

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.

**We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:
Sylvia Adelman, Edward Cohan, Jeanne Motew, Harry Ross,
Ruth Siegel and Howard "Buz" Simons
who have recently passed away.**

**Hosting this evening's Oneg Shabbat will be
Sue & Ron Becker and Lillian & Shelly Zisook, in honor of
Adam's & Jason's Bar Mitzvahs.**

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**Welcome to Shabbat Services
December 9, 2005**

**This week's Torah portion is *Vayetze* Genesis 28:10-32:3
This portion begins on page 106 of the Hertz Bible.**

Vayetze, "and he went out," refers to Jacob's journey to Haran, his mother Rebekah's birthplace. On his journey, he dreams of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven and is given the same promise that God gave Abraham and Isaac, i.e., he will inherit the land and be blessed. Jacob meets Rachel at the well and works for his uncle Laban (her father) for seven years in order to marry her. Jacob the deceiver is himself the victim of deception. Laban substitutes Leah (the older sister) for Rachel, and therefore, Jacob must serve Laban an additional seven years in order to wed his intended spouse. Jacob eventually has a total of twelve sons and decides to return to his homeland.

This weekend's services...

Friday, December 9 2005

**7:30 p.m., Shabbat Service, Adam & Jason Huska B'nai Mitzvah
Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate**

Saturday, December 10, 2005

**10:30 a.m., Michelle Annes Bat Mitzvah
Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Cantor Lynda Casden**

Upcoming Events in our B'nai Torah Community:

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 Wednesday, December 14 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on 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 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.

The Social Seniors have invited Ken Shiokawa, pianist, and a featured vocalist, to perform a Jazz program at Congregation B'nai Torah Sunday, December 18, 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 Tuesday December 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the library. Please email Mark Broutman at busrmagic@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.

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.

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.

