



Welcome to Shabbat Services

December 8 2006

This week's Torah portion is

Vayishlach 32:4-36

This portion begins on page 122 of the Hertz Bible

Vayishlach means "and he sent" and refers to Jacob sending messengers to his brother Esau before their meeting after twenty years of separation. We are told of Jacob's fears, of his division of his community into two camps, and of his wrestling with a man-angel who changes Jacob's name to Israel. Following that struggle, Jacob and Esau meet and part peacefully, each going his separate way. The parashah concludes with the deaths of Rachel and Isaac and the genealogical lines of Jacob and Esau.

This week's services...

Friday, December 8, 2006

7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 9, 2006

10:30 a.m. Ryan Pikofsky Bar Mitzvah

4:30 p.m. Sara Taxman Bat Mitzvah

Upcoming Events in our B'nai Torah Community:

B'nai Torah Takes Action

Item of the Month for December – New toys, (and without gift wrap), for Chanukah for the Jewish Children and Family Services Bureau, (formerly the JCB). They service needy children ages infancy through twenty-one.

Thank you to all members who joined us at the Ruth Messinger meeting in November! We learned a lot about Darfur and how we can help. Please consider the paper doll project as a Mitzvah Project this year and color paper dolls for Darfur. Elm Place Middle School is trying to collect 450,000 paper dolls to represent the 450,000 people who have died so far in the genocide. Let's show the world that we believe this should not happen again, Not On Our Watch! For more information the Elm Place website is:

<http://www.nssd112.org/elmplace/teachers/Levi/Levi.htm>

Basic Judaism

“Evil and Theodicy” will be led by Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch Monday, December 11, from 7:15 -8:45 p.m. as part of the ongoing course "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Judaism." You are welcome to attend any session. There is a flier available with additional classes. For more information or to register, contact Judy Jury at 847-433-6900 or judy@congregationbnaitorah.org

Have Breakfast with Rabbi Magidovitch while studying Talmud on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The next class will be Sunday, December 10.

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, December 9.

Study **“Contemporary Issues from a Jewish Perspective”** with Dr. Audrey Gordon on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. The next class will meet on Sunday, December 10.

Adult Continuing Hebrew - Mondays 6:15-7:15 p.m. classroom #204

The **Adult Continuing Hebrew Class** is accepting new students who possess basic Hebrew reading skills. Students in this class will master the reading of Shabbat and holiday liturgy as well as concentrate on the meanings of these prayers. For more information or to register, please contact Judy Jury at 847-433-6900.

Reform Judaism: When did it begin? How does our survival depend on it? These are some of the questions Rabbi Feinberg will answer in his class on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

B'nai Torah Takes Action is hosting an open meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We are growing as a social action committee and wish to offer more opportunities to our congregants. We invite anyone interested in hearing about, helping to organize, or helping to communicate social action events. We also welcome those of you already involved in volunteering for an organization or charity. We may be able to help you expand your volunteer base.

Join the "Empty Nesters" and attend an exhibition of Pulitzer Prize winning photographs. Meet us in the Temple library Sunday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. We will begin with lunch at The Lakeside Inn in Wauconda. After lunch we will leave for the Lake County Discovery Museum in Wauconda to view *Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs*. The price for the museum exhibit is \$6 per person.

Pillars of Health – Dr. Malik is returning Sunday, December 17 with his latest topic, "What's New In Cancer Screening."

Our Chanukah Family Program is coming on Sunday, December 10th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Join the B'nai Torah family for lunch, music, crafts and games. Fliers are available in the lobby. For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Judy Jury at 433-6900 or judy@congregationbnaitorah.org.

All are invited to the B'nai Torah Chanukah dinner Friday, December 15 at 6:15 p.m. It will be followed by a service with the Family Choir singing. Bring your menorahs and join us! Look for the sign up form in the mail.

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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:
Sara Barnett, Chuck Brandess & Clara Seruya

Please join us in the Social Hall for the Oneg Shabbat hosted by:
Rich, Sarah & Lainie Liebman in honor of Rich & Lainie's Birthdays
Nancy & Marc Taxman in honor of Sara's Bat Mitzvah
Maureen & Loron Pikofsky in honor of Ryan's Bar Mitzvah
The B'nai Torah Sisterhood in honor of this special occasion

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