

HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

14 Tevet 5776

Shabbat Vayechi / Dedication of the Aron Kodesh donated by the Sosnowik family

December 25—26, 2015

Shabbat Shalom!

4:16 pm Candle Lighting
4:25 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat

Parsha p.268, Haftorah p.1145
8:45 am Mishnayot
9:00 am Shacharit
9:36 am Latest Shema
10:45 am Beginners Minyan—Rabbi Kraft
10:30 am Children's Programs
11:00 am Drasha
11:45 am Kiddush
3:30 pm Rabbi Algaze's Lecture Series
4:15 pm Mincha & Seudah Shlisheet
5:20 pm Maariv & Havdalah

Gala Kiddush is sponsored by Debbie & David Sosnowik on the dedication of the Aron Hakodesh by the Sosnowik family in memory of David's beloved mother and grandparents.

Seudah Shlisheet is sponsored by HY.

Upcoming Kiddushim:

- ☆ Jan. 2 — Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze
- ☆ Jan. 30 — Rafi Katz - Yahrzeit of Tova Z'L. and Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze

Mark Your Calendar!

- ☆ Ski Shabbaton: Jan. 20—24!

Be there for the Shul! Join Our Committees

HOUSE (KEEPING UP THE CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE)
KIDDUSHIM
YOUTH
FUNDRAISING
SPECIAL EVENTS (HOLIDAYS INCLUDED)
MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH (PUBLICITY)
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)
HESED (BIKUR CHOLIM, SHIVA ASSISTANCE, ETC.)

Refuah Shlema to Fred Isaac (Yosef ben Chava), David Lieberman, Yehudah Chaviv ben Elisheva Rivkah, Sara Ester bat Rivka.

Meet friends and enjoy a **"delightful"** evening at
MELAVE MALKA at
Havurat Yisrael
Featuring Sandy Shmueli
Saturday December 27 at 7:30 pm
Music Desserts Liqueurs
Coffee Tea, Pizza
Contribution \$20 p/person (couple \$35)



URGENT APPEAL TO ALL THE MEN IN OUR SHUL!

**PLEASE COMMIT TO ONE DAY AND LET
THE GABBAYIM KNOW**

Please Support our Weekday Morning Minyan

Mazal Tov to Rachel & Louis Ordentlich on their being being honored by Yeshiva Har Torah on January 9, 2016.

Fred Isaac, Past president of the shul needs our visits. Fred contributed greatly to Havurat by his dedication and love. He guided the synagogue soon after we had to move out of our building and he led with great wisdom and serenity. We owe him a lot. He is ill and our visits will comfort him and his family greatly. Please make time to visit him at home. His number : 718-793-2452.

Pay your **membership dues** before the end of the year and bring your **account** up to date. The expenses since moving to the building are very large and we need everyone to clear their balances so the shul can operate properly.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SHIUR
BY RABBI ALGAZE — This week at 3:30 pm

The Fantastic Stories of the Legendary Storyteller of the Talmud,

Rabbah bar Bar Chana

The last stories (17-21)

With philosophical interpretations by the Vilna Gaon and other major thinkers. The topics include: Why are we here, why the Jews suffer, what will be at the end of Days and other central concepts that define Jewish thought. Each lecture will focus on one of the twenty-two stories and will include readings from the text of the Vilna Gaon. Don't miss this important series which may have a profound impact on your life!

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View & order pictures from the Journal Dinner

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SUNDAY December 27 / 15 Tevet	MONDAY December 28 / 16 Tevet	TUESDAY December 29 / 17 Tevet	WEDNESDAY December 30 / 18 Tevet	THURSDAY December 31 / 19 Tevet	FRIDAY January 1 / 20 Tevet
7:30 am Amud Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit 9:00 am Class in Spanish— Rabbi Algaze.	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 8:00 pm. Journey thru Great Jewish Books— Rabbi Algaze at the Ordentlich home	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 4:10 pm Mincha 8:00 pm Insights into the Weekly Parasha— Rabbi Algaze	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 6:30 pm Music & He- brew Class — D. Alkalay 7:30 pm Hebrew Class with Mora C. Hochman 8:00 pm Introduction to Jewish Thought—R. Kraft	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit	7:30 am Amud Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit 4:22 pm Candle Lighting 4:30 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat

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HOW DO WE SURVIVE IN EXILE?

By Rabbi David Algaze

A small, weakened nation, without a land or an army but possessed of a wonderful and important tradition needs to survive in a hostile environment. For more than two thousand years the Jewish nation has tried to maintain its identity despite the vicissitudes of exile, persecution and hatred. The result has been incredible: the survival of the Jewish people with its traditions intact, its spirit unbowed and its vitality constantly revitalized. True, we have lost many to assimilation, intermarriage, ignorance and Holocausts, but the Jewish people lives.

The secret of this wondrous phenomenon has often been discussed and analyzed. In the Bible, we find an interesting discussion regarding the best strategy for retaining Jewish identity and preventing a devastating assimilation. At the end of the book of Beresheet (Genesis), we find a strange story that bears on this issue. Yaakov is deathly ill and Joseph decides to bring his two sons, Menashe and Ephraim, to receive a blessing from their grandfather Yaacov/Yisrael.

“Joseph took the two of them, Ephraim with his right hand, to Israel’s left, and Menashe with his left, to Israel’s right, and he came close to him. But Israel extended his right hand and laid it on Ephraim’s head though he was the younger and the left hand on Menashe’s head, he crossed his hands....” As Joseph notices this strange movement by his father, he tries to dislodge his father’s hand away from Ephraim onto Menashe’s and he says, “Not so, Father, for this is the first born.” But Yaacov refused and says, “I know, my son, I know....yet his younger brother shall become greater than he..” (Genesis 48:13ff)

What is the disagreement between Joseph and his father? What is the essence of their dispute? The Netivot Shalom quotes the Divre Shmuel explaining this discussion as concerning the ways of survival in exile. Ephraim and Menashe are the first Jews born outside the land of Israel and so they represent the future generations of Jews who will be exposed to the influences and difficulties of maintaining a Jewish identity in a foreign soil. The discussion between Joseph and Yaacov is which is the best strategy for survival and preventing assimilation. Menashe—as his name implies—represents a preventive measure, a protective attitude to discourage assimilation. Emphasizing the aspects of fear and awe of G-d, are the best weapons against assimilation. This is Joseph’s argument. Hence he is the one that should be favored.

But Yaacov sees it differently. He argues that the method of Ephraim—meaning a positive attitude of love of G-d—will also be effective in maintaining our identity and preventing

intermarriage and assimilation. We should not only emphasize the fear of G-d but also understand and expand on the beauty of our tradition, on the wisdom of our laws and ultimately on developing a love relationship with Hashem. This will insure the continuity of our people: their realization of how beautiful is our tradition, how glorious and meaningful the words of our rabbis!

At a time when our children are exposed to a barrage of information from science and technology, aesthetic stimulation from the arts and literature, and other influences that can be tantalizing to them, it is important to show the beauty and depth of our Torah and to develop our love for G-d. When we study our sources and analyze their message, we will fall in love with them and this is the best defense against assimilation and loss of identity. This is Yaacov’s lesson: we need fear and love of G-d in the struggle for survival, but give the priority to the love, the quality of Ephraim. Discovering the beauty of the Torah and our legacy, just as the sight of a beautiful landscape, can be the best armor in our struggle to keep our children and to insure the future of Am Israel.

Havurat Yisrael Kiddush Menu & Prices

Type	Includes:	Member Price	Non-Member Price	Per sponsor price if 2 sponsors	Per sponsor price if 3 or more sponsors
A	Basic Kiddush Wine, Cake, Herring, Soda, Crackers	\$225	\$300	\$150	\$125
B	Salad Kiddush Basic Kiddush plus 4 salads	\$400	\$500	\$250	\$200
C	Kugel & Salad Kiddush Basic Kiddush plus 3 Kugels & 4 salads	\$475	\$600	\$300	\$250
D	Chulent & Kugel Kiddush Basic Kiddush plus 2 kuggels, 4 salads & Chulent	\$600	\$700	\$400	\$300
E	Deluxe Chulent & Kugel Kiddush Basic Kiddush plus 4 kugels, 6 salads & Chulent	\$800	\$900	\$500	\$400

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Shiurim at Havurat Yisrael

Rabbi Algaze's Tuesday evening class,
Insights into the Weekly Parasha
meets every **Tuesday at 8 pm.**
Join for an exploration of the Biblical text, explaining
Hebrew words and insights from our sages.

HOW LITERATE ARE YOU IN JEWISH LITERATURE? COME TO PARTICIPATE IN A A JOURNEY THROUGH OUR LITERARY HISTORY

Special seminar at the Ordentlich home led by Rabbi Algaze

Mondays at 8 pm

First Course: November 16—December 28

A journey through all the tractates of the Talmud with commentaries and insights from Rabbis from the Geonic Period to the present time. Become familiar with the rich literature of the Jewish people and enrich your knowledge and spirit!

This is an opportunity that should not be missed.

(Second Course will start March 7)

LEARNING HEBREW THROUGH MUSIC & SONG

with David Alkalay Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

- Using the song as a basis for discussion about the source
- Using the song as a vehicle to learn Hebrew – translation, syntax, grammar, usage
- A great opportunity to learn Hebrew and enjoy a musical evening

Introduction to Jewish Thought

Rabbi Kraft

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

THE BUILDING NEEDS SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS

—AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE AND HONOR

Although our building is almost complete, we are not fully equipped and some items are not in place.. These are special opportunities available for sponsorship and they will make our stay more pleasant and easy if we obtain them before or soon after we move in. If you are interested in helping us with the following items, please contact the office or our Rabbi. Every item may be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one and will be recognized appropriately.

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| 1. Bookcases for the Library | 7. Memorial tablets |
| 2. Furniture for the office. | 8. Tree of Life (Etz Chaim) |
| 3. Storage areas for the children's activities. | 9. Ner Tamid |
| 4. Shelves for siddurim and chumashim for the sanctuary (Women's side and Men's side) | 10. Books for the Library (Hebrew and English) |
| 5. Racks for tallitot | |
| 6. Computer calendar for announcements | |

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY—DO NOT MISS IT

"They shall make a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." (Shemot 25:8) At this time and in this place we have the special privilege to participate in the building of our "small sanctuary"(miqdash me'at)—the new building of Havurat Yisrael.

Some have opened their hearts already with great generosity to enable us to reach this day and we thank them. Many have wanted to memorialize special people in their lives with a dedication that will last long in our new building. **Below is a list of items and areas that are still open for dedication**, some as low as \$3,000 and higher so that everyone can be a part of the building of the new Havurat. Please note that although the main building is near completion, there are still many things that are needed, such as appliances for the kitchen, furniture for the classrooms and synagogue, ner tamid, bookcases and so on. Please peruse through this list and select something we still need and do not have. The names of all contributors will be inscribed in the walls of the synagogue so that those names that you wish to memorialize will always be there with us. The Rabbis tell us, "When a mitzvah comes your way, do not let it pass by." Don't say the building is done and they don't need my help. We do. The time is now.

Dedication Opportunities

11 of Honor will be designed for the main lobby listing all gifts

Main Components

Center for Jewish Life Name Dedication	1,000,000
The Sanctuary	Dedicated by Stuart & Judy Rosen
Social Hall	150,000
Library	100,000
Beit Midrash	150,000

The Center for Jewish Life Building

Main Entrance Lobby	100,000
Main Mezuzah	36,000
Shoah Memorial	50,000
Tree of Life	50,000
Administrative Office	50,000
Rabbi's Study	50,000
Outdoor Garden/ Sukkah area	Dedicated by Marc & Karen Rose
Inner Mezuzot (each)	3,000
(1) mezuzah	dedicated by Naomi Rodriguez

Kitchen 50,000

Beit Midrash

Bet Hamidrash Aron Kodesh	100,000
Ner Tamid	18,000
Learning Tables--each	5,000
Bookshelves--each	18,000
Bookshelves (2)	dedicated by Rafi Katz
Shulchan (Bet Midrash)	26,000
Computer Center (Bar Ilan Installed)	18,000

The Sanctuary

Aron Kodesh	Dedicated by the Sosnowik family
Bimah	Dedicated by Rachel & Louis Ordentlich
Women's Section	100,000
Ner Tamid	50,000
Ner Tamid Bet Midrash	18,000
Mechitza	75,000
Torah Reading Table	Dedicated by Fanny Seinuk
Parochet	50,000
Memorial Plaque (2)	each 36,000
Rabbi's Chair	Reserved
Netilat Yadaim Station	20,000
Skylight	36,000
Speaker's Podium	Dedicated by Steve Golub & Shoshi Bacon
Main Chandelier	25,000
Pillars (3)	each 18,000
Window 1	Dedicated by Helen Kober
Window 2	Dedicated by Feit family
Window 3	Dedicated by Anne Biener
Sconces (6 available)	5,000

Children's area 100,000