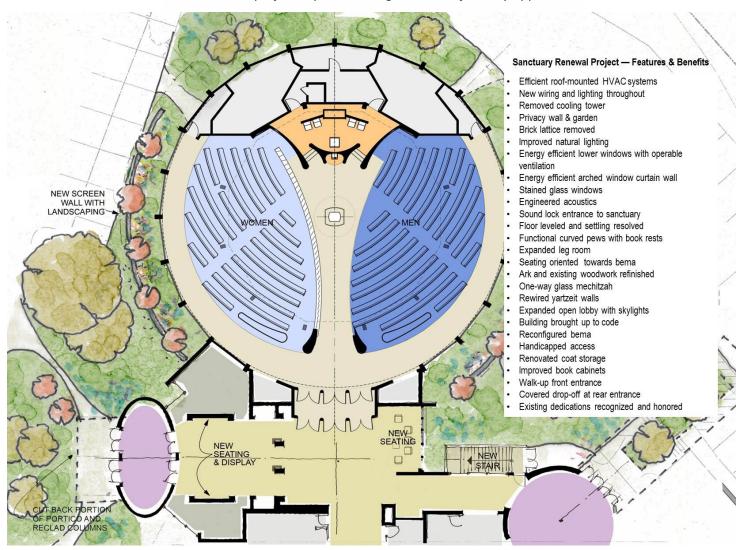
BETH JACOB ATLANTA ——— בית יעקב Celebrating 50 Years on La Vista Road

Sanctuary Project Update

Below are the tentative floor plans for proposed renovation of Main Sanctuary, outer lobby, and landscaping. This is a projected plan; nothing have been formally approved.



50 Talking Turkey

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"There comes a point where antiquity and eternity start to blend, when a people is no longer merely ancient and "long lasting", but eternal."

Just when American rabbis began to tire of the effort to distinguish the 25th of Kislev from the 25th of December, comes a once in 70,000+ year event in which Chanukah comes out on Thanksgiving, calling for an entirely new effort to distinguish the Macabees from the Pilgrims. So, my friends, let's talk turkey: there were no latkes at Plymouth Rock, and, had there been any turkey around when the Jews re-entered the Temple-- a miracle that would have rivaled the discovery of the vial of pure oil-- we'd be eating turkey for 8 days in a row every year.

Never ones to leave ourselves out of the picture, there is a "midrash" that claims the word "turkey" used to describe meleagris gallopavo originated with a Jewish sailor--a doctor, of course--aboard one of Columbus's ships who exclaimed "Tukki!" when he saw the North American bird, using a Hebrew word that describes a large bird.

Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman

While we are comparing our calendar and holy days to those of host countries in our Diaspora, did you know that this past Rosh Hashanah was the first time in 75 years that it fell within 24 hours of Honor the Aged Day, a national holiday in Japan? This probably made for interesting sermons and articles in the Land of the Rising Sun.

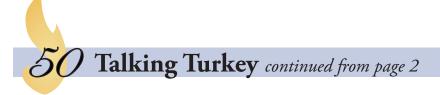
But back to Chanukah and Thanksgiving. Years ago, I was invited to speak to a group at Boston University. After my talk was over, I found myself with several hours of unscheduled time before my flight back home. My hosts offered to take me on a short driving tour of historic Boston. We found ourselves on Acorn Street on Beacon Hill, the oldest cobblestone street in the United States. The stones dated back to the early 18th century. Our car cruised over the ancient cobblestones, creating staccato thumping as modern tire negotiated archaic pavement, and I marveled at the avenue's longevity.

Two weeks later, I was in Israel, leading a group of Americans on a tour. As we explored the area adjacent to the Western Wall, we noticed laborers hauling wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of bricks, mortar, and earth to a dump site. Curious about the construction project that was producing these mounds of refuse, we asked the guide about the source. "Oh, nothing significant. They are removing some junk buildings that are only 400 years old so they can get to an important archeological find underneath."

"Hakol relativi," as they say in Israel--all is relative.

I am reminded of these divergent perspectives on antiquity as we approach Chanukah in November, and inquiries come my way about the "meaning" of Chanukah and Thanksgiving coinciding. It has never happened before, and will not happen for another 68,000 years, not before 70,093. It certainly is unlikely that it would have happened before, since there have been only 150 chances for this to happen since President Lincoln proclaimed his "day of Thanksgiving to our beneficent Father in Heaven" in 1863. As far as the next time this happens, assuming the world lasts that long, do you realistically believe there will be an America whose citizens consume turkey in celebration of the arrival of pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in the 15th century? I hear a resounding "of course not" from the reading audience, but answer this: do you doubt there will be a Jewish People celebrating Chanukah by lighting a menorah and reciting Hallel each morning for eight days?

There comes a point where antiquity and eternity start to blend, when a people is no longer merely ancient and "long lasting", but eternal. We are a people that deals with issues in terms of thousands of years, while living in a society that deals with issues in terms of months. Computers are obsolete after a few years; baseball statistics are impressive if they span a few decades. The Founding Fathers lived 250 years ago, and school children barely



hear about them anymore; our Founding Fathers lived 3,700 years ago, and Jewish schoolchildren study their lives in detail and pray about them every day!

The point is not that we have won the survival sweepstakes, nor is it that we have a longer memory than anyone else. It is that the comparison between Chanukah and Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to notice something about our eternal nature. We don't celebrate an event that occurred thousands of years ago because we remember well. We celebrate because, in a real sense, we have no past or future. Perhaps this is the meaning of the blessing we recite when we kindle the menorah: we acknowledge G-d "who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days in this time". In an eternal existence, "those days" and "this time" become one. The miracles that occur in Jewish history are a match for the miracle of Jewish existence itself.

Eternity doesn't measure time in terms of years. It doesn't measure time at all.



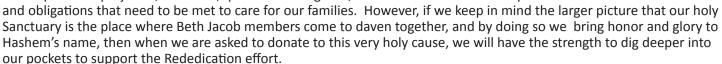
50 A Message from Your President

Joey Fink, Board of Trustees, President

Within the next few days we will be celebrating the joyous holiday of Chanukah. The events that led up to commemorating this holiday are well known. In the days of the Macabees the Jews took up arms against a much better trained and well armed force of Greek-Syrians. Lo and behold, miracle of miracle, with Hashem's help, the tiny band of Jews prevailed, and once again took control of the Bais Hamikdash. The Jews knew the odds were long against them, in today's parlance, the description would be "prohibitive odds," and yet they had complete trust in Hashem.

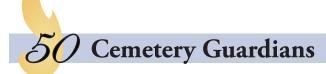
They did not get bogged down in countless calculations of what they were up against, but instead, due to their emunah, their faith in Hashem, they acted and were victorious. What was the basis of their going to war against overwhelming odds? It was entirely for the reason of kiddush Hashem, the sanctification of Hashem's name.

I think it is very instructive to keep this lesson of Chanukah in mind as the shul moves ever closer to putting into action its Sanctuary Rededication plans. Raising the amount of money to complete the project is, no doubt, quite a daunting task, and we all have our own expenses



Serving as President of Beth Jacob is a duty I take very seriously and I am heartened and made joyous by coming into contact with so very many people who love and care for the shul so passionately.





Burt Wittenberg & Andy Lewis, Co-Chairs, Cemetery Guardians

The Cemetery Guardians have been reviewing the Beth Jacob Cemetery records and expect the review to be completed this winter. At that point we will inform the Congregation with any updates. Greenwood Cemetery is in need of some work at some of its sites. All concerned site owners will be contacted before any work is done. Be on the lookout for a revised Beth Jacob Cemetery Handbook. It is in the works and will be published this January. There are still opportunities to sponsor benches in memory of your loved ones. Cost for a bench is \$3,600 payable over 4 years after an initial payment of \$1,000. The bench will be installed after the first payment.

Please contact Burt at bwitt613@bellsouth.net or Andy at rlrsouth@aol.com for more information.



At Beth Jacob Atlanta, The Miracle is You!

Harvey Steele, Executive Director

Chanukah is a time of the commemoration of miracles. Eight days of light came from a cruse of oil that was expected to last one day.

Many people think of miracles as something that are unusual, out of the ordinary. We tend to think of miracles not only as circumstances well beyond what we would expect in the natural order of the world, but also as rare. In truth miraculous things happen every day. Because of this regularity, we do not recognize daily miracles for what they are.

