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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



The Old Recipe is the Best

It has been widely reported that Synagogue United the of Conservative Judaism has decided to rebrand itself. The New York Post has reported that the Good Omen PR agency of New York has been hired to interview hundreds Conservative Jews "to get their views on the movement in order to develop a new 'position

statement' for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism."

It worries me that the leaders of the movement are trying to reduce the movement's traditional mission and practice.

But we can learn from 'Coca Cola' which rebranded in the late 80's. The Coca Cola executives learned that 'coke' drinkers prefer the "classic coke" and refused to accept any deviation from the "traditional" recipe. For years 'Coke' has been advertised as the "real thing"; in Hebrew

"Ta'am Hachaim" - "the taste of life". The Conservative Movement should present itself as the "real Jewish thing" and show that davening in Conservative Shuls offers the worshipper a very traditional and engaging "taste of authentic Jewish life."

In order to succeed like 'Coke', the Conservative Movement doesn't have to change its recipe, nor rebrand itself. In order to grow, we, as members of the Conservative Movement, must remember that it has a great old "recipe", which has stood the test of time and that adherence to tradition is the key element in the mix.

Rav Barry

Join Rav Barry for Schmoozing
About the Conservative
Movement.

Three classes on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, and Feb. 8 at 6:45pm.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Save the dates – May 17 thru 21, 2017

Thanks to a wonderful grant that Shaare Shamayim received from Federation, we will be hosting an **Israeli Art, Dance and Music Festival** from Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> of 2017. The featured guest, during the five days of this festival, will be world renown artist Mordecai Rosenstein. There will be a variety of programs presented that will include all age groups in our shul. The culminating event will be an original piece of art designed by Mordecai Rosenstein that will reflect his experience at Shaare Shamayim and then be housed in our building. We are in the early planning stages for this event so please stay tuned for further details.

Rav Barry continues to provide us with many learning experiences. Once again, please follow the Scroll, weekly Shabbat bulletins, and weekly e-mails to stay up to date on his schedule of classes. Highlighting a few, there is 'Living

Jewishly' on Monday evenings at 6:45. If you are interested in learning why we do the things we do, then drop into the Chapel on Monday evenings. On Wednesday mornings there is a class entitled 'Midrash Breisheet Rabba'. After morning Minyan, you can enjoy a light breakfast of bagels and cream cheese at Rav Barry & Shira's home while learning about the Midrash, which is an ancient book of Rabbinic commentary and thought on the first book of the Torah. I also want to mention another class in Rav Barry's home. Once a month, those who are interested in learning about the weekly Torah Portion in Hebrew are invited to join him at 6:45 PM. Please check the Scroll or call the office for the exact date.

All of the classes mentioned above are free. You can attend as many classes as you wish. It is not required to attend each session, although we would love to have you.

Denise Ellner Adult Education Chair

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**



On a recent trip home from New York City, I stumbled down some subway steps, landing hard on one foot. My painful landing could have signaled to the surrounding commuters that I had had a problem; instead, people walked around me like I was some kind of an

obstacle.

For a split second, I thought to apologize for being in the way!

We have all been made to feel unimportant on occasion. There are places where no one is friendly. My subway mishap got me thinking about that feeling of being invisible.

At Shaare Shamayim, we are making welcoming as important as the food, the services, and the classes.

In last month's article, I asked you to share some information about your connections at CSS. Thanks to those of you who replied. To summarize, many of you talked about strong long term relationships that were forged as Hebrew school parents, members of committees and groups like Sisterhood and Empty Nesters. Loyalty to people and synagogue spans decades.

Some of you shared thoughts about your roots in a synagogue that merged here and the strength of that connection.

As Congregations of Ner Zedek prepares to join our family (more on this next month), the road ahead holds a challenge: creating shared memories together while cherishing our individual legacies.

Our leadership is uniquely prepared to make this work. Our Board directly represents our merged Congregations and has made welcoming our priority.

May our synagogue family, both old and new, forge a beautiful future for each and every one of us.

Fran Gabriel Francesgabriel @Comcast.net

## **CONDOLENCES**

May you be comforted among the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

The Congregation mourns the passing of long time member and Sisterhood President of Beth Emeth, Rosalie Kaplan.

The Congregation mourns the passing of active Men's Club leader, Maurice Gold

The Congregation mourns long-time former member Izzy Stendig

Condolences to Susan Yudof Steiberg on the loss of her mother, Phyllis Yudof.

The Congregation mourns the passing of long time former member, Jane Kligman

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Toby & Charles Lundy announce the marriage of their grandson David Zlotnick to Baxter Townsend.

JOIN OUR MORNING MINYAN

7 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY & 8AM ON SUNDAY

ongregation	Congregations of Shaare S	Shamayim				January 2017
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DAY		3 (5 of Tevet)	4 (6 of Tevet)	5 (7 of Tevet)		7 (9 of Tevet) Parshat Vayigash
		RUSSIAN LECTURE SERIES 7PM	MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG 7PM		Iraninohai Service 4:25PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	Iran. Service sam & 4:30FM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
					DISNEY FAMILY SHABBAT 6PM	
8 (10 of Tevel)	9 (11 of Tevet)	10 (12 of Tevet)	11 (13 of Tevel)	12 (14 of Tevel)	13 (15 of Tevet) 4:39p Candle Lighting	14 (16 of Tevet) Parshat Vavehi
O GVE	HADASSAH COMBINED MTG 11AM	SISTERHOOD BABY	MDRASH BREISHEET DARDA 74M		Traditional Service 4:40PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	Trad. Service 9AM & 4:30PM Egal. Service 9:30AM 1- Commention 10-4AM
PTA MEETING 9:15AM	LIVING JEWISHLY 6:45PM					
			PARSHA CLASS FOR HEBREW SPEAKERS 6:45PM			SHABBAT LUNCHEON
			EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 8PM			
<b>15</b> (17 of Tevet)	16 (18 of Tevet) MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17 (19 of Tevet)		19 (21 of Tevet)	20 (22 of Tevet) 4:48p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 4:50PM Engine George 7:45DM	21 (23 of Tevet) Parshat Shemot Trad. Service 9AM & 4:30PM Engl Service 6:30AM
MUSIC MONKEY JUNGLE 10AM			RABBA 7AM			Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
	DAYLIVING JEWISHLY 6:45p					SING A LONG SHABBAT 10:45AM
22 (24 of Tevet)	23 (25 of Tevet)	24 (26 of Tevet)	25 (27 of Tevet)	26 (28 of Tevet)	27 (29 of Tevet) 4:56p Candle Lighting	28 (1 of Shevaf) Parshat Vaera
	LIVING JEWISHLY 6:45PM	SISTERHOOD BOARD MTG 1PM	MDRASH BREISHEET RABBA 7AM		Traditional Service 5:00PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	Rosh Chodesh Shevat Trad. Service 94M & 4:30PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
			NORSEGRACION			
			BOARD MTG 8PM			COUNTRY WESTERN LINE DANCE PARTY 7PM
29 (2 of Shevat)	30 (3 of Shevat)	31 (4 of Shevat)				
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### THE LIBRARY SHELF



Dear Friends,

1. Will the person who borrowed "The Nightingale" please return it this week.

2. "There is a need for new or gently used children's books appropriate for young children, ages pre-K to grades 1 or 2. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!" - Lynne Kramer

This week I've been reading "Sisters In Law". On the cover page and the protective paper corner there is a statement: "How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg went to the Supreme Court and changed the world." The book starts out by comparing the early lives of the two justices.

Justice O'Connor was raised in the west on a ranch in a conservative family. Justice Bader was raised in New York City in a liberal Jewish family. These two women changed the way the world, men in particular, looked at women. They are considered the two most important women in the United States. I'm sure I'll have more to say next time.

What's new: Although our children's books are usually of Jewish content, there are so many books of non-Jewish content that are equally as important. We have acquired quite a few new books in this area. One new book actually brought tears to my eyes, "Always Ida". It is about losing a friend to death. It is so kind and gentle. What a sweet, wonderful book to read to a child when trying to explain death.

Happy Reading, Rosalie Cohen

# THE MITZVAH COMMITTEE

Would you like to be on our Honor Roll of folks who donate \$100 to the Mitzvah Fund? You would help feed and clothe some of our congregants who are in dire need. Can you imagine feeding your child of any age cereal three times a day? Or, would you think of sending your child off to school in pants above the ankles or wearing a coat that doesn't button? How about a winter jacket that has been washed so often it is just two layers of nylon with no filling left?

The Mitzvah Committee has been working hard to make sure that all of our families have the food and clothing they need to live a more comfortable life.

You can help. A donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated by many.

Thank you,

The Ladies of the Mitzvah Committee

# **Mah Jongg Cards**

I'm collecting for Mah Jongg Cards. There are two sizes. The standard size is \$8.00; the large is \$9.00. Please get your list of names and mail it to me or bring it to the office. If you have any questions, please call me at 215-870-8538. All names have to be in to me by January 15th. Thank you.

Marion Lober

## **CSS** has a new website!

As a result of our strategic planning process, many changes were identified to help grow our Kehillah Kadosha. One major initiative is the new marketing campaign that has been rolling out. We have a new logo, put extensive advertising out for our Broadway Sings program including newspapers and a billboard on I-95, which brought in a record crowd this year. Watch for more advertising to show up in interesting places around town! Our new website will continue to be enhanced with more photos and information but it's ready for prime time now. Check out all of the new options to learn about all of the upcoming programs and sign up for them online, make donations online, and contact the CSS leadership, staff and clergy though the email links, etc.

Many thanks to all of the people for contributing to the new website but especially to **Debbie Hersh** for pulling it all together. Let us know what you think and any suggestions for improvements you have.

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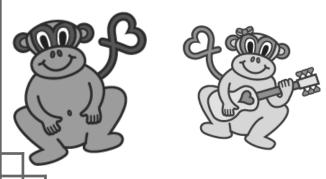
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This class will include a wide-range of topics including:

- The Jewish calendar
- . The Jewish life-cycle
- Torah learning and reading
- Kashrut
- Navigating the Siddur
- The choreography of Jewish prayer and the Jewish home

We hope that you will attend all classes, but all sessions are open individually.

No charge.

Classes will run until January 30th. No Class on January 2nd.

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# SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS



Dear Sisterhood Members, I first want to thank all of you who braved the torrential rain storm, in order to get to our meeting last month. I thought I was going to be the only one there. We were a little crowded due to the Men's Club dinner, but no one seemed to mind.

Rabbi Wolpe entertained with stories about the Jewish Theater and it's many stars.

As you all know by now, Ner Zedek is joining the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim. Welcome to all. We are looking forward to having you join Sisterhood. There will be a schedule of meetings and events following my message. Please come and introduce yourselves to us.

Our Bingo was held December 13. The baked ziti was delicious as usual. A good time was had by all. Yasher Koach to Gerry Zaretsky and Nancy Black for chairing the event, Lynn Whitman who helped collect money, the kitchen crew, Denise Ellner, Fran Gabriel, Bobbie Slosberg, Toby Lundy, Linda Korsin and the bingo callers Steve Korsin and Dave Slosberg. Working the door and selling raffle tickets Marcie Erlick, Trudy Berkowitz, Shirley Leiberman, Maxine Pestcoe, Harriet Malmud, Shelli Keeny and Helen Schultz. The boutique table had something for everyone.

Don't forget the January and February meetings are at 1:00 PM. We are looking forward to the Baby Shower. It's a good feeling to be able to help those less fortunate than us. For those of us whose children and grandchildren are grown, it is fun to shop for baby and children's things. Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year. Please remember I am always available to answer any questions you may have.

Mindy Poliner 215-676-7716

## SISTERHOOD TREASURES



Stop by and see all the new merchandise. Now is the time to purchase your wine for the holidays as well as hostess gifts. If you have any requests for items that you can't find in the Gift Shop, please contact me. Bobbie Slosberg 216-969-0170 or bizeebobbie@verizon.net

#### Sisterhood Calendar 2016 – 2017 \*All meetings are held at 7pm unless noted

#### **Board Meetings**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017,1pm Tuesday, February 28,2017, 1pm Tuesday, March 28, 2017 Tuesday, April 25, 2017 Tuesday, May 17, 2017 Tuesday, June 27, 2017

#### **General Meetings**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 1pm Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Tuesday, May 9, 2017

#### **Special Events**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, Baby Shower, 1pm Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Crafternoon, 1pm Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Bingo, 6pm Wednesday, April 5, 2017, New York Trip, 8:45am
Wednesday, May 23, 2017, President's Dipper

