

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.

Support Progressive Judaism in Israel by registering and voting in the World Zionist Elections at 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:

Ann Gilbert, Isabelle Veneszky & Ruth Peters Grellenberg, who have recently passed away.

Hosting this evening's Oneg Shabbat will be . . .

Susan & David Heller in honor of Zachary's Bar Mitzvah

Terry & David Flax, in honor of the memory of Perry Levenstein & Shirley Breeskin



Welcome to Shabbat Services

February 3, 2006

**This week's Torah portion is Bo Exodus 12:3-13:16
This portion begins on page 248 of the Hertz Bible.**

In *Parashat Bo*, God inflicts the last three plagues upon the Egyptians and gives the instructions for the observance of the festival of Passover. The Torah portion begins with God telling Moses "*Bo el Pharaoh*," "Go to Pharaoh," in order to warn Pharaoh that unless he lets the Israelites leave Egypt to worship God, Pharaoh and all of Egypt will learn that the God of the Hebrews is, indeed, God of all.

Once again (as God did in last week's Torah portion), God hardens Pharaoh's heart so that he denies freedom to the Israelites. Locusts, the eighth plague, devour all the grass and trees so that nothing green is left in all of Egypt. Then darkness covers the land for three days. Before the tenth and final plague, God tells Moses and Aaron to instruct each Israelite family to slaughter a lamb, put some of its blood on the doorposts and lintels of their homes so that God will pass over their houses when God kills every first born child in the land of Egypt.

This weekend's services...

Friday February 3, 2006

7:30 p.m., Shabbat Service,

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch, Rabbi Debra Nesselson & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

Saturday, February 4, 2006

10:30 a.m., Zachary Heller Bar Mitzvah

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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. The next class will be on February 5.

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. The next class will be held February 4.

Study "Contemporary Issues from a Jewish Perspective with Dr. Audrey Gordon on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. The next class is on February 4.

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

Rabbi Nesselson will continue her Exploration of Exodus, meeting on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The next class will be held on February 9.

Join B'nai Torah's Empty Nesters group Saturday, April 1 as the Village Follies present a Cabaret Dinner show at the Winnetka Community House. For further information call Elise Varon at 847-433-7536.

Join the Men's Club on their trek to the Chicago Auto Show on February 19. A bus will be leaving B'nai Torah at 9:15 a.m. and returning at 2:15 p.m. Call Mark Broutman at 847-831-4964 or Scott Miller at 847-831-4081 for more information.

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.

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. For more information or to register, please contact Judy Jury at 847-433-7100 or judy@congregationbnaitorah.org.

The Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois is excited to present to high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to experience Jewish life in Champaign-Urbana. Join us on February 17-19 for a weekend filled with Shabbat worship, Jewish teens from all over, 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. 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@ujuc.edu

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center -Artifacts Sought

The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center is looking for your help in gathering original artifacts related to pre-World War II life in Europe, survival experiences, life in the camps, Jewish GI experiences, liberators, post-war resettlement, emigration to the Chicago area and the Midwest, and the attempted 1970s neo-Nazi march in Skokie. Exhibiting local artifacts and their stories will ensure the legacy of our region's Holocaust survivors. If you, your family, and/or friends have any items such as original photos, documents, passports, letters, postcards, diaries, clothing, memorabilia and Judaica, please contact us. These items tell stories of survival which can inspire future generations and empower young people to carry on the fight against anti-Semitism, hatred, and intolerance. For more information and to donate, please call Bethany Fleming or Jessica Kaz-Hoffman at 847-491-0405.