A local miracle seen at Beth Jacob on a daily basis is the unpaid community work done by individuals who have many responsibilities of their own....women at home with small children, women with businesses or careers, men with families to care for as well as their own professions or trades, retirees, youth with full commitments to school, learning, and extracurricular activities, retirees. Despite their full lives and demands on their time, these individuals manage to give back to the community by helping with Beth Jacob services and programs. Here is a sampling of their contributions:



The weekly Shabbos morning Kiddush in Heritage Hall is prepared by our famous "Kiddush ladies," a wonderful group of women who come to Beth Jacob every Thursday morning to slice and plate cakes and wash vegetables. They also

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prepare most of our upgraded simcha Kiddushes, keeping the cost below that of using a caterer while contributing net proceeds to the general operating needs of the Shul.

Volunteers bring supplies, make cholent, set up, and clean up for the Shabbos morning Kiddushes for the Early Minyan and the 9:00 Minyan as well as the Shalosh Seudos which is held in the Board Room.

Our Sisterhood runs programs that bring together women of all ages and backgrounds and in the process raises funds to meet needs of Beth Jacob which were not provided for in our operating budget.

Hospitality coordinators arrange for housing and meals for out-of-town guests on Shabbos and Yom Tov.

Men and boys build the Beth Jacob sukkah on the hectic Sunday between Yom Kippur and Succos.

Dozens of people come together to plan and deliver the annual Purim Parade and Festival, from committee meetings which begin six months in advance to cooking and packaging food the night before and day of the event. Others plan and deliver the Shul's Purim Seudah.

People contribute their professional and personal talents and expertise (such as invitation design, event planning, videography, ad sales, project management, typesetting) to deliver a beautiful dinner of honor and ad books.

People come into the office to help with administrative tasks and answer the phone during the time of the weekly staff meeting.

Gabbaim organize our minyans and in many cases arrange for individuals to lead the davening and read from the Torah.

Someone comes in during the week to neatly fold the talleisim that were used on Shabbos.

The list of contributions made by our community members goes on. (Please forgive me if I omitted yours.)

Because of these efforts, we accomplish far more than we could with just our hardworking, capable, dedicated Rabbis and office staff. We are the cruse of oil expected to last one day. Through your generosity with your time and expertise, you make it last eight days.

At Beth Jacob Atlanta, the miracle is you!

To contribute your time and expertise for the benefit of our community, please call Harvey Steele at 404-633-0551 or send an email to hsteele@bethjacobatlanta.org.

Upcoming Programs & Events



ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL presents

A Chanukah Shiur

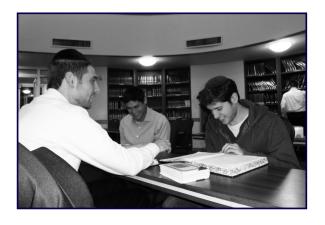
Sunday, December 1, 2013 ASK Beis Midrash 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Rabbi Doniel Pransky

Call ASK at 404-321-4085 for more information.



Schedule:

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Prepararion of Sources (Kollel Rabbis will be available to help prepare.) 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Shiur



Please take advantage of learning opportunities in our spirited

COMMUNITY NIGHT SEDER

Contact Rabbi Menashe Goldberger to arrange a chavrusa or to join a small learning group. You can also drop in anytime for self-study, to sit in on a group session or just to be uplifted by the 'Kol Torah' - the sweet sounds of Torah learning – that reverberate each night in the Beis Midrash. Rabbi Goldberger can be reached at 678-244-6650, or rabbigoldberger@atlantakollel.org.

Participants' Reflections:

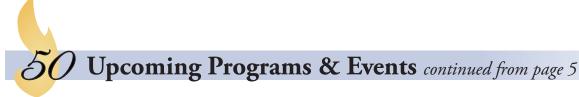
"When I walk into the Beis Midrash at night it is very comforting and energetic to see friends and the community learning as one. For me

personally, learning with Rabbi Oratz and Rabbi Gopin makes me think and not just settle for the black and white answers."

~ Shloime Newmark

"The Rabbis conducting the Kollel learning groups are unique simply because they are clearly focused on their mission and they deeply care about each and every Jew on a personal level. They have ignited a powerful new energy of excitement about learning into our community. I would describe their approach as refreshingly proactive and friendly. They have inspired me to be more proactive and reach for greater Torah learning and growth. Still, it's comforting to know I have a friend to guide me along the way."

~ Danny Minkow



DINNER CONVERSATIONS

Join us on select Sunday evenings for a new series of stimulating programs – The Dinner Conversation. Dine and socialize with friends and be engaged by thought-provoking discussions led by prominent visiting authors and scholars. Catered dinner begins at 5:30pm, followed by a brief lecture and participatory discussion.

