



Welcome to Shabbat Services

June 29, 2007

This week's Torah portion is Balak

Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

This portion begins on page 669 of the Hertz Bible.

Parashat Balak contains the story of the king of Moab, Balak, who sends for the sorcerer Balaam to curse the people of Israel so they will not attack his nation. At first, God forbids Balaam to grant Balak's request. On three occasions King Balak asks Balaam to curse the Israelites, but each time the seer blesses them. Furious, Balak tells Balaam to return home. In parting, the seer predicts that Israel will soon "smash the brow of Moab."

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Friday, June 29, 2007

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

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.

Hebrew School Registration – Packets for the 2007 – 08 school year have been mailed and registration is now due. If you did not receive a packet, please call the school office at 847-433-6900 and one will be mailed to you.

Sisterhood will host their annual kick-off on Tuesday, July 10th with a Wine & Cheese Event. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Torah on the patio behind the sanctuary. Call the B'nai Torah office for more information.

Family Dinner & Tot Shabbat Service - Join Rabbi Nesselson & Cantor Casden on Friday, July 13th at 5:30 p.m. on the patio behind the sanctuary. We ask that families bring their own picnic dinner & blankets. Please RSVP to Shana by July 6th at 847-433-7100

Save the Date for these upcoming Men's Club Events. There will be a Golf Outing July 13th and in July or August they will attend a Chicago Fire game.

Sisterhood Spiritual Shabbat Walk at Botanic Gardens – Join the Sisterhood on Saturday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the entrance to the main building as they share Shabbat with nature and one another. Sisterhood welcomes all congregants of all ages for this beautiful event.

Save the Date! The B'nai Torah Empty Nesters Group will enjoy a **Night in Vienna at Ravinia Festival** on Saturday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will conduct the works of Richard and Johann Strauss. Pavilion tickets are just \$20, call the B'nai Torah office for more information 433-7100.

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Tisha B'av – Tuesday, July 24th at 8:15 p.m. services will be held for Tisha B'av, a day to commemorate the destruction of both Holy Temples of Jerusalem, as well as other tragedies that have befallen our people. The service will be held on the patio, weather permitting. Don't forget to bring a flashlight!

SUMMER CLASSES

Back To The Basics: Monday-Thursday, July 9-12, 16-19 & 23-26 – 7-8:30 p.m.

This course covers what every adult should know and understand about Judaism. Students may sign up for the entire series or individual sessions.

7/9 – God, Theology and Spirituality – Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch

7/10 – Israel Today – Rabbi Bob Feinberg

7/11 – Life Cycle – Rabbi Bob Feinberg

7/12 – Jewish Text – Rabbi Debra Nesselson

7/16 – Prayer – Cantor Lynda Casden

7/17 – Siddur (prayer book) - Cantor Lynda Casden

7/18 – Holidays – (High Holy Days – Chanukah) – Judy Jury

7/19 – History – Ancient – Biblical – Dr. Audrey Gordon

7/23 – Holidays – (Tu B'Shevat – Shavuot) – Judy Jury

7/24 – History – (Medieval – Modern) – Rabbi Debra Nesselson

7/25 – Jewish Community – Rabbi Bob Feinberg

7/26 – Metaphysics and Mysticism – Rabbi Jonathan Magidovitch

An On-going Exploration of Exodus: Rabbi Nesselson will again be leading this class, which is co-sponsored by The Dawn Schuman Institute. The class meets on Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. It is scheduled for July 12, 19, 26 & August 2.

Hebrew Reading Crash Course: Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew but have never found the time? Come to our Hebrew reading crash course beginning Tuesday, July 31 & August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:30 p.m. This class is taught by Judy Jury and is sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program.

For more information on these classes, call the Education office at 847-433-6900 or email judy@congregationbnaitorah.org.

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:
Ruth Breslauer, Jerome Cole, Harry Gorelik, Dr. Irwin Halpert, Oscar Levine,
Ethel M. Riceman & Rose Wenger who passed away recently.

Please join us in the Social Hall for the Oneg Shabbat hosted by:

Jodie & Jeremy Dane in honor of Julia's naming.
The B'nai Torah Board of Directors in honor of Sonia Kass.

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