

CONGREGATION BETH AARON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parshat Vayechi

December 29-30, 2017

12 Tevet 5778

SHABBAT TIMES

Friday, December 29

Latest Candles: 4:18 p.m.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20 p.m., in the Main Shul

Slower-paced Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:20 p.m., led by Rabbi Rothwachs in the Beit Midrash

“Talking in Shul”: 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall, Rabbi Rothwachs on “Frum Felons? The Problem of Criminality in Observant Communities”

Shabbat, December 30

Hashkama Minyan: 7:30 a.m.

Nach shiur: 8:20 a.m.

Main Minyan: 8:45 a.m.

Youth Minyan: 9:15 a.m.

Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:39 a.m.

Early Mincha: 1:45 p.m.

Daf Yomi: 3:00 p.m.

Women’s Learning: 3:00 p.m., in the shul Social Hall, *Shmuel Aleph*, Chapters 17-18, led by Rivka Herzfeld and Mollie Fisch

Meir Hirsch’s shiur: 3:10 p.m.

4th/5th Grade Boys Mishna Group: 3:40 p.m., in the Book Room

Mincha: 4:10 p.m., followed by Rabbi Rothwachs’ shiur, “Halachic Will or Health Care Proxy?: An Halachic Overview”

Maariv: 5:18 p.m.

Havdalah: 5:27 p.m.

Latest Candles on Friday, January 5: 4:24 p.m.

This week’s announcements are sponsored by Carmela & Jack Rosenbaum & Family, commemorating the 18th *yahrtzeit* of Jack’s father, Meir ben Yakov Yehuda A”H, *niftar* 15 Tevet 5760.

This week’s announcements are sponsored by Lamdeinu. For information on their schedule of classes, go to lamdeinu.org. Study in depth; be inspired!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	31	1	2	3	4	5
Earliest Tallit	6:21	6:21	6:21	6:21	6:21	6:21
Shacharit	6:30 MS 7:15 MS 8:00 MS 8:45 MS	6:30 MS 7:15 MS 8:00 MS 8:45 MS	6:10 SH 6:30 BM 7:15 BM 8:00 BM	6:10 SH 6:30 BM 7:15 BM 8:00 BM	6:10 SH 6:20 BM 7:10 BM 8:00 BM	6:10 SH 6:30 BM 7:15 BM 8:00 BM
Mincha	1:00 BM	1:00 BM				
Mincha/Maariv	4:20 MS	4:20 MS	4:20 BM	4:20 BM	4:20 BM	4:30 MS
Maariv	8:00 BM 9:30 BM	8:00 BM 9:30 BM	8:00 BM 9:30 BM	8:00 BM 9:30 BM	8:00 BM 9:30 BM	

KEY: MS = Main Shul BM = Beit Midrash SH = Social Hall

MAZAL TOV TO

- **Evelyn & Moshe Elbogen**, former Beth Aaron members who made *aliyah*, on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Shoshana & Joey Elbogen of Ariel, Israel. *Mazal Tov* also to big siblings Meitav, Yaer and Eilon; to grandparents Chaya & Chaim Korn; and to great-grandparents Dr. Yale Port, Ellie & Monroe Korn, and Eva Knoller.
- **Fran & Jerry Weinberg**, on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their granddaughter Gavriella Weinberg. *Mazal Tov* also to Gavriella’s parents, Alisa & Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg of Bergenfield.

MEN’S CLUB KIDDUSH

This week’s *Kiddush* following the Main *Minyan* is sponsored by:

L’Chaim Sponsors:

- **Rise & Herb Eis**, commemorating the *yahrtzeits* of our parents, Sylvia Eis on 4 Tevet and Samuel Eis on 12 Tevet.
 - **Evie & Alden Leifer**, commemorating the 2nd *yahrtzeit* of Alden’s beloved father, Hy Leifer, Chaim ben Nachman Moshe
 - **Carmela & Jack Rosenbaum and family**, commemorating the 18th *yahrtzeit* of Jack’s father, Meir ben Yakov Yehuda A”H, *niftar* 15 Tevet 5760.
 - **Fran & Jerry Weinberg**, in honor of their granddaughter Gavriella’s *Bat Mitzvah*.
- Thank you to **Evie & Alden Leifer** for enhancing this week’s *Kiddush*.

A *Hakarat ha-Tov Kiddush* will be held next *Shabbat*, January 6. If you would like to participate in this *kiddush*, please contact David Schachter, sdshagb@aol.com.

PARNAS HAYOM

Dedicate a day of learning at Beth Aaron on the occasion of a *yahrtzeit*, in the *zechut* of a *refuah shelaima*, or in honor of a *simcha*, a birthday or any other occasion. Each week’s dedications are prominently displayed in the *shul* lobby and sent out to the membership via email. For more information, or to sign up, please go to www.bethaaron.org/parnashayom.

This week’s *Parnas Hayom* sponsors are:

- **Shabbat, 12 Tevet: Evie & Alden Leifer**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Alden’s father, Chaim ben Nachman Moshe, Hy Leifer
- **Sunday, 13 Tevet: The Meyer and Auerbach families**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Tehilla Leah bat Tzvi Hirsch, Tova Meyer Resnick
- **Tuesday, 15 Tevet: Brooke & Aryeh Lewitan**, commemorating the *yahrtzeit* of Brooke’s father, Yitzchok Baruch ben Shmuel, Ronald Jacobs

January calendar

On *Shabbat*, the *shul* elevator will operate in *Shabbat* mode as follows:

Friday:
4:25-5:45 p.m.

Shabbat:
8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
1:30-5:20 p.m.

Is the *Eruv* Up? Call the *Eruv* Hotline before *Shabbat*: 201-530-0222

Contact Beth Aaron at office@bethaaron.org

SUBMITTING PAYMENTS BEFORE YEAR-END

December *shul* account balance statements have gone out via email. We hope you will consider supporting Congregation Beth Aaron in your year-end giving by fulfilling your outstanding pledges and charges before December 31. To ensure that your contributions to the *shul* can be used as tax deductions for the 2017 calendar year, please note that all checks must be received in the office by this Sunday, December 31. Online payments can be made until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 31.

If you have any questions about your outstanding balance, or if you wish to pay online and have forgotten your password, please contact the *shul* office, office@bethaaron.org, 201-836-6210. If you require consideration in meeting your outstanding obligations, please email fac@bethaaron.org.

Thank you for your prompt payment of outstanding obligations and for your support of Congregation Beth Aaron.

SHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Friday night, December 29, at 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall, Rabbi Rothwachs will lead the next forum in a series entitled “**Talking in Shul.**” This week’s topic will be: “*Frum Felons? The Problem of Criminality in Observant Communities.*” Both adults and teenagers are encouraged to participate in this important discussion. In preparation for this forum, please take a few minutes to read the article at the following link: <https://images.shulcloud.com/193/uploads/shuir/Criminlaity-in-the-Observant-Community.pdf>.

This *Shabbat*, *Parshat Vayechi*, Congregation Beth Aaron is participating in **TEAM Shabbos**, a project of the National Association of Chevra Kadisha (NASCK). The Traditional End-of-Life Awareness Movement (TEAM) is a national movement dedicated to generating positive awareness, educating and guiding the Jewish community on the value of life and making appropriate end-of-life decisions. For more information, please go to teamshabbos.org.

On Tuesday, January 16, at 8:00 p.m., Sisterhood is presenting a *shiur* in the *shul* for women only. **Michal Horowitz** will speak on “*Rosh Chodesh: The First National Mitzvah and the Tremendous Potential in Each Moment of Time.*” Michal teaches and lectures on topics related to *Torah*, Judaism, Jewish thought, and inspiration. To sponsor this program, contact sisterhood@bethaaron.org.

Recently, our member Bernice Greenberg fell and broke three ribs. As a result, she is unable to prepare dinner for herself and her husband, Mishel. A “**Meal Train**” has been set up by the family. Participating in this *mitzvah* will provide meals for the Greenbergs several evenings a week. If you would like to help, please sign up to bring a meal at <https://mealtrain.com/2lonz5>. *Tizku le-mitzvot!*

The **Beth Aaron Boys’ Choir** is being revived. The Choir, open to boys in grades 1 to 7 whose families are members of Congregation Beth Aaron, will lead *Anim Zemirot* and *Adon Olam* on *Yamim Tovim* and an occasional *Shabbat Mevorachim*, as well as perform locally on other occasions. There are no tryouts required. For more information, contact Yehiel Levy, ylevy613@yahoo.com.

If you have a **name to be added to the *Mi Shebeirakh* list**, please send the person’s Hebrew name and mother’s name to cholim@bethaaron.org.

ANNUAL DINNER

We hope you will join us at our 42nd Annual Journal Dinner on Sunday, March 4, when we show *Hakarat ha-Tov* to our honorees **Marianne Gorlyn & David Goldberg**, to Shelly Leffel Service Awardees **Sari & Michael Samuel**, and to Eitan Shapiro Young Leadership Award honoree **Rivka Herzfeld**.

Young and older members, old friends and new....make your reservations to attend and celebrate together as a community at a fun and delicious dinner!

Why wait to send in your ads and reservations when you can do it now and add it to your 2017 year-end donations? Just go to <https://www.bethaaron.org/dinner>.

PERSPECTIVES ON JEWISH PARENTING IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD

Lecture series given by Rabbi Rothwachs at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 2: “The Times They Are A-Changin’”: Jewish Parenting in the 21st Century”

Tuesday, January 9: “Square Pegs and Round Holes: *Torah* Perspectives on Raising Challenging Children”

Sunday, January 14: “Stepping In and Stepping Aside: Inspiring Independence in a Scary World”

Please note that the January 14 lecture originally was scheduled for Tuesday, December 26.

To sponsor the series or an individual session, please contact office@bethaaron.org.

WEEKLY SHIURIM

- *Daf Yomi*: For *Daf Yomi shiurim* and resources in Teaneck, go to www.teaneckshuls.org/daf/.
- *Daf Yomi shiur*: Monday-Thursday evenings, at 9:45 p.m.
- *Daf ha-Shavua*: Tuesday and Thursdays at 8:55 p.m.
Sunday morning *chazara shiur* at 7:55 a.m. on the previous week’s *daf*. *Shiurim* will be given by Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, Rabbi Yair Hindin, and David Schnaidman.
- *Tanya shiur* by Rabbi Moshe Rosenberg: on hiatus
- Rabbi Rothwachs’ *Sanhedrin shiur*: Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.
- Morning *Mishna Chabura*: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 a.m.; Monday, Thursday: 6:55 a.m.

MISSING SEFORIM

The Librarians have recently discovered that volumes from sets such as *Nevi'im*, *Gemarat*, *Rambam*, and *Tur*, among others, are missing from the *Beit Midrash* shelves. These volumes may not be removed from the *Beit Midrash* at any time, for any reason. It is both expensive and often difficult to replace missing individual volumes from sets.

All *seforim* designated as remaining in the *Beit Midrash* have stickers in their inside covers cautioning the reader that they may not be removed.

We trust that all who have removed such volumes will return the *seforim* to their proper places right away.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

BETH AARON YOUTH and JUNIOR HIGH

The **4th and 5th grade Boys Mishna Group** will meet this *Shabbat*, December 30, at 3:40 p.m., in the Book Room. The Girls Group will meet on January 6. Both are learning *Masechet Megillah*, are led by Rabbi Rothwachs, and meet *Shabbat* afternoon 30 minutes before *Mincha*.

Parent-Child Learning will be held next *Motzaei Shabbat*, January 6, at 6:15 p.m. Additional dates are January 27 and February 10 and 24. Parents and children are encouraged to come and learn. Bring your own materials to learn, or take out a book from our Youth Library. Children are welcome to sign up to say a *Dvar Torah*. To sponsor Parent-Child Learning or to sign up to say a *Dvar Torah*, contact youth@bethaaron.org.

The Beth Aaron Youth Department is looking for **substitute group leaders** in grades 6-12. If you would like to work in groups, please contact youth@bethaaron.org.

For more information about youth programs, please contact Beth Aaron Youth Directors Erica and Jason David, 732-618-9473, youth@bethaaron.org.

NCSY

All high school teens are invited to join Teaneck NCSY for an **Oneq** this Friday, December 29, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Lebovitz home, 441 West Englewood Avenue. Come hang out with friends, shmooze with awesome advisors, meet new people, and enhance your *Shabbat* experience!

All high school teens are welcomed to join Teaneck NCSY for **Latte and Learn** this Thursday, January 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Lazy Bean Cafe, 1404 Queen Anne Road. Come grab a drink and chill with friends and advisors! See you there!

For more information about Teaneck NCSY, please contact Rabbi Reuven Lebovitz, ncsy@bethaaron.org.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend, at Congregation Shaare Tefillah, 510 Claremont Avenue, there will be three sessions on **infant and pregnancy loss**. This Friday, December 29, following the 4:20 p.m. *Mincha*, Rabbi Ezra Frazer will speak on "Giving Comfort, Seeking Comfort: Reflection on Our Niece's First *Yahrtzeit*." On *Shabbat*, December 30, following the 9:00 a.m. *Shacharit*, Reva Judas, founder of NechamaComfort, will speak on "*Chazak, Chazak, ve-Nitchazek*: Be Strong, Be Strong, and We Will Strengthen One Another; Could This Be The Answer?" On Monday, January 1, at 9:15 a.m., Reva Judas and Dr. Aimee Baron of NechamaComfort will speak on "How a Community Can Comfort Those Suffering Infant and Pregnancy Loss, At Any Times in Their Lives."

This *Shabbat*, December 29-30, at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, 641 West Englewood Avenue, **Rabbi Jesse Horn, Ram** at Yeshivat Hakotel, will be the Scholar-in-Residence. On Friday, at 8:00 p.m., he will speak at a *Tisch* for high school students. On *Shabbat* day, he will speak after *Musaf* (about 11:00 a.m.) on "A Tale of Two Princes – A Fascinating Comparison Between Yosef and Moshe." At a *shiur* following the 4:15 p.m. *Mincha*, his topic will be "Why Choose a Nation? And Why Choose Us? *Sefer Bereshit's* Perspective on *Am Yisrael's* Unique Role."

This *Motzaei Shabbat*, December 30, at 7:00 p.m., at Congregation Ohr Saadya, 554 Queen Anne Road, there will be a screening of "**The**

Gift." The program is for women and girls only. The film features Teaneck residents Toby Einhorn and Chavy Klein. Tickets are \$25; only cash or checks will be accepted. All proceeds benefit Mekimi, which provides services to hospitalized and homebound children, teens, and young adults and their families. For more information, contact Yvettebraunstein@gmail.com.

This Monday, January 1, at 9:00 a.m., at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, Professor **Nechama Price**, Director of Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Advanced *Talmud* Studies, will speak on "Happily Ever After: The Marriage of Moshe and Tzipora." Please note this program was originally scheduled for December 25.

This Tuesday, January 2, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Medici Shoes and More, 15 North Dean Street, Englewood, **NechamaComfort** is holding a "Shopping for a Cause" event, with a percentage of each purchase donated to the organization. A percentage will also be donated for purchases made from Wednesday, January 3, to Friday, January 5. For more information, go to Nechamacomfort.com or contact nechamacomfort@gmail.com.

This Tuesday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m., at Ben Porat Yosef, East 243 Frisch Court, Paramus, **Refa'enu will hold its peer-led mood disorder support groups** for those with a disorder (depression, bipolar), as well as for their loved ones. Groups meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, with no reservations required. For more information go to www.refaenu.org or contact dena@refaenu.org.

On *Motzaei Shabbat*, January 6, at 8:00 p.m., at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Avenue, there will be a screening of "**Fanny's Journey**," based on a true story about a young girl leading children out of France in 1943. Tickets are \$8 in advance (<https://www.rinat.org/event/fannys-journey.html>) and \$10 at the door.

On Sunday, January 7, at 4:30 p.m., at Ben Porat Yosef, 243 Frisch Court, Paramus, the Friendship Circle and Ben Porat Yosef will present "**Addy & Uno**," a family musical about disability, friendship and kindness. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds go to Friendship Circle. For more information, go to www.bcfriendship.com/concert or contact zeesy@bcfriendship.com.

On Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m., at the Teaneck Public Library, 840 Teaneck Road, **Dr. Eric Goldman** will discuss "The *Shoah* through the Lens of Cinema." The free lecture is sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Holocaust Memorial & Education Center, in conjunction with the Teaneck Library, and is the first in a series of events presented by the Center, which will be built on the Teaneck Municipal Green as part of the "Garden to Nurture Human Understanding."

On Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, 50 Eisenhower Drive, Paramus, **Shalva Hessel**, author of *Married to the Mossad*, will speak about her experiences and the operations in which she participated. For more information, please contact Ariella Noveck, ariellan@jfnj.org, 201-820-3946. RSVP at <https://www.jfnj.org/shalvahessel>.

On Sunday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m., at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Avenue, **Rabbi Saul Berman** will speak on "Selma 1965: Jewish Lessons from Prison," in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On Monday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m., at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, the **Rosenbaum Yeshiva of North Jersey will hold its Annual Dinner**. For more information, visit RYNJ.org.

On Monday, January 15, and on Monday, February 5, at noon, the **Teaneck Orthodox Retirees' Association (TORA)** and Young Israel of Fort Lee are sponsoring a two-part lunch and lecture series. Rabbi Zev Goldberg of Young Israel of Fort Lee will speak on "Eternal Impact – Six Defining Moments in Jewish History." The January lecture will take place at Congregation Beth Abraham, 396 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, and the February lecture will be held at Young Israel of Fort Lee, 1610 Parker Avenue, Fort Lee. The lecture following the luncheon will begin at 12:45 p.m. The cost for the January session is \$12 for those reserving by Thursday, January 11, and \$15 at the door. The second session will be free for those who make a reservation by February 1. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Michael Karlin, mkarlin@aol.com.

On Sunday, January 28, the **Jewish Federation** will hold its Super Sunday, its largest community telethon. For more information, go to www.jfnnj.org/supersunday or contact Laurie Siegel, 201-820-3956, Lauries@jfnnj.org.

COMMUNITY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

This Sunday, December 31, Yeshiva University's **Kollel Yom Rishon**, weekly free learning for men, will be held in Glueck 307 (515 West 185th Street, corner of Amsterdam Avenue), and its **Midreshet Yom Rishon**, weekly free learning for women, will be held in the Schottenstein Center (on West 185th Street, between Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenues). Both are open to participants of all ages, backgrounds, and learning levels, with no registration. This week, **Kollel Yom Rishon** will feature **Rabbi Dani Rapp** and **Rabbi Tanchum Cohen**, and **Midreshet Yom Rishon** will feature **Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank** and **Rachel Besser**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 a.m., the second at 10:30 a.m. For information or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, visit www.kollelyomrishon.org or www.midreshetyomrishon.org or call 212-960-0041.

On Thursdays, January 4 and 11, at 10:45 a.m., at Ma'ayanot, 1650 Palisade Avenue, Sarah Gordon, Ma'ayanot *Talmud* teacher, will offer a *shiur* on "Troubling Texts of the *Torah*: From *Sotah* to Slavery." Both men and women are welcome. For more information, contact Pam Ennis, ennisp@maayanot.org.

Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, presents **Torah in the AM** on Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:05 a.m. -- *Chavura* studying personalities in *Sefer Shemot*; 9:45 a.m. -- *Gemara Berakhot*, with Rabbi Menachem Meier; Thursdays: 10:45 a.m. -- *Rambam Mishneh Torah*, with Rabbi Menachem Meier. Tuesdays only: 11:00 a.m. -- *Tehillim* class with Rabbi Shalom Baum.

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Visit bethaaron.org/givingfund for more details or to pay *shul* obligations using this method.

ADVERTISING ON THE MONITOR IN THE SHUL LOBBY

Members and the community-at-large can take advantage of an opportunity to advertise their businesses on the monitor located in the *shul's* lobby. Currently used for *shul*-related events and community news, the monitor will provide "airtime" for advertisements that will be shown on a loop throughout the day, together with our *shul's* current happenings.

With the multitude of daily *minyanim*, weekly *shiurim* such as *Daf ha-Shavua* and *Daf Yomi*, and other programming from Lamdeinu and the *shul*, more than 400 members and guests travel through our lobby on a daily basis. What better way to have your business or product showcased daily to so many people?

For more information, our competitive introductory pricing, and instructions for taking advantage of this offer, please go to www.bethaaron.org/lobbyadvertising. Other questions can be directed to our *shul* office, office@bethaaron.org, or Josh Klavan, jklavan@gmail.com.

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