

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moshava & Bnei Akiva: No Sniff this Shabbat. **11th Grade & Up:** Meet old camp friends & make new ones! Fri Oneg at 8:00 PM with Camp Director Avi Matanky & Rosh Mosh Zev Hait at the Matansky home, 1465 S Beverly Drive #4. **Families:** Special camp-style Mincha and Seudah Shlishit at Beth Jacob at 4:15pm. **3rd-9th Graders:** Sat Night bowling & pizza! 7:15pm at Pinz (12655 Ventura Blvd, Studio City). rsvp office@moshavacalifornia.org.

Hand in Hand Support Group for parents of children with special needs. **Wed Jan 10 to Feb 21, 7:30-9:00 PM** at Sinai Temple. Register 866-287-8030 or HaMerczaj@jfsla.org.

Jewish Softball Team form to play in the LA Interfaith Softball League! Men and women of all skill levels welcome! Games to be once a week in Cheviot Hills starting in April. Teams must be formed by February. Contact: Emily Bowen Cohen emilyjc@mac.com.

Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish? with Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik & Dr. Andrew Porwancher. Wed Feb 7 at 7:30 PM at Beth Jacob. Co-sponsored by Yeshiva University, BDJ, et al.

Many Voices, One Song, Mon Feb 18, Wiltern Theatre. Doors open 5:30 PM. Show 6:30 PM. Fried, Shabat, Helfot, Leiner & Levine together in concert at Gindi Maimonides Academy 50th anniversary. www.maimonidesla.com/concert.

Confidential Five Day Intensive at the Ness Center, Beverly Hills for Orthodox men struggling with inappropriate materials and related behaviors that have led them to addictive actions. **Feb 18-22.** Insurance accepted for this outpatient treatment program. Contact Rav Meir 818-275-1498 or rav.meir18@gmail.com or Dennis Brown 310-360-8512.

LA Rabbis Teach at Wilshire Blvd. Temple. Rabbanit Alissa will teach **Wed, Feb 21 from 7 to 8:30 PM.** (See flyer for details.)

Maccabeats return to LA! Sun Feb 25th, doors open 5 PM at Shalhevet. \$36 adults \$18 students. www.itsmyseat.com

Gift of Life Celebration honoring Jeremie Braun with the Celebrating Life Adam Krief z"l Award and witness the first time meeting of a donor and recipient from the Hope 4 Adam Recruitment Drives. **Thurs, March 8, 7-10 PM,** SLS Hotel Beverly Hills. www.giftoflife.org/events/eventtickets/88.

Jewish Free Loan provides interest-free loans for emergencies, housing, education, small business start-ups, healthcare & Jewish lifecycle events. Visit jfla.org to find a loan for you.

PARKING

PARKING DURING NON-BUSINESS HOURS is available in the Wells Fargo Bank lot at night from 6:30 PM to 8:00 AM, and on weekends and legal holidays. **Thanks to Mercy Housing and Wells Fargo for arranging this.** We are working with Mercy Housing on parking solutions during business hours.

BDJ'S UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15	- BDJ Dinner
January 17	- Tikken Olam Lunch
January 20	- YP Minyan
January 23	- Yiftach's Daughter and the Aguna
January 24	- YP AIPAC Happy Hour & Sushi
January 31	- Tu B'Shvat
January 31	- Mishmar: Innovation & Technology
February 2	- Tu B'Shvat Tot Shabbat & Dinner
February 3	- Teen Girls' Tefillah

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 ימלא 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 מלזעוק ורפואה קרובה לבוא השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב וגומר אמן.

Misheberach List

Please be in touch with Susan Fink at stlfink@gmail.com

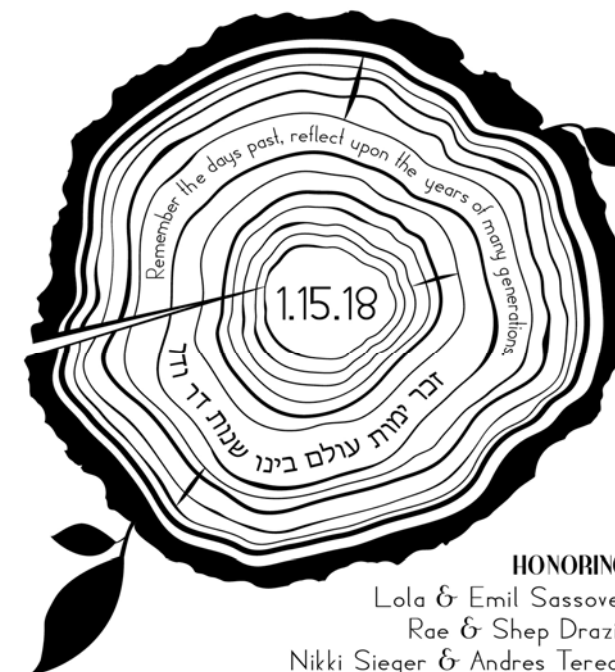
Chaya bat Tova Bleima (Sorel Lainer's mother) * Pessie bat Chana (Martine Porter-Zasada's sister) * Esther bat Devorah Bella (Mayer Schames' mother) * Emanuel ben Hinda (Mr. Sassover) * Bella Rivka bat Rosa (Aharon Shimoni's sister) * Shulamit bat Ruchel Sheina (Selma Framson) * Arlene bat Mollie (Kara 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 * Tamar Pnina Gittel bat Aliza Rachel * Shoshana Malka bat Shifra Yona (Shani Rotkowitz) * Yaacov Moshe bet Sarah * Yakot bat Esther (Colette Volvovic) * Hillel ben Sara (friend of Zev Hurwitz's father) * Ahuva Yonina bat Rachel. (Mark Treitel's aunt) * Chana Gittel bas Dvora Masha (Chanie Kravitz) * Yonah Shlomo ben Batsheva Malka



B'NAI DAVID-JUDEA

Candle-Lighting: 4:47 PM
Mincha: 4:50 PM in the Beit Midrash
Kabbalat Shabbat: Alex Fax
8:25 Minyan: in the Beit Midrash. Post Davening Learning with Rabbi Yagil Tsaidi.
Main Minyan: 9:00 AM in the Main Sanctuary
Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:30 AM
Teen Minyan: 9:30 AM in the Projection Room
Shacharit: Rav Yosef
Anim Zemirot: Zane Mendelson
Kriat HaTorah: Mayer Bick
Torah/Haftarah: Hertz 232, 244; Stone: 318, 1149.
Drasha: Scholar in Residence David Moss
Musaf: Robby Helperin
Mincha: 4:30 PM followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash
BW Mincha: 4:35 PM at home of Atara & Rabbi Ari Segal (9327 Monte Mar)
BDJ East: 4:20 PM at the Sieger Terech home (6503 Moore Dr.)
Havdalah: 5:46 PM

B'NAI DAVID-JUDEA ANNUAL DINNER



HONORING:

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

Exclusive Offer: From Dust to Dawn, Rebuilding Our Lives After the Holocaust, Memoirs of Emil and Lola Sassover. \$54 at <https://www.bnaidavid.com/form/sassover>. 100% of the proceeds will go toward creating a flexible and intimate prayer space in BDJ's Social Hall, enabling Shirat Chana and other minyanim to have a shul-like feel. As longtime stalwarts of our daily minyan, Shabbat davening, and women's tefilla, Mr. and Mrs. Sassover understand and appreciate the personal and communal benefits of having evocative and spiritual venues for prayer. The book is not for sale to the general public, but the Sassover family has generously made 100 copies available to BDJ members. The book will not be sold anywhere else.

SHABBAT BULLETIN

January 13, 2017 ~ 26 Tevet 5778

פרשת וארא Parshat Vaera

HAPPENING THIS SHABBAT

- ◆ Shabbat Mevarchim
- ◆ Arts Shabbaton (see below).
- ◆ Teen Girls' Coffee Club, 9:30 AM in the Conference Room.
- ◆ Celebrate January Kiddush in the Social Hall (See below).
- ◆ Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash sponsored by the Harlow, Fishman, Ciment and Melmed family in memory of Zev Tzvi ben Yitzchak v'Sarah z"l.
- ◆ Nothing But The Pshat with Atara Segal.

THIS SHABBAT

ARTS SHABBATON WITH CELEBRATED JUDAICA ARTIST AND ILLUMINATOR DAVID MOSS

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).



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

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).

CELEBRATE JANUARY KIDDUSH SPONSORS

www.bnaidavid.com/sponsor

- ◆ Shana Fishman in honor of Mordechai's birthday.
- ◆ Reyna Zack in honor of Jeff's 40th Birthday.
- ◆ Rena Selya Cohen in honor of Leah's 11th birthday.
- ◆ Yael Mashbaum in honor of Michael's birthday and our 8th wedding anniversary.

BDJ BROADCAST

- ◆ **Mazal Tov** to Daniella Platt, Barney Lipson and sister Ava on the birth of a baby girl! Meal Train: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/n2345e>
- ◆ **Mazal Tov** to our Honorees this weekend: Lola & Emil Sassover, Rae and Shep Drazin, and Nikki Sieger & Andres Terech!

EDUCATION AT BDJ

WEEKLY LEARNING AT BDJ

Half Hour of Halacha: Sunday Night Purim!
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. Resumes 1/22/2018

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 (See below for special sessions in January.)

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT PURIM!

Did you join us last Sunday for Rav Yosef's new "Sunday Night Purim" teachings on the Halachot of Purim? **If you missed it, it's not too late to join the series starting this Sunday and continuing every Sunday through February!**

All skill levels welcome! Sunday nights 8:30 to 9:15 PM at the Gill home.

Parsha Plug Tuesday Nights in January

Jan 16: Taught by Akiva Newborn. **Jan 23:** Parsha Plug is cancelled so we can attend Esther Macner's shiur. **Jan 30** Taught by Rabbanit Alissa.

YIFTACH'S DAUGHTER AND THE AGUNA WITH ESTHER MACNER

Tues, Jan 23rd, 7:30 - 8:30 PM in the Beit Midrash

Sponsored by Esther Macner in honor of the yahrzeit (7 Shvat) of her mother, Chana Ita bat Mordechai, Markel z"l.

The story of Yiftach'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 Yiftach's daughter is a symbol of the Aguna today.

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.

Mishmar: Innovation & Technology

Wednesday January 31 at 7:30 PM.

For info, contact Allyson Gronowitz at asgrono@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE OF DAILY MINYAN

SHACHARIT

Sunday, Monday (MLK Day)	8:00 AM
Tuesday, Friday	7:00 AM
Wednesday (Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat)	6:30 AM
Thursday	6:45 AM

MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Sunday - Thursday	4:55 PM
Friday	4:55 PM

SHABBAT January 20

Shacharit and Rechoy Yeladim	9:00 AM
Mincha	4:35 PM
Havdalah	5:52 PM

ISRAEL

AIPAC YP Happy Hour & Sushi Weds January 24th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

At the home of Joanne & Robby Helperin, (9338 Oakmore Rd). Come learn about AIPAC's role in Israel advocacy and about opportunities for you as a YP! Sushi and drinks served! This is a free event!

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE Join Rav Yosef, Rabbanit Alissa and 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 Israel. We hope you can join us!

ISRAEL APPEAL

**For TWO Special Organizations
February 3rd at BDJ**

ALEH Negev: "All People. No Limits" is Israel's largest care network for children with severe multiple disabilities. ALEH provides advanced medical, educational and rehabilitative care to over 750 children, allowing them to live in much the same way as nondisabled children.

HaShomer HaChadash upholds Zionist values and has changed the physical and moral landscape of Israel by assisting farmers in remote areas of the Negev and Galilee with security, protecting land, educating youth, empowering volunteers and inspiring mutual responsibility while promoting agricultural and pioneering ventures.

For Information and to Donate:

<https://www.bnaidavid.com/form/israelappeal2018>

TIKKUN OLAM

JANUARY TIKKUN OLAM LUNCH

Join us for our upcoming Tikkun Olam Lunch on **Wednesday January 17 at Noon** as we have lunch with our neighbors, schmooze and enjoy!

BOOMERS

"A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN!"

Saturday Night, February 17 at 8 PM at the Saban Theatre, Wilshire near La Cienega. Purchase your ticket for \$36 at <https://www.bnaidavid.com/event/boomers-a-night-with-janis-joplin.html>. **Two Tickets Left!**

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

YP MINYAN

Join us for the next YP Minyan on **January 20 at 9:30 AM** in the BDJ Beit Midrash. To get more involved or to sponsor a YP Kiddush, visit www.bnaidavid.com/yp or email Rabbanit Alissa at rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com.

TEENS

Teen Girls Tefilah

February 3rd at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash

Teen and tween girls (grades 6 and up) and their proud female fans are invited to join us for the next all-star, all-girl tefila Shabbat morning February 3rd in the Beit Midrash.

Contact Sara Smith smsmith15@gmail.com or Julie Fax juliefax@gmail.com to sign up teen girls for leading davening, leining and related honors.

BDJ BABIES

**Tu B'shvat Tot Shabbat and Dinner
February 2nd at 5:00 PM**

Join us for candle lighting, singing, fun activities and a festive dinner to celebrate the birthday of the trees! **For ages 0 - 6, but all are welcome!** Dinner is \$25/adult and \$10/child. Register at: <https://www.bnaidavid.com/event/tot-shabbat-and-shabbat-dinner.html>.

BABYSITTING

CALLING ALL PARENTS (OF YOUNG ONES) AND BABYSITTERS!

By popular demand, we are putting together a list of babysitters to share! **Babysitters** - if you would like to be included in the list and **Parents** - if you would like a copy of the list (for \$5), please fill out your information in the appropriate section here:

<https://www.bnaidavid.com/form/babysitting-list.html>.

Deadline to submit/request is January 19th.

For more info, contact Talia at taliarebecca@gmail.com.

HALACHA HOW TO

We return to our discussion of oft-asked-about questions regarding the warming of food on (and for) Shabbat. Please keep in mind that **we very much want this to be an interactive process**. Please send your questions to Rabbanit Alissa or to me.

Last week we discussed the conditions under which it is permissible to leave food on a heat source on Friday afternoon before Shabbat begins, with the intention that the food continue to cook overnight. This is generally permissible as long as we minimize the possibility that we'll unthinkingly raise the flame in order to accelerate the cooking process. As we saw last week, this is achieved through either:

1. Covering the flame before Shabbat (and thus consciously placing the flame "off limits")
2. Cooking the food at least 1/3 of the way before Shabbat begins, or
3. Placing the food on the flame absolutely raw just before Shabbat begins, in such a state that it couldn't possibly finish cooking before Shabbat day no matter what you did.

Today we'll apply all this to a crock pot. As an important disclaimer: Halachic opinions do differ about the use of crock pots for Shabbat. What follows is my own carefully considered opinion.

In a crock pot, there is obviously no visible "flame" that can be covered. If one wanted to create the equivalent to "covering the flame" (condition #1 above), it would be necessary to at least remove (or very firmly tape over) the knob that controls the setting. According to some opinions, it would also be necessary to line the bottom of the crockpot with foil (assuming you have a removable insert). Utilizing conditions (2) or (3) are obviously much more straightforward and simple. Again it's important to not stir the contents of the crock pot, or even to remove and replace the lid, as both stirring and covering constitute accelerations of the cooking process as well.

What can you do if the contents of the crock pot (or standard chulent pot on a *blech*) are drying up? It is permissible to add water to the pot only if ALL of the following conditions pertain:

1. The contents of the pot are fully cooked at this point
2. You have temporarily removed the insert from the crockpot with explicit intention to replace it promptly (and preferably still holding it in your hands)
3. The water you pour into the pot is already above 120 degrees F (e.g. from your Shabbat urn)

Done in this manner, no act of forbidden cooking takes place, and your chulent or soup is saved!

Next topic: Hot Plates!

— Rav Yosef