

Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

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פרשת תולדות

Parshat Toldot

4 Kislev, 5770/November 21, 2009
Triennial Cycle III: Genesis 27:28-28:9
Humash Etz Hayim, p. 157
Haftarah, Malachi 1:1-2:7, p. 162

- (27:28-45) Isaac blesses Jacob. Esau returns home and discovers Jacob's deception. Esau weeps and pleads for a blessing from Isaac, who complies. Enraged, Esau plots to kill Jacob when Isaac dies. Rebecca hears of this and advises Jacob to flee to her brother Laban in the land of Haran. Genealogy of Ishmael's descendants.
- (27:46-28:5) Isaac blesses Jacob and sends him off to Haran.
- (28:6-9) Esau realizes that his Canaanite wives displease Isaac, so he takes a daughter of Ishmael for a wife.

 *Candle lighting time for November 20: 4:37 p.m.* 

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Love and Admonishment

And Esau seethed with resentment against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "As soon as the time for mourning my father comes round, I will kill my brother Jacob." (Gen. 27:41)

A. The pronoun *him* is ambiguous. Does it refer to the blessing given Jacob or to the one given Esau? (Artscroll Commentary)

B. Why it is that when a butcher asks a rabbi if a particular animal that he had slaughtered is kosher or not and the rabbi rules it isn't, he doesn't shout or scorn the rabbi and accepts the ruling without protest. On the other hand, if two men come to a rabbi for a ruling relating to a small amount which is in dispute between them, the one who loses the case will shout and scorn the rabbi, and will also try not to fulfill the ruling?—When a rabbi declares an animal not kosher, it is only the person who asked the question who loses, but nobody else benefits. On the other hand, in a dispute, one loses but the other profits. In this case, the one who lost a little money is pained mainly because the other one got it. The same was true for Esau. He was not angry with Jacob for taking his blessing, because he had no need for blessings from Isaac. All he needed was "by your sword you will live." Why then did he hate Jacob? *Because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him*—Esau was angry not over what he had lost, but that his brother gained something. (Rabbi Yehonatan Eybeschutz)

C. [Rabbi Yoḥananben Zakkai said to his five students:] Go out and discern which is the evil path from which a man should distance himself. Rabbi Eliezer said: An evil eye. (Avot 2:14)

He begrudges the good that befalls his neighbor. (Rabbenu Simḥah)

D. Shimon HaTzaddik was from the remnants of the Great Assembly. He used to say: On three things the world stands. on Torah, on worship, and on acts of kindness. (Avot 1:3)

Human beings interact with the world on three levels: thought, speech and action. Each of these three is the key to the three basic relationships: You act on yourself through thought or will. You interact with God through speech. And you relate to others through actions.

...The first pillar of creation is knowing your identity and your mission ... Avodah, the second pillar, is service of God. Chesed, the third pillar, is a commitment to performing acts of human kindness. Life is not a zero sum game. The success of others is your boon not your bane. God created us in order to give us good. The world was designed such that the greatest good is to give to others and to be other-centered. A person totally focused on himself and oblivious to the needs of others has, almost by definition, failed in the first two pillars. The third pillar of creation is to know that you are not in it alone. You are your brother's keeper. (Howard Witkin)

Announcements

Congregation Beth David Annual Meeting Sunday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

Absentee Ballots are available in office Tues, Nov. 24
Ballots are due Dec. 4th by 4:00 p.m.
Ballots must be signed!

Administrative Staff Open House
After the meeting, stop in for tea and cookies
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Help Beth David Host The Saratoga Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26, 10 a.m.

On Thanksgiving morning, Congregation Beth David will host the annual Saratoga Interfaith Service. Please consider helping welcome the community by participating in the choir or sharing your skills as a baker. We still need a large assortment of baked goods. Contact Barbara Biran at biran@beth-david.org or (408) 366-9106 for more information.



