

Celebrate Shavuos with special programs for all ages at Beth Jacob!



Save the Date: Shabbos, May 30 is Youth Shabbos!

Honoring Jonathan Klein for 13 years of dedicated service to our youth.
 Join us in honoring Jonathan and celebrating the youth of our community.

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Only a few short weeks ago we read at our Seder tables:

"We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the L-rd, our G-d, took us out from there with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm."

And we were free. Or were we?

After the ever increasing momentum of the plagues, the release from Egypt, the chase, and the finale at the Red Sea, Hashem stops and slowly brings us to Har Sinai. Fifty days in the Midbar (desert), journeying both physically and spiritually toward the culminating moment when we receive the Torah. Fifty days to become a truly free people.

Becoming physically free is much easier than becoming mentally free. To do that, Hashem brought us into the Midbar. We needed to honestly and clearly work on ourselves and our relationships in that empty place. There, we were able to reset and become a people who were able to choose our freedom and define it with His Torah.

That resetting process was a time of growth as individuals, as families, and as a community. That process continues today, most notably during this time period of Sefiras HaOmer. Each day is a clear opportunity for improvement on many levels.

I'm glad that the first time that I'm writing to you has fallen during this time period.

During my time as president, I want to help shape the community into a place of clear communication that gets things done with ease. To achieve this goal, I need you to talk to me. I need to hear what you like about the shul and what you don't like. I want to hear your ideas and dreams for the future of this community. I want the board, the staff, and the community-at-large to work together to create an even more amazing community, and it all starts with clear and open communication.

This is our shul. During this time, as we count the Omer and grow from slaves to beings capable of freely accepting Hashem's Torah, I hope that you will pause and take a fresh look at Beth Jacob. Let us choose in this period of growth and change to work together in continuing to build this shul and to define our work with His Torah.



Please take note of our new suggestion box in the administrative office.

FROM SINAI TO THE HIMALAYAS: HOW LOVE BREEDS HATE

RABBI ILAN D. FELDMAN

Rabbi

“The compassion and zeal demonstrated by Israelis to rescue victims of an earthquake halfway around the world disturbs our enemies because this display of kindness, after millennia of suffering at the hands of the Gentile world, speaks to a highly refined spirituality and love of humanity that no amount of suffering and persecution can snuff out.”

I bet you thought it was wonderful that Israel was one of the first nations, and with one of the largest representations, in the relief efforts in Nepal after the recent earthquake disaster. You probably did not realize that Israel undertook all this in order to mask its murderous nature in relation to the Palestinians.

The images of Israeli Air force planes arriving in Nepal to provide significant and badly needed relief resources stir the heart of every Jew. And the fact that Jews are at the source of rescue efforts anywhere in the world where people are in distress is a recent – and arguably miraculous – development; historically, when rescue efforts were an issue and Jews were involved, it was the Jew who needed the rescuing (and, too often, a cold, indifferent, or hateful Gentile world actively ignored the plight of the Jew in need).

Lest you think that such Jewish sponsored rescue efforts will change the opinion of anyone who currently despises the Jews, think again. Not only will such efforts fail to impress anyone who needs impressing, they actually will be the source of hatred aimed at the Jews. One anti-Semite suggested that Israel was “heading to Nepal to learn from the earthquake how to kill better.”

How can this be? Oddly, Shavuos, the Festival celebrating the giving of the Torah, teaches us to expect just that.

Many names are given to the physical address used by the Almighty to insert Torah into the world. Sinai is but one of several, albeit the most widely used and known. Pronounced *Seenai* in our holy tongue, the name derives, say the Sages, from the world *seen’ah*, which means hatred. The Sages say that this is because hatred for the Jew entered the world when the Torah was given.

Evidently, when the nations of the world see that the Jews are the nation chosen by G-d to deliver His message to the world, we become the object of hatred.

Their resentment comes not only from our claim that we are chosen by G-d, but from the objective evidence that we are truly marching to a different drummer. I dare say that the compassion and zeal demonstrated by Israelis to rescue victims of an earthquake halfway around the world disturbs our enemies because this display of kindness, after millennia of suffering at the hands of the Gentile world, speaks to a highly refined spirituality and love of humanity that no amount of suffering and persecution can snuff out. It stands as an indictment of larger, wealthier nations whose indifference to the suffering of others, even their own citizens, is the norm. Our spiritual – and, for that matter, our material – success drives our earthly co-inhabitants to hatred. Hence, Jewish compassion breeds hatred.

So when those planes land with technicians, field hospitals, ambulance crews, earthquake-trained dogs, medical supplies, blankets, and loads of compassion, it is real chesed shel emes, the purest form of lovingkindness which comes with no expectation of reciprocity.

The coming Chag of Shavuos reminds us that, as trustees of Torah, we are destined as a people to deliver not only material sustenance to those in need, but also spiritual nurture to an undernourished and uninspired world. Receiving G-d’s Torah at Sinai transforms us into His emissaries, ambassadors of G-d’s love for, and faith in, humanity. We must not allow humanity’s temporary refusal to see us for who we are temper our passion for living lives of holiness and closeness to the Divine.

As the citizens of Nepal already know, the world is counting on us.



CREATING CONNECTIONS

HARVEY STEELE

Executive Director

“We belong to Beth Jacob because we have a deeply-felt desire to connect to other Jews without reservation or qualification.”

Beth Jacob’s membership has hovered around 500 families for as long as many of us can recall. This is a point of curiosity, especially as there are many individuals who come to Beth Jacob often for minyan, classes, lectures, social events, Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos, but have not yet chosen to become members. Is our goal to offer the Atlanta Jewish community a place for religious and spiritual growth without being overly concerned with our membership numbers, or should we be paying more attention to growing our ranks?



Who are the regular guests of Beth Jacob? Some are relatively new to Atlanta. They may come from a background where it is not typical to pay synagogue dues. Or they may be used to paying a dues rate significantly lower than ours to a shul with fewer programs, the leadership of just one Rabbi, a smaller facility and an extra charge for High Holiday seats. Some people may come from a shul which is a place to daven and learn, but does not serve as a community center.

Other guests come from the local area. They may attend another shul or not be affiliated with any shul. They may be curious about what we have to offer, and then their experiences with our members and programs keep them coming back.

We believe that membership growth is not – and should not be – an end in itself. Our purpose at Beth Jacob is to grow our relationship to G-d and, in the process, to each other. We belong to the shul because we have a deeply felt desire to connect to other Jews without reservation or qualification.

One way we can act on this desire is to introduce ourselves to guests, get to know them beyond small talk, commit new names to memory and use them. The next time you see a guest, think about the situation from his or her perspective; the Kiddush in Heritage Hall is an overwhelming crowd of strangers when you’re new, a room full of friends when you’ve been here for a while.

Take time to introduce someone you just met to others. Connect them with individuals or families who have shared interests, family circumstances or hobbies. Ask people you’ve just met if they would like to join you in attending an upcoming class or program so they don’t feel alone. And of course, guests who are newer to our shul always appreciate an invitation for a Shabbos or Yom Tov meal.

We should do these things because they are an expression of who we are: Jews who connect to G-d and to fellow Jews. As we make an impact with our sincerity and openness, guests will hopefully be inspired to join us in sustaining our beautiful shul and all that it represents.

Looking for a way to step up and make a difference at the Shul?

**Contact Stacey McGhee (mcgheesg@gmail.com)
for program volunteer opportunities
and ideas on how to get involved**



BJ NEXT

Miriam Cann

Chair, Shul's Renovation Committee

With your help, we have now raised \$2.4 million toward a campaign goal of \$4 million, and have already collected 41% of recorded pledges. While we complete final donor discussions, the building committee has initiated consultation with the architect and contractors to determine which elements of the project might be reduced or eliminated in order to maintain our commitment to renovate within the budget of raised funds. We will provide updated information on project plans as soon as they are available.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have already made their pledges!

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Find out more at: www.bethjacobatlanta.org/mainshul

Contact bldgtrustee@bethjacobatlanta.org for questions and comments

BETH JACOB PRESCHOOL

MINDY TANENBAUM

Preschool Director

A tremendous thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, and community members for supporting Beth Jacob Preschool on April 29th at the Blooming Artists Art Auction! The energy in the room was palpable as everyone in the crowded room enthusiastically admired the amazing art, enjoyed delicious food, and engaged in some friendly bidding 'wars'. We are so appreciative to all the participants for making this our most successful fundraiser yet!



There was no facet of the evening that could have been possible without the help of numerous volunteers who gave hours of their time. Whether it was to help create the artwork, run errands, solicit businesses for donations or set up for the event, we simply couldn't have done it without their help.

There are, however, a few volunteers who went above and beyond to make the evening so successful. Sari Joel spent countless hours assisting with projects while juggling the challenging jobs of both official errand runner and parent volunteer coordinator, all with enthusiasm and a smile. Erica Tritt and Temima Oratz were outstandingly resourceful and capable in their efforts to discover and track down the magnificent array of over 130 silent auction items. Our master auctioneers Josh Yehaskel and Avi Bogart rounded off the evening with a winning combination of determination and entertainment as they raised thousands of dollars during our live auction. Many thanks to everyone in attendance who made our evening such a success!

All of the funds from this event have been designated for improvements and purchases that directly impact the children, including a sunshade for the courtyard playground, exciting classroom upgrades, new tools for educational enhancement and enrichment, and much more.

A special thank you to everyone who raised a hand to contribute \$50-\$100 towards the cost of supplies associated with the evening. Our goal was to have 25 people contribute and we still need a few more to reach that number. Please contact mtanenbaum@bethjacobatlanta.org if you would like to participate in this donation.



2015-2016 school year classes are filling up fast, but a few spaces still remain!

Research shows that ages 0-5 are the most important years of a child's life for building the foundation to becoming a lifelong learner. Beth Jacob Preschool offers a warm, loving environment, trained teachers who strive to help every child reach their potential, a licensed program, and special holiday and theme-related activities throughout the year — all of which make the perfect environment for your child's formative years.

We offer half-day, full-day and extended care options beginning as early as 7:30am and ending at 5:30pm to accommodate the needs of working parents.

To learn more about Beth Jacob Preschool's programs for children ages 2 months to 5 years, contact Mindy Tanenbaum
mtanenbaum@bethjacobatlanta.org
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CAMP BEE JAY

MINDY TANENBAUM

Camp Director



GET READY FOR CAMP BEE JAY!

Summer camp at Beth Jacob Preschool

8 WEEKS of summer fun!

June 8- July 31, 2015

For infants through rising kindergarteners



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Fun-filled days packed with age appropriate and theme-related activities, including water play, arts and crafts, sports, music, cooking, coach-led Playball, davening, parsha and our ruach-filled weekly Shabbos Party!

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Information and Registration at:

www.bethjacobatlanta.org/camp-bee-jay

e-mail **bjpreschool@bethjacobatlanta.org**

call **678.244.6659**

Camp Bee Jay



Blooming with fun!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



YOUTH SHABBOS

Shabbos May 30

Beth Jacob celebrates the accomplishments of our youth and their dedicated leaders. Honoring Jonathan Klein for his years of service to the synagogue youth. Thank you to co-sponsors Peyton and Elaine Alexander in honor of the 94th birthday of their father Bobo Auerbach. To help sponsor youth programs, please contact Harvey Steele.

ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL PRESENTS TRIBUTE 2015: AN EVENING WITH BERNIE MARCUS AND MIKE LEVEN

Sunday, May 31 at 7pm/ Georgia Aquarium

This year's annual event will focus on "Concerns for the Future of the Jewish People" as Mike Leven interviews Bernie Marcus on the topic. The Kollel will pay tribute to representatives of their programs who will share their inspiration, and to their Sponsors, without whom none of their programming would be possible.

Summer BENA Shalosh Seudos for Ladies 2015

Shabbos, June 20 & 27, July 4, 11 & 18

6 - 8pm, Beth Jacob Heritage Hall, for women. This is your time! Leave the kids at home and enjoy. RSVP to ASK by the Wednesday prior.

Due to the amazing response last year, Shalosh Seudos venue has been changed and will be held in Beth Jacob's Heritage Hall. Sponsorships available for each week.