BJ Rosenfeld: "The Chameleon in the Closet"

Sunday, December 15th, \$25 per person

BJ's memoir traces the universal journey parents take as their children try to find their place in the world. When both of her sons broke with the family's Conservative Jewish upbringing and plunged into Orthodoxy, BJ was confronted with the challenge of accepting or rejecting their newfound religious beliefs. She has become a chameleon, changing her clothing and demeanor, not at whim, but to suit the situation and the circumstances. With candor, passion, and humor, The Chameleon in the Closet is a unique tribute to all parents who stand behind their children's life-altering decisions. Before starting a career as a free-lance writer, BJ taught Spanish, French and remedial reading in



upstate New York. BJ is President of Hadassah Capital District and serves on the board of directors of Congregation Beth Shalom, the Hudson Valley Writer's Guild, Women's Philanthropies and the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York. She chairs the Israel-European Affairs Committee for the Jewish Federation. BJ's cover stories, articles, interviews, and Op-ed pieces have appeared in the Jewish World, Boom Magazine, the Times Union, the Saratoga Business Journal, the Glens Falls Business Journal, the Saratogian, and the Community News. She and her husband live in upstate New York. They have two sons and nine grandchildren. One son lives in Israel; the other is in New York. This program has been generously sponsored by Clive & Sandy Slovin in memory of Sandy's aunt, Mrs. Sylvia Berman.

Sunday Night Radio Dinner Theater: "Not Your Parents' Parent Trap"

Rabbi Ilan & Rebbetzin Miriam Feldman

Sunday, February 9th, \$25 per person

This is the story of an Iranian couple who were unhappily married for 27 years. He had a temper. She never really loved him. So they split up and got divorced. And then, two years after that, to everybody's surprise—especially their grown-up children—they fell in love and married each other again. And this time, everything was different. Rabbi Ilan and Miriam Feldman will moderate a discussion based on the above episode from "This American Life" radio show which will be played for all to hear.



THE TIMELESS TORAH AS APPLIED TO CONTEMPORARY SITUATIONS

Rabbi Ilan Feldman

Monthly, on Sunday mornings, 10:00 am / For Men & Women / Free of charge

The Torah is the source of life and a living, breathing organism, applicable to all times and situations. The process and discipline of applying halachic principles to contemporary situations is complex, and requires years of immersion and training. In this Sunday morning monthly series, join Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman in exploring halachic questions that defy simple solutions. Understand the precedents in halachic literature, and for one Sunday a month play Armchair Posek (halachic decisor). Classes will be hosted in various homes and/or Congregation Beth Jacob Conference Room. Upcoming Topics:

- Electric wheelchairs on Shabbos (December 8)
- Selling real estate to non-Jews in Israel (January 5)
- Burglar alarms and Shabbos (February 2)

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WITH RABBI YEHOSHUA KURLAND

Shabbos, February 14th-15th, 2013

Rabbi Yehoshua Kurland has been a Rebbe in Yeshivas Shor Yoshuv (NY) for the past 35 years, where he had previously merited to be a close student of the renowned Rabbi Shlomo Freifeld. He is the author of three books, A Time to Laugh, A Time to Listen, A Bit of Wit: A World of Wisdom, and Tefillah Tips, in which he mixes his trademark humor and the lessons of a good joke with Jewish thought to warm the heart with joy and open the door to the soul. Besides his teaching and writing, Rabbi Kurland is also an accomplished chazzan and musician, and is sure to inspire us throughout Shabbos.

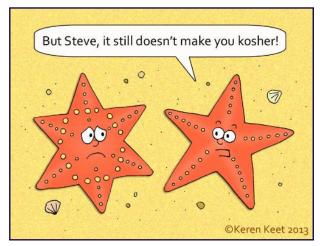




Deth Jacob Atlanta Kashruth Policy as of October 2013

Please review the updated changes to our Kashruth Policy.

- All preparation of food in Beth Jacob Atlanta facilities, including but not limited to cooking, warming, and plating, must be done in BJA kitchens by an Atlanta Kashruth Commission (AKC) approved licensed and insured caterer under the supervision of an AKC approved mashgiach. The caterer has sole responsibility for obtaining the mashgiach and paying the associated expenses.
- Prepared foods may be brought into Beth Jacob from an outside AKC approved establishment without the need for a mashgiach if they are sealed and have either an AKC hechsher (kosher symbol) or other hechsher acceptable to the AKC. In this case, the prepared food must be checked in during regular synagogue business hours by a designated Beth Jacob staff member before it is brought into a kitchen or unsealed.



- For synagogue sponsored events, volunteers may cook, warm, and plate food in Beth Jacob kitchens under the supervision of a mashgiach approved by Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman, Senior Rabbi of Beth Jacob Atlanta.
- Food prepared in a private residence may not be served in Beth Jacob's facilities.
- All liquor used at Beth Jacob must be checked in by a mashgiach. All wines used must be mevushal, indicated on the bottle. Guests at events are not permitted to bring their own wine onto the premises.
- Any Jewish caterers or staff members who are working on Shabbos must spend Shabbos in the neighborhood.

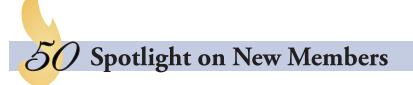
Questions about this policy should be directed to the Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman, Senior Rabbi of Beth Jacob Atlanta. Any exception made to this policy does not constitute a change in the policy itself, nor does it imply that an exception will be made in another set of circumstances that appear to be the same or similar.

50 Top Legacy Giving Ideas

Zahava Kurland, President, Beth Jacob Legacy Fund & Treasurer

- Make a will. A will gives you control over your assets, however large or small your estate may be.
- Leave a bequest in your will. You may designate a dollar amount or a percentage of your estate which you intend to leave to the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund.
- Ask your financial and legal advisors to include charitable giving as part of your estate
- Make lifetime gifts to the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund. Doing so may provide immediate tax benefits.
- Name Beth Jacob Legacy Fund, Inc. as a beneficiary of your pension, profit sharing, 401(k) or IRA.
- Name the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund as the beneficiary of an individual or group life insurance policy.
- Purchase a new life insurance policy naming the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund as the beneficiary.
- Make a gift to the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund through which you receive a lifetime stream of income. Examples are charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities.
- Encourage other donors to leave gifts to the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund.
- You may specify the use of your bequest to support a particular synagogue activity or function that is important to you. At certain dollar levels, you may have an endowment named for yourself or a loved one.

We are here to help! For more information about the Beth Jacob Legacy Fund, please contact Ms. Zahava Kurland at 404.633.0551 or by email at legacy@bethjacobatlanta.org.

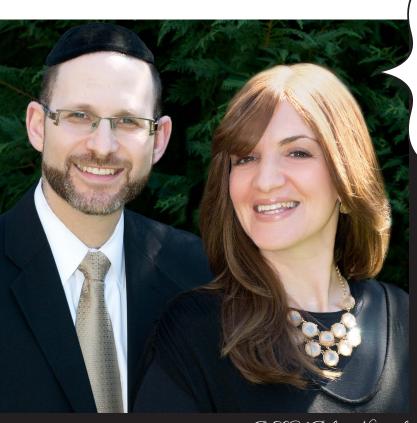


Steve Levy, Membership Trustee

SCOTT & PESHA IZENBERG moved from Memphis because they wanted to be in a stronger Jewish community, and they had heard good things about Atlanta from Shimon & Anna Kaminetsky, friends who had made that same move a half-dozen years earlier. Scott, who works in real estate, grew up in Philadelphia and Pesha is a native of Memphis. Their three oldest children – Miriam (11), Tzvi (9) and Temima (7) –attend TDSA, while the youngest Neima Leah (3) is in preschool. The Izenbergs have found everything they were looking for in Atlanta, which offers all the amenities of a big city while still retaining its southern hospitality.

MOISES & NOA BEJAR came to Atlanta from Boca Raton, FL. Moises was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Miami, while Noa is from Columbia, MD, but lived in many places growing up because her father worked for the government. They met at the wedding of Moises' cousin in Miami, whose best friend Noa traveled in from Israel, where she was living at the time. Moises is a diamond buyer and wanted to live in Atlanta to be closer to his clients, which are located throughout the southeast. Noa works at TDSA and Yeshiva Atlanta, where she serves as the college guidance counselor. They have three children, all of whom attend TDSA – Asher (10), Avi (8) and Talia (6). They love Atlanta and particularly enjoy spending their Sundays hiking.

RABBI JOSHUA & RENA ZEHAVA EINZIG moved here for Rabbi Einzig to become Head of School of TDSA. The Einzigs formerly lived in New Rochelle, NY, where Rabbi Einzig was Head of School of Westchester Day School. Rena Zehava has had an invitation business for many years, which she continues to run from Atlanta. The Einzigs have six children ranging in age from 8 to 21. Their oldest, a daughter, is a senior at Stern College. Their next two oldest are boys — one is in beis medrash in Monsey, NY, while the other is a tenth-grader at a yeshiva in Queens, NY. Their three youngest are all at TDSA — Orli (7th grade), N'eema (5th grade), and Yakir (3rd grade). The Einzigs say that Atlanta has exceeded their expectations, and that, although they have only been here for three months, they already feel like part of the community.



BETH JACOB ATLANTA

Annual Dinner

HONORING

RABBI YECHEZKEL & RIFKI

FREUNDLICH

Sunday, December 8th

6:00 pm • Dinner

7:30 pm • Program

9:00 pm • Maariv

Heritage Hall 1855 LaVista Road, Atlanta, Georgia \$95 per person

*Reservations received after November 25^h - \$110 per person, space permitting

RSVP by November 25^{th*} bethjacobatlanta.org/dinnerofhonor or at (404) 633-0551



5() Beth Jacob Preschool

Mindy Tanenbaum, Preschool Director



It's been an exciting fall at Beth Jacob Preschool! The children began school with only a few weeks to fit in everything they could learn about the Yomim Tovim. Some highlights of the first month include our annual visit from a beekeeper and her demonstration hive to show us how honey is made; baking special treats holiday treats, visiting the shul with Rabbi Freundlich before Simchas Torah to dance and sing with our flags and Torahs; and adding a personal touch to the Beth Jacob Succah with decorations created in our classrooms. Our annual "Pizza in the Hut" family dinner and concert was great fun; it was wonderful to have so many of our new and returning families join us for the evening.





We try to make learning come alive whenever we can! We know that all of the children in the school enjoyed and learned so much from our petting zoo during the week of Parshas Noach. Whether children touched and petted, listened and watched, or moved from animal to animal (sometimes imitating the animals), they enjoyed and learned a great deal about how animals move, eat, sound, smell, and live. Other engaging units in October and November included: transportation: inspired by Parshas Lech Lecha, we made sure to "go" during Bike Day and loved seeing two of our parents' scooters, Hachnasos Orchim: dads and grandads were invited into the classrooms for a morning of "Donuts with Dad". Experiencing the autumn season has led us to observing, collecting and investigating evidence

of changes around us. Fall colors and foods have been really 'gourd'ous! We have also been so excited to watch the growth of the vegetables and flowers we planted in our fall garden.



Did you know the preschool hosts afterschool programs that are open to children in the community? Indoor Soccer is open on Mondays for 3, 4, and 5 year olds from 3:00-3:45pm, and for kindergarten and first graders from 3:50- 4:35pm. On Wednesdays, My Gym offers gymnastics to 2 and 3 year olds from 3:00-3:45. Ballet



is on Thursdays for 3, 4, and 5 year olds from 3:15-4:00pm, and open for Kindergarten and first graders from 4:15-5:15pm. If you are interested in

signing your child up for ballet, My Gym, or Kid Goals soccer please contact mtanenbaum@bethjacobatlanta.org for more information.



Just a few spots still remain for this school year! Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year will begin in January

for infants through Pre-K. If you are interested in learning more about our loving and enriching environment, please contact Mindy Tanenbaum at 678-244-6649 or mtanenbaum@bethjacobatlanta.org. I look forward to speaking with you!



MAZAL TOV!!! Upcoming Bar Mitzvahs!

Send in your child's upcoming Bar or Bas Mitzvah information to kyaschik@bethjacobatlanta.org.



Yosef Spotts, son of Yoel and Chavie Spotts, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on December 28th, Parshas Va'era. Yosef is the grandson of Mrs. Sara Spotts, Dr. Leon Spotts, Mrs. Joyce Weiss, and the late Rabbi Dr. Chaim Weiss, of blessed memory.



Dovid Berendt, son of Dr. Jason & Kim Berendt, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on December 28th, Parshas Va'era.



50 Spotlight on the Shabbos Morning Early Minyan

Harvey Steele, Executive Director

Beth Jacob Atlanta is known in the neighborhood for offering four distinct flavors of the Shabbos morning minyan to address a wide range of preferences. This quarter we highlight the Early Minyan, also known as the Hashkama (meaning "early") Minyan and the Kollel minyan. An "early" minyan that meets at 8am is a uniquely southern idea, as early minyanim in other locales meet as early as 6am or 7am. The word on the street is that the local community likes the 8am start time and does not wish to change it.

The Early Minyan is seen by many as Beth Jacob's "yeshivish" or "black hat" minyan. This is a group that, as a whole, takes its Torah learning and observance very seriously. The minyan is held in the Atlanta Scholars Kollel Beis Medrash, with men on the main floor and women in the Ezras Nashim (women's section) above. A hallmark of the Early Minyan is that singing is kept to a minimum. This is most evident in the Torah reading section, where the Torah is removed from and returned to the Aron Kodesh (Ark) with relatively little fanfare.

"The Early Minyan has many loyal adherents and continues to grow. If you have not yet taken the opportunity, get up 'early' one Shabbos morning and experience this approach to davening!"

On a Shabbos morning in October, davening proceeded at a moderate pace. Shacharis, led by Josh Joel, and Musaf, led by Yonasan Gavant, were remarkably similar to the Shacharis and Musaf led by these fine chazzanim in the Main Shul on other occasions. Sadly, this was one of the last fine renditions of Psukei D'Zimra led by MosheAron Gross, a"h. Rabbi Pransky spoke for 20 minutes after Musaf. The entire service took place in 2 hours and 30 minutes, similar in length to the Main Shul minyan in recent months. Most of the men stayed after minyan to participate in a small

Kiddush, followed by a shiur (Torah class) by Rabbi Pransky, learning individually or with a chavrusa in the Beis Medrash, or a nap at home, all leading to the Shabbos day meal.

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Note: The Shabbos and Weekday minyanim held in the Atlanta Scholars Kollel Beis Medrash are under the auspices of Beth Jacob Atlanta. If you wish to give tzedaka to the sponsor of these minyanim, such as for an aliyah or other honor, please direct it to Beth Jacob.



Sisterhood Membership Drive



Beth Jacob Sisterhood WANTS YOU!

Looking to meet new friends and to greet old ones? Join the Beth Jacob Sisterhood today and be a part of a dynamic group of women of all ages and backgrounds. Throughout the year, Sisterhood hosts events for women, including Silver Tea, challah baking, new member parties, and unique and entertaining activities. Members and their guests enjoy mystery bus rides, cooking demos, Shop 'till You Drop, Zumba, Israeli dance classes and game nights.

ABOUT SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood has 3 main goals:

1. Chesed (Kindness)

Sisterhood helps provide chesed support to families and individuals in need, including meals, clothing, transportation and other critical items. We also help fund the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, which Rabbi Feldman uses to provide urgent needs to community members.

2. Programming

We bring women together for fun, social, and Jewish learning programs.

3. Fundraising

Sisterhood raises money to help areas of the shul that need attention, and cannot be addressed by the annual shul budget. Examples include: decorating the bride's preparation room, repairing siddurim (prayer books), updating the office computers, and financially supporting the preschool and NCSY (Teen Programming), Chesed, and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. We also sponsor two Shabbat Kiddushes each year. Our two annual fundraising events are the Donor Telethon and the Silver Tea event that focuses on Chesed.

Sisterhood Membership

Sisterhood membership is \$36 per year. First year brides and new members are free the first year. Life Membership is \$250. The yearly dues cycle runs from September 1 through August 31. Membership benefits include reduced fees at special events, leadership, networking and chesed opportunities.

Please mail in your checks to: Beth Jacob Sisterhood 1855 Lavista Road Atlanta, GA 30329

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50 Fire Safety Tips

Below are safety tips to help you and your family enjoy a happy and safe Chaunkah:

