

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  
January 6, 2006

This week's Torah portion is *Vayigash* Genesis 44:18-47:27  
This portion begins on page 169 of the Hertz Bible.

Joseph's brothers are in Egypt to get food to bring back to famine-ridden Canaan. Our *parashah* begins with the brothers standing before Joseph, vizier of Egypt, and Judah asking to be imprisoned in place of his youngest brother Benjamin (whom Joseph framed). Judah, who once convinced his brothers to sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him, argues for Rachel's only other child because he fears that any harm to Benjamin would break his father's heart. Joseph dismisses all of the Egyptian attendants, releases a *loud wail* that the whole palace could hear (Genesis 45:2), and reveals his true identity to his brothers.

The brothers are shocked into silence.

Support Progressive Judaism in Israel by registering and voting in the World Zionist Elections at [www.VoteReformJudaism.com](http://www.VoteReformJudaism.com). Registration is fast, easy and open to any Jew age 18 or older. There is a \$7 registration fee that is collected by the World Zionist Congress to cover the cost of the elections.

Our Movement's success in this election will provide desperately needed resources: almost two million dollars in annual funding to Reform programs and institutions in Israel, including synagogues, schools, camps and our youth movement. Please take a few moments to register, and when you receive your ballot, to cast your vote for ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America).

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:  
Louise Bernard, Betty Desser, Lillian Gechman, Mark Mehlman,  
Norman Schless & Dorothy Scholnick  
who have recently passed away.

Hosting this evening's Oneg Shabbat will be  
the B'nai Torah Sisterhood.

This weekend's services...

Friday, January 6, 2006

7:30 p.m., Shabbat Service

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch, Rabbi Debbi Nesselson & Cantor

Lynda Casden co-officiate

## Upcoming Events in our B'nai Torah Community:

Have Breakfast with Rabbi Magidovitch while studying Talmud on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. beginning January 8.

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

Study "Contemporary Issues from a Jewish Perspective" with Dr. Audrey Gordon on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. beginning January 8.

Dr. Malik will return this Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. with another lecture in his "Pillars of Health" series.

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.

Come discuss Jewish Medical Ethics with Rabbi Feinberg on Wednesdays January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8 at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois is excited to present you with a fabulous opportunity to experience Jewish life in Champaign-Urbana. Come join us on February 17-19 for a weekend filled with Shabbat worship, Jewish teens from all over the state, campus tours and much more!

This amazing experience is available to you for only \$20 per person. This provides each student with a place to stay at the Hillel Foundation building at 503 E. John St. in Champaign. All meals will be provided and are certified Kosher, as well, Shorashim will be providing a bus leaving from Chicago early Friday afternoon.

For more information or to get registration forms contact:  
Jonathan Witten, Shabbaton Co-Coordinator, [jwitten@uiuc.edu](mailto:jwitten@uiuc.edu)  
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### 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 5:00 p.m.

~Questions?~Call Barb Scott at 847-432-2007

Have you always felt that there were gaps in your Jewish education? This 12 week course will help to round out your education. This 12 week **Basic Judaism** course, which will be taught by Rabbi Magidovitch, Rabbi Feinberg, Rabbi Nesselson, Cantor Casden, Dr. Audrey Gordon and Education Director Judy Jury, will help to round out your knowledge of the basics as we learn about God, prayer, history, Israel, holidays, life cycle, Jewish community, sacred texts, spirituality and mysticism. Completion of this class and Hebrew for Beginners will culminate in a group Adult B'nai Mitzvah. February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17 and May 1, 8, & 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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 B'nai Torah 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](mailto: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.