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Our Voice

You might say that what you are holding in your hands is a comprehensive educational brochure, representing an entire year's worth of classes, Scholars in Residence, educational programs and films. You would technically be correct in saying so, but this compilation is truly much more.

This booklet is a voice. It is a voice you are responsible for and have helped support. It is the voice of the Torah, your Torah, our Torah, inviting you in many different tones and melodies. Many years ago and every day, we gave and give our promise that the voice of Torah study and Torah living will never cease to be heard in our ears and those of our brethren. Our forefather Yaakov - after whom our shul is named - was known for this voice that emanated from his household. It's the voice that changed the world.

The voice heard in these pages emanates from the development of a spiritual community that is decades in the making. This brochure is specifically designed to speak to a community that, while united in its thirst for Torah knowledge and its desire to grow as Jews, is diverse. Many offerings in this booklet will appeal to you, others might not. But there is something here for everyone. Our partnership with the Atlanta Scholars Kollel underlined herein continues to express the unique character of our Congregation: One that values Torah scholars and Torah scholarship while providing for the gamut of levels and backgrounds.

I call your attention to two special programs. Miriam and I will be presenting an 8-part series entitled "Building Blocks of Community" (p.5). This is the first time a comprehensive vision for our community will be laid out, and it comes as we prepare to observe Beth Jacob's Jubilee in Toco Hills. Miriam and I are excited about the dialogue we will have with you about our future as a community and how you can find an inspired place in it. Please also note "The Ben & Sonya Rabinowitz Tanach B'Shana Program" (p.10), an exciting opportunity to cover the entire Tanach in one year following a proven curriculum.

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich and Matt Lewis, Programming Trustee, are due a tremendous thank you for assembling this impressive potpourri of classes and programs. Their diligence and persistence in realizing this goal is what made the difference. I would also like to thank Leah Rubin, who dedicated countless hours to the sophisticated design and layout that you see before you.

When I listen carefully to the voice, I can hear it saying, "Dear Jew. I have something for you. Just bring me your mind and soul, and I will take care of you." It is the voice of the Divine.

Rabbi Ilan D. Feldman

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Year at a Glance

2011

August 27	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg
August 30	BENA Rosh Chodesh Elul Class
September 6	Guest Speaker: Penina Taylor
September 11	Building Blocks of Our Community
September 12	ASK Networking Event
September 17	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Lavi Greenspan
September 17	BENA Pre-Rosh Hashana Ladies Get-together
September 18	End of Summer Welcome Back BBQ
September 21	Rosh Hashana Machzor Prep
September 24	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Yehonason Alpren
September 28	Rosh Hashana Begins (at sunset)
October 2	Yarchei Kallah with ASK
October 2	Fast of Gedaliah
October 4	Yom Kippur Machzor Prep
October 6	Rabbi Frand's Teshuva Drasha
October 7	Yom Kippur (begins at sunset)
October 12	Sukkos Begins (at sunset)
October 18	Hoshana Rabba (begins at sunset)
October 19	Shemini Atzeret begins (at sunset)
October 20	Simchat Torah begins (at sunset)
October 28	Shabbos with our Rabbi Emeritus
October 28	Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner
November 2	Truth About the Trends: The Oral Law
November 6	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Menachem Leibtag
November 8	Our Sacred Homes: Session 1a
November 13	AIPAC: Israel at 63
November 15	Our Sacred Homes: Session 1b
November 18	Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner
November 19	Film Screening: Jews and Baseball
November 20	Building Blocks of Our Community
November 27	BENA Rosh Chodesh Kislev Class
December 7	Truth About the Trends: Torah's View on Zionism
December 14	"Sages Versus Prophets"
December 17	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi David Fohrman
December 18	Building Blocks of Our Community
December 20	First night of Chanukah (at sunset)

2012

January 4	Truth About the Trends: Kabbalah
January 5	Fast of Tenth of Tevet
January 10	Our Sacred Homes: Session IIa
January 13	Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner
January 14	Film Screening: Hiding and Seeking
January 15	Building Blocks of Our Community
January 17	Our Sacred Homes: Session IIb
January 24	BENA Rosh Chodesh Shevat Class
February 1	Truth About the Trends: The Messianic Age
February 4	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Shragi Neuberger
February 7	Shabbos in the Kitchen, Part 1
February 8	Tu B'Shevat
February 12	Building Blocks of Our Community
February 14	Shabbos in the Kitchen, Part 2
February 21	Shabbos in the Kitchen, Part 3
February 22	BENA Rosh Chodesh Adar Class
February 25	Film Screening: Iranium
February 29	"Where is the Love?"
March 4	Purim Parade
March 4	Building Blocks of Our Community
March 4	AIPAC Policy Conference begins (Washington DC)
March 7	Ta'anis Esther
March 8	Purim
March 11	ASK Jewish Unity Live
March 16	Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner
March 21	Getting your Kitchen Ready for Pesach
March 24	BENA Rosh Chodesh Nisan Class
March 31	Shabbos Hagadol Drasha
April 6	Pesach Begins (at sunset)
April 22	BENA Rosh Chodesh Iyar Class
May 5	Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Dr. Shnayer Leiman
May 6	Building Blocks of Our Community
May 10	Lag BaOmer
May 11	Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner
May 20	Film Screening: Six Days in June
May 26	Shavuot Begins (at sunset)
June 10	Building Blocks of Our Community
June 19	BENA Rosh Chodesh Tammuz Class

Shul Organizations

Beth Jacob Sisterhood

Beth Jacob Sisterhood is an integral part of the synagogue. The Sisterhood is comprised of a group of women of all ages, religious observance levels, and diverse interests, that come together to bring goodwill, chesed, and fun to the shul as only loving women can do. Beth Jacob Sisterhood is responsible for many of the women's programming that goes on throughout the year, such as cooking classes, art'n'crafts programs, and guest speakers. Beth Jacob Sisterhood puts on an annual Silver Tea event and a Donor fundraising campaign. Beth Jacob Sisterhood looks out for the well-being of the shul, its Rabbis, and congregants.

Beth Jacob Men's Club

Beth Jacob's Men's Club is taking a fresh turn in 2011-2012! This year will build off of last year's successful programming, which included a Superbowl party, the purchase of a cotton candy machine (used at the Purim Parade), Bowling night, and a Scotch raffle which raised over a thousand dollars for the shul. Everyone is a member of the Men's Club – annual dues for 2011 have been waived for all BJ members. Contact Josh Wittenberg or Shai Rubin for more information.