- Remove anything that may catch fire from the areas near the menorahs. (Curtains, blinds, bedding, decorations, and children's projects.)
- Make sure the menorahs are sturdy and level, and will not tip.
- Keep menorah away from the reach of small children.
- Ensue that you have working smoke alarms throughout your house. This is a good time to check the battery. Smoke detectors should be placed on ceiling away from air ducts. They belong in sleeping areas, not cooking areas. It is designed to wake up someone in case of a fire. If alarm goes off, always act as if it's real. If you're in bed, roll out onto the floor, staying low. Get on your hands and knees and crawl to the door. Feel the door with the back of your hand to see if it's hot. If you burn your hand, it will be only the back and you will still be able to crawl around on your hands and knees.
- A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds! Never go back in a burning building because the fire you saw when you were leaving might be much, much larger when you try to go back in.
- Turn frying pan handles away from the edge of the stove and try to use the back burners.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in home located outside of the kitchen and mounted on wall. You don't want to be in the kitchen searching for the extinguisher during a fire. Replace fire extinguisher every ten years. The gauge may read that's it still fully charged, but the powder settles and won't be effective after 10 years. Never attempt to try battling a fire that's bigger than a 13 gallon trash can. It's too large for most home fire extinguishers.
- How to use a fire extinguisher: PASS
 - P Pull out pin
 - A Aim
 - S Squeeze
 - S Sweep back and forth
- Have an evacuation plan/drill with established meeting location FAR back from the building. This will keep you out of the way of emergency responders and their vehicles. Do a head count. Know how many people there should be on any given day and time. This will enable you to give first responders information like, "I have __ people unaccounted for."
- In the event of a fire, if someone is stuck in a room without windows, wedge something like a towel or clothing under the door to block the smoke from entering your room. Two good, deep breaths of smoke can kill a person.
- Universal sign for help is waving a cloth outside the window. If you are too high to get out of the window, open it just a little bit to enable you to stick your hand out with a cloth. If you open the window too much, it could let in smoke from outside. Scream, "FIRE." Do not yell, "Help." Passersby are much more likely to want to help someone threatened by a fire than get involved with an unknown danger. If you are able to call 911, do so, even if a fire truck is already at your location. You will be able to give 911 your exact location, so rescue workers will know where to find you.
- Keep a flashlight handy in your office and in your bedroom. You can use it as a beacon light.
- You should know by heart the phone numbers of at least 5 people, in case power/cell towers are down and cell and cordless phones aren't working. You should have ICE (in case of emergency) in your cell phone, so someone can make a call on your behalf (if you are unable to).
- Have 3 copies of a "Start Over" bag. Keep in a freezer bag important phone numbers, copy of ID, and copies of all insurance cards. Have these bags: on person, in car and with trusted family member who doesn't live with you.
- Top causes of fires: #1 cause of fires in Dekalb is from cooking, especially from frying, #2 cause if from electrical equipment. Overloaded power strips and surge protectors, plugging an extension cord into an extension cord, etc. If you have a surge protector that sometimes trips, read the wattage on the tag. If you add up everything and all plugs that are plugged into the power strip and it's over 2,000 watts, if it too much! Do not penetrate electric cords or place heavy furniture on top of them. A space heater should never be plugged into an extension cord. Never leave house with dryer running. Clean out lint from dryer exhaust and inside and under dryer to help prevent a fire.

50 Within Beth Jacob

BIRTHS

- Abe & Faye Esral on the birth of their granddaughter, Nechama, born to Yaakov & Tehila Milch
- Michal Esral on the birth of her granddaughter, Aliza Minna, born to Yonasan & Esti Gavant; and to great-grandparents, Abe & Faye Esral
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UPCOMING BAR MITZVAHS

- **Dovid Berendt,** December 28th, Parshas Va'era
- Yosef Spotts, December 28th, Parshas

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Nov 22	Vayeishev	5:13PM	5:15PM	4:55PM	6:05PM	5:15PM
Nov 29	Mikeitz	5:11PM	5:10PM	4:55PM	6:04PM	5:15PM
Dec 6	Vayigash	5:10PM	5:10PM	4:55PM	6:03PM	5:15PM
Dec 13	Vayechi	5:12PM	5:10PM	4:55PM	6:05PM	5:15PM
Dec 20	Shemos	5:14PM	5:15PM	5:00PM	6:08PM	5:20PM
Dec 27	Va'eria	5:18PM	5:20PM	5:00PM	6:12PM	5:25PM
Jan 3	Во	5:23PM	5:25PM	5:05PM	6:17PM	5:30PM
Jan 10	Beshalach	5:29PM	5:30PM	5:15PM	6:23PM	5:55PM
Jan 17	Yisro	5:36PM	5:35PM	5:20PM	6:30PM	5:45PM
Jan 24	Mishpatim	5:42PM	5:40PM	5:25PM	6:36PM	5:50PM
Jan 31	Terumah	5:49PM	5:50PM	5:35PM	6:43PM	5:55PM
Feb 7	Tetzaveh	5:56PM	5:55PM	5:40PM	6:50PM	6:05PM
Feb 14	Ki Sisa	6:03PM	6:05PM	5:45PM	6:57PM	6:10PM