

שבת שלום

Building On Our Legacy

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Parashat Terumah

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Shabbat Shalom

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Service Times

- * Monday-Friday: 8:00AM
- * Friday Shabbat Evening: 6:30PM
- * Shabbat Morning: 9:30AM
- * Sunday Morning services can be scheduled by request.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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Weekly Torah

Parashat Terumah is about building the first sanctuary, or the Tabernacle. The Israelites are still wandering through the Sinai desert. Moses instructs each person to bring a *terumah*, or “donation”, “gift” for the building of the sanctuary. The contributions may be of gold, silver, and copper; of blue, purple and crimson yarns, fine linen, goats’ hair; tanned ram skins, dolphin skins, and acacia wood; oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the aromatic incense; lapis lazuli and other precious stones for the *ephod* and breastplate. Concerning the Tabernacle, God says to Moses, “And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.” Instructions for the architecture of the sanctuary are detailed. The ark and poles for carrying it shall be made of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Two gold cherubim with large wings are to be placed above the ark, facing each other. A table of acacia wood overlaid with gold is to be made, along with special bowls and jars for offering sacrifices. Moses is also instructed to build a *menorah*, or “lampstand,” of pure hammered gold to hold seven lamps. As for the sanctuary itself, Moses is given details of its size, the material to be used in its construction, and instructions on how to assemble it.

From: A Torah Commentary for Our Times by Harvey J. Fields

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 2/13 – Stuart Garrellick

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 2/13 – Michelle Fanwick

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 2/20 –Dina Fleischmann

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 2/20 – Melissa Marlowe

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, February 12, 8:00am Minyan, 5:06pm Candle Lighting, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 13, 9:30am Shabbat Service

Sunday, February 14, No Navasky, Learner’s Minyan, Gift Shop or Knit n’ Nosh

Monday, February 15, President’s Day, Nitzan/Office Closed, 9:00am Minyan

Tuesday, February 16, No Navasky, Nitzan or Mishnah Class, 8:00am Minyan

Wednesday, February 17, 8:00am Minyan

Thursday, February 18, 8:00am Minyan

Friday, February 19, 8:00am Minyan, 5:15pm Candle Lighting, **7:30pm** Kabbalat Shabbat Service “After Dinner”

Saturday, February 20, 9:30am Shabbat Service

Please RSVP to the Office for the Adult Education classes

See Bulletin Board for Details of all our Adult Education classes

CONTINUING CLASSES

Learners' Minyan

Next Meeting: 2/28

Bowspring Yoga

Next Meeting: 3/13

Adult Torah Trope

Next Meeting: 2/21

Face to Face with the Holocaust

Next Meeting: 3/14

FRIDAY NIGHT "SERVICES AFTER DINNER"

Join us at **7:30pm** on **2/19, 3/11** and **3/18**.

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

March 5, 19 and 26, 10:30am

ROSH CHODESH

3/10, 7:30pm Book Club, "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman.

SAVE THE DATES

Watch your email for details about these exciting events!

Purim Carnival, March 20, 11:00am

Purim Megillah Reading, March 23, 6:45pm

Shabbaton with IDF Soldiers, March 25-26

Silent Auction, April 3, 5:00pm

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Please join us for a Shabbat family service followed by an all American dinner!
Check your email for the registration form. RSVP to the Office by February 26.
Call the office or look on the website for more details.

COMEDY NIGHT 3

Saturday, March 12, 7:30pm. Join us for laughs with comedians Sherry Davey and Richie Byrne! Tickets are \$36 each and parties of 8-10 may reserve a table. Sponsor a table for \$500 with prime seating and acknowledgement in the program. Nibbles provided, BYOB kosher wine and coffee will follow the entertainment. Please RSVP to the Office.

SHARE-A-SHABBAT...AGAIN!

We had a very successful Inaugural Share-A-Shabbat on January 29, with 79 families who were hosts, guests or invited. There will be two more dinners so that all community members will have an opportunity to attend a dinner.

The next two Share-A-Shabbat dinners are:

Friday, March 25 at 6:00 PM, followed by Shabbat services with the Israeli soldiers spending Shabbat in our community.

Friday, June 3, more details to come.

Please contact Michelle Fanwick if you would like to be a host family or attend a dinner. We will try to accommodate requests.

REMINDERS

- ~ The Office is closed on Monday, 2/15 for President's Day.
- ~ Nitzan is closed on Monday, 2/15 and Tuesday, 2/16.
- ~ There is no Navasky on Sunday, 2/14, Tuesday, 2/16 and Sunday, 2/21.
- ~ The Gift Shop is open and Knit n' Nosh meets every Sunday as Navasky.

COMMUNITY

Please see Bulletin Board for Details

AIPAC Community Lecture: The Man Behind the Iron Dome, Thursday 2/25, 7:00pm, Temple Sholom in Greenwich

PUBLICIZE YOUR UPCOMING BETH EL EVENT

We want to publish your upcoming Beth El events. Please share the event information with the office at least 2 weeks in advance.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Kiddush just got easier! Celebrate a simcha with the congregation: a birthday, anniversary or special event. \$180 covers the cost of our regular Shabbat Kiddush. Celebrate with the community!

Yahrzeit Plaques

We are now taking orders for new Yahrzeit Plaques. You can permanently memorialize your loved ones, or purchase "Reserved" plaques for you and/or your family. For info and pricing please contact the office or Ellen Gordon, Chairperson Yahrzeit Plaques, 203-246-4424.



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Harry: 203-846.2646



BOXTOPS!

Drop your **BOXTOPS** off in the Office or to Morah Amy. So far Nitzan has earned \$42!

Thank you for your support!