

Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

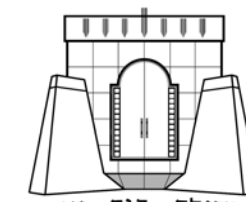
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We extend our condolences to Toby & Shy Adelman on the passing of Toby's mother Gloria Leah Adelman on Sunday, January 3, 2010.



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Congregation Beth David

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פרשת שמות

Parashat Shemot

23 Tevet, 5770 / January 9, 2010

Triennial Cycle III: Exodus 4:18-6:1

Humash Etz Hayim, page 335

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23, page 342

- (4:18-23) Further instructions from God to Moses.
- (4:24-26) A peculiar incident during the journey to Egypt: Zipporah, Moses' wife, circumcises their son to ward off danger to Moses.
- (4:27-31) God sends Aaron to meet Moses, and together they convince the people that God has sent them.
- (5:1-6:1) Moses and Aaron's first confrontation with Pharaoh fails. Pharaoh retaliates by oppressing the Israelites even more harshly. The Israelites blame Moses and Aaron for making their plight worse. Moses complains to God, who reassures him, You will soon see what I will do to Pharaoh.



Candle lighting time for January 8, 4:49p.m.



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Pharaoh's Heart Condition

And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go to return to Egypt, see: All the portents that I have put in your hand, you are to do before Pharaoh. But *I will make his heart strong-willed*, so that he will not send the people free. **Exodus 4:21 (Fox, The Five Books of Moses)**

This does not mean God prevented Pharaoh from agreeing to let the Israelites go. It means that God strengthened Pharaoh enough so that he would not die of fear. **Hizkuni (13th century France)**

Nowhere in the Bible is the fact of human freedom questioned, apart from the episode where God hardens Pharaoh's heart . . . But the Pharaoh episode is precisely the exception that proves the rule, for the biblical account assumes that under all normal conditions Pharaoh too would be free to release the Israelites. This is not a normal situation because God has a broader purpose to accomplish. That's why God has to intervene directly to limit Pharaoh's freedom. It takes a specific divine intervention to rob Pharaoh of his freedom—so much is freedom a natural part of the order of creation. **Rabbi Neil Gillman**

For I have hardened his heart (Ex. 10:1) . . . Rabbi Yochanan said: "Does this not provide heretics with ground for arguing that he had no means of repenting, since it says, *'For I have hardened his heart?'*" To which Rabbi Simeon ben Lakish replied: "Let the mouths of the heretics be stopped up . . . When God warns a man once, twice, and even a third time and he still does not repent, then does God close his heart against repentance so He should exact vengeance from him for his sins." Thus it was for wicked Pharaoh. **Midrash Exodus Rabbah 13:3 (10th century)**

And I will harden (Ex. 7:3) . . . Since he dealt wickedly and offered resistance against Me, and it is manifest before Me that there is no delight among the nations to set their whole heart to repentance, it is better that his heart be hardened in order to increase through him My signs, and you will recognize my might . . . Nevertheless, as regards the first five plagues it is not stated, *"And Adonai hardened the heart of Pharaoh,"* but *"And Pharaoh's heart was hardened."* **Rashi, (1040-1105, France)**

Maimonides writes: "Sometimes a man's offense is so grave that he forecloses the possibility of repentance. At first, [Pharaoh] sinned repeatedly of his own free will, until he forfeited the capacity to repent. Eric Fromm has written, "Pharaoh's heart hardens because he keeps on doing evil. It hardens to a point where no more change or repentance is possible...The longer he refuses to choose the right, the harder his heart becomes...until there is no longer any freedom of choice left in him." God has structured the human heart in such a way that Pharaoh prevents himself from changing. **Etz Hayim Commentary (Exodus 7:3)**

The final decision always rests with man. At the beginning, however, man is free to choose any path of action he so desires. He is afforded equal opportunity to do good or evil. But as soon as he has made his first choice, then the opportunities are no longer so evenly balanced. The more he persists in the first path of his choosing, shall we say, the evil path, the harder will it become for him to revert to the good path, even though his essential freedom of choice is not affected. In other words, it is not the Almighty who has hampered his freedom and made the path of repentance difficult. He has, by his own choice and persistence in evil, placed obstacles in the way leading back to reformation. **Nehama Leibowitz**

Announcements

Social Action Committee

Beth David Winter Community Caring Project

"Blanket the Community with Warmth and Love"

Donations are being accepted in the lobby for new or gently used blanket(s) and raingear to pass on to the less fortunate. The blankets and outerwear are really in demand and greatly appreciated!

For more information, contact Seema Cicerone at 408-741-5466

Ramah Outdoor Adventure

This summer, the National Ramah Commission is opening a one- of- a kind Jewish outdoor adventure camp in the heart of the Colorado Rocky Mountains called Ramah Outdoor Adventure (www.ramahoutdoors.org). This camp will combine 60+ years of Ramah camping experience with the best of outdoor adventure activities. Students throughout the United States who are entering grades 6-10 in September 2010 are invited to apply to become part of the opening cohort of campers.

The camp is located 90 miles from Denver in Pike National Forest on the 360 acre Ramah in the Rockies ranch! During our inaugural summer, Ramah Outdoor Adventure will be offering 1, 2 & 4 week options!

Come meet Rabbi Eliav and hear more about the camp at a get together for parents & campers on Sunday January 10th, 2009 from 7:15- 8:15 hosted by David & Holly Mendel: 857 Russet Drive Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

To RSVP for the information session on January 10th please email info@ramahoutdoors.org or call 303 261 8220.

A Night of Illusion Theatre

Saturday, January 16, 2010 7:00 pm

A show for all ages that inspires wonder and imagination with **Award-winning** Majinga the Magician!
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<http://beth-david.org/rsvp/>

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JANUARY 24, 2010

We'd like to invite you and your family to join us for a very special festival day sponsored by the Center for Jewish Life and Learning of the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center. An afternoon of classes, programs, & performances. Open Kosher Buffet, Jewish Film Festival Screenings, programming for families & complimentary daycare!

\$7.00 Adults - \$4.00 Seniors/Students; Under 4 yrs - Free

For more information, a full calendar of events & to reserve your spot visit the Jewbilee website

<http://www.svjcc.org/jewbilee>

Triple Simcha Shabbat!

On Shabbat, January 30, 2010, the 15th Day of Shevat, Rabbi Pressman will return to Beth David from his Sabbatical to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. This celebration will be in conjunction with Beth David's Board Installation as well as Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat. Please RSVP

at <http://beth-david.org/rsvp/>.

Hadashot Religious School

No Youth Services until January 9

Winter break: Dec. 19 - Jan. 3, 2010

Shabbat Mishpaha (Family) & Supper: Hagigat Noar/Scout Shabbat, Feb. 5, 2010

Sisterhood News

Creative Judaic Arts

The Gift Shop is Open on January 10th & 24th, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Sisterhood Shabbat

January 16th, 9:30 am

Sisterhood cordially invites all members of Beth David to attend **Sisterhood Shabbat**. Please join us as the women of Sisterhood lead this inspiring service and then sponsor the Kiddush luncheon that follows. Please rsvp at <http://beth-david.org/rsvp>. If you can help with baked goods, set up, or clean up, contact Rita Schlosser, rita_schlosser@yahoo.com, 408-255-6655.

Queen Esther's Kitchen

Please join Myrtle Schwartz in Beth David's kitchen to make hamantaschen and stuffed cabbage for the Purim Carnival. Come join in this fun and sociable culinary experience!

Days & times:

Jan. 11 at 9 am (new day added) Jan. 13, 19, & 26 at 10 am.

Note: NO BAKING on Jan. 12. If you can help, please contact Davida Adelberg, adelbergfam@me.com or 408-777-8875. All welcome!

Purim Silent Auction Donations

Please consider donating items or funds to help Sisterhood with its Auction at the Purim Carnival. If you have an item or a new idea for a gift basket, or products or services that can be donated, please contact coordinators Irina Tenberg, irinatenberg@yahoo.com, 408-376-3970 or Galina Drabkin, twingalina@yahoo.com, 408-241-2542. **All items must be delivered by Feb. 1.** Thank you!

Men's Club News

Monthly Men's Club Meeting

Sunday, January 10, after morning minyan, (10:30)

There will be a monthly Men's Club meeting to review and add to our 2010 calendar. Come with your ideas. Bagels will be served. The meeting will be at a congregant's house that is walking distance from CBD. For info contact: Dave Graubart mensclub@beth-david.org 408-377-4768.

Volunteer for Super Sunday

January 31, 2010

Levy Family Campus, Los Gatos

Represent Congregation Beth David at the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley's Super Sunday. Your participation helps Congregation Beth David get additional funding next year, helps our local community and Jewish communities abroad as well as makes you eligible for prizes including Warriors tickets, gift certificates and more. There are three shifts throughout the day, training and snacks provided. Please register online at www.jvalley.org to help change our Jewish world for the better. **remember to note you're with Congregation Beth David.** If you aren't able to join us, please answer the call! Contact JewsNextDor@beth-david.org with questions.

Jews' Next Dor

Shabbat and Solomon Schechter Award Presentations to Congregation Beth David
February 6, 2010, 9:30 am

Please join Jews' Next Dor, Congregation Beth David's young adult group, as we lead the congregation in Shabbat morning services, including the reading of the Ten Commandments, and sponsor the kiddush luncheon. The three Solomon Schechter Awards Congregation Beth David received will be presented by the President of the Northern Pacific Region of the USCJ to the congregation during services. Contact JewsNextDor@beth-david.org.

Jewish Book Discussion Group

Saturday, January 9, 1:30 pm

"My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq" by Ariel Sabar. Discussion led by Carol Weiss. "A mysterious corner of Iraq, an ancient language (Aramaic), a tribe of mystics and magic men, peasants and storytellers, a vanished history, and a son's epic journey back to his father's lost homeland." All adults and teens are welcome. For more information, contact Miriam Marr at 650 968-7138.

Young Adult Group and Adult Education

Sunday, January 10, 7:30 pm

Sunday Night @ the Movies

Movie followed by a discussion. **Sixty Six, Bernie's Bar Mitzvah vs. the 1966 World Cup Finals-** Bernie Rubens wants his bar mitzvah to be a blowout event and is horrified when he learns that his parents have accidentally scheduled it for the day of the 1966 World Cup final, and will not change the date. Besides his eccentric family, Bernie has encounters with his blind rabbi and his soccer-fan doctor as the film builds to its conclusion. Humor competes with frustration in this "deeply touching film about the ups and downs of childhood—as well as the joys and sorrows that come with adulthood."

Discussion follows on Family Dynamics and Relationships.

Adult Education

Lunch and Learn Sunday, January 10, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Biblical History Through Ancient Inscriptions and Coins -

Speaker: Allen Binder, Jewish Historical Coin Collector. This talk will use ancient inscriptions and coins to bring Jewish Biblical history to life and to put it into context during a vital 1300-year period. Beginning in 1200 BCE, engraved stone monuments documented a Jewish presence in the Land of Israel. During the Second Temple period and later, Jewish governments and kings issued coins recording Jewish life and providing important information about major political events. This evidence of Jewish life transforms Jewish history into a coherent picture anchored in place and time.

Monday, January 11, 7:30 pm

Perkei Avot Discussion Group Informational Meeting

Informational meeting for a new discussion group on "Perkei Avot", a tractate in the Talmud that contains ethical sayings of our fathers. Come to this meeting to help shape the approach and help select the weekly discussion day and time. The plan for the discussion group is to use a basic Pirkei Avot text with commentary and use a weekly topic based discussion format, led by a facilitator. The facilitator role would rotate through the group allowing everyone who wished to lead, the opportunity to do so.

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 pm

Conversations in Jewish Learning

"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.. 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 and his daughters?? **Book sales and signing follow the talk**



Mazel Tov to David and Andrea Ammerman on the Bat Mitzvah of their sons Samuel and Micah Ammerman .
Our thanks to David and Andrea Ammerman for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon.