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Shana Tova from Beth Jacob Atlanta

The High Holidays are rapidly approaching! We are excited to be offering numerous services, programs, and classes to help you make the most of these High Holy Days. The High Holiday schedule can be found on pages 9 & 10. Please check out the upcoming classes and programs on pages 11 & 12. **From everyone here at Beth Jacob Atlanta, we wish you a sweet, healthy and happy New Year!**



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Celebrating 50 Years

December 12th, 2012 marks 50 years that Beth Jacob has occupied its home on the Lavista Road campus. We look forward to celebrating our Jubilee year together through various forums, gatherings and programs. Our kickoff event will take place on 12.12.12, the fifth night of Chanukah, as we not only celebrate our past, but prepare for our future. The evening will begin in the Main Shul where we will unveil the plans for the renovation of the Sanctuary, with presentations from Rabbi Emanuel reminding us of our humble beginnings, and Rabbi Ilan Feldman and Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich sharing the excitement of what lies ahead. Please join us afterward for a fun-filled evening of Chanukah celebration in Heritage Hall.

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See if you relate to this description.

You are a person who is never in the right place. Wherever you find yourself, you need to be somewhere else. You're at a party, but you need to be at work where people are waiting for you. While at work, you really need to be at home with your family. While on the Ferris wheel at an amusement park next to your child shouting with glee, your smart phone alarm rings, reminding you to take care of that deadline that passed two days ago. When you arrive at your destination for a short vacation with your spouse, the concierge greets you with an urgent message from your business partner telling you to get on the next plane for the other coast.

If any of this is familiar to you, it may be that you would benefit from any of several time management books and seminars I would recommend. Or it may be that you are a sensitive Jew making your way through Jewish life, in which case no amount of time management will help.

Take Rosh Hashanah, for example. It's the Jewish New Year, and we are told that decisions are being made about our very existence on that day. You are a believing and trusting Jew, so you approach the day with appropriate trepidation, and a determination to daven for yourself and your family. You open the machzor, and it mocks you. You search in futility for a place to ask G-d for anything personal. The machzor says to you, in so many words, "you think you came to Rosh Hashanah to worry about yourself? Stop your self-absorption, think about G-d, and celebrate the privilege of crowning Him as your Sovereign." So you fall in line, allowing the words of the liturgy to guide you. Just as you finish the morning service, the Machzor instructs you to declare, "Our Father, Our King, we have sinned before you!" "Our Father, our King, inscribe us in the Book of Life!" Dutiful Jew that you are, you bring yourself to contemplate your sins, and actually begin to think about self improvement. You start to settle on a personal initiative you will take, when mussaf begins, and you are rudely interrupted by the "text message" of Aleinu: to establish a world under the dynasty of Shaddai. "Forget about yourself. You're small fry in a big pan. Rosh Hashanah is not about you, anyway; it's about G-d." Spiritual whiplash indeed!

But you've been here before. You're used to this. You sat on the floor on Tisha B'Av, worked hard to develop some sensitivity to the plight of the Jewish people and its bitter exile. Just as you thought you successfully produced an authentic tear emerging from your left eye, your siddur accidentally opened to the haftarah of Shabbos Nachamu, the Shabbos of Comfort which follows Tisha B'av by mere hours or days. You furtively stole a few seconds from listening to Lamentations, much as a high school student reads the last chapter of a mystery novel before fulfilling his assignment to read chapter three, and you allowed the words of comfort, love, and redemption to affect you, even though it is a few days early for that. But then the person next to you uttered the last sentence of Eicha/Lamentations, in effect chastising you for allowing Isaiah's words of solace to penetrate, reminding you that you are in the wrong place, again!: "You have utterly rejected us, and are exceedingly angry against us." Again, you are in the wrong place.

It's not only the calendar. You don't need to be a rabbi to wonder if any emotional state will ever be appropriate for the moment. You come to shul to join your community in welcoming Shabbos on Friday night. The melody used for Lecho Dodi is particularly rousing to you, and you forget, for a moment, the mundane pressures of daily living and feel, for a moment, the joy and beauty of welcoming the Shabbos. You are proud to be a Jew, and you are moved to dance as you sing "Welcome, O Shabbos bride, Welcome O Shabbos bride." But before you return to your seat, the rabbi announces that a family which suffered the untimely passing of a loved one is joining the congregation. You sheepishly abandon your fleeting ecstasy about Shabbos as you formally offer them words of comfort, wondering why you weren't sensitive enough to think of the family three minutes ago while you were dancing with such joy.

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Occupy Spirit (continued from page 2)

It never stops: the seder with the bitter herbs and the matzoh of freedom; the desperate plea for life of “unesaneh tokef” followed by the joyous proclamation of G-d’s magnificence; the short hop from a shiva house to an engagement party. “You think you’re where you belong?” taunts life. “I’ll show you!”

So what is a wandering Jew to do? Can we ever securely place ourselves in any spiritual spot? Can we authentically experience anything, knowing, as we do, that we will religiously be told to feel something else when we get to where we are going?

The solution is to recognize that there is more than one realm. There is the physical realm, and then there is the realm of the spirit. The realm of the spirit is governed by different rules. Unlike physical location, it is actually possible to be in two spiritual places at the same time. Space has its limits, and it always comes with a partner called time. They ruthlessly govern only one domain—the physical. But they have no real meaning in the realm of spirituality. Spirituality’s partner is Eternity, which does not know time at all.

It’s not that the Jew has to live in two places at once. It’s that the Jew is invited to occupy two different realms at once. Our souls are sent to live in a physical world, and physics are governed by time and space, the two unforgiving dictators with which we are very familiar. But while here, we are required to keep one foot in our realm of origin, equally real, where space and time don’t rule. In this arena, contradictions of experience and emotion don’t exist. Here, there is only one governor: G-d Himself.

This is what allows us to move effortlessly from our past to our future in one Seder night; what allows us to experience the Temple Service on Yom Kippur even though the Temple is destroyed; what permits a Jew to see the rebuilding of Jerusalem before it is built; why Shabbos gives a Jew a taste of the World to Come while he lives in this world; what gave our grandparents the ability to sing about Moshiach on the way to Auschwitz.

We observe our Holy Days as physical creatures in a physical world. But we are invited to shift our weight onto the other foot, the one that has us standing in the world of spirituality, the world of Eternity. When we accept this invitation, our people gains the ability to be creative, to create life itself, and never to be victims of the circumstances of our history.



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Thank you for your donation for Jubilee benchers in honor of Jay Kessler’s birthday!

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Part 1 – We Know All About You

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich, Associate Rabbi

The following is Part 1 in what I hope will be a running series of episodes involving a fictitious character, Moshe the Lawyer, which I created last year while teaching a class on The Gates of Repentance, by Rabbeinu Yonah of Gerona (d. 1263). The subject of the work is Teshuva, Repentance, and the principles and steps necessary to achieve it. I discovered that an actual character living through the principles of the book was a far more effective method of teaching than simply listing the principles themselves. This series is my attempt to commit the lessons to writing. Each part contains an episode from Moshe's life, followed by a practical application.



Part 1 – We Know All About You

Moshe stood outside the prominent office building, looked up at the seemingly endless glass windows as they climbed into the early morning sunlight, and took a deep breath. "You had to take your first job with such a prestigious law firm?" he second guessed himself. "Why couldn't you just start off like everyone else, in a small firm, far away from the public spotlight? Who needs the pressure and high expectations?"

The Law Offices of Cohen, Greenberg and Goldberg were indeed well known for accepting high profile cases. All the lawyers on staff knew they would always be in the public's eye. Every move they made was analyzed; every mistake would be exploited.

Moshe straightened out his tie using the reflection off of the front door. "I'll tell you why you took this job," he said back to himself with conviction. "It's because you can do this! You were made for this! Ever since you graduated high school you have prepared and trained for a job just like this, and it is specifically in this type of environment that you will truly thrive and fulfill your potential.

"And I'll tell you something else", he said, pointing a knowing finger at his own reflection. "The big shot partners at Cohen, Greenberg and Goldberg believe in you. They've decided that you are the best man for the job!"

It was true. Moshe had been selected out of a pool of over 350 of the best and brightest law school graduates the country had to offer. On his desk back home, he had highlighted a line from the Firm's official offer letter to him: "We have thoroughly researched your qualifications and know exactly what you are capable of. Accordingly, you will be given many responsibilities and we expect you to succeed in all of them."

"Yeah, that's right", he said out loud to no one in particular. "I can and will succeed!"

With a burst of confidence, Moshe pushed through the doors and caught the elevator to the 7th floor.

"Man has been placed in a world where there are many elements that distance him from his Creator. He literally finds himself in the midst of a raging war, with tests surrounding him at every turn. If he succeeds, he not only elevates himself but elevates the whole world with him. If he fails, he not only fails himself, but the whole world fails with him. But this is indeed the purpose of all of creation: To fulfill the mitzvos, serve Hashem, and withstand all the tests life throws at us."

- Chapter 1, Path of the Just

Not unlike Moshe, we are thrown into the "Big Firm" of life. There is no hiding in a small or insignificant small town firm. Every day of our life matters; every move is watched and scrutinized under the Heavenly microscope. But lest we think that we're not qualified, that we can't possibly succeed in such a high pressured, high expectation environment, our Rabbis remind us exactly Who has placed us in the position we are in: The Creator himself, who knows us better than we know ourselves.

"It is true that You are their Creator and know their inclination and nature"

- High Holiday Machzor

Therefore, before even taking the first step in the Teshuva process, a Jew must understand two things: (1) We are indeed in a high pressure job. Eternity is at stake and life matters. We will face many difficult challenges in life, but it is only through those challenges that we can truly achieve that which we were created for. (2) The One who hired us knows exactly what we can handle and what we are capable of. The "research" has been done to guarantee that every test we are faced with and every challenge we're confronted with has been especially designed for us. There is an expectation that if we have been given a specific task it is because it is understood that we can succeed in it.

"We know exactly what you are capable of."



Thank You Bobby Weinmann and Host Families!

Harvey Steele, Executive Director

A well-known interpretation of the four species we take on Succos, lulav, esrog, hadassim, and aravah, states that each species represents a particular variety of Jew. The esrog, which has a good taste and good aroma, represents the Jew who studies Torah and does good deeds. The lulav, which tastes good but has no smell, represents the Jew who studies Torah but does not do good deeds. The hadas, which has a good aroma but no taste, stands for the Jew who does good deeds but does not study Torah. The aravah, which has neither taste nor smell, indicates the Jew who does not study Torah and does not have good deeds to his name.

One commentator says this describes four types of Jews who are coming together on Succos to pray for rain. Hashem responds that, rather than letting those who are deficient perish, He lets them be bound together in one unit to atone for each other's shortcomings.

Each Shabbos we can see a real life example of bringing together Jews from all walks of life in Beth Jacob's Hospitality Coordinator Bobby Weinmann. As you probably know, Rabbi Feldman introduces Bobby at the end of virtually every Shabbos evening and morning minyan, offering Bobby's services to connect those in need of a meal with those who have room at their table.

I am sure you can see in your mind's eye Bobby standing up at the front of the men's section of the main Shul, tall and proud, with a gleaming smile, wearing a white yarmulke and one of his signature ties, slowly rotating 360 degrees while giving the Queen Elizabeth wave.

In theory, the role of the Hospitality Coordinator is to connect out of town guests with meals. In practice, out of town guests represent only a small number of Bobby's placements. So who else is Bobby placing?

One group of guests consists of individuals who are not yet Shabbos observant and have found their way to Beth Jacob. Many times, Bobby is connecting people to their first Shabbos table experience. This is not merely providing someone with a meal. Bobby and these generous host families are having an impact on Jewish lives that is incalculable.



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Another group of guests are existing community members who wish to be included in a Shabbos meal at another family's home. Typically these individuals are single, divorced or widowed. Some are regulars on Bobby's placement list. The fact that a number of families host these individuals each week is a perfect example of the warm and welcoming environment for which Beth Jacob is known. As a member and as Executive Director, I am glad to see it continuing each week.

Bobby serves this significant role with a happy heart, grace and enthusiasm. But more importantly, he makes guests of Beth Jacob as well as members feel welcomed and cared for in our community. I would like to offer you the opportunity to open

your homes and serve as a host family. Not only will you, like Bobby, be providing a beautiful service to our community, I am sure you and your families will gain much from the experience.

Thank you Bobby and all of our host families, for ensuring that Beth Jacob Atlanta continues to be true to its mission of being a nurturing, continuously growing, spiritual, intellectual, social, and loving, synagogue-based community which encourages personal growth, and connects Jews of all backgrounds to each other and to G-d. You are an inspiration to us all!



HIGH HOLIDAY PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

High Holiday Packets have been mailed out to all members in good standing. If you have not received your packets, which contains High Holiday Passes, Childcare Registration Forms, Honor and Sponsorship Forms, and Schedules, please contact the Shul office at (404) 633-0551.



Preparing for Rosh Hashanah and the Jubilee

David Mitchell, Board of Trustees, President

On 12/12/12, we're planning to celebrate the Jubilee of the building of our main sanctuary, inaugurated on 12 December 1962. Although I was 10 years old, I have no memory of that momentous and sacred event. But this time, I have an excuse: I wasn't here! (For those of you who were here and remember it, please write me, as we are collecting historical memorabilia, including your memories.)

Before we get to December 12th, we must navigate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkos, Shemini Atzeres, and Simchas Torah.

Perhaps an approach to preparing for Rosh Hashanah can parallel our preparations for our Yovel (Jubilee). The High Holydays can be very inspiring, but can also be intimidating. Just as we can't just show up on December 12th and expect everything to be in place, we also cannot expect to simply "leap from the shower to shul and instantly feel holy" (as articulated by Rabbi Salomon, of Aish HaTorah). Obviously, we have to prepare ahead of time.

To facilitate inspiration, Rabbi Salomon and his wife went to see the Bushkill Falls in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Although billed as "the Niagara of Pennsylvania," the rabbi and his wife were not inspired initially. However, as they hiked up the trail to the top of the falls, they saw something that did move them:

"We were standing above the Falls. We were able to see where the water originated from. The water was just moving slowly through the woodland. It was, I guess, what you call a creek. The stones caused the water to disperse into scores of different channels, all moving ever so slowly towards the edge of the cliff. Without purpose; without direction. But then, the channels all kind of narrowed at that edge. And when the waters hit the edge they simultaneously came cascading over the natural rock formations in a rushing torrent. We stood there... fixated. Seeing just the Falls, we weren't particularly impressed. After all, we were expecting a Niagara-like experience. But watching the source and seeing how this Falls came to be was quite another story."

Rabbi Salomon points out that we often plan major changes for our "New Year resolutions."

"I want to lose 50 pounds."

"I want to finish the entire Talmud."

"I'm going to spend 90 minutes of quality time with my daughter every night."

As we all know, big changes are very hard to accomplish. Not that change is impossible, but we should take it in small steps. As the rabbi puts it, "You need a creek and a few stones. The water has to crawl and meander and slowly reach its destination. And then...when the time is right...it can crash and splash and whoosh and become something."

So let's move some water and stones slowly (but not too slowly—December's not far off!). Please contact Harvey Steele or Marcy Kalnitz. With participation by our literally hundreds of families and with help from HaShem, may we achieve a greater closeness to G-d through our prayers and our 50th celebration of our synagogue family.

Debbie joins me in wishing you a Shana Tova and a Sweet Jubilee!



Beth Jacob Legacy Fund

Zahava Kurland, Board of Trustees, Treasurer

As I write to you, the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund Board is hard at work getting ready to roll out the campaign to create our future together. With the Jubilee of our beloved synagogue in Toco Hills coming fast upon us, we are so very present to the gifts of community, Torah and purpose our predecessors have given to us. And, as we plan for the next, G-d willing, 50 and 100 years, years we plan for our children and children's children, we too are present to the effort, time and, yes, funds that we will commit so that there will exist the same warm, welcoming community for them, but with a difference. The Beth Jacob Legacy Fund will grow from legacies left by you indirectly for their benefit, no different than the legacies you leave directly for them.

We look forward to having conversations with you to hear what you are passionate about in our community and how you can make a difference for our future, together.





Auxiliary Groups

CEMETERY GUARDIANS

Burt Wittenberg & Andy Lewis, Co-Chairs

This year we introduced a new opportunity to sponsor a family bench in memory of a loved one. We want to thank everyone who has participated so far in our Annual Appeal this year.



If you have not yet given to our Annual Appeal, I encourage you to please support us. Please send your check made out to the Beth Jacob Cemetery Guardians to the Synagogue office. If you have any questions, please contact Burt Wittenberg at bwitt613@bellsouth.net or Andy Lewis at rlrsouth@aol.com. We look forward to your support in helping us fulfill this mitzvah.

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MEN'S CLUB



HANDS FREE PRAYING

The Beth Jacob Men's Club is selling beautiful solid wood book holders. They easily attach to the back of the pew or seat in front of you. Place your order early in time for the High Holidays. Please see Fred

Glusman or contact him at fredglus@comcast.net for more information or to order.

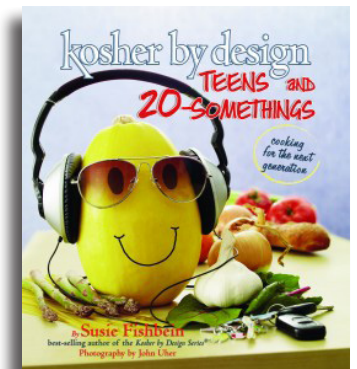
SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is revving up for its 2012-2013 year. The Sista's have some fabulous programs lined up for the fall, including:

- We will be kicking off September with our **Annual Dues Drive**. Sisterhood dues support our programs and sponsorships throughout the year. Yearly dues are \$36 or pay a onetime fee of \$250 and become a LIFETIME member and never have to pay a yearly bill again! Please call Sarah Faygie Berkowitz at (404) 343-3312 with any questions.
- We will be hosting **Susie Fishbein on Monday evening September 10th**. The cost of the evening is \$75 members/\$100 nonmembers. This "Rosh Hashanah with Susie" event will include dinner and a cooking demo with Susie Fishbein.
- We will be sponsoring kiddush in the Sukkah.
- We will be sponsoring baby sitting during the High Holidays.
- We will be selling beautiful floral arrangements for the High Holidays. Please contact Barbara Fisher at (404) 321-7723 with any questions.
- We will be donating generously to The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the High Holidays.
- We will be hosting **Ayelet Newman, The Kosher Comedienne**, once again, for our **Annual Silver Tea** event on **November 11th** at 11:00am.

Beth Jacob Sisterhood is a group of women of different ages, interests, and backgrounds. We invite you to join us and become one of us.

Please contact Jodi Wittenberg 404-325-4358 for any address/email corrections or changes.





Spotlight on New Members

Steve Levy, Board of Trustees, Membership

Hunter and Stacey McGee moved to Atlanta this summer from Raleigh, NC. They met during college at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and began deepening their knowledge and practice of Judaism when they got married. They are committed to continued Jewish growth, and this commitment is what ultimately led them to relocate to Atlanta. Since they have two daughters – Sheindel (age 6) and Shaina (age 8) – it was critical that they be able to send their daughters to a Jewish school. With the Jewish day school in Raleigh closing this year, the McGees decided that it was time for them to move to a bigger Jewish community. Hunter is a software consultant with SAS, a leader in statistical software, and Stacey works for Quintiles, the largest firm in clinical trials outsourcing. Since both of their companies have offices in Atlanta, they were able to relocate here while keeping their jobs, which was a very important advantage that Atlanta offered. Combined with Atlanta's excellent airport and its proximity to Raleigh – not to mention the warm welcome they received from Mrs. May at Torah Day School – Atlanta became the clear choice. They are excited that their children will attend Torah Day School and will be friends with other religious Jews. Hunter and Stacey appreciate the warm welcome they've received in the community, and look forward to meeting people and continuing to grow as Jews.

Scott and Jodie Italiaander joined Beth Jacob last year at the time they got married and are now celebrating their first anniversary. Scott, who already has six children, had been a long-time member (and past president) at Congregation Ariel in Dunwoody, and Jodie, who also has six children, had just relocated to Toco Hills after having lived in Alpharetta. Scott moved to Atlanta after completing law school at the University of Georgia and practiced law for 15 years. He now works as a financial planner. Jodie has worked as a teacher and, after taking a hiatus from the classroom to focus on raising her family, is returning to teaching this year as a resource room instructor at TDSA. Jodie's kids are: Aidel, who will be a 12th-grader at a girls school in Florida; Shoshana, who will be a 10th-grader at Temima High School; Moshe, who will be an 8th-grader at TDSA; Esther, who will be a 5th-grader at TDSA; Eli, who will be a 2nd-grader at TDSA; and Arye, who will be a kindergartner at TDSA. Scott's children are: Joseph, who attends the University of Alabama; 19-year-old twins Simon and Michelle, who just returned from a year-long NCSY program in Israel – Simon will be studying in Yeshiva Lev HaTorah in Beit Shemesh and Michelle will be attending Goucher College; Isaac, who will be an 11th-grader at Weber High School; Sam, who will be a 9th-grader at Yeshiva Atlanta; and Josh, who will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah next month. They are building a house in the neighborhood and look forward to getting settled in their new home. In case you are wondering about the name Italiaander (as I was), it is Dutch for "the Italian" – a reference to the fact that Scott's family emigrated from Italy to Holland in the 1600s. While Scott appreciates the many minyanim and learning opportunities in Toco Hills, he is still getting used to living in a larger community in which he doesn't know everyone by name. Scott told me, "I like Beth Jacob, I like the people and I'd like to get to know more of them."

Welcome!



Kiddush Update

Harvey Steele, Executive Director

Recently, several members approached me separately about making improvements to the main Shabbos morning Kiddush in Heritage Hall. This is the standard Kiddush sponsored by donations made to the Norman Raab Kiddush fund. These members wanted to make positive changes to the Kiddush which included providing healthy options along with the usual sweets and cake.

A meeting was held with the concerned members along with members of our hard working Kiddush committee to discuss how to make the Kiddush the best we can for all of our membership. After a fun and lively discussion, we all agreed that we would add healthy alternatives such as vegetables, fruit, and other healthy snacks along with the cake and sweets. The committee also agreed to offer iced tea, lemonade and water instead of soda.

The first "new" unsponsored Kiddush was served in July. Thank you to our Kiddush makeover team: Dr. Sarah Banks, Sheila Bleich, Sybil Goldstein, Rita Marokko, Gail Raab, and Doreen Wittenberg. We hope you are pleased with the new food and drink assortment. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or comments.





High Holidays at Beth Jacob Atlanta

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 8

Pre-Selichos Program with Rabbi Avi Kahn.....	11:00 PM
Selichos Service	12:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Shacharis (DM) (preceded by Selichos at 6:15 AM)	7:00 AM
Shacharis (DM) (preceded by Selichos in the Kollel at 7:15 AM).....	8:00 AM
Shacharis (DM) (<i>no Selichos</i>)	8:45 AM

REGULAR WEEKDAY SELICHOS

Mon-Fri, Sept 10 – 14 (DM & K)	25 minutes before Shacharis
Sun, Sept 16 (Erev Rosh Hashanah)	6:00 & 7:45 AM (DM)/7:00 AM (K)
Wed, Sept 19 (Fast of Gedaliah)	6:20 AM (DM) & 6:50 AM (K)
Thurs/Fri/Sun/Mon, Sept 20,21,23,24 (DM&K)	30 minutes before Shacharis
Tues, Sept 25 (Erev Yom Kippur) (DM&K)	20 minutes before Shacharis

EREV ROSH HASHANAH • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Chatzos (Halachic Midday)*	1:31 PM
<i>*some have the custom of fasting on Erev Rosh Hashanah until halachic midday</i>	
Candle Lighting	7:23 PM
Mincha (MS & K)	7:25 PM

ROSH HASHANAH • MONDAY & TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

Shacharis (MS & K)	7:30 AM
Late Minyan (DM)	8:00 AM
Torah Reading (MS)	9:30 AM
Sermon (MS)	10:00 AM
Shofar & Mussaf (MS)	approximately 10:30 AM
Class with Rabbi Reuven Stein (MS)	6:15 PM
Mincha Monday evening, Sept 17 (MS)	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting Monday evening, Sept 17	no earlier than 8:15 PM
Mincha Tuesday evening, Sept 18, (MS)	7:15 PM
Yom Tov ends	8:15 PM
<i>Tashlich is performed the afternoon of first day of Rosh Hashanah, Sept 17, see Artscroll Siddur pg 770</i>	

FAST OF GEDALIAH • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Fast begins	6:11 AM
Shacharis (DM) (preceded by Selichos at 6:25 AM)	7:00 AM
Shacharis (K) (preceded by Selichos at 6:55 AM)	7:30 AM
Mincha (MS)	7:05 PM
Maariv (MS)	7:40 PM
Fast Ends	8:13 PM

SHABBOS SHUVAH • SEPTEMBER 22

Shacharis (All Minyanim in the Main Shul)	8:45 AM
Early Shabbos Mincha (DM)	4:00 & 5:00 PM
Special Shabbos Shuvah Lecture with Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman	6:00 PM
Mincha (MS)	7:00 PM
Maariv (MS)	no earlier than 8:08 PM
Shabbos Ends	8:08 PM
Late Maariv (K)	8:18 PM

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HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDCARE



Thanks to **Beth Jacob Sisterhood**, we have two different options for Childcare during the High Holidays.

For **children ages 3-7**, there will be the popular My Gym program. We are bringing this program back by popular demand after it's success last year.

Childcare for boys and girls grades 2-5 is available and includes an interactive 1½ hour session with a Dynamic Youth Leader and takes place during Mussaf services in the Main Sanctuary.

ALL childcare is available only to those with High Holiday passes and who are pre-registered and prepaid for childcare.

To register for childcare, go online to bethjacobatlanta.org/Upcoming_Holiday.php or pick up a form in the Shul office. Forms must be completed and returned with payment by September 10. We regret that we cannot accept drop-ins.





High Holidays at Beth Jacob Atlanta (continued from page 9)

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (continued)

KOL NIDRE • TUESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 25

Early Mincha (DM)..... 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 5:30 PM
Candle Lighting..... 7:11 PM
Kol Nidre Service (MS & K) 7:15 PM

YOM KIPPUR • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Shacharis (MS, DM, K)..... 8:30 AM
Yizkor and Sermon (MS) 12:00 PM
Mussaf (MS) 12:45 PM
Mincha (MS) 4:45 PM
Neilah (following Mincha)(MS)..... approximately 6:20 PM
Fast Ends/Shofar (followed by Maariv) no earlier than 8:03 PM

BETH JACOB HIGH HOLIDAY LEARNERS' SERVICE: ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR

Heritage Hall..... 11:00 AM

Location Key: (CR) Conference Room, (BR) Board Room, (DM) Daily Minyan,
(K) Kollel, (MS) Main Shul

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, October 21st: New Member BBQ

Come meet and greet new members of Beth Jacob! Further information to follow.

Tuesday, October 9th: Our Annual Simchat

Torah Luncheon will take place following services.
Further information to follow.



Beth Jacob Atlanta High Holiday Learners' Service

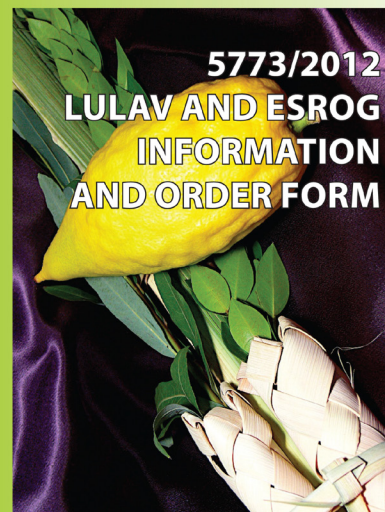
It's friendly, accessible, run by our "Men in Black" and cool real and fake Rabbis - With fewer prayers, more perspectives, inspiring stories, interactive Q&A and more. Led by Rabbi David Silverman (Real Rabbi with Atlanta Scholars Kollel) and Mr. Matt Lewis (Genuine Fake Rabbi).

Located in Beth Jacob's Heritage Hall from 11:00am-1:30pm.

Questions? Contact the Shul Office at (404)633-0551.

HIGH HOLIDAY PASSES

High Holiday passes for visitors and guests can be purchased through the Shul office for a suggested donation of \$180. **Student Passes:** University students may come to the Shul office with their school ID to receive a High Holy Day pass in advance.



All orders are examined and certified kosher by an ASK Rabbi

Please note new procedures this year
ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

THREE LEVEL OPTIONS:

- ❶ \$52 - STANDARD SET
- ❷ \$67 - DELUXE SET
- ❸ \$82 - MEHUDAR SET

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TWO ASSEMBLY OPTIONS:

- ❶ PREASSEMBLED - STANDARD OR DELUXE ONLY
 - ❷ DO IT YOURSELF ASSEMBLY - STANDARD, DELUXE, MEHUDAR
- Standard/Deluxe - workshop \$5/family
Mehudar - Do it yourself or free workshop



Learn how to choose and assemble your lulav and esrog set in this educational one-hour workshop.

All participants will assemble their own set under the guidance of an ASK rabbi.

TWO PICK-UP LOCATION OPTIONS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

- ❶ CONGREGATION BETH JACOB
1855 LAVISTA ROAD
Preassembled Heritage Hall 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Educational Workshop Downstairs Youth Lounge 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Mehudar Downstairs Board Room 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- ❷ CONGREGATION ARIEL
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Preassembled only Social Hall 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Upcoming Classes & Programs

Alei Shur Chaburah

Yomim Noraim Preparation

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Monday nights, August 27th, September 3, 10, 24, 9:00 pm / Kollel Franco Room / For Men

This 4 part series will transform your Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur experience. Based on Rav Shlomo Wolbe's masterful Alei Shur, we will probe the inner workings of our mind and soul to prepare to crown our Creator. Each week will include selected readings as well as homework assignments to be completed in between sessions.

Selichos Program

Rabbi Ari Kahn

Motzei Shabbos, September 8th, Selichos Program at 11:00pm, followed by Selichos at Midnight / Heritage Hall / For Men & Women

BENA Pre-Rosh Hashanah Ladies Get-together

Mrs. Esther Pransky

Shabbos afternoon, September 15th / At the Pransky home, 1289 Bramble / For Women

Join Mrs. Pransky for this annual opportunity to prepare for Rosh Hashanah, hear an inspiring class and have a chance to meet some of the new ladies who have moved to town.

Unlocking the Machzor

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Thursday, September 13th (Rosh Hashanah); Sunday, September 23rd (Yom Kippur), 8:00 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

It may be unfamiliar, daunting and seemingly endless, but the High Holiday Machzor actually contains all of the fundamental aspects of both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Freundlich will highlight the various themes and concepts to prepare and focus our attention during these significant days. Bring your Machzor – you will look forward to using it!

Rabbi Frand's Annual Teshuva Drasha (Video Broadcast)

Rabbi Yissacher Frand

Thursday, October 6th, 8:00 pm / Heritage Hall / For Men & Women / \$5 dollars at the door

Leil Hoshana Rabba

Motzei Shabbos, October 6th / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

Hoshana Rabba, the seventh and last day of Sukkos, is known through the Sages as the conclusion of judgment which began on Rosh Hashanah. Numerous customs are observed on this day as a result of its solemn Yom Kippur-like character: Seven circuits are made around the Bima with the lulav and esrog, the aravah bundle is beaten, the chazzan wears a white kittel, and much of the davening follows a Yom Tov schedule. There is also a widespread custom to stay up all night studying Torah! Join Rabbi Pransky for a two part program beginning at 9:00 pm with a shiur in the Beis Medrash, followed by Chai Peking sponsored melava malka and a second shiur in the Sukkah. The Beis Medrash will remain open for all night learning!

Eternal Lights in the Night: Tracing the Spiritual Dedication Inherent in the Chanukah Lights from the Mishkan, to the Greeks, and into Our Homes Today

Dena Knoll

Shabbos, November 17

Dena Knoll is the Educational Director of Midreshet AMIT at Beit Haeled in Jerusalem, a unique program combining intensive Jewish studies together with service as "big sisters" to the children in foster care at AMIT. After graduating as Valedictorian from Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women and earning her Master's in Tanach from the Bernard Revel Graduate School, Mrs. Knoll taught for 8 years in Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls in Teaneck, New Jersey, and since moving to Israel in 2010, has taught in Midreshet Lindenbaum, Nishmat, AMIT Bellows Ulpanat Noga, as well as Matan Beit Shemesh. She received the prestigious GrinspoonSteinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education in 2006, lectures to adult audiences on a wide range of topics, and has published numerous scholarly articles in her various areas of expertise. (And she just happens to be Rabbi Y's younger sister.)



Upcoming Classes & Programs (continued from page 11)

SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE



Rabbi Ari Kahn

Shabbos, September 8, 2012

Applying psychology, literature and Jewish history to the understanding of esoteric midrashim and the Zohar, Rabbi Kahn combines the mystical explorations of kabbala and chassidism with a highly-intellectual and broadminded approach to Torah study. He has lectured worldwide, is a featured author on Aish.com (with a readership in excess of 10,000) and has published four books, *Explorations* and *Emanations*, and two volumes of *Echoes of Eden*, featuring in-depth analyses of the weekly Parsha and Holidays. Rabbi Kahn received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University's RIETS where he studied with Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, is Director of Foreign Student Programs at Bar-Ilan University in Israel where he also is a senior lecturer, and is Vice President of Migdal Ohr Institutions in Israel. He has lived in Israel since 1984 with his wife Naomi and 5 children.



Bostoner Rebbe

Shabbos, October 10, 2012

Grand Rabbi Mayer Alter Horowitz, the Bostoner Rebbe of Yerushalayim, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and educated in the Yeshivas of Ponovitch (in Bnei Brak) and Lakewood, NJ. The Rebbe spent 20 years in Boston under the tutelage of his father, Grand Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Horowitz z'l, developing the community of Bostoner Chassidim before making Aliya in 1989, settling in Har Nof. Following the passing of his father in 2009, Rabbi Mayer Alter assumed the mantle of leadership of Bostoner Chassidim in Israel, while his two brothers lead the New York and Boston communities. An insightful, warm, compassionate and understanding leader, The Rebbe is known for his individual connections to each of his chassidim and his passion to spread Torah.

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The preschool has been blooming with fun this summer at Camp Bee Jay! The campers enjoyed an unprecedented seven weeks of camp programming filled with exciting activities with our experienced morahs. Each themed week was rich in child-directed arts and crafts, science and discovery, and music and movement. A few of the extra special highlights were pony rides, Big Thinkers Science Show, the petting zoo, a preschooler construction zone, and Mr. Greg's Reptile Road Show. Our older campers had a great time on field trips to Lego Discovery Center and tours of the Peachtree Dekalb Airport hangar and the Krispy Kreme bakery. A weekly music specialist, drama teacher, and Playball coach rounded out a rewarding experience for every camper!



Throughout the school year our students have planted, nurtured, and observed the growth in our vegetable garden. Our campers were thrilled this summer to taste the fruits of their labor! It was delightful to share in the children's pride and enthusiasm for snacking on cucumbers, green beans, and tomatoes they picked themselves.



This past year our teachers implemented the Project Approach method of learning in the preschool. Through this approach the morah is regarded as a researcher, facilitator, and guide. Topics of learning are child-inspired and relevant to a child's world. The morah's goal is to enhance children's ability to learn and construct a personal understanding of the world around them. When children learn how to learn, they can approach any new situation with confidence and curiosity. Over the summer our teachers have been busy reading the book *Reflecting Children's Lives*, planning lessons to enhance our child-centered curriculum, and researching avenues to increase the already warm and vibrant home-away-from-home atmosphere for which Beth Jacob Preschool is already known.

We are looking forward to inviting friends and family into our school on a frequent basis during the year, starting with the first ever 'Boo Hoo(ray) Breakfast' for new and returning preschool parents. Those celebrating the momentous occasion of their child's first day of school will have the opportunity to dry their eyes with the fellowship of moms and dads who have been there before!



Summer may be coming to a close but the love and learning in our preschool continues to bloom all year long! A few spaces remain for enrollment in the upcoming school year. Please contact Mindy Tanenbaum, Preschool Director, at 678-244-6649 or mtanenbaum@bethjacobatlanta.org for a tour and more information.





BIRTHS

- **Dr. Mitchell & Kristina Blass** on the birth of a son, Joshua Edward.
- **Rabbi David & Laura Bogart and Art and Robin Saul** on the birth of their grandson, **Shlomo Akiva**, born to **Avi & Menucha Bogart**; and to great-grandparents, **Larry & Eleanor Bogart**.
- **Rabbi Yerachmiel & Michal Donowitz** on the birth of a grandson, born to Yisrael & Simi Donowitz in Jerusalem.
- **Dr. Diane Farhi** on the birth of a grandson born to Rabbi Yosef & Shira Adinoff in Israel.
- **Rabbi Ilan & Miriam Feldman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Yocheved, born to Avraham Chaim Leib & Tsiporah Feldman in Baltimore, MD; and to great-grandparents, **Rabbi Emanuel & Estelle Feldman**.
- **Janie Feldman** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Robby & Dara Grossman in Israel.
- **Rabbi Binyomin & Dena Friedman** on the birth of a granddaughter to Avi and Bracha Basya Oberstein.
- **Rabbi Menashe & Randee Goldberger** on the birth of their granddaughter, Ahuva, born to Yaakov & Tova Zehnwirth.
- **Dr. Michael & Rhonda Graiser** on the birth of their granddaughter, Chaya Tzirel, born to Eli & Esther Graiser of Cleveland, OH, and to great-grandfather, Theodore Hilsenrath
- **Adam & Robyn Grossblatt** on the birth of their son, **Nechemia Aryeh**, and to grandmother **Ruby Grossblatt**.
- **Rabbi Moshe & Leah Hiller** on the birth of a grandson, born to Shalom and Chaya Yachnes.
- **Ben & Jacquie Hirsch** on the birth of their great-grandson, Eitan, born to Shalom & Tamar Mayorkes in Jerusalem, and to grandparents Barnea & Shoshana Selvan.
- **Rabbi Shmuel & Helen Khoshkerman** on the birth of the grandson, Meir, born to Rachmim & Miriam Ohavim in Israel.
- **Yisrael & Adina Killian** on the birth of their son, **Yehuda Zev**.
- **Jerry & Susan Pepper** on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah Miriam,

born to Chaim Shlomo & Esther Rachel Greenberg in Brooklyn, NY.

- **Rabbi Norman & Lydia Schloss** on the birth of their grandson, Moshe Chaim, born to Neal & Sara Davis in Teaneck, NJ.
- **Shalom & Tzippy Teller** on the birth of their son, **Eitan Moshe**, and to grandparents **Rabbi Norman & Lydia Schloss**.
- **Rabbi Eliyahu & Sara Nechama Tendler** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Moshe Eliezer & Ruchoma Sadwin in Jerusalem.
- **Frank & Gail Vexler** on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Coleman, born to Ron & Heidi Einhorn.
- **Dr. Michael & Yael Wolf** on the birth of their daughter, **Yekira Bella**.
- **Dr. Barry & Jennifer Yaffe** on the birth of a granddaughter born to Shalom Tuvia & Sara Malka Gordon in Ramat Eshkol.
- **Steve Zuckerman** on the birth of his granddaughter, Malka Rachel, born to Rabbi Yisrael Yaakov & Sarah Zuckerman in Neve Yaakov.

ENGAGEMENTS

- **Larry & Deborah Beck** on the engagement of their son, Yochanan, to Adina Hennessey, daughter of Gavi & Chani Hennessey.
- **Abe & Faye Esral** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Shira Leah, daughter of David & Poey Esrael of Passaic, NJ, to Menachem Gelley, son of Rabbi & Mrs. Raphael Gelley of Cleveland, OH.
- **Michal Esral** on the engagement of daughter, Tehila, to Yaakov Milch, son of Fishel & Leah Milch of Pittsburgh, PA; and to Tehila's grandparents, **Abe & Faye Esral**.
- **Lisa Ezoory** on the engagement of son, Meir (Max), to Chava Faena of Brooklyn, NY.
- **Drs. I.J. & Adina Jagoda** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Ahuva Rafael, daughter of Shalom and Vered Rafael, to Elran Shemesh of Brooklyn, NY.
- **Nathaniel Klein** on his engagement to Rachel Leah Berman of Montreal, and to

Nathaniel's parents, **Dr. Jared & Rusty Klein**.

- **Michael & Dr. Dianne Leader** on the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Joel Feldman, son of Malka Robinson of Daytona Beach, FL and the late Simon Feldman.
- **Chaim & Dana Rubin** on the engagement of their daughter, **Freda**, to Moshe Sanders, son of Rabbi Yitzchak & Hadassah Sanders of Baltimore, MD.
- **Dr. Alan Sloan & Linda Sheffield** on the engagement of their daughter, Aliza, to Jacob Gordon, son of David & Elana Gordon.
- **Dr. Tom & Judy Spira** on the engagement of their son, Moshe, to Chavi Blumenfrucht, daughter of Nachum & Chancy Blumenfrucht of Brooklyn, NY.
- **Rabbi Reuven & Rachel Stein** on the engagement of their daughter, Bassy, to Chaim Gresak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gresak of New Brunswick, NJ.

WEDDINGS

- **Brad Cook** on his marriage to Cyndi Lazarus Carr.
- **Dr. Aaron & Devorah Feldman** on the marriage of their daughter, Adina, to Dr. Yosef Zelinger.

CONDOLENCES

- **Jan Cohen** on the loss of her mother, Lillian Engel Buchstane, z"l.
- **The family of Moshe Esral, z"l.**
- **Rabbi Yaakov Fleshel** on the loss of his father, Itzhak Fleshel, z"l.
- **The family of Dora Katz, z"l.**
- **Rabbi Michoel Lipschutz** on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Lipschutz, z"l.
- **Si Londe** on the loss of his brother, Paul Londe, z"l.
- **The family of Rouhallah Nahai, z"l.**
- **Susan Schiller** on the loss of her mother, Lillian Engel Buchstane, z"l.
- **Steve Zuckerman** on the loss of his wife, **Marilyn Zuckerman, z"l.**

NEW MEMBERS

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NEW MEMBERS

- **David Emerson**
P.O. Box 567055



Thank you to our Donors!

IN HONOR OF

- **Arnie Beskind:** Joey & Kay Fink
- **Avraham & Chana Ehrenzweig** on her engagement of their son, **Yosef Meir:** Andrew & Sydney Lewis & family
- **Rabbi Ilan & Miriam Feldman:** Joel Sirower
- **Rabbi Yaakov & Hannah Fleshel:** Morris & Rita Wisotsky
- **Fred Glusman:** Jay & Mindy Cinnamon, Monica Katz
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- **Nathaniel Klein** on his engagement: Sharon Lichtenthal
- **The Andy Lewis family:** Christopher & Jennifer Hall
- **Steven Lubel:** Larry & Myrna Klinger
- **Drs. David & Devorah Mitchell:** Paul & Meta
- **Bill & Tanya Robbins, Dasi Lenore & Meira** on their achievements: Harry & Jean Robbins
- **David & Elizabeth Schoen:** Robert & Lynn Dashevsky
- **Rabbi Norman & Lydia Schloss** on their Simchas: Jay & Mindy Cinnamon
- **Jerry Siegel** on his Special Birthday: Herb Mendel & Lois Berch, Lee Mendel
- **Dr. Tom & Judy Spira** on the engagement of their son Moshe
- **Rabbi Reuven Stein:** Varda Liba (Wendy) Saul
- **Frank & Gail Vexler** on the birth of their grandson: Drs. David & Deborah Mitchell
- **Michael & Yael Wolf** on the birth of their daughter, **Yekira Bella:** Raanon & Erica Gal

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- **Hy Auerbach:** Arnold & Esther Zipperman
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IN MEMORY OF

- **Lillie Engel Buchstone:** Dr. Allan & Sheila Bleich
- **Sam Carson:** Phil & Liane Levetan, Sharon Lichtenthal
- **Rabbi Mordechai Cohen's mother:** Drs. David & Deborah Mitchell
- **Dora Katz:** Beth Jacob Women's Tehillim Group, Harriet Cortell, Deena Koniver
- **Rabbi Yaakov Fleshel's father:** Drs. David & Deborah Mitchell
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NCSY

Atlanta NCSY had an incredible year, reaching over 1,300 teens through 300 local events! NCSY's team of Yeshiva Atlanta students competed against 20 yeshiva high school teams from around the country in the prestigious national JUMP tournament. NCSY's YA team won first place, being voted the best teen program in the country.

Over 300 teens at over a dozen JSU Public School Clubs took part in the important mitzvah of bikur cholim (caring for those who are sick). The teens gathered together to make decorative pillowcases for children attending Chai Lifeline's Camp Simcha, a camp for Jewish children suffering from terminal illnesses and cancer. As the teens hand-decorated the pillowcases, Rabbi Chaim Neiditch led a

discussion of why sometimes bad things happen to good people. During the discussion, many of the participants shared personal stories of what it had been like for them to deal with sick family members. Nonetheless, the overall mood at these events was positive, as all participants were overjoyed to be able to use their decorative talents to do something meaningful to help bring smiles to the faces of children struggling with illnesses.

NCSY launched Latte and Learning. Latte and Learning is a program held on alternating Sunday nights at the NCSY Teen Center. Teens hang out, enjoy the amenities of the Teen Center, and are treated to inspirational Jewish classes from a variety of Jewish leaders. Public school and Yeshiva students engage in deep conversations about meaningful topics they want to discuss. This transformative program has provided access to different rabbanim so that teens can gain perspective on relevant Jewish topics. Food is always served, and as with all local NCSY programs in Atlanta, it is free.

We are looking forward to another amazing year! For more information about NCSY contact Rabbi Chaim Neiditch call 404.486.8787, email rcn@ncsy.org, or visit our website www.ncsyatlanta.com.

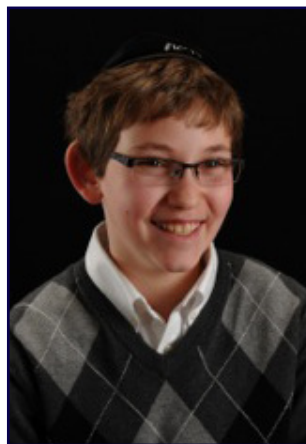


Boy Scout Troop 613

Torah Day School Scout Troop 613, for boys of all ages, has been very busy hiking, biking, swimming, rock-climbing, camping out, canoeing, barbecuing, building the BJ sukkah, davening, learning, locking-in and publicizing summer scout camp, all under the direction of Avraham Warga. For more information contact Mr. Warga at 404-806-1446.



Bar/Bas Mitzvah Announcements



Daniel Filreis, son of Ellen & Stephen Filreis will be celebrating his bar mitzvah on November 3rd, 2012, Shabbos Parshas Vayeira.

Interested in sharing your child's upcoming bar or bas mitzvah? Email a photo and the information to kyaschik@bethjacobatlanta.org.



Outdoor Classroom

After 10 years of dedicated service, Beth Jacob Preschool Director, Dr. Rebecca Oberman, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the ML4 Foundation. An Outdoor Classroom is being dedicated in her honor. Plans include seating areas with a canopy and tables for drawing and sketching, a Biblical garden with trees and plants named in the Torah, and various vegetable and herb garden beds. This lasting experiential learning space provides a fitting tribute for Rebecca's years of dedicated service for it represents the very model of learning that Rebecca appreciated and encouraged.



We hope you will join us in this effort to initiate construction on the outdoor classroom with a gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 towards this short-term summer campaign. You can donate online at bethjacobatlanta.org/Donations.php and earmark your donation for the BJ Preschool Outdoor Classroom, or mail your donation with "Outdoor Classroom" on the memo line. Details about a ribbon cutting ceremony will be coming in the next few weeks and we hope you will join us for this exciting occasion. Thank you!

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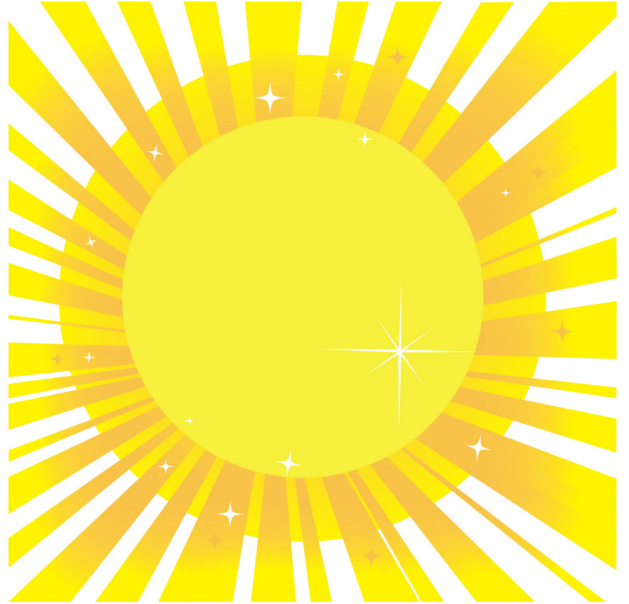
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Sefarim B'Shana Program ***The Great Jewish Books Course***

Explore 25 Monumental Jewish Works and Their Lasting Impact on the Jewish People

The perfect follow up to Tanach B'Shana: A journey to understand the Great Jewish Works that have linked the completion of Tanach to where we are today! This course for men and women will survey 25 of the most influential books in Jewish history, covering topics such as the Development of Jewish Law, Philosophy, Mussar, Kaballah, Chassidus, and 20th Century scholars. Beginning with the Sages of the Talmud and concluding with modern times, each individual class will focus on the major themes, biographical sketches and historical context of the books and authors that have shaped the Jewish nation.

Course Highlights

- Each weekly session covers one (or two) works in an hour and a half.
- Every session is accompanied by a handout that includes a class outline, selections from the week's Book, and relevant maps and charts.
- Classes involve studying traditional texts (available in Hebrew and English), the investigation of key themes and the presentation of avenues for further study.
- Classes are recorded and available online so registered students can make up missed sessions.

Outstanding Teachers

We are once again excited to offer a wide ranging slate of noted educators to present each session: Beth Jacob's own Rabbis Ilan D. Feldman and Yechezkel Freundlich will be joined by Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Emanuel Feldman; Rabbis Doniel Pransky, David Silverman and Binyomin Friedman of the Atlanta Scholars Kollel; Rabbi Mayer Neuberger of Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael; Rabbi Lee Buckman of the Greenfield Hebrew Academy; Rabbi Naphtali Hoff of Torah Day School; Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger, Professor of Jewish Studies at Emory University; and Rabbi Asher Yablok of Yeshiva Atlanta.

We are especially pleased to announce the unique opportunity to hear Rabbi Emanuel teach about the lives of 3 Great Rabbis he personally had relationships with (the date of his presentation is subject to change).

Course Fee and Registration

The course fee for all 23 classes is \$100 for Beth Jacob members and \$150 for non-members. There is a special student rate of \$50. Individual classes are \$18. The course fee is payable by credit card (via phone or our website) or by check payable to Congregation Beth Jacob, and must be received by Friday, September 28th (the Friday after Yom Kippur). An additional \$25 will be assessed to participants after this time. To register for the course, or to find out more information, please contact Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich at rabbiy@bethjacobatlanta.org or 404-633-0551 ext 243.

Time and Location

Sefarim B'Shana will take place at Congregation Beth Jacob on Monday nights, beginning Monday, October 22nd (a week after Sukkos). All classes will begin promptly at 7:45 pm and end at approximately 9:15 pm. The 23 session course will conclude on Monday, May 6th, and will be celebrated with a siyum lunch the following week on the Second day of Shavuot, Thursday, May 16th.

Dedication Opportunities

Individual classes are available for sponsorship in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the weekly shabbos flyer and announced at each class. Sponsorships are \$180 per class. Please contact Rabbi Freundlich.

Sefarim Tour To Israel/Europe

We are currently exploring the option of a tour to Israel and Europe at the conclusion of the course to explore many of the locations we will be learning about. Please contact Rabbi Freundlich if you are interested in more information about this exciting trip.

The Sefarim B'Shana Program: Dedicated In Honor of the Woman of Valor in Our Community

This year's Sefarim B'Shana course has been dedicated in recognition of Beth Jacob's many Women of Valor. Over the past 50 years, our community has been blessed with talented, dedicated and caring women who have selflessly given of their time, energy and abilities to help nurture Beth Jacob into what it is today. Thank you to Beth Jacob members Ben & Sheryl Blatt, Si & Marsha Londe, and Allan & Roberta Scher for joining together in dedicating this series to highlight and acknowledge the Women of Valor in our community for their invaluable role and their many contributions, those that the public sees and so many others that take place behind the scenes.

Each of the five sections of this course has been designated to recognize a different facet of Beth Jacob's Women of Valor. Whether as rebbetzins, educators, officers of organizations, volunteers, or as agents of endless kindness and hospitality, these women have been the backbone of our community in every way. Words of recognition will be shared at the beginning of each section; individual classes are also available for sponsorship.

Class Schedule

Chazal - Sages of the Talmud (~300 BCE - 500 CE) *Honoring our Rebbetzins*

October 22, 2012	Introduction	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
October 29, 2012	Mishna	Rabbi Doniel Pransky
November 5, 2012	Talmud Bavli and Yerushalmi	Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman
November 12, 2012	Midrash Aggadah	Rabbi Binyomin Friedman

Rishonim/Early Commentators (1000 - 1400) *Honoring our Educators*

November 19, 2012	Rashi	Rabbi Naphtali Hoff
November 26, 2012	Ramban (Nachmanides)	Rabbi Mayer Neuberger
December 3, 2012	Rif/Rosh/Tur (Early Halachists)	Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman
December 10, 2012	Rambam - Mishneh Torah	Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger
December 17, 2012	Rambam - Moreh Nevuchim (Guide to the Perplexed)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
January 7, 2013	Chovos HaLevavos/Shaarei Teshuva (Duties of the Heart/Gates of Repentance)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
January 14, 2013	Kuzari	Rabbi David Silverman

Achronim/Later Commentaries (1400 - 1700) *Honoring our Officers of Organizations*

January 21, 2013	Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law)	Rabbi Doniel Pransky
January 28, 2013	Responsa	Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman

Kabbalah, Mussar, Chassidus and the Yeshiva Movement (1600-1900) *Honoring our Volunteers*

February 4, 2013	Zohar, R' Moshe Cordevero / AR"i / R' Chaim Vital	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
February 11, 2013	Maharal	Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman
February 25, 2013	Mesillas Yesharim (Path of the Just)	Rabbi Asher Yablok
March 4, 2013	Baal Shem Tov / Toldos Yaakov Yosef / Baal HaTanya	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
March 11, 2013	Nefesh HaChaim (Rav Chaim of Volozhin)	Rabbi Binyomin Friedman
March 18, 2013	Ohr Yisrael (Reb Yisrael Salanter)	Rabbi Mayer Neuberger

The 20th Century *Honoring our Agents of Kindness and Hospitality*

April 8, 2013	Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch	Rabbi Naphtali Hoff
April 22, 2013	Mishna Berura (Chofetz Chaim)	Rabbi Lee Buckman
April 29, 2013	Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
May 6, 2013	Rav Moshe Feinstein / Rav Ahron Kotler / Rav Y.B. Soloveitchik	Rabbi Emanuel Feldman

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Schedule of Services

Friday	Parshas	Early Candle Lighting	Candle Lighting	Early Friday Mincha	Friday Mincha	Shabbos Mincha	Shabbos Ends	Weekday Mincha
Aug 17	Re'eh	6:58PM	8:03PM	6:45PM	8:05PM	7:40PM	8:55PM	8:00PM
Aug 24	Shoftim	6:51PM	7:55PM	6:35PM	7:55PM	7:30PM	8:46PM	7:50PM
Aug 31	Ki Seitzei	6:43PM	7:46PM	6:30PM	7:45PM	7:20PM	8:37PM	7:40PM
Sept 7	Ki Savo	6:35PM	7:36PM	6:20PM	7:35PM	7:15PM	8:28PM	7:30PM
Sept 14	Nitzavim	6:27PM	7:26PM	6:10PM	7:25PM	7:05PM	8:18PM	7:25PM
Sept 21	Vayeilech	7:17PM			7:15PM	7:00PM	8:08PM	7:15PM
Sept 28	Haazinu	7:07PM			7:05PM	6:50PM	7:59PM	7:05PM
Oct 5		6:58PM			7:00PM	6:40PM	7:49PM	6:55PM
Oct 12	Bereishis	6:49PM			6:50PM	6:30PM	7:40PM	6:45PM
Oct 19	Noach	6:40PM			6:40PM	6:20PM	7:32PM	6:35PM
Oct 26	Lech Lecha	6:32PM			6:30PM	6:15PM	7:24PM	6:30PM
Nov 2	Vayeira	6:25PM			6:25PM	6:10PM	7:18PM	5:25PM
Nov 9	Chayei Sarah	5:20PM			5:20PM	5:00PM	6:12PM	5:20PM