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MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Abby (Soclof) & Mordechai Levi on the birth of a baby girl. Mazal tov to big brother Eliav. Mazal tov to grandparents **Raanan** & Daphne Sociof. Mazal tov to great-grandparents Dorothy Sociof Katz & Sidney Katz, and Izhak & Judith Shamir. Mazal tov to aunts and uncles Lizzy, Elijah, Nathaniel, and Maggie Soclof. Mazal tov to the extended Sociof and Levi families.

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If you are new to our community, we are very happy to have you here! If you need a Shabbat or Yom Tov meal, please reach out to the Rabbi or the President.

As of 2.16.24 the Eruv is Kosher

Friday - February 16

ZMANIM

6:40am Shacharit

4:55pm Earliest Time for Candle Lighting

5:42pm Candle Lighting

5:50pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 17

7:30am Hashkama Minyan

9:00am Main Minyan

9:00am Pre Ruchani Minyan Chaburah

9:30am Ruchani Minyan

9:30am Youth Group with Kimi Newmark and Ellie

Silber - Daskal Family Youth Wing

10:15am Tot Shabbat with Caroline Goldman -

Daskal Family Youth Wing Beit Midrash

4:40pm Rabbi's Gemara Class

4:50pm Bnei Akiva Snif

4:50pm Special Women's Shiur

4:50pm Torat Eretz Yisrael Shiur

4:50pm Mishneh Brurah

5:35pm Mincha

6:05pm Rabbi's Parsha Class

6:45pm Havdalah

Sunday

8:00am Shacharit 5:55pm Mincha/Maariv

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

6:40am Shacharit

5:55pm Mincha/Maariv

8:30pm Learning with the CBM

9:30pm Maariv

Thursday

6:40am Shacharit

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RABBI'S LETTER



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Secretary Aviva Klein Dear Members.

I want to share with an amazing scene that occurred this past Monday morning in the main Bet Midrash at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Aryeh Leibowitz was standing in the middle of a room full of students, talking on his phone with his close friend Rabbi Shay Shachter who was in Israel with Fernando Marman and Louis Har – the two hostages who were incredibly freed by the Israeli Defense Forces. Rabbi Shachter assisted the two men as they said Birkat Hagomel and Rabbi Leibowitz and the entire Bet Midrash responded with a thunderous "Amen".

There are three aspects of this scene that I found powerfully moving: The first was the very fact that these hostages were freed which is miraculous in its own right. The service of the brave men and women in the army is simply heroic. The second was the unbelievable bond that exists between all parts of the Jewish people as young men thousands of miles away felt connected to Fernando and Louis whom they had never met. The third was the response of these two hostages who are not religious individuals and yet they felt compelled to acknowledge that Hashem was instrumental in their return to safety.

The latter point relates to an idea in this week's sedra, Parshat Terumah. There the Torah begins the narrative that will continue until the end of Sefer Shemot – namely the instruction to build the Mishkan and its actual construction. While there is a clear invitation for members of Am Yisrael to contribute monetarily to this noble project, according to the commentaries the request was far broader as people were encouraged to give of their talents and actively build this edifice. While on the one hand the idea that everyone can actually partake in the building of Hashem's "home" is a beautiful concept, on the other hand it seems rather puzzling; don't we want to restrict the actual construction to the expert craftsmen in our midst? The answer, I believe, is that the Torah is telling us that there are sparks of kedusha in every Jew and they just need to be brought out. The experts will indeed take the lead on this project but all of us can participate if so inspired. Let us hope that each member of our nation, ourselves included, can be so moved.

Shifting to events in the shul, one of the hidden gems that marks Green Road Synagogue is the wonderful array of learning options that occur each Shabbat afternoon when Bnei Akiva is running Snif. There are four different experiences that people can engage in: There is the traditional Gemara class before Mincha (a staple in many shuls) that I lead. There is Rav Rick Schindelheim's informative and enlightening Torat Eretz Yisrael shiur. Shaya Shtern will deepen your knowledge of halacha if you attend his Mishna Brurah class. Finally, Ariella Goldsmith has added a critical option as she leads a Women's Tehillim group that first learns and then recites chapters of Tehillim. I invite you to find the choice that speaks to you so that your Shabbat will be enhanced each week.

This week there is a slight change as we have a wonderful guest speaker who will giving a shiur for women in place of the Women's Tehillim learning; Ariella Goldsmith resumes her regular class the following Shabbat. Ariella (Etshalom) Broth is here with her husband Yoni as they explore the possibility of joining our community as members of the Fuchs Mizrachi School faculty. Ariella is a Stern college graduate who received her Masters in Biblical and Talmudic Literature at Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Advanced Graduate Studies (commonly known as GPATS). She is presently teaching Talmud to undergraduate students at Stern College while simultaneously learning in Nishmat's Yoetzet Halacha training program and working for Midwest NCSY. All women are encouraged to come and hear this talented young scholar.

May you enjoy a Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Blau



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UPCOMING EVENTS



SNIF Parshat Yitro

4:25 - 5:10 PM Green Road Synagogue Mifkad, Tehilim, Peulot עם ישראל חי!!







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GRS ADULT EDUCATION

Classes

Daily: Rabbi Blau- Between Mincha and Maariv.

Sunday: 9:15am. Dr. Hillel Chiel-Moreh Nevukhim- VIA ZOOM



Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 to 10:00 pm Learning in the Stark Family Beit Midrash Maariv each night at 9:30 pm

Monday:

- 7:45pm Gemara for Beginners: An Introductory class for women with Gabrielle Berger.
- 8:30pm Advanced Gemara Shiur with Rabbi
- 8:30pm Gemara Boot Camp (Men) with Rav Yonatan Gilbert
- 8:45pm Minchat Chinuch with Herzl Ginsburg

Tuesday:

• 8:30pm - Contemporary Challenges and Practical Halachic Approaches with Rav Yonatan Gilbert

Wednesday:

• 8:30pm - Smichas Chaver Program with Rabbi Ari Spiegler.

Thursday:

- 9:00am Torat Eretz Yisrael in the Weekly Parsha Rav Yonatan Gilbert at FMS
- 8:15pm: Mishmar and Midrash Rabbi Dr. Michael Weingarten at GRS

Shabbat:

• 9:00am: Pre-Shacharit Iyun Chabura with Rav Gilbert and Rotating Speakers

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