

Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

Friday, August 21st

Candle Lighting: After 7:08 pm - 8:14 pm

Mincha: 6:50 pm

Shabbat, August 22nd

Shacharit: 9:15 am

Mincha: 8:00 pm

Maariv: 9:05 pm

Shabbat ends after 9:21 pm

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by **Evan and Becca Kominsky** in honor of the Teitelbaums and the Hulls for their generosity and help during the power outage this week

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Congregation Bnai Torah**

WEEKDAY CLASSES

- Weekly Classes Daf Yomi: Every morning at 6:15, 7:45 on Sundays.
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.
- Taam and Torah: Sunday morning at 9:30. Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking on the subject of *Sending Away the Mother Bird - A Mitzvah to Pursue or Encounter?*

SHABBAT CLASSES

- Shabbat Youth Groups: On break for the summer
- Ramban Shiur: Join Rabbi Teitelbaum after Kiddush in the Sanctuary at approximately 12:15 for an in depth look at the Parshah through the lens of the Ramban.
- Parshat HaShavua: One hour before Mincha on Shabbat afternoon

- Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim.
- Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv, Sunday through Thursday. Rabbi Teitelbaum is teaching the Halachot of Shabbat
- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at 7:45 pm. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.
- Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone: On break

DONATIONS

General Donations:

- Elana Harris

Yahrtzeit Donations:

- Norman and Gail Ettinger

Aliyah Donations:

- Rabbi Teitelbaum
- Binyomin Treff
- Rabbi Grossbaum
- Rabbi Perlow
- Rick Bentley
- Azik Zelikovich
- Nadav Keisari
- Bob Miller

Community BBQ at B'nai Torah!

Please see flyer below for all the details and RSVP information. We look forward to celebrating together!

PARSHAS KI SEITZEI

This week's *Parshah* begins with the laws of the *Yefas Toar*, in which the Torah permits a soldier in the middle of war to take this beautiful woman as a wife, for had the Torah not permitted it, he would have done so in a forbidden manner. Later, we read about the *Ben Sorer U'Moreh*, the wayward son who steals, eats meat and drinks wine, who is put to death "*al shem sofo*—based on his end." The Torah understands that such a person will ultimately end up violating far more severe sins, and thus the Torah says: "Better that he dies innocent than guilty."

Rashi explains that the sequence of *Parshiyos* teaches us that if a man marries the *Yefas Toar*, this union will ultimately produce such a son.

The *Shem MiShmuel* is bothered, for if so, why doesn't the Torah place these *Parshiyos* right next to each other? Why is the parsha of *Nachalos* — the laws of inheritance and the *bechor*, the firstborn, who receives a double share of the inheritance — placed in between?

The *Shem MiShmuel* explains that the Torah is teaching us an incredible lesson — the power of beginnings.

The Gemara (*Sanhedrin* 69a) says that a boy can only become a *Ben Sorer U'Moreh* during a short window of time — the first three months after he turns *bar mitzvah*. Why such a limited time?

Because the beginning tells the story. If at the very start of adulthood he shows such behavior, the outcome is already clear. Beginnings set the trajectory.

This is why, explains the *Shem MiShmuel*, the Torah "interrupts" and teaches that a *bechor* receives a double portion. This power of beginning can swing both ways—for good and for bad. The firstborn isn't just another child; he is the beginning, and "cause," for the rest of his siblings. He sets the tone for his siblings, he forges the path, and the others follow. For this reason, he is deserving of a double portion.

This is the message that the *Parshah* is teaching us here. Beginnings carry tremendous weight. When the beginning is crooked, the path that follows will be crooked. But when the beginning is strong and straight, the path will follow in that way as well.

Each morning when we wake up, the way we begin shapes the whole day. If we begin by "*yisgaber ka'ari la'amod baboker la'avodas Boro* —waking up in the morning like a lion to serve our Creator," then the rest of the day will follow.

This is the significance and gravity of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* — the beginning of a new year. We have the ability to set the tone, establish direction, and make sure we start the year on the right foot, so the rest of the year follows.

However, a person can't just wake up on Rosh Hashanah and decide to do just that. This is the purpose of *Elul*: a month of *Teshuvah*, a time to take stock and prepare ourselves for our new beginning.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!
~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum _____



Pre-Rosh Hashanah Mishmar Summit

Four Thursday nights of learning in preparation
for Rosh Hashanah, the time of declaring
Hashem's Kingship

When

8/20, 8/27, 9/3, and 9/10

Where

Indy Kollel Beis Medrash

Program

Mincha: 7:45pm*

Group Learning: 8:00pm

Mariv: 9:00pm*

Groups

Rabbi Hasten: Dikduk (Hebrew Pronunciation and Cantillations)

Rabbi Posner: Exploring Topics in Jewish Thought

Rabbi Tennenbaum/Rabbi Teitelbaum: Teens

Rabbi Marks: Torah Fundamentals

Rabbi Segal: Halacha (Jewish Law)

Josh Brown: Olam Hamidot

סער אלקובי: אורחות צדיקים (רק לדוברי עברית)

Cholent &
refreshments
will be served!

***Please Note:** There will **NOT** be a regular
mincha-mariv at B'nai Torah.


Indy Kollel

Dear Congregant,

Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur are quickly coming upon us.

As a service to our congregation, we are giving 2 free seats for the holidays with your paid membership dues. Nonmember price or additional seats are \$90.

Please contact the office if you are not sure of your balance or if arrangements need to be made.

May we be remembered for a healthy, sweet and joyous new year.

Best wishes.

Gad Flaumenhaft

President, Cong. B'nai torah

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to B'nai Torah. Through your efforts, we can continue to have a strong Minyon, classes, programming, and be a vibrant presence in the greater Jewish community.

This time of the year is difficult for us as our expenses outweigh our funds. We ask that you review your balances and pay them down so that we may be able to fulfill our commitments.

Pledges and donations make up the bulk of our funding, and allow us to provide for the spiritual, educational, charitable, and the other needs of the community.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership with the Shul. Your support makes a meaningful difference in the life of our congregation and community.

Respectfully,

Gad Flaumenhaft, DPM

President, Congregation B'nai Torah

🔥 SAVE THE DATE! 🔥

Join us for a
COMMUNITY BBQ
— *at B'nai Torah* —

AS WE KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30



5:00 PM



CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH



**A FUN EVENING FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY,
INCLUDING KIDS!**

Come enjoy great food,
good company, and time
together with the
B'nai Torah community.

PLEASE RSVP WITH THE OFFICE.

office@btorah.org



SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME!

If you're interested in sponsoring,
please reach out to **Rabbi Teitelbaum**.

— *We look forward to celebrating the start
of a wonderful new year together!* —



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