RABBI ILAN AND MIRIAM FELDMAN PRESENT:

BUILDING BLOCKS OF COMMUNITY

A VISION FOR BETH JACOB'S FUTURE AS WE APPROACH OUR JUBILEE

What does the Beth Jacob community stand for, and where is it headed?

If Torah living provides happiness, why does it sometimes seem elusive?

What do I have to offer my community? What can I count on the community to provide me?

Those who dedicated our Lavista Road Sanctuary on December 12, 1962 could never have imagined that it would become the hub of a thriving community noted internationally for its unique personality, values, and direction. However, with maturity come new challenges: financial pressures, ethical lapses, challenges to harmony in the home, factionalism, lack of passion in Jewish living, and insidious intrusions from the internet and pop culture. Without a plan and direction, these problems can come to define us; with vision, the next 50 years can see the Beth Jacob community become an unparalleled model for passion, growth, cohesiveness, and connection to G-d.

Building Blocks will describe the essential elements that can form the foundation of our community's future growth. Each Building Block will be presented in a Sunday night forum, then elaborated upon in a variety of formats: sermons, media, a special column for women, and an experimental new tool of discovery (details to be disclosed in the first session). All classes will take place at 8:00 pm in the Conference Room.

AVODA/DEVOTION

SEPTEMBER 11

Can I have an authentic connection to G-d through prayer?

- Individual prayer
- Communal prayer
- Self mastery
- Hearing the voice of the neshama

KLAL YISRAEL

NOVEMBER 20

Is there room for diversity or self-expression in the Beth Jacob community? Is "The Orthodox Synagogue for all Jews" an antiquated slogan from a bygone era?

- Love of the Jewish people
- Connection to community

SHABBOS

DECEMBER 18

How Can Shabbos shine for me and others?

- The weekly connection
- Making it work for all ages
- Sharing it with others

MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIPS

JANUARY 15

How can my marriage be exceptional and totally fulfilling?

- The DNA of life
- Mikvah and intimacy
- Challenges of marriage
- Singles living

CHILDREN

FEBRUARY 12

How do I raise intellectually curious, growth oriented, balanced Jewish children who love themselves, their Judaism and G-d?

- Why we have them
- Family planning
- Education at home and in school
- Parenting

HOLINESS

MARCH 4

Can we create a community defined by ethics, honesty, openness and love?

- Modesty
- Gender relationships
- Relating to, and using, the material world
- Honesty and ethics in business
- Reflecting G-d's Image

LAND OF ISRAEL

MAY 6

What Is Religious Zionism, and where does BJ stand?

- Relating to the State of Israel
- Aliya – is it for me? Should it be for me?
- Moshiach and messianism

TORAH

JUNE 10

I am observant. How can I develop real goals that inspire me?

- Torah as our source
- Study of Torah
- Halacha: moving from rules to a life filled with meaning

Learn something new...every week!

Take advantage of weekly classes in Chumash, Navi, Mussar/Philosophy, and Talmud/Halacha.

Chumash

Shabbos Morning Chumash Shiur

Rabbi Ilan Feldman or Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Shabbos half hour before the Main Minyan / For Men & Women

Start your Shabbos morning off right with a dose of the weekly Parsha. Using the classic commentaries of Rashi, the Ramban and Maharal, highlights of each week's Parsha are explained. Didn't prepare a dvar Torah for your Shabbos table yet? Join us! This class has something for you.

Advanced Tanach For Women

Mrs. Batsheva Gelbtuch

Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 am / Carson Room / For Women, offered by BENA / \$5 fee per class

This is a text-based class for women with Hebrew reading skills. Studying primarily Chumash, the class explores a broad range of topics such as our forefathers and foremothers, relationships, the purpose of life, free will, pain and suffering, and emunah. Participants take turns reading and translating. Commentaries include the Kli Yakar, Ramban, Rashi, the Ohr Hachaim, Ibn Ezra, Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe, Rabbi Chaim Shmulevitz, the Michtav Me-Eliyahu, and the Maharal.

Shira Smiles – Live!

Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 am / Kolliel Beis Medrash / For Women / \$5 fee per class

Mrs. Smiles is a sought after international lecturer, popular seminary teacher, and experienced curriculum developer. She broadcasts live from her home in Jerusalem, with an in-depth presentation on the Weekly Parsha. Her intellectually and spiritually-charged delivery keeps her listeners strong and inspired throughout the week, as she brings an understanding of Torah texts through analysis of relevant sources.



Chumash Class: Redemption

Rabbi Doniel Pransky

Sundays 7:30 - 8:30 pm / Carson Room / For Men & Women

Join Rabbi Pransky on a textual study of the story of our Redemption – The Book of Shmos. This group, which completed the entire book of Bereishis over the past 4 years, is currently delving into the depths of Exile and Redemption, Slavery and Freedom. They are currently in the middle of Parshas Shmos. Newcomers are welcome!

Textual Torah Topics

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Tuesday 12:00 pm / Carson Room / For Men & Women

You may be familiar with many of the classic Torah narratives, but have you ever analyzed them in depth? This weekly class breaks down familiar but difficult-to-understand texts, one topic at a time, based on the Midrash, the classic commentaries of Rashi and Ramban, and contemporary writings of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch. This September, the class will begin studying the Expulsion of Yishmael from the house of Avraham and the Binding of Yitzchak.



Parsha Lunch 'n Learn

Rabbi Menashe Goldberger

Friday 12:30 pm / LaVista Beis Medrash Krischer Library / For Men & Women

Rabbi Goldberger discusses the weekly Parsha with a focus on a particular theme or a selected commentary, for the entire annual cycle. The classes seek to identify and elaborate on essential principles of both Jewish faith and personal character development. This year's theme is "Basics of Torah Reality". Lunch may be pre-ordered by calling 404-321-4085 by Thursday.

Navi



Navi Class

Rabbi Reuven Stein

Monday 12:00 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men & Women

Rabbi Reuven Stein is on his second go-round teaching the Neviim (Prophets) and Kesuvim (Writings) with probably the longest-running current study group in Atlanta! His classes are peppered with plenty of Torah ethics and morals as our biblical history comes to life. The class is currently studying the Book of Kings – you can join at any time.

Navi/Prophets: The Book of Trei Asar (The Twelve Minor Prophets)

Rabbi Menashe Goldberger

Monday 7:30 - 8:30 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

This class has been running since 1990, when Rabbi Goldberger was in his twenties! Beginning with the Five Books of the Torah, the group has worked its way through the entire Tanach verse-by-verse. Currently, they are studying Trei Asar, with the commentary of The Torah Anthology. These prophecies may be short, but their messages are powerful as they prepare us for the Final Redemption.

