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Parashat Vayakhel/Shabbat Shekalim

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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 Vayakhel repeats the commandment to observe the Sabbath, emphasizing that no work is to be done on that day. It continues with Moses asking the Israelites to donate gifts of gold, silver, copper, precious stones, fine linen, wood, oil, or spices to be used for building the *mishkan*, or “sanctuary.” Moses appoints Bezalel and Oholiab, skilled craftsmen, to oversee the construction of the sanctuary, and they report to Moses that the people are giving more gifts than are needed. So Moses tells the people to stop bringing their donations. Under the direction of Bezalel and Oholiab, skilled craftsmen work on the cloths, planks, bars, curtains, screens, lampstands, altars, and priestly garments of the sanctuary.

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

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 3/5 – David Rossen

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 3/5 – Andy Meyers

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 3/12 – Andrew Moss

Shabbat Morning Greeters, 3/12 – Robert Neumann

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, March 4, 8:00am Minyan, 5:31pm Candle Lighting, 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Tot Shabbat, followed by Shabbat Across America dinner

Saturday, March 5, 9:30am Shabbat Service, 10:00am Navasky Grade 7 Family Shabbat, 7:00pm Grades 5-7 Game & Movie Night

Sunday, March 6, 9:30am Navasky, Kindergarten, Learners' Minyan, Gift Shop, 10:00am Torah Trope, 10:30am Knit n' Nosh

Monday, March 7, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, March 8, 8:00am Minyan, 9:15am Mishnah Class, 4:15pm Navasky

Wednesday March 9, 8:00am Minyan

Thursday, March 10, Rosh Chodesh Adar II, 8:00am Minyan, 10:30am Soup Kitchen, 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Book Club

Friday, March 11, Rosh Chodesh Adar II, 8:00am Minyan, 5:39pm Candle Lighting, 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat “Services After Dinner”

Saturday, March 12, 9:30am Shabbat Service, 7:30pm Comedy Night 3

LIFE CYCLE

Mazal Tov to Daneet & Eric Brill on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Leah at Carmel Academy.

Refuah Shleimah to Carie Cole

In memory of Trudy Tichauer, aunt of Michelle Fanwick.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members to our community:

Steve & Melissa Brooks (Maryn and Evan), Barrett & Mary Lester (Isaac), David & Eva Maiman (Matthew and Aria), Ronald & Judy Wilkins (Liora), Michael Spiro & Rabbi Nicole Wilson-Spiro (Shayna, Avner, and Noam) and Eric & Erica Zirulnik (Benjamin, Max and Jaxon).

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: 3/6

Adult Torah Trope

Next Meeting: 3/6

Bowspring Yoga

Next Meeting: 3/13

Face to Face with the Holocaust

Next Meeting: 3/14

UPCOMING CLASSES

Pre-Pesach Learning with Rabbi Paskind

3/31: Peanut Butter on Matzah?! May we eat kitniyot/legumes on Passover?

4/7: Spice Up Your Seder! Ideas for engaging seder attendees of all ages.

FRIDAY NIGHT "SERVICES AFTER DINNER"

Next Friday, March 11, please join us at 7:30pm for service after dinner!

Future date: 3/18 at 7:30pm

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

March 19 and 26, 10:30am

NITZAN

BOOKS & BAGELS

3/7, "Literacy and your Pre-Schooler", 9:30am with PJ Library. Please join us for breakfast and conversation!

BETH EL @ BARNES & NOBLE

3/29, Barnes & Noble, 11:00am. Join Nitzan Director Morah Amy and Rabbi Paskind for stories and songs at Barnes & Noble in Westport followed by crafts with Morah Stacey from PJ Library.

ROSH CHODESH

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

VOLUNTEER

Soup Kitchen, Thursday, March 11. Volunteers are needed for prep/set-up 10:30am-12:15pm and/or to serve from 12:15pm-2:30pm.

COMEDY NIGHT 3

Saturday, March 12, 7:30pm. Join us for laughs with comedians Sherry Davey and Richie Byrne! Tickets are \$36 each or sponsor a table for \$500. Nibbles provided, BYOB kosher wine and coffee will follow the entertainment. Please RSVP to the Office by Monday, March 7.

PURIM

Mishloach Manot order forms are due by March 16.

Purim Carnival, March 20, 11:00am. Join us for food, games, crafts and bounce house fun! \$ 18 for entry or \$36 for a wristband.

Megillah Reading, March 23, 6:45pm. Flashback to the 80's! Pick-up Mishloach Manot before the reading.

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 are 2 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, 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 at michelle@fanwick.com if you would like to be a host family or attend a dinner. We will try to accommodate requests.

SHABBATON WITH IDF SOLDIERS

March 25-26. On 3/25, join us for services at 8:00pm and then mingle afterward and/or join us on 3/26 for conversation & coffee at 8:45am, followed by Shabbat Services, Kiddush and kid activities.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!

Silent Auction, April 3, 5:00pm. Invites are out! Please RSVP to the Office.

COMMUNITY

3/28, "Escape from a Family of Hate", Conversion via Social Media, 7:00pm, Westport Country Playhouse (25 Powers Court in Westport)

3/29, 7:00pm, Temple Sholom (300 East Putnam Ave in Greenwich)

ADL Connecticut brings the story of Megan and Grace Phelps-Roper, former members of the Westboro Baptist Church and how they escaped the church and became allies against hate.



BOXTOPS!

Drop your **BOXTOPS** off in the Office or to Morah Amy.
Thank you for your support!



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