Creative Judaic Arts Event Sunday, November 22, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Paint your own ceramics in time for Hanukkah. Join Sisterhood and the Beth David Religious School at "Color Me Mine," 5337 Prospect Road, San Jose. Cost: \$5 reservation plus the cost of the ceramic item (\$15-\$37; pre-order from flyers in the Beth David Lobby). Send your check by November 9 to Shannon Wells, 1191 Magdalena Circle #82, Santa Clara, CA 95051 (thesqueedler@gmail.com or (650) 954-5671).

Sisterhood

Used Cookbook Sale

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your used cookbooks to the "Cookbooks" donation box in the Beth David lobby. Make way for Sisterhood's new cookbook in memory of Beverly Pressman, scheduled for release next year. Volunteers are also needed to help with this event. Contact Judy Gilford, jagilford@sbcglobal.net or call (408) 839-2051.

Gift Shop Bazaar

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 a.m.

To help, contact Christel Sanders, chissk9328@att.net or call (408) 269-1393.

Hadashot Religious School

Next Services: Youth: 11/21

Support Kita Zayin's Food Drive Contest

Kita Zayin is sponsoring a canned food drive for West Valley Community Services (our local food pantry). The winning class will receive an ice cream party served by Kita Zayin. Food items can be placed in the decorated bins in each classroom. Drive ends November 22.

Hanukkah Mishpaha Program 12/13 9:30 -12:30

Open to the Community Hanukkah program "BEEing a MacaBEE". Fun, hands-on, multi-media learning experiences for families with kids 2-13. Candle lighting (2nd day) & nosh.

Holiday Toy Drive

Now through November 30, Jews Next Dor & SVYAD are collecting new, unwrapped toys in their original packaging for newborns to age 17, to be distributed through Jewish Family Services. Bring your donation to the box in the CBD lobby. For more info e-mail JewsNextDor@beth-david.org

Adult B'not Mitzvah-December 5

Please join us as we become B'not Mitzvah on Saturday, December 5 at 9:30am. Kiddush luncheon following services.

Hazak Hanukkah Social Extravaganza Sunday, December 6, 5 p.m.

Featuring a New York Deli supper, latkes and dessert, with big band music by the Lyratones. The event costs \$16. RSVP to hazak@compular.com by December 1 (your account will be billed). Take part in a Hanukkah gift exchange by bringing a new, wrapped gift worth around \$10.

Adult Ed: Conversations in Jewish Learning

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.: "What is Karaite Judaism? – The Differences Between Rabbinic and Karaite Beliefs and Practices" - **Speaker: Joe Pessah, acting Rav for the local Karaite community.** – The Karaites are a small Jewish sect Karaites maintain many practices that set them apart from mainstream contemporary Jews. Come and find out more about Karaite Judaism!

that parted ways with rabbinic Judaism more than a millennium ago. While adhering to the Jewish Bible, the Tanakh, Karaites rejected claims of a divine origin for the Mishnah, or Oral Law, and the authority of the Talmud.

Sunday, December 20, 7:30 pm

Discussion: Jewish culture now and then (1960s) Sunday Night @ the Movies, (Note Date Change) Followed by Discussion about the Movie: The Plot Against Harry - It's the 1960s and Harry Plotnik, a numbers racketeer, is released from prison back onto the streets of the Bronx. He tries to slip back into his old life, but...not so fast, Harry. Well-meaning relatives have other plans. And every simcha you can imagine—from bris to bar mitzvah—rolls out in perfect but slightly cracked detail. The Plot against Harry is sometimes hysterical, sometimes poignant; sometimes...well, come see!

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 pm: "Three Women and a Talmud: The Story of Rashi's Daughters Concludes with Book Three—Rachel" – **Speaker: Author Maggie Anton** - Maggie Anton will speak about the research behind her best-selling "Rashi's Daughters" trilogy, set in the household of the great medieval Talmud scholar who had no sons, only daughters.. Among the topics she'll discuss: What was life like for Jewish women in 11th century France? Were Rashi's daughters really learned? Did they actually wear tefillin? Why should a 21st century Jew care about Rashi, his daughters, and how French Jews lived in the 11th century anyway? The answers to these questions will surprise and fascinate you. Book sales and signing follow the talk.

