Parashat Bo ● January 11th-12th, 2019 ● 6 Shevat 5779

Mount Sinai Eruv - Up
YU Eruv - Up
Please note that the Eruv does not extend to Fort Tryon Park or Gorman Park.
The Eruv has been expanded to include the buildings on the East side of Broadway North of 187th Street until 190th Street. The Eruv does not continue north of 190th Street on the East side of Broadway.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV:
• Raanan Cohen and Gilana Keller and big sister Nava on the birth of a baby girl, Adira Ruth
• Aviva and Tzvi Karoly and big brother Adi on the birth of a baby girl
• Sarah and Yehuda Gordon on the birth of a baby boy

HAKARAT HATOV:
• Seth Stein for being the welcome greeter last week
• Suzanne B, Naomi D, Josh D, Hannah G, Ayelet H, Mrs. H, Chana M, Leora S, Baruch S, Sara S, and Chava W for helping with last week’s Shabbat Mevarchim kiddush
• Yosef Rabinowitz for checking the eruv before Shabbat

IN OUR COMMUNITY

UJA Graduate Fellowship
Know anyone looking for a graduate school scholarship who’s pursuing a career in the Jewish nonprofit world? Fellowships for prospective and current students are available in the following disciplines: social work, Jewish education, rabbinic and cantorial programs, public and business administration, and more. Application deadline is January 30th, 2019. Contact Rina Cohen at cohenr@ujafedny.org for more information.
UPCOMING EVENTS

KASHRUT EVENT WITH THE OU
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 7:30 PM
Rabbi Chananel Herbsman will speak on the topic of Bishul Akum. Rabbi Chaim Loike will speak on the topic of Kashrut of Birds, with live demonstrations.

COMEDY NIGHT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 8:00 PM
Featuring David Kilimnick and "The Honest Rabbi Preaches Funny." David Kilimnick puts on his rabbi hat and talks about what the Jewish communities need to make shul more fun and approaches kosher life, violent candy throwing at Bar Mitzvahs, Israel, Birthright, dinners with singles where he gets invited to bring the food, and so much more. Early bird rates before January 14th: $12 for Members / $15 for Not Yet Members
Register online: www.mtsinaishul.com/event/HonestRabbi

COUPLES MELAVAH MALKA
MOTZEI SHABBAT, JANUARY 26TH, 8:00 PM
Get to know your neighbors with Family Life Committee’s sponsored Couples Apartment Melavah Malka in various apartments around the Heights. Open to all couples. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/couples2019

ZAYIN ADAR CHEVRA KADISHA BREAKFAST AND MISHNAYOT STUDY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2019, 9:15 AM
Please join us for breakfast and a presentation by Isaac Pollak, head of an East Side Chevra Kadisha, on "The Well-Dressed Jewish Corpse - A History of Jewish Shrouds." There is no charge for breakfast, which is sponsored by the Chevra Kadisha. Make a reservation online: www.mtsinaishul.com/event/chevra2018. Please join us as we celebrate a Siyum Mishnayot at the breakfast, following the presentation. Please select the masechta you would like to learn online: www.mtsinaishul.com/form/mishnayot2019

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Staffed Office-Hours
The office staff are not always able to be in the office while helping to prepare for events and programs. Unless otherwise noted, staff will be in the office at the following times: Monday-Thursday, 10 AM - 3 PM, and Friday, 10 AM - 1 PM. Office staff can be reached by phone or email during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 AM - 5:30 PM, and Friday, 9 AM - 1 PM).

MOUNT SINAI HAPPENINGS

“Cash In” Volunteer Work
Do you help out with kiddush setup, gabbai, or run events at Mount Sinai? Many companies incentivize volunteering efforts by offering grants to the organization you donate your time towards. To find out more information, please reach out to Naftali Pfeiffer (neiltpfeiffer@gmail.com).

Personal Items
Please be mindful of leaving personal items around the shul. Anything left after 30 days will be considered hefker and may be donated to charity.

Welcoming Meals
New to Washington Heights? Been here for a while and looking to meet new people? Look no further! We are seeking people to host meals to the community their first few Shabbatot in the Heights. Reach out to welcomingmeals@mtsinaishul.com by midnight Wednesday if you are new in the neighborhood or are hosting a meal and have room for 1-2 new faces!

