

HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

2 Kislev 5782

SHABBAT TOLDOT

November 6, 2021

Shabbat Shalom!

5:30 pm Candle Lighting
5:40 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

8:45 am Mishnayot Class
9:00 am Shacharit
9:59 am Latest Shema
Parasha p. 124 Haftorah p. 1137
10:30 am Kids Program
4:45 pm Gemara Shiur
5:20 pm Mincha
6:27 pm Maariv and Havdalah

Kiddush is sponsored by Ephraim Grossbein in memory of his mother Malka Chaya bat Ephraim Z"l and his aunt Rikva Kaye bat Dovid Z"l and celebrating Ephraim's birthday, Mazal Tov!

Seudah Shlisheet sponsorship available

Upcoming Kiddushim

November 13 — Daniel & Carol Yaghoubian
November 20 — Debbie & David Sosnowik
January 1 — Michael & Sara Jabbour

Condolences to Jane Stiefel on the passing of her mother, Erica Gorin. Shiva will be observed at Erica Gorin's home, 108-35 66th Avenue Forest Hills, as follows: Saturday 7-9 pm, Sunday-Wednesday 4-8 pm
Phone: 917-715-4406. Bauch Dayan Emet.

Welcome New Members

Elissa Brin & Sol Medvidofsky

TWO NEW COURSES!

Wednesdays at 7 pm

An exciting new class: The Book of Yeoshua
The fascinating story of the conquest of Eretz Israel and the first experience of the Jewish people settling in the land. You will learn geography, history and be inspired by the love of the Land by our first settlers.
Instructor: Gabriel Rubin
Registration required. If interested, please call the office.

Thursdays at 7:30 pm starting November 18

Shimon Mizrahi will share some very instructive videos produced in Israel by important Israeli rabbinical figures. In Hebrew with English subtitles. Join this very interesting and informative series.

HAVURAT YISRAEL



Gala Dinner: Sunday December 12 at 4:30 pm

At Beth Shalom, Lawrence

MAZAL TOV TO OUR HONOREES

Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze

Four Founding Families: Better, Goldhaber, Jacobs, Rosen

We need everyone to participate in the Journal ! Please solicit ads from friends and family. Havurat Yisrael needs you to continue its work of teaching Torah to the next generation.

Jennifer Meltzer's son's brit at Havurat.
And a class in the early '80s Norbert Roth and his wife, Herb Jaffe and his wife.



Journal 2021— WE NEED YOUR PICTURES & YOUR STORIES

The 40th Anniversary Journal will be a historical piece filled with photos and stories about Havurat from its inception to this day. We need everyone to search in their files and picture albums for old pictures or flyers. They could be about the children in the 80's and 90's or events such as camp or ski trips or Purim celebrations. Anything that tells the story of Havurat! We also want you to send us any story or memory that could be shared with everyone. Some have been posted on Facebook but we need more to make the Journal a keepsake for the next generation. Please search in your files and send them to the office or to the website havurat40@gmail.com.

SUNDAY Nov. 7 / 3 Kislev	MONDAY Nov. 8 / 4 Kislev	TUESDAY Nov. 9 / 5 Kislev	WEDNESDAY Nov. 10 / 6 Kislev	THURSDAY Nov. 11 / 7 Kislev	FRIDAY Nov. 12 / 8 Kislev
8:00 am Shacharit 8:45 am Breakfast	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit
9:30 am Parasha Class in Spanish — Rabbi Algaze	7:30 pm Journey through Jewish Literature — Rabbi Algaze (no class this week)	7:00 pm Parasha Class			STANDARD TIME 4:22 pm Candle Lighting 4:30 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat



THE THREE WELLS

by Rabbi David Algaze

The story of wells and the struggles over them is well documented in the Torah. Abraham and Yitzhak had several conflicts with the residents of Canaan in this regard. What can be learned from these stories?

“All the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up and filled them with earth.” (Beresheet 26:15)

Yitzhak then proceeds to dig up those wells again and he called them by the same name as his father had called them. This implies that Yitzhak was merely renewing and continuing his father’s mission. But after the Philistines quarreled with his servants saying—in typical anti-Semitic fashion—“the water is ours”, Yitzhak decides to call them “Esek”, from the root signifying “quarrel.”

Yitzhak then proceeds to a second location and after they quarreled over the new well, he calls it, “Sitna” meaning hatred. Then he goes on to a third well over which they did not quarrel and he calls it “Rehoboth”, meaning Hashem has given us “ample” space to be able to be fruitful in the land.

The Rabbis tell us that these three wells represent the Batei Miqdash. The first two were destroyed due to quarreling with the nations. The first destruction was the result of the nations’ envy and opposition to Israel. The second was destroyed due to the nations’ hatred. But the third will bring everlasting peace and will rise unopposed, thereby gaining its propitious name of Rehobot.

There is another lesson from Yitzhak’s actions and that is a message of optimism. The Hafetz Hayim comments that we can learn from Yitzhak’s persistence. Even when things do not work on the first try, we need to persevere and not give up. How many times we desist from a desirable enterprise when we meet our first rejection? How many people stopped their studies and learning because things did not go smoothly at the beginning? From Yitzhak we learn that even if the first or second attempt does not succeed, we must keep trying.

When things do not succeed at first it is not because there is a defect in us; it is because there is an obstacle that is stopping our progress. We often call unsuccessful attempts “failures” thereby attributing to ourselves intrinsic and permanent deficiencies. Sometimes we must look at unsuccessful enterprises as attempts that can be tried again. The end may be, as in Yitzhak’s well, the realization of a new opening that will give you the space to grow and succeed. Even after experiencing our own “esek” (struggle) and “sitna” (hatred) in our lives, we may yet deserve to see our own “Rehobot.”

Cemetery Privileges: *A key benefit of membership.*

Burial plots at the Havurat section at New Montefiore are given to Havurat members at no extra charge. (Interment costs are excluded.) This privilege applies to people of the household and children living at home only (children under 25 years old). However, each person covered must register yearly by a payment of \$15 per year. The registration must be done before the end of each year. It is preferable that this payment accompany the payment of the membership dues in December.

Privilege is extended only to fully paid up members.



THE HOURS OF OUR SERVICES

Note: Standard time returns on Sunday!

The starting times for the services should be more carefully observed. In fact, the more pious people used to come to the synagogues much earlier, even an hour before the start of the services to have time to meditate and concentrate on their prayers. When people come late, not only are we missing having a minyan, but it also creates an atmosphere of nonchalant and even blasé attitude that is very detrimental in the long run. We appreciate all who come to pray but coming to the synagogue late, sometimes just before the Kiddush, displays a lack of seriousness that can impact your spiritual life and the spiritual oxygen for the rest of the congregants. Make an effort - it will pay off!

Hebrew class for beginners — *Instructor: Bruce Jacobs*

Tuesdays at 8 PM on Zoom

For information call Yael Yezpez at 516-460-3202

We each have an obligation to support our Community!

- ⇒ **The Forest Hills—Rego Park Eruv** is a huge asset to all of us. There are costs incurred for its checking and maintenance. Please send in a payment to the shul and note Eruv on the check.
- ⇒ **Queens Hatzolah** is conducting a fund-raising campaign. This vital service has been especially important during this health crisis. Please send in a payment to the shul and note Hatzolah on the check.

BOTH ARE CRITICAL RESOURCES FOR ALL OF US!

REACHING THE RABBI

The Rabbi is always accessible but sometimes the volume of calls or the time when calls are received make it difficult to answer immediately.

- *A better way would be to first text or WhatsApp message the Rabbi. He will respond as soon as possible.*
- *You can also reach the Rabbi in the office,*



Please only make calls to his cell phone for urgent matters.

REDEEM YOUR PLEDGES!

We thank all those who redeemed their pledges and donations made during the holidays. If you have not done this yet, please redeem your pledge soon, before you forget it.

It's easy and secure on our website! Simply click

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Refuah Shlema Chava Naomi bat Doba Chana, Rivka Gitel bas Miriam (sister of Debbie Greenberg), Eliyahu ben Shushan, Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Batya bat Rachel (Betty Feit), Batsheva Friedle bat Rachel, Tova bas Esther (Toni Weissberg), Roiza bat Yita Feiga (Rosalie Tenzer), Yael bat Sheindel Ettel, Eshrat Bat Esther (Arasheben's friend), Shaul ben Hanna Golda (David Alkalay)