Earn Money for Beth David While You Shop!

Support Congregation Beth David while doing your regular shopping, both online and at local grocery stores. Please help us raise money by:

1. Registering your credit cards and your Safeway Club Card with eScrip and shopping at the eScrip Virtual Mall,
 2. Shopping at Amazon.com by linking from the website, and
 3. Purchasing Judaica from Zara Mart by linking from the website.
- Shopping commissions are shared equally among the Beth David General Fund, Men's Club, and Sisterhood. Sign up with eScrip at our new Shuk2Shul website at <http://shopcdb.dreamhosters.com>.

Sheldon and Richard Balk Memorial Camp Scholarship

We are now accepting nominations for summer 2010 resident camp scholarships funded by the Sheldon and Richard Balk Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund perpetuates the memory and ideals of Beth David members Sheldon Balk and his son Richard. We seek to capture and light the spirit of Judaism in our youth, especially those who may seem apathetic about Jewish activities.

Unlike the Youth Scholarship Fund, we offer aid not based on academic results or activities, but, rather, to awaken a student's Jewish identity. We give preference to first time campers, and we intend to make a financial difference to the family, enabling a transforming Jewish experience for the student. Please call Chuck Taubman at (408) 257-3251 to learn how to submit a nomination. Forms are also available in the Beth David office. Please note that the due date for nominations is December 24, 2009.

!!!Save The Date!!!

Louis Chevlen Memorial Blood Drive Tuesday, December 15, 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Will be held at Congregation Beth David. For more info contact Mike Harris (408) 255-6360

A Night Of Illusion Theater

7 p.m. Saturday, January 16, 2010

The Jewish Book Discussion Group Saturday, December 12, 1:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held December 12 to discuss *Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias Hellman Created California* by Frances Dinkelspiel, led by Harry Cornbleet.

Employment Aid

Have you lost your job? Unemployed Jews in the Bay Area may enroll in Kol Emeth's employment effort. Join by sending an email to ke-jobs-subscribe@yahogroups.com. If you have a job to offer the group, please send it to betty@bfellows.com.

Employment Network at Beth David

Beth David offers monthly employment network meetings because without contacts it is difficult to find opportunities, secure interviews, and get an offer in today's job market. Find out how others have overcome hurdles in their job searches, increase your network, participate in lively discussions such whether "ageism" exists and how to navigate it. Check our online calendar for up coming dates. All those seeking employment, advice, or help with leads are invited. No reservations required.

Job Opportunities

Our members are currently seeking employment. In order for our employment program to be successful, we need to hear from congregants whose employers have job openings. If your company presently has opportunities (primarily administrative, technical, or managerial) please send that information to Vivian Golub at askdoctorviv@aol.com. She will forward the job opening to qualified applicants. Not only are you performing a mitzvah, you may be eligible for an employee referral fee.

The Mitzvah of Making a Minyan

Come one, come all and join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Monday – Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for daily minyan. Our success, thus far, has been outstanding. We are looking to include as many members of our Beth David family as possible in this wonderful tradition that brings comfort to our mourners and gives each of us a daily opportunity to connect with our soul, our community and our God. To help ensure the future vibrancy of our minyan, our captains have created the following schedule organized alphabetically by last name. When it is your week, we invite you to look at your schedules and commit to at least one night to attend this important endeavor. We look forward to having you join us and thank you in advance! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Mayer at (408) 257-6129 or fammayer@aol.com.

- A-D: First Week of the Month
- L-R: Third Week of the Month
- E-K: Second Week of the Month
- S-Z: Fourth Week of the Month



Mazel Tov to Ronen and Cara Vainish on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emma! Our thanks to the Vainish family for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon.