



Welcome to Shabbat Services

December 22, 2006

This week's Torah portion is

Vayigash 54:18 - 20

This portion begins on page 169 of the Hertz Bible *Vayigash*, which means “and he approached him,” begins with the confrontation between Judah and Joseph, whose identity is still unknown to his brothers. Judah tells Joseph that, if he refuses to allow Benjamin to return to his father, the old man will die. Joseph dramatically reveals his identity to his brothers. Following this reunion, Joseph directs them to bring their father Jacob to Egypt, where they can all live safely and comfortably through the famine. Meanwhile, Jacob and his family increase in numbers and wealth in the area of Goshen.

This week's services...

Friday, December 29, 2006

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

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.nssdu2.org/elmplace/teachers/Levi/Levi.htm>

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 23.

Rabbi Feinberg will continue his **Reform Judaism** class in January. The first class will meet Wednesday, January 10 in the Library.

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, January 14.

Join **Dr. Malik** for another informational talk on Sunday, January 14 At 9:30 p.m. in the Library.

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.

B'nai Torah's Singles's Shabbat celebration will be January 12. Everyone "forty" and over is invited. Dinner is at 6:00 pm., followed by a 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service. The cost is \$18 per person for Middle Eastern cuisine.

Shabbat Shira Come join us in singing and welcoming the Sabbath on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm. The Torah Portion will be Beshalach. Shabbat Shira will feature piano, guitar/mandolin, flute/clarinet, d'jambe.

Lainie Liebman and Julia Belsky will sing a duet, "There Can Be Miracles"

Torah readers will chant Shirat Hayam (Song of the Sea).

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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:
Brandess, Ira Goldberg,
Jerene "Jerry" Rosenthal & Clara Seruya

Please join us in the Social Hall for the Oneg Shabbat hosted by:
The B'nai Torah Sisterhood

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