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PURIM'S APPROACHING

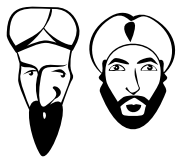


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Please return your Mishloach Manot form with your check by **February 18th**. There's lots of planning to do. There will be lots of packing to do. Contact **Robin Pierce** at vprp@bisrael.com if you can help for any amount of time.

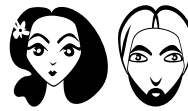
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Help our resident chef Warren Bake Hamentashen for our Purim baskets on **Sunday, March 6th** and **Monday, March 7th**. Contact **Robin** at vprp@bisrael.com for scheduling.



PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 20th at 11:30 am



Games, prizes and refreshments. Come in Costume and receive free tickets. Please contact **Val** or **Lori** to volunteer at educationvw@bisrael.com or educationla@bisrael.com

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PURIM MEGILLAH

Saturday, March 19th

2/12 Singles Event

On Saturday, February 12 at 6:30 pm at Sertino's Cafe, 27 Kinderkamack Rd. in Emerson, Rabbi Debra Orenstein will lead an ice-breaker discussion for singles on "What is a Bashert Anyway?" The Jewish tradition talks about "bashert" -- which can be translated as kismet, meant-to-be, your beloved, or Divine Providence in finding that special someone. How might religion and spirituality provide resources and guidance in finding a mate or developing a relationship? Following the formal program, there will be plenty of time to mix, mingle, drink cocoa by the fire, and listen to live music.



We are looking for volunteers to work on a project with Bonim Builders - a Core project with the UJA NNJ, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. On

Sun, February 6th & Sun, February 13th, we'll be helping to renovate a home in Bergenfield, run by the Jewish Home for the Developmentally Disabled. Contact Linda socialactionls@bisrael.com or Renee socialactionrk@bisrael.com to volunteer.

KEHILLAH PROGRAMS FOR DALET CLASS

10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the YJCC in Washington Twp.

FEB. 13 - Dalet Class Kehillah Program
MAR. 13 - Dalet Class Kehillah - Closing Program (Parents invited)

CBI has cemetery plots at Beth Israel Cemetery in Paramus for sale anyone interested should contact me **Meryl Kutzin** at **201-664-0684** or trusteemk@bisrael.com

Meeting for the Dalet-Hey families on 2/13

Adult Education Classes that Speak to Jewish Spirituality

offered at Congregation B'nai Israel in February

Rabbi Debra Orenstein of Congregation B'nai Israel in Emerson will teach a series entitled "Appetizers to A Feast: Ways in to Jewish Spirituality" on February 1, 8, and 15, 2011 at 7:30pm. Each session will include lecture, discussion, and an experiential component, so that people of all backgrounds can gain both deeper understanding and a direct experience of Jewish approaches to spirituality. The three sessions will be independent of one another, but also build on one another, making it inviting (but not necessary) to attend the entire series. No previous experience or educational is required. The three weeks will focus on the three key components of the Jewish faith: God, Torah, and the People of Israel.

The first session will take place on February 1 and will focus on Torah, the Five Books of Moses, as a spiritual resource. Participants will engage in different approaches to using Torah for wisdom, guidance, and prayer. Participants will also have the opportunity to view and read from a Torah scroll and to explore how the design and choreography of the Torah service can affect practitioners spiritually. On February 8, the focus will be on God. Participants will read and discuss famous encounters with God -- by everyone from the Prophet Ezekiel to Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love*. The class will study and "taste" some approaches to connecting with the Divine from the Jewish mystical tradition. The final session, on February 15, will focus on the People of Israel. This session will offer Jewish perspectives on cultivating community. What can we learn from the past and from the Jewish spiritual tradition about building community sacred today? What is unique about Jewish community, and what are the spiritual tools that can help Jews to connect with one another, welcome interfaith families, and reach out to other faith communities?

Each class is open to temple members and the public. You can attend any **single session for \$10** or **enroll in the series for \$25**. There is no cost to members. To register or to learn additional information about the classes, contact the temple office at **201-265-2272** or bnaioffice@bisrael.com.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**Sunday March 6th
9:30 am - 10:30 am**

Robin Dubin, our Bnei Mitzvah Co-Coordinator, will be distributing manuals, providing logistical and planning information vital to your big day, and will be answering all of your questions. Rabbi Orenstein will be discussing spiritual aspects of the ceremony and will be introducing to the parents and children how to trope. By the end of this short meeting, you will be able to do some chanting!

11 am

Join Sisterhood on March 6th for the Rosh Chodesh service at 11am

Join us on March 4th for a Family Shabbat at 7PM
and on March 11th for a Casual Shabbat at 7:30PM

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Jerry Fond on the loss of his mother, Beatrice J. Fond.
Barbara Glueck on the loss of her brother, Irwin Echtman.
Carol Grodin on the loss of her mother, Leona Modell.
Ira Grodin on the loss of his mother Sylvia Grodin.
Cherry Clarke on the loss of her father-in-law
George Clarke.
Judy and Hal Abrams on the loss of their son, Aron.
Michael and Robyn Abrams on the loss of
Michael's brother, Aron.

Please refer to the Jan/Feb issue for
Yahrtzeit information as well as the B'nai Israel
website at www.bisrael.com.

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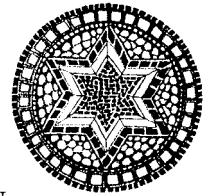
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SEE GEORGE & SAVE

Please join our family and friends at the
Oneg Shabbat following services
on Friday, the 18th of February in honor
of the B'Nai Mitzvah of our sons

**GABRIEL
& MIKAH**

Gabriel and Mikah will be called
to the Torah on Saturday the
19th of February at
nine-thirty in the morning



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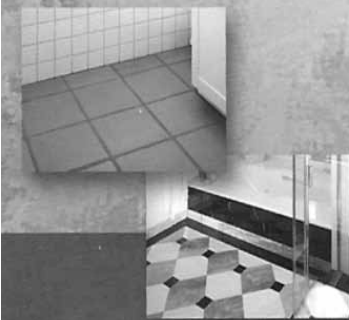
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