

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:

Dr. Harry Burstein, Ann Gilbert, Ruth Peters Grellenberg & Isabelle Venezky, who have recently passed away.

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

Amanda's Grandparents in honor of her Bat Mitzvah.

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Welcome to Shabbat Services

February 10, 2006

This week's Torah portion is Beshalach 13:17-17:16
This portion begins on page 265 of the Hertz Bible.

Parashat B'shalach is a culminating scene in our Torah. Pharaoh finally releases the Hebrews from Egypt, only to change his mind again and chase after them with a force of 600 chariots. At the Sea of Reeds, God parts the waters and saves the Hebrews from slavery once and for all, drowning the Egyptians in their wake. The liberated Israelite slaves sing and dance expressing their joy. But, the celebratory mood soon devolves into incessant kvetching. Moses and the Children of Israel must now survive the desert, a test greater than bondage for some. God sends them manna from the sky, and in a further manifestation of divine power enables the Israelites to win their first battle against the mighty Amalekites.

This weekend's services...

Friday February 10, 2006

7:30 p.m., Shabbat Service,

Amanda Berman Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate

Saturday, February 11, 2006

10:30 a.m., Alyson Gupta & Shelby Coren B'not 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 Sunday, February 12.

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 Saturday, February 11.

Study "Contemporary Issues from a Jewish Perspective," with Dr. Audrey Gordon on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. The next class is on Sunday, February 19.

The Basic Judaism course has begun. You are welcome to attend any session. The next topic to be discussed will be Jewish Text. This class will be led by Rabbi Nesselson on Monday, February 13 at 7:45 p.m. For more information, contact Judy Jury at 847-433-7100 or judy@congregationbnaitorah.org.

Join us for a lively discussion of the movie, *Munich*. Rabbi Nesselson will be leading this talk on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Our Pillars of Health Series, led by Dr. Malik, returns to B'nai Torah. The topic for discussion will be "Prevention" and will be held on Sunday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Nesselson will continue her "Exploration of Exodus," meeting on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. The next class will be held on Thursday, February 16.

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.

You are welcome to attend B'nai Torah's first Shushan Purim Megillah Reading on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall and Sanctuary.

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 our high schoolers 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.

[We would like to extend a special welcome to any guest or prospective member that is present tonight. Please introduce yourself to our clergy and our board members wearing nametags. We'd like the opportunity to welcome you and answer any questions you might have about our B'nai Torah community.](#)

Thank you.