

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:**

**Helen Kulakofsky, Florence Pine,
Steven Plotnick, Kimberly Ann Strusiner
& Paul Zimmerman**

We Invite You to Join us in the Social Hall

**for the Oneg Shabbat hosted by
Sari & Michael Goldberg
In honor of Caroline's naming**



**Welcome to Shabbat Services
August 25, 2006**

**This week's Torah portion is Shoftim 16:18-21:9
This portion begins on page 820 of the Hertz Bible**

As the Israelites remain at the ready to enter the Promised Land, Moses keeps them poised on the plateau of Moav, across the Jordan River, able to see the land but not to walk on it. In a lengthy oration, Moses articulates God's prescriptions and proscriptions for governance.

The beginning of the second *aliyah* describes who may rule over the promised nation:

If, after you have entered the land that the Eternal your God has assigned to you, and taken possession of it and settled in it, you decide, "I will set a king over me, as do all the nations about me," you shall be free to set a king over yourself, one chosen by the Eternal your God. Be sure to set as king over yourself one of your own people; you must not set a foreigner over you, one who is not your kin.

This week's services...

**Friday, August 25, 2006
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Sheila Nerad reading Torah**

**Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch, Rabbi Debra Nesselson
& Cantor Lynda Casden 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, Aug. 26.

Join us for B'nai Torah's second annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Men's Club will provide dinner & drinks. Bring a side dish or dessert.

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 course will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on August 29 and September 5. 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.

Stand with Israel, a fundraising event on behalf of the Israel Emergency Campaign will be hosted by JUF on Wednesday, August 30. Join them at 7:00 p.m. for dessert followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. with speaker Dr. Yossi Olmert. Dr. Olmert is an authority on Israeli politics, the Arab-Israeli conflict and radical Islam. He is widely recognized in Israel for his work as a political columnist in Israel's leading newspaper as well as the English daily Jerusalem Post. To register for this event please call 312-357-4692 or email naomishapiro@juf.org.

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