Community Resource
The Spier Family Holocaust Memorial Library is open every Shabbat afternoon beginning 1 1/2 hours before Mincha.

Meals for Moms
Having a baby? Meals for Moms at Mount Sinai would love to organize meals for you after you have the baby. We also need more volunteers who would like to cook for families with new babies. If you would like to volunteer or you are pregnant and would like to sign up to receive meals please email Sura at surarozenberg@gmail.com.
**Weekly Shiurim**

**Daily**
Daf Yomi Chaburah. For times/locations, please contact Davida at davida.kollmar@gmail.com

**Monday**
Monday Night Learning at 8:00 PM

**Tuesday**
Dr. Schwartz’s Fireside Chats takes place monthly at 9:00 PM. Next date: January 29th

**Wednesday**
Rabbi Schwartz’s Shiur at 9:00 PM

**Thursday**
Rabbi Schwartz’s Shiur will resume soon

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**WEEKLY BASKETBALL**

**Men’s Basketball**
Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00 PM—10:00 PM

**Women’s Basketball**
Tuesdays 9:00 PM—10:00 PM
moundsinaibasketball@gmail.com

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**Mount Sinai App**

Looking for minyan times? Need to register for an event? Want to make a donation? Do it the easy way and download the Mount Sinai app to your phone!

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**TORAH TIDBITS**

The final passuk in this week’s parsha introduces the mitzvah of tefillin with the words, "והיו לטוטפות בין עיניך" (Shemos, 13:160). Interestingly, טוטפות is not a word of Hebrew origin, but rather, as Rashi explains, a hybrid of two words from two different languages. "טט" in the language of katfi means "two," as does "פת" in the language of afriki. Together, these two words, each meaning "two," add up to the four בתים that are to be included in every pair of tefillin.

Many rishonim and acharonim struggle to understand why Hashem chose to include a word derived from foreign languages in His holy Torah. My grandfather z"l taught the following possible explanation in the name of the Belzer Rebbe. In Parshas Eikiev, the mitzvah of tefillin is discussed once again. There, under the words, "ושמתם את דברי אלה" (Devarim, 11:18), Rashi teaches that Bnei Yisrael are being instructed to be faithful to mitzvos even when they are exiled in foreign lands. To quote the language of Yirmiyahu, as Rashi does, the mitvos are to serve as signposts, ציונים, to help the Jews find their way back home and to make them distinctive amongst the other nations.

The Belzer Rebbe suggests that perhaps with the word, עונינים, a word of alien origin, G-d meant to allude to this message. Even when Bnei Yisrael find themselves in alien lands, the mitzvos—specifically those of tefillin and mezuzos—should serve as signposts and continue to mark them as distinct and separate. The Belzer Rebbe surmises that these two mitzvos were singled out for this cause since tefillin (which were originally meant to be worn all day long) and mezuzos most outwardly and publicly demarcate a Jew from his non-Jewish neighbors.

My grandfather, a giant in Torah knowledge and a beloved Rav to many, served as a signpost to my family and to countless others whose lives he touched. Earlier this week he was called back to the olam haemes, and in his absence, many of us feel as though we are lost in a "foreign land." As the parsha of his life comes to an end, we will take guidance and comfort from the final words of this week’s parsha and commit to wearing Rabbi Weinberger’s teachings as "signs above our heads" and on the "doorposts of our homes", so that his legacy may be clearly recognizable through us.

Le’iluy nishmas Harav Shlomo ben Harav Yehosha z”l.

Written by Sara Chana Weinberger. If you would like to submit a thought for Torah Tidbits, please reach out to Jason at jasonbotvin@gmail.com.

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**REFUAH SHELEIMA**

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**WOMEN’S ZUMBA**

**Sunday Night Zumba** 8:00-9:00pm > $7.00 or 5 class-pass for $30

**Sunday Night Core Class** 9:15pm-9:45pm > Free

**Tuesday Night Zumba** 8:00-9:00pm > $7.00 or 5 class-pass for $30

Contact Talia Molotsky with any questions talmolot@gmail.com

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**BRIDGE SHUL SHABBAT TIMES**

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