

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.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family
and friends of: Harriet Goldman,
Irv Harvey, Benjamin Kleinmuntz &
Ernest Sonderling

We Invite You to Join us in the Social Hall for
the Oneg Shabbat hosted by
The Sisterhood



Welcome to Shabbat Services
July 7, 2006

**This week's Torah portion is Chukat-Balak, Numbers 19:1-25:9
This portion begins on page 652 of the Hertz Bible**

This week we read a double portion, *Parashat Chukat* is most remembered for the laws concerning the red heifer, God's punishment to Moses and Aaron, forbidding them to enter the Promised Land, and Aaron's death. *Parashat Balak* contains the story of the king of Moab, Balak, who sends for the sorcerer Balaam to curse the people of Israel. However, when he opens his mouth to curse them, God causes him to speak praises.

This Shabbat we will focus on *Parashat Chukat* and the scene describing the circumstances of Aaron's death, described in the third *aliyah* in years when a double portion is read. God euphemistically tells Moses and Aaron that Aaron will be *gathered to his kin* (20:24), that is, he will die. Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's son Eleazar are to ascend Mount Hor. There Moses transfers Aaron's vestments to his son Eleazar and Aaron dies.

This week's services...

Friday, July 7, 2006
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch, Rabbi Bob Feinberg &
Cantor Arnie Schultz co-officiate

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. The next class will be held Saturday, July 8.

Everyone is welcome at the Botanic Gardens on Saturday, July 15 at 10:15 a.m. for a Shabbat Spiritual Walk led by Rabbi Debra Nesselson and Cantor Lynda Casden. Join the Sisterhood as they share Shabbat with nature and one another. Meet at the entrance to the main building.

Meet at the bridge behind the white building Saturday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. for a Family Shabbat Morning Service.

Enjoy an evening at Ravinia with B'nai Torah's Empty Nesters, July 29. Come hear Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto performed by Yefim Bronfman. Call Hollis at 847-433-7100 for more information or to reserve your ticket.

HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE

Have you always wanted to learn to read Hebrew but have never found the time? Are you thinking of signing up for the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class but want to sample a Hebrew class first? Did you learn to read Hebrew years ago but need a refresher course to brush up on your skills? Would you like to learn and/or review some of the special prayers we read on the High Holy Days? Then come to our **HEBREW READING CRASH COURSE**. Taught by Judy Jury, this **6 week course** will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and September 5. The first five weeks we will learn to decode Hebrew letters and vowels, and on September 5th we will go through the *Machzor* (High Holy Day prayerbook) and read through many of the special prayers. There is no charge for this class as it is sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program. For further information or to register for the class, please call Judy Jury at (847) 433-6900.

B'nai Torah Affinity Program

Have you utilized the services of one of the Affinity "Angels" yet? Wouldn't it be nice to shop & know that the money you spend is getting you a great product/service while painlessly enriching our synagogue at the same time?

Feel rewarded for doing your part in supporting our Jewish community every time you purchase a product or service from one of our "Angels." For a full list of angels and the programs they are offering, check out the affinity group online at www.congregationbnaitorah.org/content/angels or see the insert in the June bulletin.

Introduction to Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch

The class will run five nights from 8:15 p.m. to as late as 10:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The dates are: Sunday, July 9, Monday, July 10, Tuesday, July 11, Thursday, July 13, & Monday, July 17. Registration is requested for all meditation checks and the group meditation. Registration is required for the July Basic Meditation Course. The cost is \$36 for members and \$136 for non-members. To register call Lois Stotz at 847-433-7100 or email her at loisbnaitorah@aol.com.

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