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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



"Vacationing on Steroids"

As it turns out, Lance Armstrong's true story is not one of courage, tenacity and heroism, but of lies, cheating, and cowardice instead. This week, Armstrong confessed to using illegal substances in an effort to gain a competitive advantage. He has already been stripped of his titles and his endorsements, and now he has lost whatever was left of his reputation. His behavior was deplorable, reprehensible, and indefensible. There is much to learn in watching his monumental downfall from admired hero to disdained villain. It is remarkable to see how easily someone could lose their moral compass when they are driven to succeed at all costs.

In thinking about Armstrong's confession this week, one thing struck me that perhaps we can learn from in a counter intuitive way. Lance Armstrong threw away his career, his legacy, his titles, and likely his foundation, all because he wanted to gain time on his fellow competitors. In competitive racing, every single minute and indeed, every second, counts. Lance Armstrong was willing to risk it all just to gain a moment of time.

What is the value of time to us and what are we willing to do to take advantage of every moment of it? Of course his means of making up time were disgraceful, but perhaps his drive to value every millisecond is something to be admired. After all, as I have written before, time is the most precious commodity we have, and too many people throw it away as if it means nothing at all.

In truth, valuing time is what differentiates us as free people. In this week's parsha, Hashem tells Moshe and Aharon - "Hachodesh ha'zeh lachem rosh chodoshim, rishon hu lachem l'chadshei ha'shanah. This month shall be for you the beginning of the months; it shall be for you the first of the months of the year." At first glance, this gift doesn't seem like much. After all, you can get free calendars from Publix, Jewish funeral homes, or even the Shul. But of course, the gift is indeed precious and of inestimable value. With this pasuk, Hashem gave man the power to control time and to determine the Jewish calendar.

The real question is why now, why here? The Jewish people have been enslaved and persecuted for more than two centuries. They have just witnessed and paid homage to a series of plagues, a sequence of extraordinary miracles transcending nature. They are poised to be liberated, and out of nowhere they are given this mitzvah, this gift of creating the calendar. If I am Moshe, I am thinking - God, can't we discuss this when we get out of Egypt? Really, we appreciate the gesture, but can't this wait? Why now, on the brink of the tenth plague, on the cusp of tasting freedom?

The great 16th century commentator from Rome, R' Ovadia Seforno, offers an insightful suggestion. A great transition and transformation is about to occur. The people are going to go from slavery to freedom. Slavery is not limited to the physical dimension with physical oppression. Freedom is not expressed solely by the ability to move about and go where you please. Slavery and freedom exist most prominently in the dimension of time. Says the Seforno, the commandment is given right now because it is the greatest expression of freedom from bondage. A slave has no clear notion of time since it is not his to schedule, make use of, or dispose of. Only one who owns his time and controls it is free to fill it with significant matters that sanctify it. Freedom and time are intertwined.

Time is a precious commodity, arguably the most valuable we have. No matter what we do, we cannot expand it or increase it. We cannot make it go slower or last longer. Our relationship with it is finite and undetermined and can cease at any moment. And with all that, we are free only when we own our time and are not owned by it.

My favorite number is 168. There are 168 hours in each and every week. Subtract 50 hours, which is probably an average weekly amount of sleep, leaving 118. Now assume you use another 21 hours a week for basic things like davening, eating, showering, and using the bathroom, and that leaves 97. If you work an 8-hour workday, there goes another 40, leaving 57. You get the idea. The amount of discretionary time we have in a week is actually very small, perhaps no more than fifty hours.

Knowing there are only fifty discretionary hours in a week, now ask yourself - how do you want to spend them? How many hours are you willing to allocate to watching TV or to surfing the web? How many of those do we want to dedicate to our spouses, our children, the pursuit of our own learning and knowledge, helping others, exercising, etc.?

There are so many variables competing for our time, but only we are in control of it. Ultimately, how we use it will determine if we are indeed free or enslaved.

This week many of us are going on vacation as Yeshiva Day Schools take their winter break. Vacation comes from the word vacate reflecting the geographical change to a different place or location. It's worth noting that vacation references a change of place, but not of a change of pace. Yes, on vacation we slow down, we are much less hectic, busy, and burdened. But I suggest to you that vacation is not a dispensation to waste time; it is a gift to reallocate our time for a short period. Vacation presents an opportunity to spend more time with our family, to expand our mind by reading a book or dedicating more time to learning Torah. It provides the chance to explore, discover, sightsee, and tour. Vacation invites us to reenergize, revitalize, rejuvenate and reinvigorate. But one thing vacation does not mean is a license to kill time, waste time or let time slip away.

Steroids, juicing, and doping are never legitimate means. But taking advantage of every moment of time should be the goal and aspiration of every human being. Wishing you a healthy, safe and prosperous vacation!

Shabbat Shalom,



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Rabbi Efrem Goldberg

PARSHA SUMMARY

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The 8th Plague (Locusts). Moshe extended his rod and a swarm of locusts descended, devouring the Egyptian vegetation.

The 9th Plague (Darkness). Moshe then brought the next plague -- total darkness -- which descended upon the Egyptians for six days (during the last three of which they couldn't move about).

The Pesach Offering and Holiday. Hashem informed Moshe that, from now on, the year would begin with the month of their deliverance (Nissan), and that Jews should observe the laws of sanctifying the New Moon (Rosh Chodesh). Hashem commanded the Jewish people about the "Korban Pesach" (Pesach offering).

The 10th Plague (Death of the Egyptian First-born). At midnight, Hashem smote the Egyptian first-born people and animals. Pharaoh arose in the middle of the night, lamented their loss, and asked the Jews to leave Egypt.

The Jews Leave Egypt. The Jews left in such haste that their leavened bread didn't have time to rise. The Jews were commanded to bring a Korban Pesach every year on the Fourteenth of Nissan; to redeem their first born males in all future generations; and to wear Tefillin "for a sign on your hand and a memorial between your eyes" to remind them of the salvation from Egypt.

HALACHIC QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q: I am driving to Orlando. Do I need to recite tefillas haderech?

A: Tefillas haderech is recited when traveling at least 3 miles (1 parsah) outside of the city and through an uninhabited area. Driving to Orlando from Boca would therefore qualify to recite tefillas haderech. It should be recited when leaving the city, even if still in an inhabited area. Therefore, when traveling to Orlando, tefillas haderech should be said when getting on the highway.

Please submit your question of the week on any topic to Rabbi Efram Goldberg at reg@brsonline.org

PARSHA QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS - BO

1. What was Pharaoh's excuse for not releasing the Jewish children?
2. How did the first three days of darkness differ from the last three?
3. When the Jews asked the Egyptians for gold and silver vessels, the Egyptians were unable to deny ownership of such vessels. Why?
4. Makat Bechorot took place at exactly midnight. Why did Moshe say it would take place at approximately midnight?
5. How did Moshe show respect to Pharaoh when he warned him about the aftermath of the plague of the first-born?
6. God told Moshe "so that My wonders will be multiplied" (11:9). What three wonders was God referring to?
7. Prior to the Exodus from Egypt, what two Mitzvot involving blood did God give to the Jewish People?
8. Rashi gives two explanations of the word "Pasachti." What are they?
9. Why did Pharaoh ask Moshe to bless him?
10. What three historical events occurred on the 15th of Nissan, prior to the event of the Exodus from Egypt?

1. What was Pharaoh's excuse for not releasing the Jewish children? 10:11 - Since children don't bring sacrifices, there was no need for them to go.
2. How did the first three days of darkness differ from the last three? 10:22 - During the first three days, the Egyptians couldn't see. During the last three days, they couldn't move.
3. When the Jews asked the Egyptians for gold and silver vessels, the Egyptians were unable to deny ownership of such vessels. Why? 10:22 - During the plague of darkness, the Jews could see and they searched for and found the Egyptians' vessels.
4. Makat Bechorot took place at exactly midnight. Why did Moshe say it would take place at approximately midnight? 11:4 - If Moshe said the plague would begin exactly at midnight, the Egyptians might miscalculate and accuse Moshe of being a fake.
5. How did Moshe show respect to Pharaoh when he warned him about the aftermath of the plague of the first-born? 11:8 - Moshe warned that "All these servants of yours will come down to me" when, in fact, it was Pharaoh himself who actually came running to Moshe.
6. God told Moshe "so that My wonders will be multiplied" (11:9). What three wonders was God referring to? 11:9 - The plague of the first-born, the splitting of the sea and the drowning of the Egyptian soldiers.
7. Prior to the Exodus from Egypt, what two Mitzvot involving blood did God give to the Jewish People? 12:6 - Circumcision and Korban Pesach.
8. Rashi gives two explanations of the word "Pasachti." What are they? 12:13 - "I had mercy" and "I skipped."
9. Why did Pharaoh ask Moshe to bless him? 12:32 - So he wouldn't die, for he himself was a first-born.
10. What three historical events occurred on the 15th of Nissan, prior to the event of the Exodus from Egypt? 12:41 - The angels came to promise that Sarah would have a son, Yitzchak was born, and the exile of the covenant between the parts" was decreed.

ANSWERS - BO

Questions and Answers are courtesy of Ohr Somayach.



SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT

Candle Lighting	5:34 pm
Sephardic Minyan (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	5:35 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat (Rand Sanctuary)	5:35 pm
Friday Night Live: Please invite someone to this Outreach Program	6:00 pm

SHABBAT DAY

Neitz Minyan (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	6:25 am
Hashkama Minyan (Social Hall)	7:25 am
Sephardic Minyan (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	8:30 am
Ashkenazi Minyan (Rand Sanctuary)	9:00 am

Shacharit: Mr. Thomas Adler
Sermon: Rabbi Efrem Goldberg
Mussaf: Joey Silverman

Shtiebel Minyan (Shtiebel Beit Midrash)	9:30 am
Teen Minyan (Berdugo Beit Midrash - Room 104 & 105)	9:45 am
Sof Zman Kriat Shema	9:50 am
Explanatory Service (Katz Library)	10:00 am
Youth Tefillah Groups (Jacobs and Rubin Youth & Senior Center)	10:00 am
Rabbi's Class	4:20 pm

Singing the Song of Shabbos: Finding Meaning in Tehillim 92

Rabbi Philip Moskowitz

Sephardic Mincha (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	5:15 pm
Ashkenazi Mincha (Rand Sanctuary)	5:20 pm
Sh'kiah	5:53 pm
Ma'ariv/Havdalah	6:31 pm
Veshinantam Levanecha	7:15 pm

