

MILESTONES Mazel Tov!

Births

- ◇ Cheryl & Kenneth Breitbart on birth of grandson Yeshaya Ezra (parents Aliza & Danny Gottesman)
- ◇ Sarah & Naftali Brody on birth of daughter Merav Bina
 - ◇ Judy & Aryeh Grosson birth of grandson Aron Dovid (parents Shlomit & Shmuel Field; great-grandmother Mrs. Lola Singer)
- ◇ Dorothy Hettleman on birth of great-grandson Yisroel Mair (parents Tamar & Nosson Suffin, grandparents Leslie & Jeff Silverberg)
- ◇ Barbara & Kenneth Lasson on birth of grandson Nadav Tuvia (parents Risa & Noah Lasson)
- ◇ Susan & Bernie Leibtag on birth of grandson Amichai Zion (parents Aliza & Elie Klein)
- ◇ Rabbi Moshe & Michal Schuchman on birth of son Yoel Yishaya (grandparents Debby & Jake Schuchman; great grandmother Dorothy Hettleman)
- ◇ Yocheved & Reuven Verschleiser and family on birth of daughter Shulamis Tova

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

- ◇ Felicia Kaufman on bar mitzvah of grandsons Eli Goldberg and Jay Kaufman and bas mitzvah of granddaughter Rachel Kaufman

Engagements

- ◇ Florette & Usher Buchwalter on engagement of grandson Shimon Weissberger to Tova Lapidoth

Weddings

- ◇ Florette & Usher Buchwalter on marriage of granddaughter Leah Rivka to Nachum Mund
- ◇ Chana Leah & Eli Feldman on marriage of daughter Chomie to Avrami Gross
- ◇ Harvey Honick on marriage of grandson Asher Honick to Morgan Frahm
- ◇ Penny & Jerry Insel on marriage of son Alex to Mia Cunningham
- ◇ Paula & Fred Minsk on marriage of son Seth to Vikki Eliana Luksik
- ◇ Mrs. Lola Singer on marriage of granddaughter Shoshana Krug to Daniel Mendelson (parents Phyllis & John Krug)

- ◇ Mrs. Lola Singer on the marriage of granddaughter Esther Schloss (parents Sharon & Marcel Schloss).

Condolences

- Judith Charney on the passing of her husband Samuel Charney *a”h*
- Lee Graham on the passing of his father Yosef Aaron HaLevi Graham *a”h*
- Meyer Katz and Debby Schuchman on the passing of their mother Sarah S. Katz *a”h*
- Bernard Leibtag on the passing of his mother Rose Leibtag *a”h*
- Sholom Levin and family on the passing of Esther Leah Levin *a”h*
- Yocheved Verschleisser on the passing of her grandfather Bob Goldfein *a”h*
- Paula Weinstein and family on the passing of her husband Nathan Weinstein *a”h*

To announce milestones in the Bulletin, contact Seth Moshman (410-358-1726) ☎ To sponsor a kiddush or shalosh seudos: Ralph Frier (410-358-1544) ☎ To rent the social hall: Tzipora Frager (410-358-1699) ☎ To send a mitzvahcard: Judy Goldman (410-358-1507) ☎ To place a leaf on the Tree of Life: Barbara Lasson (410-358-4649) ☎ To join the Sisterhood: Ariella Schuchman (410-542-8223)

WEEKLY CLASSES



Shabbos (men & ladies / Rabbi Katz)
{90 minutes before Mincha}
Sunday (men / Rabbi Menken)
{following Shacharis}
Monday (ladies / Rabbi Katz) / 9:30 am
Monday (men / Rabbi Katz) / 8:00 pm
Motzei Shabbos (parent-child)
{starting 10/17, 7-8 pm, followed by pizza}

L’Shana Tova – Happy New Year!



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Message from the Rabbi

As I hurriedly writes these lines to meet the *Bulletin*'s deadline, I think about the fact that the holidays are upon us, but are we ready? At this time of the year we are called upon to revisit the basics of Yiddishkeit and to ask ourselves, how do things stand? What sort of relationship, if any, do we have to such core concepts as *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Shomayim*? I find myself these days looking at the first paragraph of the *Shema*, which I usually recite without deep thought, more as a matter of daily routine. In it I read that one must love God with all his soul, which our tradition explains bespeaks a willingness to sacrifice on behalf of our beliefs, *mesiras nefesh, Kiddush Hashem, Yehareg v'Al Ya'avor*. I read on and find that in order to attain *Ahavas Hashem* I must keep these ideas *al levavecha*, above my heart – that is, as a conscious transcendental reality dominating all my thoughts. The “heart” is also meant to indicate passions and desires; my *Ahavas Hashem* should take precedence over my less worthy desires and predilections. Finally I notice the requirement of *ve-shinantam le-vanecha*. The one who loves God will do all he or she can to pass it along to the next generation. Obviously, the person who is hypocritical, inconsistent, or selfish will not serve as an example his/her children will wish to emulate.

Sacrifice, high religious passion, and serving as an example to one's children – these too often are regarded as clichés, the stuff of sermons. Yet as we look around us, what else works? If we regard such notions as Love of God as something “out there,” as we all do most of the time, our religion becomes a matter of mechanical rote; it becomes a “turn-off.” To survive, it must attract and to attract, it must demand certain things. At this time of the year, in the month of *ani le-dodi ve-dodi li*, we must get out of our rote rut and think about what our most basic prayers tell us about life. If we do a little more of that (and there is a lot more food-for-thought in the good-old *siddur* we use all the time but take for granted), then we may merit a truly meaningful Tishrei.

We hope to have our new Torah by Chanukah. Let us strive as a congregation to constantly better ourselves so as to be worthy of hosting such a *davar she-bikdushah*.

Karen and the children joining me in wishing all of you a *Shanah Tovah u-Mesukah*

– Rabbi Dovid Katz