

W E L C O M E to B'nai Torah



Welcome to Shabbat Services
July 28, 2006

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: Lillian Levin
Fritzi Lieb, Ernest Sonderling &
Harold Yaguda

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

**This week's Torah portion is Devarim 1:1-3:22
This portion begins on page 736 of the Hertz Bible**

This week we begin the final of the Five Books of Moses, the book of Deuteronomy, *Devarim*. Moses begins the process of reflecting upon his legacy as the prophet who brought Torah to the children of Israel. He admits some of his own failings as a leader and the challenges he faced in transmitting God's message to the people of Israel. Moses recasts the narrative in *Bamidbar*, suggesting that the people insisted that spies be sent to scout out the Land of Promise. Doubt overwhelmed faith and God punished the people of Israel decreeing that only Joshua and Caleb, the two spies who had expressed optimism about conquering the land, would live to enter Israel. The Israelites attempted to enter the Land anyway, to no avail.

Moses reminds the Israelites and their new leader, Joshua, that it is God who insures their safe passages and victories.

This week's services...

Friday, July 28, 2006

6:30 p.m. Very Young Family Shabbat Service

Rabbi Debra Nesselson & Cantor Lynda Casden co-officiate.

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

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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 29.

Commemorate Tisha B'Av on the Temple patio, weather permitting. Join us on Wednesday, August 2 at 8:00 p.m. Bring a flashlight with you.

Members of B'nai Torah are invited to hear Ra'anah Gissin, the former spokesperson for Ariel Sharon, speak at a breakfast being held on Wednesday, August 2nd at 8:00 a.m at the Highland Park Country Club.

Join us for B'nai Torah's second annual picnic on Sunday, August 27 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Men's Club will provide dinner & drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert. RSVP to the Temple at 847-433-7100 by August 24.

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.

Dear B'nai Torah Family,

Israel needs us. Our beloved family and friends need us.

I have just sent some money to two important organizations and am giving you their names and addresses. Please help our People through gifts to these groups or to other worthy causes you may know of within Israel.

- (1) American Friends of Hazon Yeshaya
2001 East 7th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Hazon Yeshaya has several soup kitchens. They normally serve 14,000 meals a day. They are feeding many more people now who are displaced from their homes in the northern part of Israel.

- (2) American Friends of Magen David Adom
1 East Wacker Dr., Suite 2224
Chicago, IL 60601

Magen David Adom is the Israeli counterpart to the Red Cross. It provides emergency medical services at all times. Its task is heightened now in providing for people living in shelters and for persons and families ravaged by the missile attacks.

- (3) Please continue your prayers for peace. Our tradition calls upon us to read Psalms, the prayerbook King David wrote four thousand years ago.

Warmly,
Jonathan