SHABBAT LEARNING

Tefillah Insights with Rabbi Josh Broide (Rand Sanctuary)	8:30 am
Sichot of the Lubavitcher Rebbe with Rabbi Levine (Shtiebel Beit Mid)	8:30 am
Teachings of the Ba'al Shem Tov (Shtiebel Beit Midrash)	9:00 am
Parashat Hashavua with Rabbi Dr. Zvi Yehuda (Board Room)	9:15 am
Advanced Gemara Chabura 15 minutes after Hashkama Minyan	
Junior Congregation (Shechet Beit Midrash - Room 205 & 206)	10:00 am
Youth Groups (Drop-off begins at 10:00 am)	10:30 am
Sephardic Roundtable (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	11:00 am
Father & Son Learning (Senders Library)	4:00 pm
Daf Yomi	between Mincha Ma'ariv

PARASHAT BESHALACH

Sephardic Minyan (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	5:40 pm
Candle Lighting	5:40 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat (Rand Sanctuary)	5:45 pm
Friday Night Live: Please invite someone to this Outreach Program	6:00 pm
Maariv/Havdalah (Shabbat)	6:36 pm
Veshinantam Levanecha	7:15 pm

DAILY MINYANIM

ASHKENAZI SHACHARIT

Daf Yomi (Sunday - Friday)	7:00 am
Sunday (Social Hall)	6:25, 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 am
Monday & Thursday (Social Hall)	6:15, 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (Social Hall)	6:25, 7:00, 8:00 & 9:00 am
Monday - Friday (Senders Library)	7:45 am

SEPHARDIC SHACHARIT

Shacharit (Sunday - Friday)	6:30 & 8:00 am
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MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Early Mincha (Sunday)	1:00 pm
Mishna Berura Yomi (Sunday - Thursday)	5:25 pm
Sephardic Minyan (Sunday - Thursday) (Sephardic Beit Midrash)	5:35 pm
Ashkenazi Minyan (Sunday - Thursday) (Social Hall)	5:40 pm
Daf Yomi (Sunday - Thursday) (Social Hall)	8:40-9:30 pm
Late Ma'ariv (Sunday - Thursday)	9:30 pm

THE WEINBAUM YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL MINCHA SCHEDULE
WYHS Mincha schedule resumes January 28.

BRS WEST

(At the Hillel Day School, 21001 95th Ave. • (305) 725-2292 • www.brswestonline.org)

Candle Lighting	5:34 pm
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat (Note NEW time)	5:30 pm
Morning Class with Rabbi Smolarcik	8:45 am
Shacharit (Shabbat)	9:30 am
Youth Groups	10:30 am
Mincha (Shabbat)	5:20 pm
Maariv	6:31 pm

LIFE CYCLE

BIRTHDAYS



Adina Applebaum Aaron Zimmerman
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ANNIVERSARY

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WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY

Tuvia Brander & Miriam Apper
Yehudah Katz
Avi & Shevi Putney, and Aliza and Hillel
Dr. Steven and Betty Nissenfeld

REFUAH SHLAYMAH

For members of BRS Community.

For all other Refuah Shlaymah needs, please see Tehillim Circle

Rabbi Shmuel Jarashow	Helen Ijac
Shmuel Tzvi ben Shayna	Alta Haita bat Devorah
Cantor Lazar Wax	Ruth Sherman
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Sol Feldman	Joan Noven
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Abraham Katzman	Beverly Kassirer
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Merv Jacobs	Ariella Berman
Meir ben Sarah	Ariella Sarah bat Elisheva Malka
Robert Strauss	Lian Sac Bloom
Chayim ben Tzipora	Leah Surra bat Machla Feigela
Spencer Cohen	Beverly Kellman
Zalman Meyer ben Sarah	Baila Rus bat Sarah
Moshe Applebaum	Shoshana bat Bella
Moshe Zvi ben Rachel Leah	Devora Frayda bas Basya

YAHREZITS

Dr. Jack Azar in memory of his father	David Azar Cohen, 7 Shevat
Mrs. Bonnie Rubinstein in memory of her father	Stanley Mallen, 7 Shevat
Dr. Norman Wald in memory of his mother	Anne Wald, 7 Shevat
Mr. Elliot Allswang in memory of his wife	Margo Allswang, 8 Shevat
Miss Gila Allswang in memory of her mother	Margo Allswang, 8 Shevat
Miss Adina Allswang in memory of her mother	Margo Allswang, 8 Shevat
Tzvi Allswang in memory of his mother	Margo Allswang, 8 Shevat
Ari Allswang in memory of his mother	Margo Allswang, 8 Shevat
Dr. Stuart Lefkowitz in memory of his father	Murray Lefkowitz, 8 Shevat
Mr. Irving Malinowitz in memory of his brother	Norman Malinowitz, 8 Shevat
Mr. Nosson Lord in memory of his mother-in-law	Chana Rivka, 8 Shevat
Dr. Joyce Hopkins in memory of her father	Paul Svarc, 8 Shevat
Mr. Irv Smokler in memory of his father	Bert Smokler, 9 Shevat
Baruch Benbenisty in memory of his mother	Miriam Benbenisty, 10 Shevat
Mr. Isaac Jacob in memory of his sister	Hilda Cohen, 10 Shevat
Mrs. Judith April in memory of her mother	Frances Holober, 10 Shevat
Mrs. Hensha Gansbourg in memory of her father	Irving Stone, 10 Shevat
Dr. David Moshe in memory of his mother	Chaya bas Rachel, 11 Shevat
Dr. Edna Tokayer in memory of her father	Edward Scheindling, 12 Shevat
Mrs. Hena Aloff in memory of her brother	Allen Wilder, 12 Shevat
Mr. Abe Aloff in memory of his mother	Dora Aloff, 13 Shevat
Mr. Lothar Mayer in memory of his mother	Hermine Mayer, 13 Shevat
Mr. Solomon Wolff in memory of his mother	Molly Wolff, 13 Shevat
Mr. Steven Garellek in memory of his mother	Rose Garellek, 14 Shevat
Mr. Elliot Lisman in memory of his mother	Rachel Lisman, 14 Shevat
Mrs. Tamar Nawy in memory of her husband	Albert Nawy, 14 Shevat

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAZAL TOV

Dr. Evan & Ilana Landau on the birth of their son. AND to his proud big brothers, Eitan & Benjamin. AND Uncle Avi, Aunt Ahava and the Oppenheimer Cousins. Sol & Gloria Wolff on their grandson, Brian, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. And to his proud parents Aaron & Rachel Borenstein and siblings Amy, Daniella, and David. Jill Kaminetzky on her special birthday. Mike Senders and Jon & Heidi Surasky on the engagement of his grandson, Jason, to their daughter, Andrea. Jason's proud parents are Dr. Marty & Barbara Ast of St. Louis. Andrea's proud grandparents are Abe & Miriam Tous of Deerfield Beach. Jonathan & Esther Abrams on the engagement of their daughter, Ariella, to Joseph Hamaoui, son of Moise & Aliza Hamaoui of Flagler Beach, FL.

KIDDUSH

Hashkama Minyan Kiddush sponsored by Dr. Michael Petrover in honor of his loving wife, Dana, on their 23rd wedding anniversary
 Teen Minyan Seudah Shlishiet sponsored by the Kays in loving memory of Sharona Kay's father, Arieh Michael ben Chanan and Liese.
 Sephardic Seudah Shlishiet sponsored by Zmira Mozorosky in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of her beloved mother, Rachel bat Simcha z'l
 Veshinantam Levanecha sponsored by Dr. David and Dr. Ora Moshe in commemoration of the yahrzeit of David's parent's, Aaron ben Chaim and Chaya bas Rachel and in honor of their children Mayana and Ariel's birthdays.
 Seudah Shlishiet co-sponsored by Hensha Gansbourg, Steven & Susan Garallek, Lothar & Carlyn Mayer and Irv & Carol Smokler.
 Guest Speaker: Alan Berger and Anita Heering as a Shloshim for Rabbi Gene Klein A"H.

YEHUDAH KATZ CONCERT AT BRS



This Saturday night, January 19 at 8:15 pm in the Sephardic Beit Midrash. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets available at the door. Yehudah is an acclaimed musician, founder, and leader of the popular Israeli Jewish rock and soul band Reva Lsheva.
 Sponsored by PrivCap Companies.

VESHINANTAM LEVANECHA SEASON XIII

Continues this Saturday night, January 19, at 7:15 pm. The program enables parents to spend quality time with their children engaging in Torah study. Following the learning, all of the children sing together with a live band and participate in a raffle for great prizes while enjoying snacks and refreshments.

RABBI MENACHEM GENACK THIS SUNDAY AT BRS

8:40 am - Advanced Chaburah for men (Senders Library)
 9:45 am - Community Lecture: Contemporary Issues in Kashrus (Social Hall)



Rabbi Menachem Genack is the CEO of the Orthodox Union Kosher Division, a supervisory organization of kosher food. In that capacity he oversees the kosher certification of 6000 facilities in 83 countries. He is known as one of the foremost talmidim of the Rav and he is rabbi of Congregation Shomrei Eemunah in Englewood, NJ.

COFFEE WITH THE RABBIS

The Tuesday morning classes with Rabbi Efram Goldberg and Rabbi Philip Moskowitz will not take place this week, and will resume on Tuesday, January 29.

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE 2013

Join the BRS Rabbi's and the following 71 members for the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington D.C. from March 3 - March 5.

David Abady
 Isaac Abady
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 Albert & Evelyn Begas
 Benjamin Begas
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 Steven Berkeley
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 Douglas Cohen
 Jacob Cohen
 Pamela Cohen
 Alan & Mona Fisher
 Mark & Tilda Fisher
 Seth Fisher
 Martin & Ileana Flics

Benjamin & Cara Freedman
 Samuel & Lisa Freedman
 Rabbi Simcha & Anna Freedman
 Rabbi Efram Goldberg
 Glen Golish
 Avi Greenbaum
 Katie Halperin
 Lawrence & Debra Halperin
 Scott Halperin
 Bernie & Melanie Kaminetsky
 Joshua Kaminetsky
 Shimmie Kaminetsky
 David & Sharona Kay
 Gary Krasna
 Michael Krasna
 Yaakov Kronfeld
 Samuel Levine
 Eliana Loskove
 Joseph & Seema Loskove

Yonina Loskove
 David & Reena Makover
 Ilana Makover
 David & Sara Markowitz
 Mollie Markowitz
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If your name has been left off this list, please contact Sheri Zvi, the South Palm Beach County Area Director for AIPAC. (954)382-6110 or via email at szvi@aipac.org.

