



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confidential Intensive 5 Day Program held for the first time in LA, and run through the Ness Center, for observant men struggling with inappropriate materials and related behaviors which have led them to addictive actions. December 24-28. Insurance is accepted. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact Rav Meir at 818-275-1498 or rav.meir18@gmail.com or Dennis Brown at 310-360-8512. Confidentiality is of utmost importance.

Bnei Akiva: This Shabbat: 3rd-5th grade: **Beth Jacob** (Snif Shluchot) at 4:15 PM (walking groups LEAVE Canfield/Airdrome at 3:55 PM); and **Yavneh** (Snif Saad) at 4:15 PM. **Motzash 12/16:** Chevraya Bet Skating & Sufganiyot, 8 PM at ICE Santa Monica! **Wed 12/20:** Israel & Ice Cream, 7 PM at Toppings. **Upcoming: Motzash 12/23:** Community Melava Malka for women and girls, 8 PM at YULA Girls. For more information: hkeisar@bneiakivala.org or (310) 387-0974.

Moshava California: This Chanukah, give the gift of a lifetime - a summer at Moshava California! Applications: www.moshavacalifornia.org or 855-MOSHAVA.

West Coast NCSY hopes to send 40 public schools teens to study Torah in NY Dec 25-31. To donate, email michaltn@ncsy.org or go to westcoast.ncsy.org/donate/

Why Kosher Rabbanit Alissa will speak at Temple Beth Am this Shabbat at 5:00 PM during Seudah Shlishit.

Many Voices, One Song. Monday Feb 18, 2018 Fried, Shabat, Helfot, Leiner and Levine together in concert as Gindi Maimonides Academy celebrates 50 years of Jewish education. Tickets on sale now. www.maimonidesla.com/concert.

Chai Lifeline's after school program for children with a seriously ill sibling or parent or a loss in their home. To enroll your child or volunteer to transport children who need a ride to attend, contact Sheva Katz at (310) 274-6331.

Jewish Free Loan makes interest-free student loans averaging \$3500 for college, vocational training and graduate studies. Visit jfla.org for more information.

Are you missing a tallit? Young Israel of Century City found numerous Tallitot during it renovation. If you are missing a tallis, please call 310-272-1390.

CONNECT WITH BDJ

Have you downloaded our app yet? Use the app to get quick access to our membership directory, minyan times and more! We will also use the app for emergency notifications and announcements... so don't miss out! Download the app at www.bnaidavid.com/getapp/

ALSO, have you "liked" us on Facebook? We are revamping our Facebook page, so like us right away at www.facebook.com/bdj.losangeles/

BDJ'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 17 - The Giving Spirit
- December 12-20 - Hanukah
- December 20 - Hanukah Tikkun Olam Lunch
- December 25 - Office Closed
- December 27 - Laundry Love
- January 1 - Office Closed
- January 6 - AIPAC Kiddush and Program
- January 13 - Arts Shabbaton with David Moss
- January 13 - Celebrate January Kiddush
- January 15 - BDJ Dinner
- January 17 - Tikkun Olam Lunch
- January 23 - Yiftach's Daughter and the Aguna
- January 24 - YP AIPAC Happy Hour at Pat's

מי שברך אבותינו אברהם יצחק ויעקב ואמותינו שרה רבקה רחל ולאה הוא יברך וירפא את החולים בעבור שאנחנו מתפללים בעבורם בשכר זה הקדוש ברוך הוא מלא רחמים עליהם להחלימם ולרפואתם ולהחזיקם ולהחיותם וישלח להם מהרה רפואה שלמה מן השמים לכל אברהם ולכל גדיהם בתוך שאר חולי ישראל רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף שבת היא מלועוק ורפואה קרובה לבוא השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב ונאמר אמן.

Misheberach List

Please be in touch with Susan Fink at stlfink@gmail.com
Chaya bat Tova Bleima (Sorel Lainer's mother) * Pessie bat Chana (Martine Porter-Zasada's sister) * Esther bat Devorah Bella (Mayer Schames' mother) * Emanuel ben Hinda (Mr. Sassover) * Bella Rivka bat Rosa (Aharon Shimoni's sister) * Shulamit bat Ruchel Sheina (Selma Framson) * Arlene bat Mollie (Kara Roberts' grandmother) * Yaakov Roni Ben Margalit * Michael ben Malka (Max Wozniak) * Chaya bat Bela (Mayer Bick's mother) * Tziporah bat Tova (Mrs. Sassover) * Reina Alfaro * Chayim Menashe ben Fruma (Manny Klein) * Yitzchak Avraham ben Devorah (Deb Mizrahi Smith's uncle) * Mordechai ben Dina * Yisroel Yehuda Ben Dina Sara * Yitzchak ben Raizel (Ira Grose) * Sarah Hindi bat Lily (Cary Glass's mother) * Sarah bat Malka (Lenny Schloss' friend) * Tila bat Miriam * Pinchus Shalom Tzvi ben Ze'eva (Daniella Platt's friend's son) * Shoshana Bat Rivka (Rose Wolfe) * Menachem Mendel Ben Chaya (Sarah Abraham's grandfather) * Hadassah Bat Lea * Eitan Zev ben Nachama Sara Beilah * Shmuel ben Miriam (Rica Bercovici's nephew) * Aharon ben Rosa * Helen Avivah bat Marietta Ruth * Anna Louise bat Barbara Feige * Tova Chaya bat Leah Malka * Leah bat Liba * Yosefa bat Fayga Hadas * Yosef Hiskiya ben Chaya * Matisyahu Yoel Baruch ben Gittel (Marcus Freed) * Chava Yeta bat Shulamit * Carmi Adina bat Malka


Candle-Lighting: 4:28 PM
Mincha: 4:30 PM in the Beit Midrash
Kabbalat Shabbat: Benny Smith
Dvar Torah: Rabbanit Alissa
YP Minyan: 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash
Teen Minyan: 9:30 AM in the Projection Room
Main Minyan: 9:00 AM in the Main Sanctuary
Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:20 AM
Shacharit: Mike Mendelson
Kriat HaTorah: Ilan, Aryeh and Ezra Rosenbaum
Haftarah: Ilan Rosenbaum
Torah/Maftir/Haftarah:
Hertz: 122, 598, 987. **Stone:** 222, 768, 1210
Drasha: Rav Yosef
Musaf: Josh Singer
Concluding Services: Zane Mendelson
Mincha: 4:10 PM followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash
BW Mincha: 4:15 PM at the Fishman Home (9428 Duxbury Rd)
Havdalah: 5:28 PM

HAPPENING THIS SHABBAT


- ◆ Hanukah and Shabbat Mevarchim
- ◆ Friday Night YP Hanukah Mash-Up
- ◆ YP Minyan at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash
- ◆ Teen Girls' Coffee Club at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room
- ◆ Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by the Rosenbaum Family in honor of Ilan's Bar Mitzvah.
- ◆ BDJ Babies Hanukah Seudah Shlishit and Melave Malka
- ◆ Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash sponsored by Jillian & Stephen Isaacs in memory of her father Mike Shur z"l, and by Joey Lipner & Abigail Yasgur and Barbara & Howard Wettstein in honor of the first yearzeit of Sara Lipner, Sara bat Eliyahu Sinai v'Bayla Rivka z"l.
- ◆ Nothing But The Pshat with Joey Lipner.

THIS SHABBAT

YP SHABBAT HANUKAH MASH-UP
Dinner 6:00 PM

Dessert & Drinks 8:30-10:00 PM
Shabbat dinner in YP homes following davening (approximately 6:00 PM). Then we all join together for Dessert & Drinks at the home of Rabbanit Alissa and Akiva (1447 S Canfield Ave!) 

HANUKAH SEUDAH SHLISHIT & MELAVE MALKA!

Join BDJ Babies this Shabbat at 4:30 PM for a special seudah shlishit with sufganiyot, latkes & games followed by Havdala, candle lighting, Hanukah music and dancing at the home of Ronnie & Sarah Lee: 1117 S Hayworth Ave. Rides provided home after Shabbat. 

BDJ BROADCAST

- ◆ **Mazal Tov** to Ilan, Mark and Rosie Rosenbaum, Aryeh, Ezra, Asher and Becca on Ilan's Bar Mitzvah!
- ◆ **Mazal Tov** to Dr. Rena Katrikh on completing her PhD in Occupational Therapy!
- ◆ **Mitzvah Day:** Kol hakavod to all the coordinators, donors & volunteers who helped with Bag Decorating, Embrace-A-Family, The Giving Spirit & the Blood Drive! We collected 33 Whole Blood Pints which could save up to 99 lives; we helped assemble, and on Sunday we will help distribute, 2600 bags to the homeless; we purchased 35 holiday gift cards for 93 refugees family members; and we decorated 90 Hanukah Gift Bags for those in need (30 done by Sam Katz)!

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

The Parking Lot next door to BDJ will be closed for approximately 2 years during construction. We are working with Mercy Housing on alternative parking solutions during this time.

B'NAI DAVID-JUDEA ANNUAL DINNER



HONORING:

Lola & Emil Sassover
Rae & Shep Drazin
Nikki Sieger & Andres Terech
www.bnaidavid.com/qala

EDUCATION AT BDJ

WEEKLY LEARNING AT BDJ

Half Hour of Halacha: Blessing Israel with Love
Sunday Nights with Rav Yosef. 8:30 - 9:15 PM - Gill Home

Gemara Shiur: The Brachot We Recite and Live
Monday Nights with Rav Yosef
7:30 - 9:00 PM - Beit Midrash

Midrash Group
Tuesdays with Rav Yosef
7:45 - 8:45 AM - Beit Midrash

Parsha Plug
Tuesday Nights with Rabbanit Alissa
7:30 - 8:30 PM - Beit Midrash

Briyut HaNefesh
Thursdays with Rabbanit Alissa
7:45 - 8:45 AM - Conference Room
To attend please contact rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com

Nothing but the Pshat
Various Teachers.
During Seudat Shlishit - Beit Midrash

Shabbat Shorts
By Rav Yosef and Rabbanit Alissa. Tuesday and Thursdays in your inbox. To sign up, email bdj@bnaidavid.com.

Yiftach's Daughter and the Aguna with Esther Macner

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 • 7 Shevat 5778
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the BDJ Beit Midrash.

The story of Yiftah's daughter (Judges 11) and how Chazal interpret it is so powerful and relevant to the politics of batei din today. Through a close literary read of texts, and Esther's experience with agunot, we will learn why Yiftah's daughter is a symbol of the Aguna today.

Sponsored by Esther Macner in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother, Chana Ita bat Mordechai, Markel z"l.

Esther Macner, Esq. is a divorce mediator at Get Divorce Solutions and founder of the non-profit Get Jewish Divorce Justice. She also holds an MA in Tanach from JTS.

UPCOMING HALACHA HOW TO'S

In the coming weeks, we will be devoting this space to the somewhat complicated Halachot regarding warming food for and on Shabbat. The discussion will include the correct use of the *blech* and hot plates, as well as how and when foods may be warmed through contact with other foods that are already hot. Rabbanit Alissa and I encourage your questions and feedback, as this is truly intended to be an interactive learning process. As you will see, the starting point for all of the Halachic discussion around this issue is the tension between the Halachic *prohibition* of cooking on Shabbat, and the *mitzvah* to have delicious food on Shabbat. Navigating this tension requires fine distinctions at times, but they are all in the service of attempting to uphold the place of both of these Halachic values of Shabbat. More to come! – Rav Yosef

SCHEDULE OF DAILY MINYAN

SHACHARIT

Sunday	8:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday (Hanukah, Rosh Chodesh)	6:30 AM
Wednesday (Hanukah)	6:40 AM
Thursday	6:45 AM
Friday	7:00 AM

MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Sunday - Thursday	4:30 PM
Friday	4:30 PM

SHABBAT December 23

Shacharit and Rechov Yeladim	9:00 AM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Havdalah	5:31 PM

SHABBATON

ARTS SHABBATON

**With Celebrated Judaica Artist and Illuminator
DAVID MOSS**

January 12 and 13, 2018



**Friday Night Oneg: Love Letters:
The Revival of the Illuminated Ketubah.** 7:45 PM at the home of Rabbi Bob and Dr. Hana Wexler (1605 Durango Ave).

The illuminated ketubah dates back to the 10th century. Yet our parents or grandparents may have never even heard of such a thing. Join David Moss, to whom the revival of the illuminated ketubah is attributed, as he shares with us how this revival came about and his intimate process of personalizing each work to the couple.

Shabbat Morning Drasha (Before Musaf): How Art Illuminates My Judaism and Judaism Illuminates My Art

Using the very notion of Drasha itself, David will talk about his lifelong mission of interpreting Jewish texts, ideas and values through creative, aesthetic expression. He will give us insight into why he has chosen art as his form of Jewish self-expression, how the arts can educate and inspire and how Torah informs every work he creates.

Saturday Night: Bringing New Life to Old Forms: The Haggadah and Shtender. 7:30 PM at the home of David and Marcia Nimmer (467 S. Rodeo Dr).

David will present his illuminated Moss Haggadah, which took three years to make and was honored by the New York Public Library and awarded the Israel Museum's Jerselson Prize for Contemporary Judaica. He will also display and describe his collaboration with Noah Greenberg to create the Tree of Life Shtender, which transforms the Shtender into a Treasure Chest of Jewish life containing almost every object used for our daily, weekly and yearly observances.

TIKKUN OLAM

THE GIVING SPIRIT - December 17

The Giving Spirit (www.thegivingspirit.org) assembles and delivers survival kits for the homeless during the holiday season. BDJ has been supporting this project for many years.

Join us this Sunday, December 17 from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM for Part 3 to deliver the kits to the homeless throughout Los Angeles. Meet at Brentwood Presbyterian Church at about 10:30 AM, load kits into our cars, and fan out to distribute them. This is an amazing, rewarding, yet sobering experience. Register at www.thegivingspirit.org.

Click on "Volunteer" and register. Please ALSO RSVP to albiecohen@yahoo.com.

Donate: Each kit costs about \$75.00. To donate, go to www.thegivingspirit.org and click on "Donate."

LAUNDRY LOVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers age 12 and above to help launder and to schmooze during the next BDJ Laundry Love, **Wednesday December 27 from 7:00-9:00 PM**, at Launderland, 1661 Robertson Blvd.

Laundry Love engages members of the community who are in need. Clean clothes help people who are struggling to maintain their dignity and to feel better about themselves. Laundry Love is a hands-on *chessed*, and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with people we might otherwise never meet. We talk with them, we laugh together, and we do their laundry! To sign up to volunteer, contact Debi Pomerantz: debilp@gmail.com.

Tikkun Olam Lunch

Join us on the Eighth day of Hanukah, **Wednesday December 20** at 12:00 PM in the Beit Midrash. Have lunch with our neighbors, schmooze and enjoy!

MEMBER MASH UP

December is Member Mash-Up Month!

Please keep mashing up your Shabbat meal and get to know more of the amazing members in our community! Please invite for the following dates:

December 15/16: Someone with the same initials as you (or as someone in your family).

December 22/23: Someone who joined BDJ within the past 3 years or a current board member.

December 29/30: Someone at least 10 years older or younger than you.

We are eager for 100% Shul participation, so start inviting! Please try to host someone new for one of these eight meals! If you have questions or suggestions, contact Nikki Sieger at nikkisieger73@gmail.com.

ISRAEL

AIPAC Kiddush & Program

Pro-Israel Outreach:

Hispanic Support and Beyond

with **Senior Outreach Director Pedro Cavallero** **January 6, immediately after davening.** Learn about AIPAC's impact in creating pro-Israel support. Pedro earned a JD from University of Buenos Aires and MA in Comparative Law from Maastricht University in the Netherlands. He worked over 8 years with the National Council of La Raza.

Also **AIPAC YP Happy Hour, Wednesday January 24th at Pat's, 9233 W Pico Blvd.**

AIPAC Policy Conference

Join Rav Yosef, Rabbanit Alissa, & BDJ members **Sunday-Tuesday March 4-6 in DC!** BDJ has 15 tickets for purchase at the discounted rate of \$399 (this is \$200 off!). To join our delegation, visit: <https://www.bnaidavid.com/form/aipac-inquiry-2018>. For more info, contact Noam Drazin, Matt Lefferman or Leah Naghi. Last year we had 30+ in our delegation. Let's have even more this year! Policy Conference is a great bipartisan way to support

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

As 2017 comes to a close, we would like to remind you that now is a good time to pay your bill if you have a balance and to please consider making an additional donation to B'nai David-Judea. We have three convenient payment options:

1. **Pay securely online** through ShulCloud.
2. **Send or drop off a check** at: B'nai David-Judea, 8906 W. Pico Blvd., L.A., CA 90035.
3. **Call the office** at 310-276-9269 **to make a donation over the phone.**

Donations to B'nai David-Judea are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. If you have any questions about your bill or making a donation, please feel free to call the office at 310-276-9269 or email our executive director Adynna Swarz at director@bnaidavid.com.

Donating Appreciated Stocks - Another option is donating appreciated stock. This could provide a significant financial benefit to you while benefiting the Shul as well. Donating appreciated stock itself rather than selling and donating the proceeds can save you any potential capital gains liabilities and still give you the full tax deduction for the appreciated amount, while allowing the Shul to also realize the full gain of its value. For any questions, please call the office or Jon Merritt at 310-552-5607.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our community!