Wednesday, May 23, 2017, President's Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Donor Dinner, 6pm Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Installation, 6pm





# You are invited to a Baby Shower

CSS Sisterhood's Annual Community Mitzvah Project to benefit clients of Jewish Family and Children's Service

# Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 1PM

# Items needed by not limited to:

- New clothing for babies through age 5
- New bedding
- Diapers, bottles, formula
- Bathing supplies
- Toys
- Gently used equipment like car seats (meeting current safety standards)



Call the office 215-677-1600 for information or to bring donations early (starting January 4) - Baby Shower Chair: Susan Anmuth

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Aliyah and Torah honors are available in either service. Call the synagogue office to arrange an Aliyah for your upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Auf Ruf, Baby naming, Yahrzeit, etc.

#### **TRADITIONAL SERVICES**

Rav Barry Schlesinger Cantor Don Samuels

Mon-Fri mornings 7:00 am Sat mornings 9:00 am Sun mornings 8:00 am Sun-Thur evenings 7:45 pm Fri & Sat evenings varies with sunset

#### **CONSERVATIVE SERVICES**

Rabbi Daniel Wolpe Cantor Michael Bitton

Kabbalat Shabbat Fri evenings 7:45 pm Sat mornings 9:30 am

#### **JUNIOR CONGREGATION**

10:45am

We'd love to see all of our students every Shabbat. Bagels served at 10:15 am Come and spend Shabbat with your friends!

Check the Calendar for Candle Lighting Times and Weekly Parasha

From the streets of New York to the top of the world...

**April 5, 2017** 

# CAGNEY

A new musical about Hollywood's tough guy in tap shoes



Sisterhood is heading back to NYC on April 5, 2017 to see Cagney...The Musical

A new musical that follows the life of the legendary James Cagney from the streets of NY to his rise as one of the brightest stars of Hollywood.

Please Note: This theater has steps (21) with no elevator access.

Availability is limited due to the popularity of

the show.

Payment is due in full by Feb. 6, 2017

Mail checks to CSS - 9768 Verree Road, Phila. PA 19115 Attention Nancy Black, Sisterhood





Sisterhood NY Trip - April 5, 2017	(Make check payable to CSS Sisterhood)
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Email	No of tickets
Names of those in your party	
Total amount enclosed	

# Lottery Calendar

 Looking for a fun way to keep track of the date and have a chance to win cash every day of the year?

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• Cash award is determined by the amount printed on each calendar date, and the minimum prize awarded will be \$50 daily.

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- 1/1 Judi Shapiro
- 1/2 Mikaela Lerer
- 1/2 Rita Abrams
- 1/2 Rose Oberfeld
- 1/3 Rose Ginsberg
- 1/3 Rena Frank
- 1/3 Carole Feldman
- 1/3 Toby Lundy
- 1/4 Ruth Rabinowitz
- 1/4 Chloe Poland
- 1/5 Beverly Lyons
- 1/6 Joshua Kanner
- 1/6 Sarah Meller
- 1/6 Evelyn Goldberg
- 1/7 Glenn Levin
- 1/7 Auram Benoff
- 1/8 Linda Hershman
- 1/8 Crystal Kanefsky
- 1/11 Richard Raisman
- 1/12 Chuck Altman
- 1/14 Jake Rubin
- 1/14 Matthew Charles
- 1/15 Valerie Lerer
- 1/18 Marilyn Figlin
- 1/19 Sunny Gold

- 1/19 Raelene Sandberg
- 1/19 Stephen Schuman
- 1/19 Mildred Lurie
- 1/20 Robert Spivak
- 1/21 Jacquelyn Bader
- 1/21 Florence Devor
- 1/22 Phyllis Forman
- 1/22 Raymond Poliner
- 1/22 Selma Sherman
- 1/22 Barbara Brooks-Szeliga
- 1/24 Judith Hersh
- 1/24 Howard Goodman
- 1/24 Andrea Wolf
- 1/25 Michael Feldsher
- 1/25 Elinda B. Fishman Kiss
- 1/26 Vivian May
- 1/27 Joseph Sands
- 1/27 Martin Liberman
- 1/28 Jill Delfiner
- 1/28 Anita Ross
- 1/30 Shirley Jenet
- 1/30 Jesse Torjman

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 1/7 D/M Kenny Simansky
- 1/7 M/M Norman Stein
- 1/11 M/M Eugene Klein
- 1/13 M/M Louis Sandberg
- 1/22 M/M David Racher
- 1/22 M/M Mark Davis



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# **PRESCHOOL PRESS**



















Learning about fish with our Science Specialist

#### PRESCHOOL PRESS

Children need to be continually stimulated to encourage curiosity, which motivates them to question and to problem solve to find answers. This is how we encourage children to think and to enjoy the **process** of discovery. Our goal is not to have children memorize facts without connections to the facts. Memorizing data which could be presented when asked does not mean a child has developed the cognitive skills necessary that will help them become successful in school. Children learn best through play, but the environment is designed with specific goals for what the child will learn, as they build upon prior knowledge.

Several years ago, our curriculum incorporated more science content into a program already rife with an abundance of science in the curriculum. We added a science specialist who has been a fabulous asset to our program. Since September he has been here three times offering his program to our three- three year old classes, our three Pre-K classes, and to our kindergarten children. They have learned through hands-on activities that magnets are objects that produce an area of magnetic force called a magnetic field. They experimented, predicted, and drew conclusions. They changed variables to determine results after predicting outcomes utilizing many materials for experimentation.

They applied the same procedures when learning about volcanoes. They learned after watching our science specialist build a large volcano, which erupted in front of them, how to create their own volcano. They learned and used new vocabulary and applied scientific methods as they tried to produce an eruption inside of their newly constructed volcano. While learning about fish, our children held many real fish, a baby shark, and touched many forms of objects that came from our rivers and oceans. Did you know that fish sleep with their eyes open, taste without using their mouths, and float without casting a shadow?

We are utilizing the visits from our Storyteller, our Science Specialist, Pennypack Environmental Center visits, our Aerobics Specialist, and our Music Specialist, and the Please Touch Museum Magician to reinforce our topical learning. We are constantly enhancing the curriculum to foster creativity, curiosity, and to provide opportunities for collaborative problem solving. Teachers expand the learning in the classroom. The children love the continual hands-on approach to learning here. They are thinkers!!!

January is here and our students returned to school after a very enjoyable and impressive Hanukkah show and a month long series of Hanukkah activities and celebrations. I feel fortunate to have partnered with Rav Barry to provide more Judaic holiday programming for our children with rabbinical leadership and

involvement. So far, Rav Barry has participated with our children for Rosh Hashana, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, and two Rosh Chodesh programs! He eagerly engages the children in stories, new Hebrew words, and song as he plays his guitar to their delight. They look forward to his programs and many more are planned! Our children also enjoyed contributing to Cantor Don's anniversary celebration by sending personalized cards and sharing personal feelings of affection through words and artwork. The kindergarten children participated in the video which was presented at the celebration. Our children are very involved with our clergy, which fosters the love of our school, synagogue, and our religion.

One of my personal favorite activities is when the children participate in our school wide Mitzvah program, which we always plan during Hanukkah. We teach the children about the meaning of Tikkun Olam. The children are empowered with the thought that they can heal the world one good deed at a time. Our children helped to feed the needy, clothe the less fortunate, provide books to hospital pediatric units, collected items for the CSS baby shower, provide food and necessary supplies for animal shelters, and many other charitable opportunities, too many to mention here, that are in progress. I am proud of our young learners and so appreciative for the support their families have given to us.

Almost everything we have done seems to bring us back to the story of Hanukah and the powerful messages conveyed. The powerful message of believing in yourself, not giving up, and valuing the freedom to study and pray as you choose is reinforced everyday!



# MEN'S CLUB TIME OUT



Last month we attended the Federation of Men's Club's Annual Man of the Year Dinner. The event was held at Har Zion Synagogue. Representing CSS was our Man of the Year,

Paul Kaplan. Paul is a Member At Large Board Member and is always there when we need help with any task that you ask of him. This past year he was the Co-host of our Annual Meet the Candidates breakfast and forum, which was a huge success. We congratulate Paul on this wonderful honor and thank him for his dedication to CSS Men's Club.

Please join us on Wednesday, January 4th for our monthly board meeting.

Mark your calendar for the following two events (more info to follow on both):

Sunday, February 5th—The Federation of Men's Club World Wide Wrap

Sunday, March 19th—Our Annual Red Cross Blood Drive in loving memory of our past members Mark Savrin z"l and Al Rosenzweig z"l.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!!!! We hope that 2017 is the best year for everyone.

Barry and Howard Men's Club Co-Presidents

# STUDENT TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Are you a Student planning a trip to Israel? If so, contact the shul office. The



Jeffrey Allen Memorial Fund is set up to help students fund their trips to Israel.

# **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rav Barry for your phone calls during my recovery. And thank you to our CSS family for your prayers, good wishes, donations, and cards. It was greatly appreciated.

Hannah Zwerling

## **COLLEGE OUTREACH**

Our college students receive packages from us several times a year. It's a wonderful way to let them know they are still connected to their Jewish community while they are away from home. This project is supported by the William and Lois Gross Memorial Fund and the Sisterhood's Barbara Dratch Fund.

Be sure we have their current mailing and email addresses. Send them to gwenlurie@aol.com.

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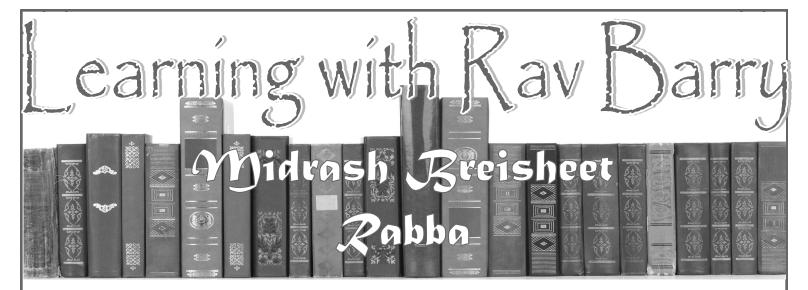
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Wednesdays following Morning Minyan beginning November 2

Enjoy a light breakfast of bagels and cream cheese in Rav Barry's home while learning about the Midrash, a book of ancient Rabbinic commentary and thought on the first book of the Torah.

No charge.

No Class April 12 and May 31

# Parsha Class for Hebrew Speakers

Monthly. Next Class: Wednesday, January 11 at 6:45pm

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כל הבא, ברוך הבא

Hebrew Speakers are welcome to talk about and learn about the Parsha (the weekly Torah Portion) with Rav Barry in his home in Ivrit. Class in April will be on April 19 due to Passover.



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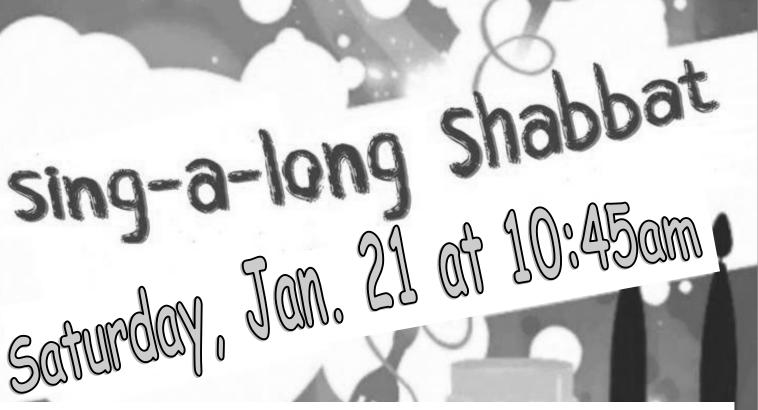


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Please RSVP by calling 215-677-1600 or at shaareshamayim.org

Recommended for ages 1 to 3 <sup>1/2</sup> (older and younger siblings welcome)

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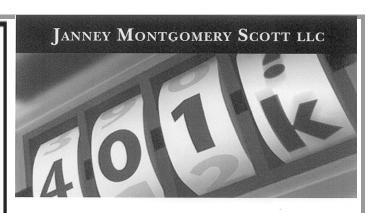


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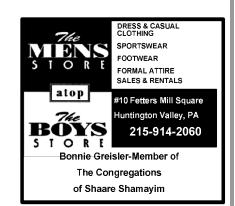
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green beans & Ice Cream

sundae bar for dessert

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Saturday, Feb. 4 at 6:30pm Cost: \$5 per family

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