SHALOM ZACHAR & BRIT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Landau Family warmly invites the entire community to the Shalom Zachor, this Friday night, January 18 at 8:45 pm at the home of Rabbi Dr. Avi & Ahava Oppenheimer, 22360 Guadeloupe Street in Captiva.

AND

Announce the Brit of their son on Wednesday, January 23, after the 7:00 am Minyan at Boca Raton Synagogue.

CALLING ALL BRS STUDENTS IN ISRAEL

Rabbi Goldberg will be in Israel at the beginning of February for a family Simcha. He is eager to spend time with BRS students studying in Israel. If you have a child in Israel, please send their contact information to Linda at linda@brsonline.org as soon as possible. Please include their name, e-mail, address, and cell phone number.

ONEG SHABBAT

"A Perspective of Recent Olim on Living in Israel, and the Israeli Elections" with Rodger Galdstone and Jon Surasky this Friday night, January 18, at 8:30 pm at the home of Roger Gladstone, 22256 Hollyhock Trail.

MISHNAH BERURAH YOMI

This Shabbat, Mishnah Berurah Yomi begins learning Hilchot Shabbat. Join us every day, fifteen minutes before Mincha to study these important laws, and set aside some time each day for Torah learning.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR SERIES - FREE LUNCH

This Wednesday, January 23 with Mr. Joseph Sabag, Zionist Organization of America "Israel: In Our Hands"

This series is completely free of charge and open to the public. The Distinguished Scholars Series takes place at Boca Raton Synagogue on Wednesdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm. A small lunch will be provided free of charge to participants.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Shlock Rock Concert Sunday, February 10 at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$10. Pre-order by visiting www.wizevents.com/register/1820. For more information email aliza@brsonline.org. Food will be available for purchase.

Purim Carnival. Sunday, February 17 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Amazing new attractions that have never been seen on the circle!!

TENTH ANNUAL ZAYIN ADAR DINNER

With deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for the selfless members of The Chevra Kadisha of Boca Raton Synagogue you are cordially invited to attend the Tenth Annual Zayin Adar Dinner which will be held on Sunday evening, February 17, in the Social Hall. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Yvette Kaweblum at chevrakadishbr@gmail.com. For those who fast the day of the dinner, it begins at 5:45 am and ends at 6:50 pm. If you would like to participate in the Minhag of gathering at the cemetery, we will meet in the BRS Section of Beth David Memorial Gardens from 10:00 am - 10:30 am for a short ceremony by Rabbi Goldberg.

BRS SHABBAT YOUTH MENU

Please join us every Shabbat morning for amazing programming, Tefila, and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Aliza at Aliza@brsonline.org All groups begin at 10 am unless otherwise noted.

Shabbat Shalom!

*Looking forward to seeing you in Shul!
Aliza and your favorite group leaders*

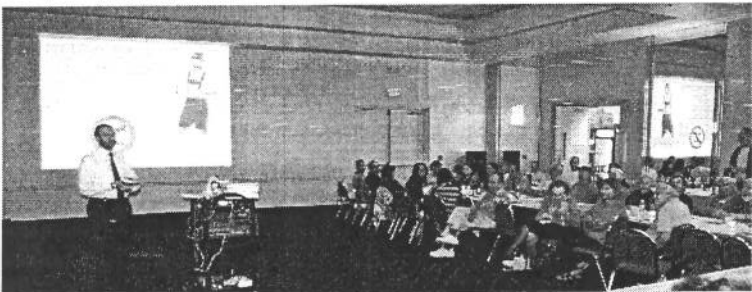
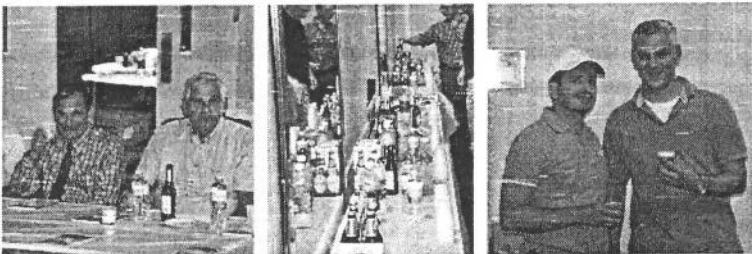
Post Hashkama Minyan Mishnayot Group with Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger

“Parent and Me” meets at 10:30 am in Room 106
Great opportunity to spend time with your child and other moms and dads and sing Shabbat songs and schmooze.

- 2 year olds in room 101
- 3 year olds in room 102
- 4 year olds in room 103
- 5 year olds in room 107
- 1-2 grade girls in room 203
- 1-2 grade boys in room 204
- 3-5 grade girls in room 205
- 3-5 grade boys in room 206

Junior Congregation – 10:45 am

*Join us in room 206 for Tefila for all students grades 1-5.
Teen Minyan – 9:45 am rooms 104 & 105*



History of the Jews of Germany with Rabbi Efrem Goldberg, this past Wednesday night.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

BOCA RATON SYNAGOGUE

23RD ANNUAL

JOURNAL DINNER

*Will take place at
Congregation B’Nai Israel
2200 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL*



*Stephen & Linda Melcer
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*Martin Judovits
Holocaust*

