



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Confidential Five Day Intensive Program** at the Ness Center in Beverly Hills for Orthodox men struggling with inappropriate materials and related behaviors that have led them to addictive actions. Two sessions **Dec 24 to 28** and **Feb 18 to 22**. Insurance is accepted for this outpatient treatment program. For info or to sign up, contact Rav Meir 818-275-1498 or [rav.meir18@gmail.com](mailto:rav.meir18@gmail.com) or Dennis Brown 310-360-8512.

**Bnei Akiva Events: Shabbat 12/23:** 3rd-5th graders activities in two locations: **Beth Jacob** (Snif Shluchot) at 4:20pm (walking groups LEAVE Canfield/Airdrome at 4:00pm); and **Yavneh** (Snif Saad) at 4:20pm.

**Moshava California:** 6 weeks + 2 sessions = friends and memories for a lifetime! Camp application and information at [www.moshavacalifornia.org](http://www.moshavacalifornia.org) or call 855-MOSHAHA.

**CommUNITY Melava Malka for Girls and Women**, Saturday night, December 23 at 7:30 PM at YULA Girls High School. Co-sponsored by Bnei Akiva, Camp Moshava NCSY, Shalhevet, Yachad and YULA Girls High School.

**Yesh Tikva Fertility Support Group led by Rabbanit Alissa.** Next meeting is January 10th at 7:30 PM. RSVP: [events@yeshtikva.org](mailto:events@yeshtikva.org).

**Hand in Hand** Support Group for families of children with special needs. A safe space for parents to meet, share and learn from each other. **Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 pm from Jan 10 to Feb 21** at Sinai Temple. For info and to register: HaMercas 866-287-8030 or [HaMercas@jfsla.org](mailto:HaMercas@jfsla.org).

**Many Voices, One Song, Monday February 18, 2018** at the Wiltern Theatre. Doors open 5:30 PM. Show begins 6:30 PM. 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](http://www.maimonidesla.com/concert).

**LA Rabbis Teach at Wilshire Blvd. Temple. Rabbanit Alissa** will be the guest teacher on Wed, Feb 21 from 7 to 8:30 PM. Her topic is: A Time to Weep and a Time to Laugh: Purim and Prescribed Joy.

**Chai Lifeline** has an after school program for children with a seriously ill sibling or parent or a loss in their home. Some children need rides to be able to attend the group. To enroll your child or to volunteer to transport children, contact Sheva Katz at (310) 274-6331 or [sgralnik@chailifeline.org](mailto:sgralnik@chailifeline.org).

**Jewish Free Loan Association** provides interest-free loans for emergencies, housing, education, small business, healthcare and Jewish lifecycle events. Visit [jfla.org](http://jfla.org) for more information.

BDJ'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 25 - Office Closed
- December 27 - Laundry Love
- December 28 - Fast of Tevet
- 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 20 - YP Minyan
- January 23 - Yiftach's Daughter and the Aguna
- January 24 - YP AIPAC Happy Hour

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](mailto: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:** 4:31 PM  
**Mincha:** 4:30 PM in the Beit Midrash  
**Kabbalat Shabbat:** Joey Lipner  
**Dvar Torah:** Rav Yosef  
**8:25 Minyan:** in the Beit Midrash. Post Davening Learning with Jordan Lurie.  
**Main Minyan:** 9:00 AM in the Main Sanctuary  
**Sof Zman Kriat Shema:** 9:24 AM  
**Teen Minyan:** 9:30 AM in the Projection Room  
**Shacharit:** Tzvi Wolf  
**Kriat HaTorah:** Shlomo Abraham  
**Torah/Haftarah:** Hertz: 169, 178. Stone: 250, 1144  
**Anim Zemirot:** Noah Elad  
**Drasha:** Rav Yosef: Our Tradition, Ourselves: Power, Desire, Restraint and Abuse  
**Musaf:** Andrew Spitzer  
**Mincha:** 4:10 PM followed by Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash  
**BW Mincha:** 4:20 PM at the Fishman Home (9428 Duxbury Rd)  
**Havdalah:** 5:31 PM

HAPPENING THIS SHABBAT

- ◆ Kiddush in the Social Hall sponsored by BDJ.
- ◆ A donation to the Kiddush Fund has been made by Nan Gold in honor of the yahrzeit of her late husband Hershey Gold, Israel Hersh ben Benyamin v'Deborah z"l, and by Enriqu e and Donnell-Diskin Gascon in honor of the yahrzeit of Barry Wiseman z"l.
- ◆ Seudah Shlishit in the Beit Midrash sponsored by BDJ.
- ◆ Nothing But The Pshat with Alex Fax.

BDJ BROADCAST

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Mazel Tov** to Jordan Reimer and Rabbi Sara Bassin on their engagements!
- ◆ **Mazel Tov** to Sari, Rav Yosef, Ori, Rena and Yakir on the engagement of their son and brother Adin Kanefsky to Amanda Weiner!

SUPPORTING BDJ

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](http://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](mailto: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!

B'NAI DAVID-JUDEA ANNUAL DINNER



HONORING:  
Lola & Emil Sassover  
Rae & Shep Drazin  
Nikki Sieger & Andres Terech  
[www.bnaidavid.com/qala](http://www.bnaidavid.com/qala)

## 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  
**Resumes January 7th.**

**Gemara Shiur: The Brachot We Recite and Live**  
Monday Nights with Rav Yosef  
7:30 - 9:00 PM - Beit Midrash. **Resumes January 8**

**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.

### SUNDAY NIGHT PURIM!

Sure you've been *wanting* to join the Sunday night Halacha class. What a great cap to any weekend! But now it's mid-year already, and the class is in the middle... True, but here's the GREAT NEWS: **During January and February, the Sunday night Halacha class will shift gears to the Halachot of Purim, with a special eye toward the less-known and less-understood details thereof!** So this is a great time to join us! All skill levels welcome! Sunday nights 8:30 to 9:15, at the Gill home, **beginning Jan 7.**

### 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.

## 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](http://www.bnaidavid.com/yp) or email Rabbanit Alissa at [rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com](mailto:rabbanitalissa@bnaidavid.com).

## SCHEDULE OF DAILY MINYAN

### SHACHARIT

Sunday, Monday	8:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:00 AM
Thursday (Fast of the 10th of Tevet)	6:30 AM

### MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Sunday - Wednesday	4:35 PM
Thursday (Fast of the 10th of Tevet)	4:20 PM
Friday	4:35 PM

### SHABBAT December 30

Shacharit and Rechoy Yeladim	9:00 AM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Havdalah	5:35 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

### LAUNDRY LOVE

**Wednesday December 27 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Launderland, 1661 Robertson Blvd.**

Adults and teens age 12 and up are invited to join us as we help our neighbors launder their clothes and schmooze with them.



Laundry Love is a hands-on *chessed* and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with people we might not otherwise ever meet. It is part of a national program that helps people who sometimes have to choose between food and laundry.

BDJ provides money and soap. Our neighbors either do their own laundry or look to us for help while we talk with them and laugh together!

For questions and to sign up to volunteer, contact Debi Pomerantz: [debilp@gmail.com](mailto:debilp@gmail.com).

### JANUARY TIKKUN OLAM LUNCH

Join us for the next Tikkun Olam Lunch on **Wednesday January 17 at Noon.** Have lunch with our neighbors, schmooze and enjoy!

## ASARA B'TEVET

### THURSDAY JANUARY 7

Fast Starts: 5:45 PM  
Shacharit 6:30 AM  
Mincha 4:20 PM  
Fast Ends: 5:23 PM

## HALACHA HOW TO

The fast of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet commemorates the day on which the Babylonians laid siege to Jerusalem, leading to its eventual destruction in 586 B.C.E. This fast (along with the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tamuz, Tisha B'Av and Tzom Gedalia) was actually suspending during the Second Temple period, but was volitionally reaccepted by the community of Israel at some point following the second destruction of 70 C.E. This was motivated by the general state of physical insecurity that the Jewish people faces on a continuous basis.

As long as this unfortunate state of affairs continues to exist, these fasts are binding upon each of us. Women who are pregnant and nursing are exempt, though the custom is that they make the effort to fast as well.

We mark the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tevet with special inclusions in davening. At Shacharit (6:30 AM), we include Selichot, Avinu Malkeynu and Torah reading, and at Mincha (4:20 PM), we include Avinu Malkeynu and Torah reading and we read a Haftarah as well.

## MISHMAR

### Mishmar: Innovation & Technology

Wednesday January 31 at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact Allyson Gronowitz at [asgrono@gmail.com](mailto:asgrono@gmail.com).

## ISRAEL

### AIPAC Kiddush & Program

**Pro-Israel Outreach: Hispanic Support**  
**yond 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.

### AIPAC YP Happy Hour & Sushi

**Wed Jan 24th.** Location TBD. \$10 per person.

### 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

## CONNECT WITH BDJ

### DECEMBER MEMBER MASH UP!

This Shabbat and next Shabbat are the final December Member Mash-Ups for this season. Please keep mashing up your Shabbat meal and get to know more of the amazing members in our community!

**December 22/23:** Please invite someone who joined BDJ within the past 3 years or a current board member.

**December 29/30:** Please invite someone at least 10 years older or younger than you.

If you have questions or suggestions, contact Nikki Sieger at [nikkisieger73@gmail.com](mailto:nikkisieger73@gmail.com).

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

**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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/bdj.losangeles)!