 19, 2005

10:30 a.m., Howard Gilman & Alana Weinstein B'nai Mitzvah

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

4:30 p.m., Matthew Kaplan 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 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.
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 to be held on December 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the social hall. The talk titled "A Healthy Child, a Happy Mom."

Ken Shiokawa, pianist, and Zora Young, 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.

The first Men's Club organizational meeting will be held December 8 at 7:30 in the library. Please email Mark Broutman at busmagic@comcast.net if you will be attending.

The Sisterhood is looking for volunteers for the CJE Luncheon on December 23. Please call Lorra Rudman (847-236-1838) 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

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 to 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 847-432-2007, or email her at bams4@comcast.net with your questions. Thank you for your support!

ITEM OF THE WEEK

November - Personal Hygiene Products
December - Boxed Cereal

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