Remembrance Award

*Drs. Eli & Orly Cohen
Keter Shem Tov Award*

*Memorial Tribute to
Rabbi Gene Klein & L*



Tribute Committee in Formation

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For more information or to join the Tribute Committee, please contact Matthew Hocherman via email at mjh@brsonline.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAILY

- **DAF YOMI** (Sunday - Friday)
with Rabbi Ben Sugerman at 7:00 am in Room 211-212
Daf Yomi sponsored next Friday, January 25, by Tamar Nawy in memory of her beloved husband, Albert z'l.
- **RABBINIC MIND**
with Rabbi Zvi Yehuda at 7:45 am in the Board Room
- **HALACHA YOMI**
with Rabbi Efreim Goldberg 15 minutes before Mincha
- **NIGHT BEIT MIDRASH**
community learning in the Senders Library at 8:00 pm
- **NIGHTTIME DAF YOMI** (Monday - Thursday)
with BRS Rabbinate at 8:40 pm in the Board Room

MONDAY

- **HEBREW POETRY CLASS**
with Hassiya Yehuda at 9:30 am in the Board Room
- **HEBREW READING**
with Rabbi Josh Broide will not be held this week
- **ULPAN**
with Mrs. Gila Payevsky at 7:30 pm in Room 102
- **ZUMBA CLASS** (for women)
will not be held this week

TUESDAY

- **CAFFEINE FOR THE SOUL**
with Rabbi Philip Moskowitz will not be held this week
- **PARSHAT HA'SHAVUA**
with Rabbi Efreim Goldberg will not be held this week
- **THE HAFTORA CLUB**
with Rabbi Philip Moskowitz will not be held this week
- **LUNCH N' LEARN**
with Rabbi Josh Broide will not be held this week
- **PEOPLE OF THE BOOK**
with Rabbi Yosef Kassorla at 8:00 pm in the Social Hall

WEDNESDAY

- **IN-DEPTH STUDY OF BOOK OF JUDGES**
with Malka Morris will not be held this week
- **DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LUNCH N' LEARN SERIES**
with Mr. Joseph Sebag at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall
- **KABBALAH: LEVEL 2**
with Shoshana Deaktor at 7:30 pm in the Room 101

THURSDAY

- **IN-DEPTH STUDY OF BAMIDBAR** (via Satellite)
with Rabbanit Avigail Rock at 9:30 am in the Board Room
- **JUDAISM A-Z**
with Rabbi Josh Broide at 7:30 pm in the Board Room
- **SATELLITE LECTURES**
with Rabbi Yissocher Frand at 9:00 pm in the Board Room

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

People of the Book classes take place at Boca Raton Synagogue on Tuesday evenings from November 20 – March 19 at 8:00 – 9:30 pm in the Social Hall.
This Tuesday, January 22
Moreh Nevuchim - Rambam with Rabbi Yosef Kassorla

Next Tuesday, January 29
Tanya with Rabbi Efreim Goldberg

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LUNCH SERIES

January 30
Ellen Weiss
Chai Lifeline
It Takes a Village

February 6
Rabbi Moishe Scheiner
Palm Beach Synagogue
Conflict in the Talmud: The Power of Speech

BRS FILM SERIES



Join us Wednesday night, January 30 at 8:00 pm to watch *Ominous Skies*. Cost is only \$5 per person. Rabbi Berel Wein will introduce his newest film and lead a question and answer session afterwards.

"Ominous Skies" is the newest segment of a 13-part documentary series Faith and Fate - The Story of the Jewish People in the 20th Century. Covering the period of 1930-1939, "Ominous Skies" covers in-depth the extraordinary rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany and the effect on the world. This film differs from other Pre-Holocaust films by answering "often asked" questions from Jews and non-Jews alike. Presented by Rabbi Berel Wein, Ominous Skies explores the roots of Hitler's anti-Semitic and militaristic agenda, and shows how his psychological techniques swayed the German people to accept and support his views.

LECTURE IN HEBREW

On Monday, February 4, at 8:00 pm, Rabbi Yinon Kalazan, a senior at Arachim, will be giving a lecture in Hebrew on the topic of Chinuch Yeladim. The class will take place in the Sephardic Beit Midrash.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

RABBI MARVIN TOKAYER

Boca AMIT New Generation is proud to welcome Rabbi Marvin Tokayer to speak on the Jews of Asia on Thursday, February 14 at 7:30 pm at the home of Cara and Ben Freedman, 7558 Chester Terrace in Thornhill Estates. \$20 per person or \$36 per couple. We will be serving Asian treats.

FAY GREENE'S CLASS

Fay Greene's monthly class offers a blend of Chassidic insight, wisdom, stories and humor that reflect her many years of outreach as a Chabad Rebbetzin and her life growing up in a well-known Chassidic family. The class takes place in different homes every month and is open to all women; no prior background or knowledge required. If you would like to be included in the email list, please contact Sue Lowenkron at: bubbesue@att.net

ISRAELUPDATE



Iran Gives Syria \$1bn Import Credit Line

January 18, 2013

Syria's embattled regime has arranged a \$1bn import credit line from Iran, in a sign of Tehran's financial support for its ally President Bashar al-Assad as he fights a spreading rebellion, international sanctions and a crippled economy. The agreement will allow Syrian importers credit to source consumer supplies from Iran at a time when it is hard for them to do so from many other countries. David Butter, a Middle East financial specialist at Chatham House in London, who explained that the deal was "pretty desperate stuff," as it wasn't clear Iranian manufacturers could offer many things Syria needed. "Syrians didn't buy stuff from Iran previously—but at the moment they don't have much option." Iran's state news agency said Mr Halqi and Mohammad-Reza Rahimi, Iran's first vice-president, signed a memorandum of understanding over "various fields including economic, trade, political, cultural and health co-operation."

