

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.



Welcome to Shabbat Services
December 2, 2005

This week's Torah portion is *Toldot* Genesis 25:19-28:9
This portion begins on page 93 of the Hertz Bible.

This parashah contains the story of the birth of the twin sons of Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob and Esau. Eventually, Esau sells his birthright to his younger brother. Jacob, aided by his mother, deceives his father and receives the blessing of the first-born. Esau pleads for a blessing, too, and Isaac pronounces that Esau will serve his younger brother. Esau harbors ill will towards Jacob and plots to kill him when their father dies. Jacob flees to his uncle to wait out his brother's anger.

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

**Sylvia Adelman, Edward Cohan, Shirley Kolton, Harry Ross,
Betty Turner, Ruth Siegel, Howard "Buz" Simons & Alvin Yeager
who have recently passed away.**

Hosting this evening's Oneg Shabbat will be

Minda & Dean Gerber in honor of Justin's bar mitzvah.

Heidi & Scott Ruby in honor of Jonathan's birthday.

Ellen & Michael Rudman in honor of Jennifer's birthday.

This weekend's services...

Friday, December 2 2005

7:30 p.m., Shabbat Family Service

**Rabbi Bob Feinberg, Rabbi Debra Nesselson &
Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate**

Saturday, December 3, 2005

10:30 a.m., Justin Gerber Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Cantor Lynda Casden

Upcoming Events in our B'nai Torah Community:

Eat Breakfast and study Talmud with Rabbi Magidovitch on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
The next session will be Sunday, December 11, so that everyone can attend
Dr. Malik's presentation this Sunday, December 4th.

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

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 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 8 and 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. The next session will be Sunday, December 4.

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.

The Social Seniors have invited Ken Shiokawa, pianist, and a featured vocalist, to 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. All are invited 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 p.m. in the library. Please email Mark Broutman at basmagic@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.

Make your reservations today for the 2nd Annual B'nai Torah Family Retreat Shabbat Weekend on February 10-12, 2006 at Midlane Country Club, Wadsworth, IL. Reservations are limited. Form new temple friendships, spend quality time with your family, enjoy hours of sports, games, crafts, learning and worship.
Call the Temple Office for details.

Consultation on Conscience Regional Social Action Conference

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

Congregation B'nai Torah and its education department are 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 sponsors 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!

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 or send your donations to 2789 Oak Street, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Every month B'nai Torah collects items to donate to the Ark to help the needy throughout Chicagoland:

December - Boxed Cereal

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

