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This week's announcements are sponsored by **Allen and Rachel Friedman and family**, on the fourteenth *yahrtzeit* of Allen's sister Chana A"H and by **Yitz and Gilla Stern** in memory of R' Azriel ben R' Elyahu Stern, whose *yahrtzeit* is being observed on 7 Kislev

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# Shabbat Announcements

## Parashat Toledot November 21, 2009 4 Kislev 5770

- Latest Candles: 4:16 P.M.
- *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 4:20 P.M.
- *Shacharit. Hashkamah*: 7:15 A.M.
- Rabbi Rothwachs' *Tefillah shiur*: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:15 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:16 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- *Daf Yomi*: 2:50 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: 3:00 P.M. We will be learning *Shmuel Bet*, Chapter 24.
- *Mincha*: 4:00 P.M., followed by a *Seudah Shlishit* sponsored by Rachel and Allen Friedman and family to commemorate the fourteenth *yahrtzeit* of Allen's sister, Chana Friedman, a"h. Allen will give a *shiur* on *tefillah* during the *seudah*.
- *Maariv*: 5:16 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 5:25 P.M.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	5:51	5:52	5:53	5:54	5:56	5:57
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30	<b>5:41</b>	5:55	5:55	<b>6:30</b>	5:55
	7:15	6:20	6:30	6:30	<b>7:15</b>	6:30
	8:00	7:10	7:15	7:15	<b>8:00</b>	7:15
	8:45	8:00	8:00	8:00	<b>8:45</b>	8:00
<i>Mincha</i>	1:00				<b>1:00</b>	
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	4:15	4:15	4:15	4:15	4:15	4:15
<i>Maariv</i> :	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	
	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

- Weekly Shiurim:**
- *Daf Yomi: Shabbat*: 2:50 P.M.  
For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to [www.teaneckshuls.org/daf](http://www.teaneckshuls.org/daf)
  - **Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study:** Sunday evening at 8:15 P.M.
  - **Rabbi Feldman's shiur:** Monday evening at 8:45 P.M.
  - **Parshat ha-Shavua shiur by Rabbi Neil Lauer:** "We're Not in Canaan Any More" - Tuesday evening, 8:45 to 9:30 P.M.
  - **Rabbi Rothwachs' Bava Kama shiur:** will not meet this week
  - **Chabura by Rabbi Herschel Grossman** on *Sefer Nefesh ha-Chaim* - Thursday evening, 8:15 to 9:00 P.M.
  - **Morning Mishnah Chabura:** Monday - 6:55 A.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:00 A.M.

### Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Jay and Linda Goldmintz on the birth of a grandson, born to their children Yael and J.J. Rosenbaum.
- *Mazal Tov* to Alex and Leah Moskovits on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children Doni Moskovits and Shoshana Chanales.
- *Mazal Tov* to Jeff and Marcy Manas on the *aufruf* of their son Donny and his forthcoming marriage to Shira Kaufman of Fair Lawn.
- *Mazal Tov* to Ira and Roz Friedman on the birth of their grandson Boaz, born to their children Tzivia and Gabe Moreen.

### Condolences:

- Condolences to Dennis Friedman on the passing of his beloved father Seymour Friedman.
- Condolences to Reshi Isaacs on the passing of her beloved father Jack Weinblatt.
- Condolences to Zvi Weissler on the passing of his beloved mother Rose Weissler.

### We thank the following sponsors of this week's Multi-Sponsored Kiddush:

**Jeffrey & Michele Burbank**, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Adam, the Seidenfelds' 30th wedding anniversary, the *aufruf* of Donny Manas, the 2009 TBO 12-Year-Old Fall Baseball Travel Team Champions, and the New York Yankees' 27th World Series Championship.

**Allen & Rachel Friedman** and family, to commemorate the 14th *yahrtzeit* of Allen's sister Chana a"h.

**The Goldberg, Seidenfeld and Benjamin Families**, in honor of the New York Yankees' 27th World Series Championship.

**Alden & Evie Leifer**, in honor of the birth of their newest grandchildren, Eli and Molly.

**Jeff & Marcy Manas**, in honor of Donny's *aufruf* and forthcoming marriage to Shira Kaufman of Fair Lawn.

**Robert & Joy Rosenblatt**, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Burbank, the Seidenfelds' 30th wedding anniversary, the *aufruf* of Donny Manas, the 2009 TBO 12-Year-Old Fall Baseball Travel Team Champions, and the New York Yankees' 27th World Series Championship.

**Rabbi Larry & Chaviva Rothwachs**, in recognition of his receiving the *kibbud* of *Chatan Torah*.

**Ari & Karen Rubin**, in honor of the TBO 12-Year-Old Fall Baseball Travel Team Champions of 2009: Michael Finkel, Sam Finkel, Andrew Gellerstein, Aaron Kahane, Brett Levine, Matthew Reinhart, Jonathan Rubin, Mayer Scharlat, Isaac Seelenfreund, Rafi Selevan, Raphe Shankman, and their coaches, Ari Rubin, Michael Seelenfreund and Ushie Selevan.

**David & Pearl Neuman Schachter**, in honor of the engagement of their son Ariel to Chana Filler.

**Michael, Robin and Denise Seidenfeld**, in honor of their parents' 30th Wedding Anniversary.

**Moishe B. Singer**, with much thanks and appreciation to the Burbank, Cooper, Goldberg, Hyman, Issacs, Kahn, Rosenblatt, Samuel, Schwartz, Setareh, Silverberg and Toporovsky families for the *kibbud* on *Simchat Torah*. *Mazal Tov* also to Harold Gellis and Rabbi Rothwachs on their being honored as *Chatanim*.

### Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

The **Young Members' Committee** is pleased to announce that our **sixth Round Town Shabbat Lunch** will be held on *Shabbat*, December 5th. The Round Town Lunch program allows young members of Beth Aaron to meet other young members with common interests. A Round Town Lunch is hosted every other month, and we rotate hosts so that, ideally, every family that signs up will have a chance to meet every other family participating in the program. Each family will ordinarily host every third lunch. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, contact Rob Ernst, [bethaaronrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:bethaaronrsvp@gmail.com), Moishe Singer, [moishe@gmail.com](mailto:moishe@gmail.com), or Tzippy Staum, (201) 862-0307.

The **Sisterhood Book Club** will meet on Sunday night, December 6th, at 7:30 P.M., at the Markovitz home, 201 Grayson Place. We will be reading "The Zookeeper's Wife," by Diane Ackerman, a nonfiction book about a Polish woman who saved Jewish lives during the Holocaust by hiding people in the zoo. All Beth Aaron women are welcome. For more information, contact Diane Fogel, (201) 837-0651, [difogel@aol.com](mailto:difogel@aol.com).

We are pleased to announce that the **Beth Aaron Boys' Choir** will be presenting the following *Chanukah* performances at the shul: On Sunday, December 6th, at 2:00 P.M., the choir will perform at the Youth Department *Chanukah Chagiga*. On *Shabbat Chanukah*, December 12th, the choir will be singing *An'im Zemirot* and *Adon Olam* on the *bimah* at the conclusion of the *main minyan*. All are invited to attend.

The annual **Chanukah Toy Drive**, a unique opportunity to bring the joy of *Chanukah* to Jewish children less fortunate than our own, is underway. We are collecting **new, unwrapped items**, such as electronic and board games, arts and crafts supplies, books, dolls, sports equipment, Hebrew music tapes and toys with Jewish themes and content. While this is called a "toy" drive, please keep in mind when selecting presents that many recipients are older children and young teenagers. Ideas for this age group include portable tape players, radios, jewelry, watches, stationery, diaries, books, posters and sports equipment. Please remove all price tags, and remember -- no used items! Our deadline is December 4th. Please drop off all gifts at the Leifer home, 150 Chadwick Road, (201) 807-0309. Zoldan's Judaica Center and Judaica House will take 10% off the price of any non-sale item bought for the Toy Drive. For more information, go to [www.bctoydrive.com](http://www.bctoydrive.com).

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

Due to recent changes in post office procedures relating to bulk mail, *shiva* cards announcing the passing of close relatives and providing *shiva* information (which are time sensitive) will no longer be mailed out. The information formerly included on these cards will continue to be sent out via phone squad messages and via e-mail messages on BAAnnounce. They will also be posted on our Beth Aaron website and on the shul bulletin board. To ensure that you receive these notifications, as well as other announcements, you must be included in the BAAnnounce and phone squad contact lists. If you are not currently receiving e-mail messages or phone squad calls from the shul and wish to receive them, please contact Shira at the shul office, (201) 836-6210, [bethaaron@optonline.net](mailto:bethaaron@optonline.net), and ask to be added onto the contact lists. Please note that only full members receive phone squad messages. Thanking you for your continued cooperation. — Ronnie Schwartz

#### Beth Aaron Youth:

- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, November 21st, at **3:00 P.M.**, at the Dubitsky home, 259 Carlton Terrace. We will continue studying *Sefer Shmuel*. For more information, contact Doug Dubitsky, [douglas\\_dubitsky@glic.com](mailto:douglas_dubitsky@glic.com).
- The **learning group for 4th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, November 21st, at **3:00 P.M.**, at the Kurz home, 200 Edgemont Place. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Beitzah)*. For more information, please contact Rebecca Kurz, [rkurz1@yahoo.com](mailto:rkurz1@yahoo.com), or Esther Klavan, [esksp@aol.com](mailto:esksp@aol.com).
- **Parent-Child Learning** will take place this Saturday night, November 21st, at 6:00 P.M., at the *shul*. Children and parents are invited to learn together, enjoy snacks and participate in a raffle for great prizes.
- Next *Shabbat*, November 28th, there will be a **Seudah Shlishit for all 3rd-5th graders** in the shul basement between *mincha* and *maariv*. Come and enjoy delicious food and *divrei Torah*!
- On Sunday, December 6th, at 2:00 P.M., we will have a **Chanukah Fun Day** at the *shul*.
- Want to celebrate your child's birthday with their friends in *Shabbat* morning groups? You can sponsor a **birthday kiddush** for your child's group for \$36.
- If you would like to sponsor any of these events, please contact Erica and Jason David, [bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com).

#### Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- This Sunday evening, November 22nd, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., we will be having an **After-BJE Party** at the shul, for 8th graders only. We will be making ice cream sundaes, and the cost is \$5.
- Next Friday evening, November 27th, we will be having a **Turkey Stuffed Oreg** at the shul at 8:30 P.M.
- We will have a **Nosh of Torah** program next *Shabbat*, November 28th, at 3:15 P.M., in the shul basement. Come for some shmoozing, learning, and good food!
- On Saturday night, December 5th, Regional NCSY is sponsoring a **Lock-In at Funtime America**, 111 Highway 35, Cliffwood, NJ. This all-night arcade event features unlimited video games, laser tag, rock wall climbing, bumper cars, simulator rides, and an all-night-long pizza party. The bus leaves Teaneck at 10:30 P.M. and will return to the shul on Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. The cost is \$40 (\$45 after November 25th), plus \$20 bus fare, to be paid when you get on the bus. To sign up, go to [www.njnscsy.com](http://www.njnscsy.com) and click on the "Lock-In" link.
- On Sunday, December 13th, we will be having a **Chanukahpalooza** with Yachad from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Arzei Darom. Come for singing, dancing, games, pizza and jelly doughnuts! This will be a joint event with the Arzei Darom and Fair Lawn Jr. NCSY chapters.
- To RSVP, or if you have any questions about our events, e-mail Danielle, [bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:bethaaronjuniors@gmail.com), or call (201) 247-7961.

Beth Aaron Junior NCSY is planning on sponsoring an **American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course** (designed for 11 to 15 year-olds) over Yeshiva break. The course will cost \$55 and will be taught in two sessions. Spaces are limited, so if you are interested, please e-mail Moishe B. Singer, [moishe+babysitting@gmail.com](mailto:moishe+babysitting@gmail.com). Please include your name, child's age, e-mail address, phone number, and what part of Yeshiva week you will be available. We are looking at repeating this course later in the year, so if you are interested in taking it, but that week does not work for you, please let us know so we can look into future offerings.

#### Beth Aaron Teens (grades 9-12):

- We will be ending off Thanksgiving-weekend with a bang at a **Movie Night** at the shul. Join us on *motzaei Shabbat*, November 28th, at 8:30 P.M., for a night of popcorn, pizza and a movie, of course! The cost is \$8, and RSVPs are requested. If you have a favorite movie you would like to see, suggestions are welcome.
- We hope to see you (and your friends) at our events. We'd love to hear feedback about past events and ideas for future events. We can be contacted at [bethaaronteens@gmail.com](mailto:bethaaronteens@gmail.com), or by calling Shiffy (Staiman) Friedman, (201) 341-6022, or Noam Friedman, (201) 937-6249.

**Community Announcements**

**CareOne**, the kosher rehabilitation and nursing center located at 544 Teaneck Road, needs volunteers to help make a *minyán*. This Friday, *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat* will begin at 4:25 P.M. *Shacharit* will be at 9:00 A.M., followed by a hot *Kiddush*. Youth groups begin at 9:30 A.M. *Mincha* will be at 4:05 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 4:20 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 5:18 P.M.

Registration for the 2010 season of the **Teaneck Baseball Organization** (TBO) is now open. Children ages 5 to 14 (as of July 31st) are eligible to participate in our baseball/softball programs. To register, go to [www.teaneckbaseball.org](http://www.teaneckbaseball.org). Registration ends November 30th.

The Teaneck community, in conjunction with Be-Lev Echad, is honored to host **Rabbi Zev Leff** for a **dessert *melave malka*** this Saturday night, November 21st, at 8:00 P.M., at Bnai Yeshurun. Rabbi Leff will speak on "**Educating in Difficult Times.**" All are welcome.

This Saturday night, November 21st, at 7:45 P.M., the **Jewish Learning Experience of Bergen County** will be holding its 24th **Annual Dinner** at the Jewish Center of Teaneck. Among the honorees are **George and Ellen Friedman**. The covert is \$140 per person, \$280 per couple. To make reservations, please contact Rabbi David Pietruszka, (201) 966-4498, [rabbip@jle.org](mailto:rabbip@jle.org).

**Yeshiva University** invites prospective parents and students to an **Open House** this Sunday, November 22nd, at 9:15 A.M., at the Heights Lounge of the Mendel Gottesman Library, 185th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City. For more information, contact Nechama Shapiro, [ngshapir@yu.edu](mailto:ngshapir@yu.edu).

This Sunday, November 22nd, at 10:15 A.M., at the home of Joseph and Gail Stechler, 563 Winthrop Road, **NORPAC** invites you to a brunch to meet Senator Patrick Leahy, one of the most powerful members of the U.S. Senate and the chairman of the Appropriations Sub-Committee that determines whether Israel will receive \$2.7 billion in military aid from America, which is vital to Israel's defense.

The **Hebrew Academy Yeshiva Day School**, located in New City, NY, invites prospective parents to an **Open House** on Tuesday, November 24th, at 8:00 P.M., at the school, 315 North Main Street, New City, NY. For more information, go to [www.thehebrewacademy.org](http://www.thehebrewacademy.org). To schedule a tour, please contact Mrs. Perline, (845) 634-0951 x109.

On Tuesday, November 24th, at 8:00 P.M., **Yeshivat Ben Porat Yosef** will be holding a **parlor meeting** at the home of Shayna and Judah Goldberg, 42 Greenbriar Road, Bergenfield. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Shayna Goldberg, [Shayna.Goldberg@gmail.com](mailto:Shayna.Goldberg@gmail.com).

On Tuesday, November 24th, at 8:00 P.M., at Congregation Beth Abraham, 396 New Bridge Road, Bergenfield, the **Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation** will present an **inaugural world-wide women's event**, entitled "**Eternal Imprints.**" This video presentation features a panel of speakers who provide insights on the role of women in the home, including such topics as *shalom bayit*, *chinuch*, the power of speech in our homes, juggling and prioritizing, and taking care of ourselves. All women are invited to attend.

**Parasha Questions for Parashat Toledot:**

1. (a) Since we already know that *Yitzchak* was *Avraham's* son, why does the *Torah* inform us again "*Avraham holid et Yitzchak*" (*Avraham* fathered *Yitzchak*) (6 explanations)? (b) How old was *Rivka* when she married *Yitzchak*, and how do we know this (2 opinions)? (c) Why does the *Torah* add that *Rivka* was *Lavan's* sister (2 reasons)? (*Bereishit* 25:19-20)
2. (a) Why was *Rivka* barren for many years (3 reasons)? (b) To fulfill the *mitzvah* of *peru u-revu*, a man must marry a new wife after 10 childless years, which we learn from *Avraham*, who married *Hagar* after he and *Sarah* were childless for 10 years in *Eretz Yisrael*. Thus, why did *Yitzchak* wait for 20 years after marrying *Rivka* to pray for a child (2 explanations)? (*Bereishit* 25:21)
3. (a) Why were *Ya'akov's* and *Eisav's* embryos "agitated" in *Rivka's* womb (2 explanations)? (b) Why did *Ya'akov* hold onto *Eisav's* heel when he emerged from the womb (3 reasons)? (c) When *Ya'akov* wanted to buy the *bechora* (birthright), why did *Eisav* respond "*anochi holeich lamut*" (I am going to die) (5 explanations)? (*Bereishit* 25:22,26,32)
4. (a) What does a *be'er* (well) signify (3 explanation)? (b) What is the significance of the names given to the 3 wells that *Yitzchak* dug in *Gerar*? (*Bereishit* 26:20-23)
5. (a) Why did *Yitzchak* become blind (9 explanations)? (b) From where do we learn that it is improper to drink a cup of wine in a single gulp (rather, one should drink it in two or more sips)? (*Bereishit* 27:1,25)
6. Why did *Eisav* (a) want to wait until *Yitzchak* died to murder *Ya'akov* (2 reasons)? (b) marry *Yishmael's* daughter (2 reasons)? (*Bereishit* 27:41, 28:9)
7. In the *haftara*, why does the *Navi* say that the mountains of *Eisav* will become desolate? (*Malachi* 1:3)

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th, following the 8:00 A.M. *minyán* at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, **Rabbi Moshe Bernstein**, Professor of Bible at Yeshiva University, will speak on "**How Did We Read the Bible Before There Were Commentaries? The Early Stages of Biblical Interpretation: From the Second Temple Period to Chazal.**"

On Sunday, November 29th, at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, ATARA (the Sisterhood of Keter Torah) will be having a **Chanukah Mini Mall** as well as a **children's show by Jay Jay the Balloon Guy**. The Mini Mall will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M., and the children's show will take place from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M. The cost of the show is \$7 per child if reserved by November 22nd, and \$9 per child at the door. For reservations for the children's show, e mail [rtjzme@gmail.com](mailto:rtjzme@gmail.com).

Directed by the Rosh Yeshiva of the highly regarded Ner Israel Yeshiva, Rabbi Aaron Feldman, **Yeshivas Ohr Yosef**, invites parents and their sons to an **open house** on Sunday, November 29th, at 2:00 P.M., at its new permanent building, 435 River Road, New Milford. For more information, contact Shmuley Brodsky, [SJBrodsky@aol.com](mailto:SJBrodsky@aol.com), (212) 726-2390, Rabbi Herschel Grossman, [rabbihg@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbihg@yahoo.com), (201) 921-4921.

On Sunday, December 6th, at Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., the **National Association of Chevra Kadisha** is sponsoring a special **Yom Iyun** for the North Jersey Jewish community. Although primarily intended for members of the *Chevra Kadisha*, the program is open to the entire community. To RSVP, contact Arnon Hiller or Warren Levie, [Yomlyun2009@yahoo.com](mailto:Yomlyun2009@yahoo.com).

On Sunday, December 6, at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun, Torah-Web.org is sponsoring a *Leil Iyun*. At 8:00 P.M., **Rav Mayer Twersky** will speak on "Withstanding Corporate Pressure: Succeeding in Corporate America with My Neshama Intact," and at 8:45 P.M., **Rav Dr. Abraham J. Twerski** will speak on "Withstanding Social Religious Pressure: Living By *Hashem's* Standards."

On Tuesday, December 8th, from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M., **Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls** will be hosting a **Chanukah boutique**. Gifts, hats, jewelry and more will be sold and Israeli artist Tamar Messer will be featured. For more information, contact Reva Judas, (201) 692-9302.

Please consider participating in the upcoming **Project EzraH Dinner**, to be held on Saturday night, December 5th, at Keter Torah. Among the honorees at this year's dinner, receiving the *Ahavah Chesed* Award, are our own **Chaviva and Rabbi Rothwachs**. Project EzraH is a unique organization that continues to offer considerable support to many members of the greater Teaneck community. I can personally think of NO more important cause towards which we, as a community, should focus our efforts at this time. To RSVP, contact Susan Alpert, [susan@ezrah.org](mailto:susan@ezrah.org). Needless to say, even if you are unable to attend the dinner, donations can be always made directly to Project EzraH or through the shul's discretionary fund. Thank you for your generosity and consideration. --Ronnie Schwartz

## Learning Opportunities

· The **Amud Yomi shiur** meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael.

### Motzei Shabbat

Rabbi Reisman's satellite *Navi shiur*: 7:30 P.M. at Keter Torah.

### Sunday

· This Sunday, November 22nd, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Midreshet Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for women.

The program which will be held at the Shenk Shul in the Schottenstein Center (on West 185th Street, between Audubon and St. Nicholas Avenues) is open to participants of all ages, backgrounds, and learning levels. Admission is free, and no registration is required. This week, Midreshet Yom Rishon will feature **Rabbi Hershel Schachter** and **Ms. Malka Adatto**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 A.M.; second *shiur* starts at 10:30 A.M. For more information or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, call (212) 960-0041, or visit [www.midreshetyomrison.org](http://www.midreshetyomrison.org).

· This Sunday, November 22nd, Yeshiva University invites you to its **Kollel Yom Rishon**, weekly Sunday morning learning for men. The program, which will be held in Furst Hall Room 501 (500 West 185th Street, at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue) is open to participants of all ages, back-

grounds, and learning levels. Admission is free, and no registration is required. This week, Kollel Yom Rishon will feature **Rabbi Ozer Glickman** and **Rabbi Hershel Schachter**. The first *shiur* starts at 9:30 A.M., second *shiur* starts at 10:30 A.M. For more information or to download *mar'ei mekomot*, call (212) 960-0041 or visit [www.kollelyomrison.org](http://www.kollelyomrison.org).

· The **Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group** will meet this Sunday, November 22nd, at the Stobezki home, 1117 Trafalgar Street.

### Monday

· Each Monday, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., a **Tehillim group** will meet at Rochi Lerner's home, 274 Johnson Avenue.

· The **Bergen Community Kollel for Baale Batim** meets every Monday morning in the Beth Aaron library. The schedule is as follows: 8:00-8:20 A.M. - *Mussar Classics*; 8:20-9:30 A.M. - *Gemara Ketubot*; 9:30-10:00 A.M. - *Hilchot Shabbat*. All are welcome. No previous background is required. For more information, contact Dr. Andy Fink, (201) 833-2527.

### Tuesday

· Rochi Lerner's **Tehillim shiur** takes place every Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M. at Rochi Lerner's home, 274 Johnson Avenue.

### Wednesday

· On Wednesday mornings, at 10:30 A.M., Rochi Lerner presents a **Megillat Esther shiur**, in memory of the Seidenfeld children, at the Lerner home, 274 Johnson Avenue.

· Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening *shiur* takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.

### Thursday

· **Rabbi Yissocher Frand's** weekly *shiur* will be broadcast at 9:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.

· Each Thursday evening, at 8:30 P.M., at the Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue, **Rabbi Roberts** gives a **Parasha Shiur**, followed by *maariv* at 9:30 P.M.

· Each Thursday morning until January 14th, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M., **Rochie Lerner** will be giving a *shiur* at **Yeshivat Noam**, 70 West Century Road, which will explore the characters of *Yitzchak* and *Shimshon*.

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning, **Keter Torah** presents **Torah in the AM**: 9:00 to 9:40 A.M. - *Navi chavura* on *Sefer Shmuel Bet*; 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. - Rabbi Menachem Meier's *Talmud shiur* on *Bava Metzia*, Chapter 5; 10:50 to 11:40 A.M. - Rabbi Meier's *shiur* on Jeremiah (Thursday only); 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon - Rabbi Baum's *shiur* on *Sefer Ezra* (Tuesday only)

## Answers to Parasha Questions:

- (a) (1) *Avraham* fathered *Yitzchak* only after *Hashem* changed his name from *Avram* to *Avraham*; (2) to refute those who claimed that *Avimelech* got *Sarah* pregnant, *Yitzchak's* features looked like those of *Avraham*, so that even skeptics knew that *Avraham* fathered *Yitzchak* (*Rashi*). (3) *Yitzchak* was a *tzadik* who was the son of a *tzadik*; *Yitzchak* was delighted to have a father like *Avraham*, and *Avraham* was glad to have a precious son like *Yitzchak* (*Bereishit Raba*). (4) The *Torah* emphasizes that *Yitzchak*, and not the sons of *Yishmael* or *Ketura*, was *Avraham's* sole heir (*Ramban*). (5) *Avraham* reared only *Yitzchak*; he sent away his other sons (*ibn Ezra*). (6) *Yitzchak's* life so closely paralleled *Avraham's* that it was manifest to all that *Avraham* fathered *Yitzchak* (*Abarbanel*). (b) (1) *Rivka* was 3 years old – she was born when *Sarah* died at age 127; *Avraham* was 137, 10 years older. Since *Avraham* was 100 at *Yitzchak's* birth, *Yitzchak* was 37 at *Rivka's* birth. Since *Yitzchak* married her at age 40, she was 3 (*Rashi*). (2) *Rivka* was 14 – *Sifri Devarim* says she died at same age as *Kehat* (133). *Rashi* (*Bereishit* 28:9) states that *Yitzchak* sent *Ya'akov* to *Charan* when *Ya'akov* was 63. He then spent 14 years studying with *Eiver* and 20 years working for *Lavan*; he heard that *Rivka* died 2 years later, when he was 99. Thus, *Rivka*, who died at 133, was 34 when she bore *Ya'akov*; she married *Yitzchak* 20 years earlier, at age 14 (*Tosafot*, *Yevamot* 61b). (c) (1) *Lavan* was more renowned than his father (*ibn Ezra*). (2) *Rivka* bore *Eisav* because she was the evil *Lavan's* sister; sons resemble their uncles (*Sforno*).
- (a) (1) *Lavan* and his family had blessed *Rivka* that she would have many children (*Bereishit* 24:60); to show that, as idolaters, their blessing was meaningless, *Hashem* kept her childless for many years (*Chizkuni*). (2) *Hashem* wants to hear the prayers of *tzadikim* to demonstrate the effectiveness of their prayers (*Yevamot* 64a). (3) Her infertility reduced *Bnei Yisrael's* years of slavery. *Hashem* decreed that *Bnei Yisrael* would be subjugated for 400 years beginning with *Yitzchak's* birth, but the actual slavery in *Mitzrayim* began only after *Yosef* died. Because *Rivka* and *Rachel* were barren for long periods of time, *Ya'akov*, and subsequently *Yosef*, were born later, and the length of *Bnei Yisrael's* slavery was reduced (*Bereishit Raba*). (b) (1) According to the view that *Yitzchak* married *Rivka* when she was 3, it was not possible to determine if she was sterile until she reached the child-bearing age of 13; *Yitzchak* prayed to *Hashem* 10 years later, when *Rivka* was 23; (2) according to the view that *Rivka* was 14 when they married, *Yitzchak* believed that he was sterile, and taking a new wife would not have helped; when he prayed, *Hashem* made him fertile (*Yevamot* 64a).
- (a) (1) Because of *Ya'akov's* good nature, he would “run” to be born when *Rivka* passed a *beit midrash*; *Eisav* would “run” to be born when she passed an idolatrous temple; (2) they struggled as to who would inherit *olam ha-zeh* and *olam ha-ba* (*Rashi*). (b) (1) *Ya'akov* wanted to emerge first because he had been conceived first and *Eisav* second (*Rashi*). (2) *Ya'akov's* spirit wanted the religious privileges of the *bechor* (firstborn) (*Kli Yakan*). (3) It symbolized that the dominance of *Eisav* will end, and on its heels, *Ya'akov's* dominance will emerge (*Radak*). (c) (1) As a hunter, *Eisav* was always in danger of dying (*Rashbam*). (2) As the firstborn, *Eisav* was in charge of the *avoda* to *Hashem* and was constantly liable to death if he improperly performed the *avoda* (*Rashi*). (3) *Nimrod* owned a special hunting garment that once belonged to *Adam*, and *Eisav* stole it; *Eisav* knew that *Nimrod's* men could track him down and kill him (*Pesachim* 54a). (4) As a hunter, *Eisav* assumed he would die before *Yitzchak*; therefore, he would get none of the firstborn's benefits when his father died (*Ramban*). (5) *Eisav* knew the *bechor* would receive *Eretz Yisrael*, but only after 400 years; since he will die will before then, the *bechora* was worthless (*Chizkuni*).
- (a) A well symbolizes: (1) *shalom* (peace); although *Gerar's* herdsmen first argued with *Yitzchak*, finally, they made peace; (2) *Torah*, a source of “living” water; (3) *chaim mamash* (actual [long] life) (*Berachot* 56a). (b) *Yirmiyahu* 17:13 calls the *Beit ha-Mikdash* “a well of living water”; the 3 wells refer to the *Batei ha-Mikdash*; (1) the 1<sup>st</sup> well, *Eisek* (argument), refers to the 1<sup>st</sup> *Beit ha-Mikdash*, over which the nations fought with *Bnei Yisrael* until they destroyed it. (2) the 2<sup>nd</sup> well, *Sitna* (hatred), is how the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Beit ha-Mikdash* is called in *Ezra* 4:6 – the nations hated *Bnei Yisrael* for it. (3) the 3<sup>rd</sup> well, *Rehovot* (spacious), refers to the 3<sup>rd</sup> *Beit ha-Mikdash*, which will be built without quarrel, and *Eretz Yisrael's* borders will be enlarged (*Ramban*).
- (a) (1) His holy eyes were sensitive to the incense *Eisav's* wives offered to *avoda zara*; (2) at the *akeida*, tears from crying angels fell into his eyes, weakening them; (3) *Hashem* wanted *Yitzchak* to bless *Ya'akov* without realizing it (*Rashi*). (4) Old age – he was 123 years old (*Rashbam*). (5) For covering up that *Avraham* was her husband, *Avimelech* cursed *Sarah* with *kesut einayim* (eye-covering – blindness) (*Bereishit* 20:16); this curse was fulfilled by her son's blindness (*Bava Kama* 93a). (6) *Yitzchak's* blindness forced him to stay indoors and not meet people who would point out *Eisav's* sins (*Bereishit Raba*). (7) He asked *Hashem* that he suffer in this world so that his sins would be atoned before he died (*Bereishit Raba*). (8) *Hashem* punished him for watching *Eisav* sin and not preventing it (*Sforno*). (9) *Eisav* trapped *Yitzchak* into favoring him by “bribing” his father with delicious game that *Eisav* hunted; bribes blind the receiver (*Ba'al ha-Turim*). (b) When the *Torah* says that *Ya'akov* gave *Yitzchak* wine to drink, the *trop* under the word *lo* (to him) is the rare *mercha kefula* (a double *mercha*), teaching that a cup of wine should not be drunk all at once (*Meshech Chochma*).
- (a) *Eisav* (1) did not want his father to grieve (*Rashi*). (2) was afraid *Yitzchak* would curse him (*Ramban*). (b) *Eisav* hoped (1) that for marrying a *non-Canaanite*, *Yitzchak* would bless him again (*Rashbam*). (2) to arouse *Yishmael's* anger against *Ya'akov* by reminding *Yishmael* how his younger brother *Yitzchak* had usurped his place, just as *Eisav's* younger brother *Ya'akov* was doing. Thus, he hoped that *Yishmael* would murder *Ya'akov*, with the result that *Eisav* would be entitled to avenge his brother's blood by killing *Yishmael* and become the heir of both families (*Bereishit Raba*).
- Hashem* did not want *Edom* to fight *Bnei Yisrael* in *Eretz Yisrael*, and *Seir's* desolation is *Edom's* punishment for doing so (*Radak*).