Our synagogue partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (202) 639-5200 or by visiting www.aipac.org.



BOCA RATON JEWISH EXPERIENCE

JOIN US AT THE EVENT....



The Boca Raton Jewish Experience and the Boca Raton Synagogue are proud to be partnering with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County in an exciting new community-wide celebration called THE EVENT, scheduled for January 29, 2013 at Boca West Country Club (See invitation below). THE EVENT will feature an appearance by Josh Malina of the ABC hit series Scandal and a very special tribute to all the good that our synagogue and other local organizations do each and every day in our Jewish community. We hope you will attend and spread the word about THE EVENT. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join the BRJE table at THE EVENT

After graduating from Yale University with a B.A. in Theatre Studies, Josh Malina made his professional acting debut in the Broadway production of Aaron Sorkin's A Few Good Men. He went on to star as Jeremy Goodwin in Sorkin's critically acclaimed television series Sports Night. Later, Josh co-starred as Will Bailey in Sorkin's multi-E Emmy winning The West Wing. Other Sorkin credits include the hit features The American President and Malice. For three seasons, Josh portrayed multi-millionaire Peter Alpert on USA Network's hit In Plain Sight. Josh's film credits include the comedy A View From The Top with Gwyneth Paltrow and

Mike Meyers, In The Line Of Fire with Clint Eastwood, and Bulworth with Warren Beatty and Halle Berry. He can be seen in the upcoming films Knights Of Badassdom and The First Time. Josh currently co-stars on ABC's hit drama Scandal.

Please support our local Federation at THE EVENT Featuring Josh Malina!
Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP Online by visiting www.jewishboca.org/theevent
Inspire yourself to inspire others...

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Thursday Night's at 7:30pm
In the BRS Board Room
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SOCIAL ACTION



"The nomination of Sen. Chuck Hagel for Secretary of Defense puts Israel at an even greater risk by creating instability and weakening our military effectiveness in one of the most dangerous areas of the world", according to the American Center for Law and Justice. They have launched a petition to stop the nomination <http://aclj.org/israel/stop-president-obama-anti-israel-nomination>. Secure America Now (secureamericanow.org) has its own petition, and EMET (Endowment for Middle East Truth), Stand With Us and Christians United for Israel (CUFI) are urging Americans who care about Israel to express concern. This is not a liberal-conservative or Democratic-Republican issue. It is vital that you let your voice be heard. In addition to state senators, there are 21 members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Contact information for them can be found at <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>

BIKUR CHOLIM



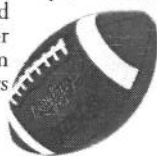
A new and exciting program has been established at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Teenagers are being invited to partner with an adult volunteer visiting patients. Transportation and training provided. To apply, please compose an essay of 50 words or more and e-mail to bikurcholimstan@gmail.com stating your reason

for volunteering. Applicants will be interviewed and parents will be asked for their permission. Volunteering will be done on Sundays and holidays where applicable.

MEN'S CLUB



Super Bowl Party! Sunday, February 3 at 6:00 pm in the Rand Sanctuary. Sports Memorabilia Prizes, Giveaways, Florida Panthers Tickets, 50/50 Raffle. Co-Sponsored by Successories and the Rosen Family in honor of their Daughter's Bat Mitzvah. This program (including the food) is free for all BRS members and Boca Jewish Center.

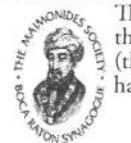


EMPTY NESTERS PURIM SEUDAH



Save the Date: Sunday, February 24, Purim Seudah \$30 a person. Please RSVP by February 10, Call Simone at 561-394-0394 or email simone@brsonline.org.

MAIMONIDES SOCIETY



The Maimonides Society wishes to remind our Shul membership that we are now in Flu season. Please use the hand sanitizers (there are dispensers throughout the building) after shaking hands with others in order to reduce spread of potential infection.

WOMEN'S MIKVAH



The hours for the Women's Mikvah are Sunday through Thursday, 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (last appointment is at 9:30 pm). For Friday and Yom Tov appointments, please call three days in advance. On Saturday and Fast Days, open an hour after Havdalah, for only 1 hour thereafter. In order to better assist you every day, appointments are strongly advised. Please call (561) 394-5854.

BOCA RATON COMMUNITY ERUV

The Boca Raton Community Eruv is in need of funds. Yearly membership remains at \$100 per family. It is now possible to sponsor the Eruv for a particular Shabbat for \$360. Donations can now also be made through our website www.bocaeruv.org or by contacting Chani Salamon at (561) 392-1026 for more information. Please help, as we ALL benefit from the Eruv. The Eruv is something we all rely on and often take for granted. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so in order to ensure that the Eruv can be checked and maintained.