June 20 - Rebbetzin Miriam Feldman

June 27 - Mrs. Esther Shulkes

July 4 - Mrs. Esther Pransky

July 11 - Mrs. Rivka Lipschutz

July 18 - Mrs. Leah Shiermeyer

Basar B'chalav Fair: Cooking, Preparing and Eating Meat, Milk and Parve: A Comprehensive Presentation of the Laws of Basar B'chalav

Wednesday, July 15th

8:00 - 9:00pm, Heritage Hall, for women

Following a similar format to our previous highly popular presentations of the laws of cooking on Shabbos and the laws of Muktzah, the four young Kollel rabbis have prepared crystal-clear, easy to follow, animated lessons on the laws of Basar B'chalav.

Florence & Seymour Gerson Mikvah

This has been an unusually busy few months for repairs at the Florence & Seymour Gerson Mikvah. We have been working hard to keep things running as smoothly as possible throughout this process. It has also been an expensive few months as we tend to these important items. Most recently, a pipe burst and somewhat flooded the building. The greatest loss from that episode was all of our area rugs and hallway runners.

We are turning to you, our wonderful community, to help us replace these rugs and a few other items and continue to maintain our facility to the standards it deserves. Your tax deductible gift will make the difference. Thank you for partnering with us in this special mitzvah.

Devorah Feldman
Beth Jacob Mikvah Association

Donations can be made online at

www.BethJacobAtlanta.org

Click on **donate** at the top of page, then in payment details choose **"Women's Mikvah"**

Or send your donation to:

Beth Jacob Mikvah Association

1855 LaVista Road

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Youth Shabbos

SHABBOS MAY 30, 2015 • 12 SIVAN 5775
PARSHAS NASO

It's our children's moment to shine! Help the torch of BJ Youth Programming continue to shine throughout the year. Take this opportunity to honor your loved ones who participate, lead, mentor, enjoy or derive pride from our youth.

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Month of the Youth Shalosh Seudos \$300

Youth Programming Sponsor \$180

Sponsor your Graduate \$54

For donations of \$180 or more, please include a one sentence message.

Donations under \$180 will receive name recognition.

Make your donation online at bethjacobatlanta.org/youthshabbos.

Join us in honoring Jonathan Klein for his 13 years of dedication to the youth of our synagogue.

Thank you to the following families for their Youth Sponsorships

Youth Shabbos Co-Sponsors - Peyton & Elaine Alexander

SKIP: April - Anonymous; **May** - Dr. David & Rachel Rabin

Teen Minyan: February - Rabbi Yoel & Chavi Spotts; **March** - Dr. Barry & Judith Levitt

April - Rabbi Michael & Elisheva Berger and Michael & Mindy Tanenbaum

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SHAVUOS SCHEDULE

Please check for schedule updates as times and locations may change.



EREV SHAVUOS • SHABBOS, MAY 23

Early Mincha, Main Shul.....4:00/6:00pm
 Women's Shiur with Mrs. Feldman, Conference Room.....5:45pm
 Pre-Shavuot Shiur with Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg, Main Shul.....7:30pm
Please note - there will not be a shalosh seudos served in shul
 Mincha, Main Shul.....8:15pm
 Maariv, Main Shul.....approximately 8:45pm
 Candlelighting & Kiddush.....no earlier than 9:13pm

SHAVUOS, DAY 1 • SUNDAY, MAY 24

All Night Torah Study 12:00am - 5:45am
 Dancing at Dawn following learning 5:45am
 Early Shacharis, Main Shul 5:50am
 Shacharis, Main Shul 9:00am
 Kollel, 9:00am Daily Minyan & Nine fif-TEEN Minyan will not meet
 Youth Ice Cream Party, Youth Lounge 5:00pm
 Early Mincha, Daily Minyan 4:00pm & 5:00pm
 Father/Son Learning, Kollel 5:30pm
 Daf Yomi with Rabbi Reuven Stein, for Men, Kollel 6:15pm
 Mincha followed by Maariv, Main Shul 8:25pm
 Candlelighting and Kiddush no earlier than 9:13pm