Advanced Navi Class: Sefer Yona

Rabbi Doniel Pransky

Wednesday 8:00 - 9:00 pm / Carson Room / For Women, offered by BENA

During the month of Elul, this advanced class will be studying Sefer Yona, the tale of the runaway prophet that is read on Yom Kippur. An in depth analysis of the text reveals that even the harshest of decrees can be reversed with sincere teshuva, and that no one can run from their G-d given mission! After Sukkos, they will study Sefer Ezra-Nechemia: The story of the Jewish return to Eretz Yisrael to rebuild the Second Temple. The Book of Rus will follow after Pesach.

Mussar/Philosophy



Mincha Maariv

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Daily Mincha-Maariv

Become a scholar in just 5 minutes a day! During the month of Elul, in preparation for the High Holidays, we will study The Gates of Repentance (Sha'arei Teshuvah), by Rabbeinu Yonah of Geronah (d. 1263). In this classic, the author probes the profound idea of teshuvah, often translated as “repentance” but in reality far more complex and subtle than the simple meaning of “regret for sin” or “contrition”.

Following Yom Tov, we will follow the weekly Parsha studying the Maharal of Prague's (Rabbi Yehudah Loew, d. 1609) seminal work Gur Aryeh. This work, by the 16th Century's greatest Talmudic scholar, mystic and philosopher, is a super-commentary on Rashi's commentary to Chumash, with an extensive focus on explaining the Midrashic statements of the Sages.

Mussar/Ethics: Orchos Tzaddikim

Rabbi Menashe Goldberger

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 - 9:45 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

One of Mussar's classic sefarim on midos (character traits), written anonymously, thoroughly analyzes each of twenty-eight virtues - from vanity and anger to honesty and kindness. The author teaches that a midah is like a spice: without any of it we are bland; with too much of it, incorrigible. This sefer teaches us how to strike the balance. Additional brief classes are also taught on Friday nights and Motzei Shabbos after Maariv in the Main Shul.

Hashkafa/Philosophy: Lesson in Tanya

Rabbi Menashe Goldberger

Shabbos Afternoon one hour before Mincha / Kollel Beis Midrash / For Men

The Alter Rebbe wrote a sefer – commonly known as the Tanya - that literally breaks our neshamos (souls) down to their molecular level. This class studies from an annotated English translation with extensive explanatory notes. Even if we cannot grasp every detail, it definitely enlightens us with a breathtaking perspective on the depth of the Torah – and who a Jew really is inside. Men sit around a table in the Beis Midrash and take turns reading the English translation, as Rabbi Goldberger moderates the lively discussion.

Talmud/Halacha

Advanced Shabbos Men's Shiur

Rabbi Doniel Pransky

Shabbos morning following the Kollel Kiddush (approximately 10:45 am) – 11:30 am / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

Rabbi Pransky expounds on halacha, hashkafa, or machshava, depending on the week. Topics are varied, fascinating, and always relevant. The classes are generally not text based, but basic knowledge of Torah and halacha is assumed. Come to your Shabbos table with plenty of interesting Torah to share with everyone.



Advanced Halacha For Men

Rabbi Michael Alterman

Sunday-Thursday 9:15 - 9:45 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

The Atlanta Scholars Kollel presents, in conjunction with Dirshu International, this new Daily Mishna Berurah Class. Join thousands of people worldwide studying the same page of the Mishna Berurah every day! Involve yourself in the daily study of halacha, understand the halachic process, and improve your textual skills. The current cycle is already in progress, and the program is currently studying the Laws of Shabbos. Join any time.

Daf Yomi

Rabbi Reuven Stein

Sunday-Friday 7:40 - 8:30 am, Shabbos one hour before Mincha / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

Explore the breadth and depth of the Talmud through daily study. Thousands of Jews worldwide participate in the Daf Yomi program, begun on Rosh Hashana 1923 under the guidance of Rabbi Moshe Shapiro, learning one full page a day every day for seven and a half years. The twelfth Daf Yomi cycle began in March of 2005, and will complete all 2,711 pages this coming year, on August 2, 2012. Rabbi Reuven Stein's Daf Yomi shiur is in its third cycle through the entire Talmud, and participants plan to travel together to the great Daf Yomi Siyum HaShas in New York City! Join now and catch the last 7 Tractates.

Bavli Baboker

Rabbi Menashe Goldberger

Monday-Friday 6:30 - 7:25 am / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

You've heard of Daf Yomi (a page a day); well, this is Daf Shavui (a page a week)! A very congenial group led by Rabbi Goldberger starts out their day over a cup of coffee with a moderate-to-advanced Gemara shiur, at which everyone participates. After the weekly Daf is completed, relevant halacha texts are consulted to check the final rulings and other practical applications that are derived. This class is currently learning Maseches Beitzah which comprises the halachos of Yom Tov. Participants of this group are always on time for the 7:30 Shacharis minyan!



Sefer Hamitzvos - Advanced Rambam For Men

Rabbi Ilan Feldman

Thursday 8:00 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

The Rambam, in his Sefer Hamitzvos, compiled a comprehensive list of all 613 commandments, together with a brief description of each. This class undertakes a thorough analysis of the Rambam's Sefer Hamitzvos, comparing his treatment of the mitzvos both to his own presentation in his halachic work Yad Hachazaka, as well as to the positions of other Rishonim (early commentators). Source material is provided to participants for independent study in advance of each class.

Yesodai HaTorah

Talmud Study for men

Sunday morning, 9:15-10:45 am; Tuesday night 8:00-9:45 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash

This long-standing, successful Kollel program is geared to make everyone a scholar. Participants progress through five different levels in the course, beginning with basic Hebrew and Talmud skills, moving to teacher-guided advanced study, and concluding with independent one on one chavrusa study. The new Elul semester begins Sunday, August 28th. The winter semester begins Tuesday, October 25th. Please contact Rabbi Moshe Hiller or Rabbi Doniel Pransky for more information.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TRENDS

We've heard about them, wondered about them, probably even talked about them. Let's try to understand them!

A new series by Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich tackles some of the issues that we're familiar with, but might not fully appreciate or understand. This class, for men and women, will meet on the first Wednesday night of every month at 8:00 pm in the Conference Room, from November through February.



“The Oral Law”

Wednesday, November 2

Our Tradition teaches that Moshe received the Oral Law together with the Written Law on Har Sinai. But what exactly is it? The Talmud and Midrash seem to be the repository of this (formally) Oral Jewish wisdom, yet none of it is attributed to G-d or even Moshe, but to Second Temple Era Jewish Sages. And why are there so many arguments about a G-d given Law, anyway?



“The Torah’s View on Zionism”

Wednesday, December 7

There is no question that the Land of Israel is the eternal home of the Jewish People and an essential component to observing the Laws of the Torah in full. But where and how does “Zionism” fit into the equation?



“Kabbalah”

Wednesday, January 4

Everyone has heard of it. Madonna is studying it. Why can't I? What is this mysterious and mystical aspect of Judaism all about? Where did it come from? And what role does it play in our “everyday” Jewish lives?



“The Messianic Age”

Wednesday, February 1

One of the Fundamental Tenants of our Faith is that there will be a Messianic Age ushered in by the coming of the Moshiach. What exactly will that era look like? Will this be before or after the Resurrection of the Dead? How will we know when the Moshiach has come? How do we really know that he hasn't come already?

Our Sacred Homes – A Work In Progress

Interactive marriage workshops with Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

This is not just another lecture! In fact, it's not a lecture at all. This unique workshop will strengthen your marriage through engaging activities that will provide you with practical tools and effective techniques in your everyday interactions. You must attend together with your spouse – the two of you will be doing all of the talking! (There is no public sharing; only private conversations.) Class meets at 8:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Session I – Tuesdays, November 8th and 15th

- Walking the Tightrope of Marriage: Why everyday interactions can disrupt the balance.
- Expectations: Revealing the unspoken threat to our most significant relationship.
- Conflict Resolution and Stress Management: Learn to recognize and respect your style and your spouse's.
- Crucial Conversations: How to tackle “touchy” subjects.

Session II – Tuesdays, January 10th and 17th

- Life Maps: Understand and strengthen the underrated, yet most fundamental, aspect of our marriages.
- Love Languages: How to get your (read: your spouse's) priorities straight and understand what he or she really wants.
- Bidding Wars: How the simple game of tennis enhances the romance in a marriage.
- The Skill of Giving (and Receiving) a Compliment: Why can't he or she just say ‘thank you’ and move on?
- The Lost Art of Apology: Why doesn't our spouse believe us even when we say we're sorry?

(Session II is a repeat of the workshop presented last year)

The Ben & Sonya Rabinowitz z”l

Tanach B’Shana Program

Learn the Major Themes, Stories and Ideas of the Entire 24 Books of the Torah In Just One Year!

Jewish Adult Education is being redefined by Tanach B’Shana (The Bible in One Year). This course, with depth and scope, enables men and women to learn and appreciate the entire 24 Books of Tanach. Over the course of just one year, each Book is studied in a sophisticated and cohesive manner, focusing on the major themes and concepts relevant to each Book. Tanach B’Shana’s carefully crafted curriculum, developed at the London School of Jewish Studies (whose President is Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks) together with Rabbi Menachem Leibtag (internationally acclaimed Bible scholar), ensures the course has a high level of quality and content while being meaningful for both the seasoned student and newcomer to Jewish learning.

Course Highlights

- Each weekly session covers one book of the Tanach in an hour and a half.
- Every session is accompanied by a handout that includes a class outline, chapter summaries of the week’s Book, and relevant maps and charts.
- Classes involve studying traditional texts (available in Hebrew and English), the investigation of key themes and the presentation of avenues for further study.
- Classes are recorded and transferred to CD so registered students can make up missed sessions.
- Important academic issues are raised during sessions, such as authorship, dating and archeology.

Outstanding Teachers

We are excited to offer a wide ranging slate of noted educators to present each individual class. Beth Jacob’s own Rabbis Ilan D. Feldman and Yechezkel Freundlich will be joined by Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Emanuel Feldman, Rabbis Doniel Pransky, David Silverman and Binyomin Friedman of the Atlanta Scholars Kollel, Rabbi Lee Buckman of the Greenfield Hebrew Academy, Rabbi Naphtali Hoff of Torah Day School, and Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger, Professor of Jewish Studies at Emory University. We are especially pleased to host Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, co-founder of the program, to present on November 7th.

Course Fee and Registration

The course fee for all 29 classes is \$100 for Beth Jacob members and \$150 for non-members. There is a special student rate of \$75. Individual classes are \$36. The fee includes classes, their associated source materials, and make-up CDs. The course fee is payable by credit card (via phone or our website) or by check payable to Congregation Beth Jacob, and must be received by Monday, September 26th. (An additional \$25 will be assessed to participants after this time.) To register for the course, or to find out more information, please contact Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich at rabbiy@bethjacobatlanta.org or 404-633-0551 ext 243.

Time and Location

Tanach B’Shana will take place at Congregation Beth Jacob on Monday nights, beginning Monday, October 24th (the first Monday after Sukkos). The 29 session course will conclude on Monday, May 28th (the second day of Shavuot) with a gala siyum and celebration. All classes will begin promptly at 7:45 pm and end at approximately 9:15 pm.

Dedication Opportunities

Individual classes are available for sponsorship in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the weekly shabbos flyer and announced at each class. Sponsorships are \$180 per class. Please contact Rabbi Freundlich.

Tanach Tour To Israel

At the conclusion of the course, we will be organizing a Tanach Tour to Israel, experiencing the many sights we will have learned about throughout the Tanach. Come see Israel in a way you have never experienced it before! Please contact Rabbi Freundlich if you are interested in more information about this exciting trip.



Ben and Sonya Rabinowitz z”l

Ben (affectionately known as the Kohen Gadol of Beth Jacob) and Sonya Rabinowitz were good friends and mentors to hundreds of Atlanta Jews during their several decades of participation at Beth Jacob. This exciting, inaugural program has been made possible by a generous gift from their cousins Si and Marsha Londe, as well as Ben and Sonya’s children and grandchildren, who desired to perpetuate their memories in a unique manner. This course is a most fitting tribute to Ben and Sonya; it reflects both their own love of learning, as well as their love of anything and everything that brought Jewish people together to develop enthusiasm for learning and our heritage.

Class Schedule

Torah - The Five Books of the Torah

October 24, 2011	Introduction and Canon	Rabbi Ilan Feldman
October 31, 2011	Bereishis (Genesis)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
November 7, 2011	Shmos (Exodus)	Rabbi Menachem Leibtag
November 14, 2011	Vayikra (Leviticus)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
November 21, 2011	Bamidbar (Numbers)	Rabbi Naphtali Hoff
November 28, 2011	Devarim (Deuteronomy)	Rabbi Emanuel Feldman

Niviim - The Eight Books of the Prophets

December 5, 2011	Yehoshuah (Joshua)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
December 12, 2011	Shoftim (Judges)	Rabbi Doniel Pransky
December 19, 2011	Shmuel I (Samuel I)	Rabbi Binyomin Friedman
December 26, 2011	(no class - winter break)	
January 2, 2012	(no class - winter break)	
January 9, 2012	Shmuel II (Samuel II)	Rabbi Binyomin Friedman
January 16, 2012	Historical setting and Introduction to Kings	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
January 23, 2012	Melachim I (Kings I)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
January 30, 2012	Melachim II (Kings II)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
February 6, 2012	Yeshaya (Isaiah)	Rabbi Ilan Feldman
February 13, 2012	Yirmiyahu (Jeremiah)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
February 20, 2012	Yechezkel (Ezekiel)	Rabbi Doniel Pransky
February 27, 2012	Trei Asar (The 12 Prophets)	Rabbi Lee Buckman

Kesuvim – The Books of Writings

March 5, 2012	Megillas Eichah (Lamentations)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
March 12, 2012	Megillas Esther	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
March 19, 2012	Koheles (Ecclesiastes)	Rabbi Ilan Feldman
March 26, 2012	Megillas Ruth	Rabbi Dr. Michael Berger
April 2, 2012	Shir Hashirim (Song of Songs)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
April 9, 2012	(no class - Pesach)	
April 16, 2012	Iyov (Job)	Rabbi David Silverman
April 23, 2012	Mishlei (Proverbs)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
April 30, 2012	Daniel	Rabbi Doniel Pransky
May 7, 2012	Tehillim (Psalms)	Rabbi Lee Buckman
May 14, 2012	Ezra/Nechemia	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
May 21, 2012	Divrei Hayamim (Chronicles)	Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich
May 28, 2012	Summary and Siyum (on Shavuot!)	Rabbi Ilan Feldman/ Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Elul Classes

Prepare for the High Holidays with these inspirational classes!

What does He want from me?

Pre-Rosh Hashana Chaburah

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Monday nights August 29th-October 3rd, 9:00 pm / Kollel Franco Room / For Men

Transform your Rosh Hashanah experience with an awareness you never had before. This six part series is based on the sefer Bilvavi Mishkan Evneh (In my heart, I will build a Sanctuary) by Rav Itamar Schwartz. We will explore the most fundamental, if infrequently asked, questions: But what does Hashem really want from us? Can it be that someone fully observant is “done”? Through what measure will our lives be judged as successful? This thought provoking series will begin Monday, August 29th (the day before Rosh Chodesh Elul) and conclude Monday, October 3rd (the week of Yom Kippur).

BENA Rosh Chodesh Elul Class (see pg. 17)

Mrs. Naama Parnes

Tuesday, August 30th, 8:00 - 9:00 pm / At the home of Sydney Rubin Lewis, 1185 Empire Road / For Women



Coming Full Circle:

A Jewish Woman's Spiritual Journey Through Christianity and Back

Penina Taylor

Tuesday September 6th, 8:00 pm / Conference Room

Born into a secular Jewish family and faced with a traumatic childhood, Penina embraced Christianity while in High School. However, after 17 years in leadership in the Christian and Hebrew-Christian communities, Penina's studies brought her to a revelation that turned her world upside down: “Truth” resided in the Faith of our Forefathers. Now, as a Jew who has “come home,” Penina shares her story in the hopes of giving strength and encouragement, empowering the Jewish community in its fight against influences that spiritually threaten the Jewish people. Regardless of what topic Penina speaks about, her audiences always come away enlightened and inspired by her dynamic style and personal warmth.

In memory of Avraham ben BenZion Halevi, Shoshana bat Paul, and Ruchama bat Chanoch Reuven

The Building Blocks of Our Community (see pg. 5)

Rabbi Ilan and Miriam Feldman

Sunday, September 11th, 8:00 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

BENA Pre-Rosh Hashanah Ladies Get-together

Mrs. Esther Pransky

Shabbos afternoon, September 17th / At the Pransky home, 1289 Bramble / For Women

Join Mrs. Pransky for this annual opportunity to prepare for Rosh Hashanah, hear an inspiring class and have a chance to meet some of the new ladies who have moved to town.

The Machzor is Your Friend!

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Wednesday, September 21st (Rosh Hashana); Tuesday October 4th (Yom Kippur), 7:45 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

It may be unfamiliar, daunting and seemingly endless, but the High Holiday Machzor actually contains all of the fundamental aspects of both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Freundlich will highlight the various themes and concepts to prepare and focus our attention during these significant days. Bring your Machzor – you will look forward to using it!

Peering into the Neshama a Year Later

Rabbi Yehonason Alpren (see pg. 14)

Motzei Shabbos, September 24th, Selichos program at 11:00 pm, followed by Selichos at midnight / Heritage Hall / For Men & Women

Our physical actions have an impact on the essence of our spiritual souls. What are the mechanics of steering it back to purity through prayer and the spoken word?

Yarchei Kallah

Sunday, October 2nd 9:15 - 10:45 am / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

Join the Atlanta Scholars Kollel and Yesodai HaTorah for a special Yarchei Kallah - source sheets and chavrusa learning followed by a shiur given by Rabbi Pransky.

Fast of Gedalia

Rabbi Doniel Pransky

Sunday, October 2nd 6:30 pm (following 6:00 mincha) / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men & Women

What is the meaning and significance of this day? Who was Gedalia and why do we fast for him? Aren't we fasting again next week on Yom Kippur?

Rabbi Frand's Annual Teshuva Drasha (Video Broadcast)

Rabbi Yissacher Frand

Thursday October 6th, 8:00 pm / Heritage Hall / For Men & Women / \$5 at the door

Leil Hoshana Rabba

Tuesday October 18th, 9:00 pm / Kollel Beis Medrash / For Men

Hoshana Rabba, the seventh and last day of Sukkos, is known through the Sages as the conclusion of judgment which began on Rosh Hashanah. Numerous customs are observed on this day as a result of its solemn Yom Kippur-like character: Seven circuits are made around the Bima with the lulav and esrog, the aravah bundle is beaten, the chazzan wears a white kittel, and much of the davening follows a Yom Tov schedule. There is also a widespread custom to stay up all night studying Torah! Join Rabbi Pransky for a two part program beginning at 9:00 pm with a shiur in the Beis Medrash, followed by Chai Peking sponsored refreshments and a second shiur in the Sukkah. The Beis Medrash will remain open for all night learning!

Holiday Classes

Learn more about Chanukah, Purim, and Pesach!

Sages Versus Prophets

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Pre-Chanukah, Wednesday, December 14th, 8:00 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

Have you ever noticed what's missing from the Chanukah story? A Prophet! While Mordechai and Esther had Divine confirmation for their actions during the Purim Story, how did Mattisyahu and his Chashmonai family know what to do during the Chanukah Story? What's the difference between a Sage-led generation and a Prophet-led generation, and what impact does this Prophet-less Miracle have on our lives today?

Where is the Love?

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Pre-Purim, Wednesday, February 29th, 8:00 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

The Sages of the Talmud declared that the Jews were coerced into accepting the Torah at Sinai – the mountain itself hung threateningly over their heads. But lest one think we were forced into this, the Sages remark that the Jews in Shushan accepted the Torah lovingly and willingly. Did the Sages read the same Purim story we do – a story of impending annihilation and destruction? What does accepting the Torah out of love have to do with Purim and how does it affect us today?

Getting Your Kitchen Ready for Pesach

Rabbi Reuven Stein

Wednesday, March 21st, 8:00 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

It's not as daunting as you think! Let Rabbi Stein guide you through the details of cleaning your ovens, covering your counter tops and kashering your burners. Navigate the supermarkets with confidence, knowing which products do and do not need special Pesach certification. Thank you to Rabbi Stein and the Atlanta Kashruth Commission for making this class possible.

Scholars-in-Residence



Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg

Shabbos, August 27, 2011

Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg is the Founder & National Director of Kids Kicking Cancer, an organization he founded in 1999 that serviced over 2,000 children in the U.S. and Canada in 2010 alone. Rabbi Goldberg, a First Degree Black Belt in Choi Kwon Do, first provided a therapeutic martial arts program at Camp Simcha, a summer camp for children with cancer, where he served as the Director from 1990 to 2002. Having lost his first child to leukemia at the age of 2, Rabbi Goldberg brings a wealth of personal experience and sensitivity to dealing with children and families facing life-threatening illness. Rabbi Goldberg received rabbinic ordination and graduate training from Yeshiva University. Aside from his duties at Kids Kicking Cancer, Rabbi Goldberg is also the Rabbi Emeritus at the Young Israel of Southfield and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine.



Rabbi Lavi Greenspan

Shabbos, September 17, 2011

Rabbi Lavi Greenspan has semicha from RIETS of Yeshiva University, is a practicing attorney for IDT Corporation, and records a weekly thought on the parsha available on www.listentorah.com. He is now also completing a Masters in Social Work. Remarkably, he does all this without the ability to see. Lavi became blind at age 26 due to a benign brain tumor while still in semicha and law school. Instead of shying away from life, Lavi completed these programs and has now become an inspiring speaker to thousands of Jews around the world, sharing his story and showing them how a deep emunah, faith and trust in Hashem can truly help one rise above any limitations. He is a dynamic and engaging speaker, and has been featured on Aish.com and Mishpacha magazine.*



Rabbi Yehonason Alpren

Shabbos, September 24, 2011

Rabbi Yehonason Alpren, born and educated in Birmingham, England, has the rare gift of making even the most complex Torah concepts come to life. With his wit, wisdom and his broad range of personal experiences, Rabbi Alpren transforms Torah study into a truly delightful experience. His reputation in particular lies in his ability to adapt Talmudic suggestions from our Sages and present them in inspiring practical terms that impact our everyday decisions and situations. While he holds a degree in Business Studies and Finance from the University in Birmingham, he prefers to present on esoteric topics such as the world of prayer, the quality of speech and character development. It is a privilege to have him address us throughout Shabbos, and particularly to present the annual Selichos program (see page 12).*



Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

Sunday November 6, 2011

Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, founder of The Tanach Study Center [www.tanach.org], is one of the pioneers of Jewish Education on the internet. He is internationally known for his weekly essays on Parshat ha'Shavua and his audio podcasts on the books of Neviim. Rabbi Leibtag has been a 'rebbe' at Yeshivat Har Etzion for over thirty years. He also teaches at Yeshivat Shaalavim and Midreshet Lindenbaum. In the classroom, he is best known for his ability to teach students how to study rather than simply just read the Tanach. He also routinely lectures around the globe, primarily as a Scholar in Residence in communities in North America, and is a regular guest lecturer for Jewish students on university campuses. Rabbi Leibtag will present a community-wide talk on Sunday night, and teach the Tanach course (see page 10) on Monday night.*



Rabbi David Fohrman

Shabbos, December 17, 2011

Rabbi David Fohrman lectures internationally on Biblical themes. He heads the Curriculum Initiative of the Areivim Philanthropic Group, and directs the Hoffberger Institute for Text Study. His most recent book is a study of the Megillas Esther entitled "The Queen You Thought You Knew". Rabbi Fohrman lives in Woodmere, NY and is the resident scholar at the Young Israel of Woodmere. In earlier years, Rabbi Fohrman served as a senior editor and writer for ArtScroll's Schottenstein Edition of the Talmud, and taught Biblical themes at the Johns Hopkins University. His recorded lectures are available at rabbifohrman.com.

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Rabbi Shragi Neuberger

Shabbos, February 4, 2012

Reb Shragi Neuberger is a Rebbe at Ner Israel in Baltimore and one of the Yeshiva's primary leaders and thinkers. Known for his empathy, warmth and understanding, Reb Shragi is someone whose counsel is sought by many individuals and institutions from all over the world. In addition to his daily Talmud classes, he gives weekly seminars to young couples, helping them navigate their early years of marriage. His incisive analysis and good sense are frequently called upon to mediate disputes. Rabbi Neuberger's popular Adult Education Lectures provide many with inspiration and wisdom in traversing the challenges and opportunities of life. He is known for his efforts to keep in touch with his many students and frequently travels to other communities to offer his guidance and support.*

** In memory of Avraham ben BenZion Halevi, Shoshana bat Paul, and Ruchama bat Chanoch Reuven*



Rabbi Dr. Shnayer Leiman

Shabbos, May 5, 2012

Sid (Shnayer) Z. Leiman is Professor of Jewish History and Literature at Brooklyn College and teaches at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University. He has previously served as Professor of Jewish History and Literature at Yale University, as well as Visiting Professor and Scholar at various universities including Harvard, Oxford and Hebrew University. With notable expertise in Biblical, Talmudic and Midrashic studies, as well as medieval Jewish thought, Dr. Leiman is the author of "Rabbinic Responses to Modernity" and "The Canonization of Hebrew Scripture"; the editor of The Canon and Masorah of the Hebrew Bible; and has contributed many entries to various scholarly journals and encyclopedias. He earned his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania and his rabbinical ordination from the Mirrer Yeshiva in New York.

Partnership Weekends



Israel at 63: Is This The Child We Have Prayed For?

Sunday, November 13 at Beth Jacob

For 2000 years, Jews have yearned and prayed to return to our Land. Herb Keinon presents a candid look back at what's been achieved over the last 63 years – and what we still need to do.

Registration will be held at this event for the first ever BJ contingent to go to the AIPAC Policy Conference. The conference is March 4-6, 2012 in Washington DC. For more information visit <http://www.aipac.org/pc/>.



Herb Keinon, 45, is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Post. Originally from Denver, Colorado, Keinon has written for the Post for over 20 years, covering a wide range of beats, including Jerusalem, immigration and absorption, religious parties, haredim, and the settlements. Keinon appears frequently on a variety of radio and television programs in the US, Canada, and Europe as a guest commentator on Israeli society, security and Middle Eastern politics. He recently published a book entitled "Lone Soldiers: Israel's Defenders from Around the World", engagingly telling the tale of the men and women who leave the comforts of the Diaspora to serve in the IDF. Herb lives in Ma'ale Adumim, just outside of Jerusalem, with his wife and four children.



Agudath Israel Shabbos of Chizuk

January 2012

Beth Jacob joins Agudath Israel of America - Congregation Ner Hamizrach, Young Israel of Toco Hills and Congregation Ariel in welcoming world-renowned Rabbis to our congregation for an injection of inspiration and growth. The visiting rabbis, some of the foremost Heads of Yeshivas and lecturers, will have an opportunity to visit our local schools on Friday, then split their time among the various congregations throughout the Shabbos. The uplifting Shabbos culminates in a community wide melava malka in Heritage Hall.



OU Shabbos

The Orthodox Union is the world's largest Jewish resource, as it works to enhance, support and empower the Orthodox Jewish community. Beth Jacob is proud to be an OU member Synagogue, and we look forward to partnering with the OU and its leadership for a Shabbos of inspiration and enrichment. The OU is much more than a symbol of kosher certification; it is a world leader in community and synagogue services, adult education, youth work through NCSY, political action through the Institute of Public Affairs, and advocacy for persons with disabilities through Yachad and Our Way.

Don't miss out on these educational opportunities!

Sunday Morning Learning Minyan

Sundays 7:55 - 9:15 am / Kollel Beis Midrash / For Men & Women

Does the regular daily minyan move too fast for your comfort? Do you need a crash course in "laying" tefilin? Would you like to lead the davening but don't know when you'll ever be given a chance? If you answer yes to any of these, then you belong at the Sunday Morning Learners Minyan. The entire weekday Shacharis is recited, out-loud and in unison, and participants are encouraged by Rabbi Goldberger to take a turn being the chazzan for even a small segment of the service at a time. At its conclusion, halachos that pertain to davening are studied for several minutes.



Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner

Mark your calendars - the Empty Nesters Shabbos Dinner is not something you want to miss! Join us after services to meet up with old and new friends, enjoy a deliciously catered Friday evening Shabbos meal, share and learn about each other's life experiences, and strengthen your feelings of Beth Jacob friendship. Please contact Dan Appelrouth or Sybil Goldstein for more details.

Reserve these dates for 2011-2012:

October 28, 2011

January 13, 2012

May 11, 2012

November 18, 2011

March 16, 2012

Shabbos with our Rabbi Emeritus



Rabbi Dr. Emanuel Feldman

Shabbos, October 28-29, 2011

It is always a treat when our esteemed Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Emanuel Feldman, and his wife Estelle, return to Atlanta. On Friday night, October 29th, Rabbi Emanuel will host the "Empty Nester's Shabbos Dinner" together with Rabbi Ilan, and will deliver the *drasha* in the Main Shul on Shabbos morning.

Rabbi Emanuel Feldman served as Rabbi of Beth Jacob for 39 years. He nurtured a community from infancy, and encouraged the growth of countless families. As a talented writer and lecturer, Rabbi Emanuel has achieved international fame for capturing the human dimension of spiritual and religious growth.



Shabbos in the Kitchen

Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich

Tuesday nights, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 8:00 pm / Conference Room / For Men & Women

Shabbos and Food are a natural connection - every Shabbos we are enjoined to eat three meals! Yet the Laws of Shabbos as they pertain to the kitchen and food preparation are extremely complex. This series will take a look at the relevant laws of Shabbos, from the preparation to cleaning up, as they relate to our Shabbos meals. Topics will include Borer (selecting), Bishul (cooking and reheating foods), opening packages, cans and bottles, and washing and putting away dishes.



The Amram Hillel Feldman Institute

Presented by Rabbi Emanuel Feldman and Rabbi Ilan Feldman, March 2012

The Amram Hillel Feldman Institute for Interpersonal Relationships is established in memory of Amram Hillel Feldman, husband of Gloria Feldman, father of Bayla, Tamar, Ezra and Shayna, brother of Rabbi Ilan Feldman and son of Rabbi & Mrs. Emanuel Feldman. In his few years, Amram Hillel became known as a man of integrity and idealism in his practice of law, a devoted family man, a pious Jew, and a community servant who practiced the highest ideals of loving-kindness, tzedakah, and community service in a humble and unassuming way. This annual series, drawing on the teachings of our Torah to enhance these ideals in others' lives, is an apt memorial for this exemplary servant of G-d and his fellow man.

BENA

BENA, The Atlanta Scholar's Kollel's Women's Division is dedicated to providing meaningful learning opportunities to the women in the Atlanta community. Speakers of note are brought in to address the women on a quarterly basis. Local teachers give ongoing classes on a variety of topics including Parsha, Advanced Chumash, Bekius in Tanach and Jewish Philosophy. More about these classes can be found in the weekly course listings (pg. 6-7). In the month of July, Summer BENA presents a panalogy of classes twice daily.

Women's Rosh Chodesh classes

This year BENA will be presenting ongoing Rosh Chodesh groups to inspire women and give them the tools to make the most of each month by focusing on a specific characteristic or holiday which is upcoming. Classes will be from 8:00 -9:00 pm on the following dates:

August 30 (Elul)	Mrs. Naama Parnes at the home of Sydney Rubin Lewis, 1185 Empire Road
November 27 (Kislev)	Mrs. Raizie Shkarofsky at the home of Judith Levitt, 1368 Bramble Road
January 24 (Shevat)	Mrs. Michal Esral, Hostess TBA
February 22 (Adar)	Mrs. Rifki Freundlich, Hostess TBA
March 24 (Nisan)	Mrs. Esther Pransky, 1 and 1/2 hour before Mincha at Beth Jacob
April 22 (Iyar)	Mrs. Batsheva Gelbtuch, Hostess TBA
June 19 (Tammuz)	Mrs. Chashy Alterman, Hostess TBA

Bekius Buddies

Bekius Buddies is an overview of Navi seminar taught by Mrs. Rivka Lipschutz. Each session is offered twice, once in the evening and then again the following morning. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7:30pm and Wednesdays at 11:30am at Temima High School for Girls, 1985B LaVista Road (on the Torah Day School Campus). There is a fee. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. Please contact Mrs. Julie Silverman at ASK for a current schedule.

Community Events

Atlanta Jewish Experience

Invite friends, business associates or unaffiliated family who would benefit from the unique Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur outreach services at Beth Jacob. These meaningful learners' services, for all Jews of all backgrounds, feature a sampling of High Holiday prayers interspersed with lots of perspective, inspiring stories, discussion, participant questions and some mind-blowing answers. Free tickets online (and no Hebrew needed). Visit the Atlanta Jewish Experience website, www.AtlantaJewishExperience.org, to RSVP and for more information.

Singles Shabbaton

All Orthodox singles, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's & 70's, are invited to a fun and exciting Southern-style Singles Shabbaton. Enjoy the hospitality and warmth of Atlanta, Georgia, the Beth Jacob and Young Israel community. There will be home hospitality provided, exciting programming, shadchanim onsite, a chesed project and singles'-run activities. The cost is \$99 which includes all Shabbat meals, snacks, Sunday brunch and activities. Invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to this event! Contact Debbie Rochester or Andrea Lewis at southshabbaton@gmail.com to be informed as to when this shabbaton will take place. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Young Families Shabbaton

November 2011

Mark your calendars for a young families shabbaton in Chattanooga, TN. For more information or to volunteer to be involved in this project, contact Matt Lewis, Programming Trustee, at mattylew613@gmail.com.

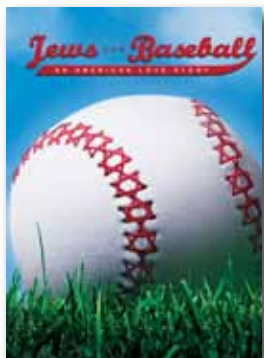
Aishes Chayil Program

Sunday nights, January – April, 8:00-9:00 pm

Calling all pre-Bas Mitzvah girls: (turning 12 between 12/31/11 - 12/31/12). Join Mrs. Randee Goldberger for a 10 part series, covering a different Mitzvah each week learning how it pertains to a new Bas Mitzvah age girl. The goal of this class is to help the Bas Mitzvah develop a confident Torah perspective of her role, both personally and communally as a Jewish woman. There will hand-on projects, discussion groups, a kosher scavenger hunt and final celebratory program at Beth Jacob with certificate and gift presented by Rabbi Ilan Feldman. (\$100 fee; contact Mrs. Goldberger)

BJ FILM FESTIVAL

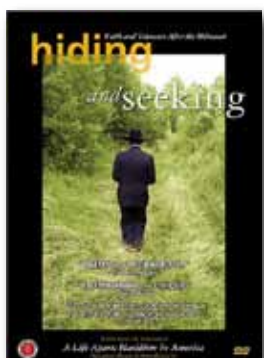
The Annual BJ Film Festival will screen 4 stimulating documentaries this year in Heritage Hall, followed by discussions led by Rabbi Feldman and Rabbi Freundlich. Popcorn and light refreshments will be available for purchase. Cost is \$5 per film, \$15 for the entire series.



Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story

Saturday night, November 19, 8:00 pm

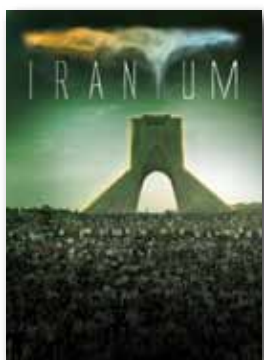
Jews and Baseball explores the connection between Jewish Americans and baseball, one of our nation's most iconic institutions. Much more than a film about sports, this is a story of immigration, assimilation, bigotry, heroism, the passing on of traditions, and the shattering of stereotypes. In the face of hostility from fans and even violence from opposing players, there have been standout Jewish players in every decade from the 1860s to the present. *Jews and Baseball* is the first major documentary to tell their stories.



Hiding and Seeking

Saturday night, January 14, 8:00 pm

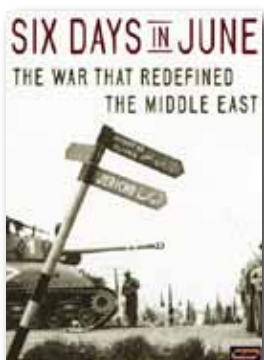
Is it possible to heal wounds and bitterness passed down through generations? An American Orthodox Jewish father tries to alert his adult sons, learning in Kollel in Israel, to the dangers of creating impenetrable barriers between themselves and those outside their faith. He takes them on an emotional journey to Poland to track down the family who risked their lives to hide their grandfather during World War II. Like many children of survivors, the sons feel that Poland is a country that is incurably anti-Semitic, but it is precisely here that they meet people who personify the highest levels of compassion. *Hiding and Seeking* explores the Holocaust's effect on faith in G-d as well as faith in our fellow human beings.



Iranium

Saturday night, February 25, 8:15 pm

How dangerous is a nuclear Iran, even if it never detonates a weapon? What are the guiding principles of the Iranian leadership? To what lengths would the regime go to carry out its agenda? How far have Iran's leaders already gone to fund the world's most powerful terrorist organizations? And why have American leaders failed to gain the upper hand in relations with Iran during the past 30 years? *Iranium* powerfully reports on the many aspects of the threat America and the world now faces using rarely-before seen footage of Iranian leaders, and interviews with 25 leading politicians, Iranian dissidents, and experts on Middle East policy, terrorism, and nuclear proliferation.



Six Days in June

Sunday night, May 20, 7:30 pm

This Yom Yerushalayim, relive the War that redefined the Middle East. In this classic documentary, the guiding Hand of G-d is undeniable as powerful events and people converge during a miraculous Six Days in June 1967. Trace the events leading up to war, from Nasser and Hussein to Eshkol and Dayan. Although the fighting lasted for only six days, the effects of the War are still apparent today.

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