SHAVUOS, DAY 2 • MONDAY, MAY 25

Early Minyan, Kollel, Book of Ruth read, Yizkor recited (*9:35)..... 8:00am
 Main Minyan, Main Shul, Book of Ruth & Yizkor(*10:30)..... *8:30am
 9:00am Minyan, DM, Book of Ruth & Yizkor (*10:35) 9:00am
 Nine fif-TEEN Minyan, CR, Book of Ruth & Yizkor (*10:30) 9:15am
 Early Mincha, Daily Minyan..... 4:00pm & 5:00pm
 Afternoon Learning..... 6:15pm - 7:55pm
 Mincha, Main Shul 8:00pm
 Neilas HaChag, Heritage Hall 8:15pm - 9:15pm
 Maariv, Yom Tov ends, Main Shulapproximately 9:21pm
**Yizkor times are approximate*

**Note time change*

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SHAVUOS LEARNING

All Night Torah Study

Shavuos all night text study with sources and lectures for men and women will be offered by Beth Jacob Atlanta and Atlanta Scholars Kollel. Refreshments will be available all night in Heritage Hall.



Shavous Learning on the Second Day

On the afternoon of the Second Day, join us as a community for a program of Torah study for all backgrounds and ages, ending the Yom Tov of Shavuos together as we began it — celebrating the Torah with each other. Several different classes and shiurim are available, and we will conclude Yom Tov with singing in Heritage Hall.

SHAVUOS, DAY 1 • SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

This year is a shmitta year in Eretz Yisrael, a time when farmers leave their fields fallow as a sign that truly everything belongs to Hashem. We are dedicating the Shavuos learning this year to understanding the connection between shmitta, Torah, the Land of Israel and the Jewish People.



OPENING LECTURE WITH RABBI ILAN D. FELDMAN

Conference Room, 12:00am – 1:15am

TOPIC: Of Shavuos - The Celebration of Weeks, and Shmitta - The Celebration of Years

STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN WITH RABBI YEchezkel FREUNDLICH & SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI ELIMELECH GOLDBERG

Conference Room, 1:30am – 5:45am

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

TOPIC: The mysterious Silence of the Farmer and the stolen secret of Na'aseh V'nishma: a midrashic approach to understanding how we relive Kabbalas HaTorah every seven years.

Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg

TOPIC: TBD

BEIS MEDRASH PROGRAM FOR MEN

Kollel Beis Medrash, 1:30am – 5:30am

This year, the Kollel Rabbis will be offering opportunities for one-on-one and group-learning throughout the night on multiple topics and skill levels. A full listing of Rabbis and their topics is forthcoming.

SHAVUOS, DAY 2 • MONDAY, MAY 25TH

Shiur by Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg

6:15pm - 7:00pm | Conference Room | For Men & Women

Advanced Shiur for Men

7:00pm - 7:55pm | Kollel Beis Medrash | For Men

Neilas Hachag with Rabbi Freundlich

8:15pm - 9:15pm | Food and refreshments served | Heritage Hall

***Interested in sponsoring Shavuos
refreshments or programs?
Contact Harvey Steele, Executive Director
hsteele@bethjacobatlanta.org***

BETH JACOB SISTERHOOD

JODI WITTENBERG, TZIPPY TELLER

Co-Presidents



Beth Jacob Sisterhood Bake Sale

**Tuesday, May 19
7 - 10pm, Heritage Hall**

7:15pm D'var Torah by Mrs. Batsheva Gelbtuch

Chalav Yisroel cheesecake samples

Desserts brought in from New York
Pies, cakes, bars, cookies & more

Ricki's Cookies from Memphis
Challah and Cookies

Cash, check or credit card accepted.
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Questions?

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BETH JACOB SISTERHOOD

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Broccoli, Rice & Cheese Casserole

An all-in-one dish with vitamins, whole grain carbs & protein! Adapted from Spice & Spirit

INGREDIENTS

16 ounces frozen chopped broccoli
2 onions
4 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons oil
1 jar marinara, any flavor
1 1/2 cup brown rice
1 cup shredded cheese
salt, pepper

DIRECTIONS

In large pot, heat oil. Sauté onions until golden. Add broccoli, garlic and rice. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes.

Add 3 cups water, a teaspoon salt and dash pepper and bring to a boil covered. Lower heat, cover and simmer 20 minutes until water is absorbed. Add half of cheese.

Transfer rice mixture to 9x13 pan or casserole dish. Pour marinara over the top (you may not need the entire jar). Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 425 for 10 minutes or until top is golden and bubbly.

Salmon Croquettes with Lemon Dill Sauce

A new fish dish L'kavod Shabbos & Yom Tov!

INGREDIENTS

4 cans boneless salmon, drained well
6 eggs, beaten
4 stalks scallions, processed or chopped fine
1 cup bread crumbs
1 1/2 tablespoons Old Bay Seasoning
1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 a lemon, juiced
1 tablespoon dried dill
salt, pepper, onion and garlic powder, to taste

DIRECTIONS

Mix scallions, eggs, bread crumbs, scallion and seasoning. Heat oil in frying pan, and use small ice cream scoop or large spoon to drop spoonfuls into pan. Fry 3 - 4 minutes on each side.

Recipes for Shavuos



Mango Lemon Syllabub

Fabulous, light & fruity dessert - a nice change from heavy desserts, and it's gluten-free!

INGREDIENTS

18 ounces whip cream
zest of two small lemons, divided
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
4 mangoes, diced into large pieces
1 mango, diced into small pieces
6 teaspoons honey

DIRECTIONS

Puree the larger mango chunks until smooth. Transfer to serving bowl or large container. Add honey and half of the lemon juice and mix well. Mix in most of the smaller mango chunks, reserving a few to garnish the top.

Whip cream until shiny peaks form. Add zest and remaining lemon juice. Whip until incorporated.

To serve, place pureed mango in individual stemmed bowls or glasses. Top with cream and diced mango. For an elegant presentation, garnish with mint sprigs or a lemon curl. (Use zester peeler to make a lemon curl - be sure to scrub and wash lemon well first!)

Olive and Roasted Red Pepper Spread

Delicious on Challah or with multi-grain chips.

INGREDIENTS

13 ounces pitted green olives, stuffed with pimentos
6 ounces pitted black olives
1 cup roasted red peppers, drained well
6-8 cloves garlic, peeled

DIRECTIONS

Drain olives and red peppers. Process all ingredients in food processor until thoroughly combined. This spread will stay fresh in the fridge for several weeks.

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In Memory of:

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- Dr. Lee and Mindy Caplan on the birth of their granddaughter, Esther, born to Moshe and Shaindy Grinberg in Kiryat Sefer, Israel
- Dr. Rivka Chasya Farhi on the birth of her grandson, Shimon Rafael, born to Michael and Shulamis Abramowksy in Jerusalem
- Rabbi Moshe and Leah Hiller on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Viggy and Chaily Lauer in Phoenix, AZ; and on the birth of a grandson, born to Rabbi Mordy and Nechoma Birnbaum in Dunwoody; and to great-grandparents Ben Hiller and Selma Stern
- Josh and Sari Joel on the birth of their daughter, Shoshana Rena
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- Neal and Gail Mandelbaum on the birth of their granddaughter, Yakira Tova, born to Josh and Feiga Sora Mandelbaum in Bayswater, NY; and to great-grandmothers Carole Feinberg and Mollie Mandelbaum
- Shloime and Sara Newmark on the birth of their twins, Shimon Dovid and Chaya Raizel "Rosy"
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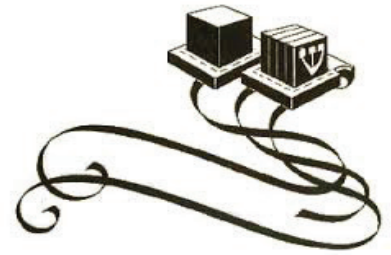
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- Rabbi Moshe and Leah Hiller on the marriage of their son, Yossi, to Gittel Stein of Far Rockaway, NY, daughter of Rabbi Moshe Dov Stein z"l, and Mrs. Esther Stein.
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- Drs Jeff and Adina Jagoda on the engagement of their granddaughter Chaya Schoemann, daughter of Danny and Naomi Schoemann of Jerusalem, to Yaakov Taub of Jerusalem; and on the engagement of their grandson, Aaron Schoemann, son of Danny and Naomi Schoemann of Jerusalem, to Batya Goodman
- Rabbi Michoel and Rivka Lipschutz on the engagement of their daughter Brocha Rochel to Dovid LaBrie, son of Moshe and Rena LaBrie of Baltimore, MD

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- Malka Adelman and Ilana Yehaskel on the loss of their mother, Ida Schectman
- Joyce Berger on the loss of her brother, Arnold Prystowksy
- Emily Birnbaum on the loss of her sister Katie Piha Wice
- Randy Gold on the loss of his grandmother, Miriam Cohen
- The family of Eleanor Jacobs
- Anna Kaminetzky on the loss of her father, Dr. Robert (Bob) Fink
- Harry Robbins on the loss of his sister, Sonia Robbins Greenfield
- George and Michele Scheer on the loss of their grandson, Samuel Finn Dana

- Judy Viness on the loss of her sister Sharon Rich Froug



UPCOMING

BAR MITZVAHS

- **Abraham Schoen**, son of David & Elizabeth Schoen, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 6, Parshas Beha'aloscha.
- **Yosef Asa**, son of Rabbi Ariel & Michelle Asa, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on June 20, Parshas Korach. Yosef is the grandson of Haim Asa z"l, Elaine Asa, David Melamdowitz and Val Melamdowitz.
- **Ariel Cann**, son of Aaron and Miriam Cann, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on August 1, Parshas V'eschanan Shabbos Nachamu. Ariel is the grandson of David & Ruth Cann, Rachel Cohanin and George & Bella Topas.
- **Yaakov Ephraim Shkarofsky**, son of Rabbi Moshe and Raizie Shkarofsky, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on August 8, Parshas Eikev. Yaakov is the grandson of Dr. Issie & Agnes Shkarofsky and Avrohom & Lorraine Fontek.
- **Eli Greene**, son of David & Kerry Greene, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on August 22, Parshas Shoftim. Eli is the grandson of Lala & Jack Greene and Mickey & Gerald Baron of Louisville, Kentucky and great-grandson of Ethel and Frank Myers of Naples, Florida.
- **Aaron Leib Gerchikov**, son of Mordechai & Helen Gerchikov, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on August 29, Parshas Ki Seitzei. Aaron is the grandson of Arik & Lila Rekhelman and Fred & Rimma Gerchikov.
- **Avraham Abba Weiden**, son of Dr. Zvi & Keli Weiden, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on August 29, Parshas Ki Seitzei. Avi is the grandson of Dr. Rubin & Toby Cooper and Stanley & Ronee Weiden.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

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Friday	Parshas	Earliest Candle Lighting	Candle Lighting	Early Friday Mincha	Friday Mincha	Shabbos Mincha	Shabbos Ends	Weekday Mincha
May 15	Behar - Bechukosai	7:05	8:13	6:50	8:10	7:45	9:08	8:20
May 22	Bamidbar (Erev Shavuot)	7:09	8:18	6:55	8:15	7:50	9:13 (Shavuot Candlelighting)	8:25
May 29	Nasso	7:13	8:23	6:55	8:20	7:55	9:17	8:25
June 5	Beha'aloscha	7:17	8:27	7:00	8:25	8:00	9:21	8:30
June 12	Shelach	7:20	8:30	7:05	8:30	8:05	9:24	8:35
June 19	Korach	7:22	8:33	7:05	8:30	8:05	9:26	8:35
June 26	Chukas	7:23	8:34	7:05	8:30	8:05	9:28	8:35
July 3	Balak	7:23	8:34	7:05	8:30	8:05	9:27	8:35
July 10	Pinchas	7:22	8:33	7:05	8:30	8:05	9:26	8:30
July 17	Matos - Masei	7:20	8:30	7:05	8:25	8:00	9:23	8:30
July 24	Devarim	7:17	8:26	7:00	8:25	8:00	9:19 (Erev Tisha B'av)	8:25