MUSICAL CHEVRA



The Musical Chevra meets monthly to listen and enjoy classical and popular music. For details, please contact Moshe Leib or Ruth Stuart at Ruthandmstuart@gmail.com

CHESED



If you are in need or would like to volunteer for our Chesed Committee, please contact Michal Marcus at (917) 804-6924. Many volunteer opportunities are available, including help for new moms, rides to doctors, and meals for the bereaved.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Aba Chonah ben Hava Chana - Alan Gross

American Jew Alan Gross has been wrongly held in a Cuban prison since December 2009. Since that time, Alan's physical and emotional state has deteriorated. He has lost over one hundred pounds and has suffered partial paralysis. Join us to call upon the Cuban government and the international community for the immediate release of Alan on humanitarian grounds. For more information and to get involved, visit www.jcouncil.org



Yehonatan ben Malka - Jonathan Pollard

Jonathan Pollard has been imprisoned in the United States since 1987. While working as an American civilian intelligence analyst, Pollard has admitted to passing classified information to Israel. Although even his most ardent supporters agree that he was in the wrong and guilty, the nature and length of his imprisonment is disproportionate and unparalleled. Join a multitude of prominent politicians, officials from the national intelligence world, and the legal world who have called for Pollard's sentence to be commuted. For more information and to sign a petition, visit www.jonathanpollard.org.

ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF)



Please have in mind children and grandchildren of members of our community currently serving in the IDF: Amiel Abir, Julian Gordon, Ben Weiss, Asher Kaplan, Orelia Elkaim, Menachem Kaplan, Shabtai Kaplan, Jeremy Siegman, Noam Ivri (Makover), Daniel Makover, Charlie Pollack, Yakov Simcha ben Moshe Yisroel, Yehuda Strauss, Liel Reinfeld, Amichai Berman, Matt Firestone, Isaac Marco Romano, and Mordechai Wolfson. If you have children or grandchildren currently serving in the IDF, please let us know their names so we can include them.

Please have in mind our missing in action Israeli Soldiers



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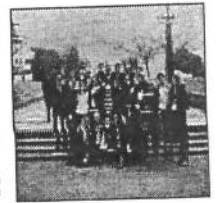
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-BRS KIDS & TEENS-



BOCA RATON SYNAGOGUE TEEN MINYAN BIGGER & BETTER

Boca Raton, FL - The Boca Raton Synagogue Teen Minyan, the pride and joy of the BRS teen department is getting bigger and better. Under the leadership of Yitzchak Kaminetsky and Tani Kay, the Minyan is seeing more participation as more teens are picking up Laining responsibilities and being Chazzan. What used to be an odd and unusual phenomenon – a teen Laining is now the expected. The highlight of

the Minyan is the Kiddush afterwards. An array of delectable delights are displayed for the teens' taste buds. An added feature of the Teen Minyan is the Shiur afterwards, before the Kiddush. The Minyan studies a news' story and how the Torah would view it. If you haven't come to Teen Minyan, this is the week to try it.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Make sure to come on time this week to JuCo. The fun begins every Shabbat at 10:00 am. Get ready for amazing Davening, Parsha, guest speakers, games, talent, and of course great prizes.

KIDS HASHKAMA CHABURA

Rabbi Gershon Eisenberger, Boca's new star Rebbe, will be conducting a post Hashkama Minyan Chabura for boys at 9:30 am in Room 102 in the Jacobs and Rubin Youth and Senior Center. Make sure to come on time for the special kids Kiddush!

NCSY EVENTS

WINTER REGIONAL, February 15-17, Holiday Inn Express, Cocoa, FL Register at: www.southern.ncsy.org

Join 150 other teens from across the South for one incredible weekend!

- * BONGOS ON THE BEACH - FREE! Sunday, January 27 at 6:30 pm Come jam to the acoustic sounds of bongos with other high school teens while enjoying sunset on the beach and a pizza dinner. BYOI - Bring Your Own Instrument.
- * ONEG, Friday night, February 8 at 8:30 pm Home of R' Eli & Batsheva Zians, 7750 Lago Del Mar, Apt #708
- * LATTE & LEARN - FREE! Every Thursday at 8:00 pm NCSY office, 7200 W Camino Real, Suite 104
- * FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rabbi Eli Zians at zianse@ncsy.org or 516-451-2123 or visit www.southern.ncsy.org.

Save the Date: Shabbat February 9th National Teen Israel Advocacy Shabbaton

*This year BRS is privileged to host the
National Teen Israel Advocacy Shabbaton.
Sign up fast: rup@brsonline.org*



***Celebrating Our Teens* by Rabbi Uri Pilichowski This Week We Celebrate our Teens' Walk of Chesed**

THIS Sunday, January 20, our teens will participate in a great *Mitzvah* and a fun and free day for the community! Our teens - and hopefully you - are participating in the annual walk in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This organization is very close to our heart as they provide support and services for Corey Reichenberg, a teen in our community and an active participant in our teen department. Many of our teens and their families are participating in and publicizing the MDA walk. It is a special and unique act of chesed when we support a worthy organization and someone in our own community. The teens are amazing for getting up early this Sunday. It is their first week of vacation after a grilling week of midterms. This week, join me in celebrating our teens and their dedication to their acts of Chesed. I hope you'll join in the walk as well. The walk is being held at the West Palm Beach Zoo. Registration is from 8:00-8:45 AM and the walk goes from 8:45-9:30 AM followed by a brief party/awards ceremony.



MDA

MUSCLEwalk & 5k

Sunday, January 20, 2013

5k @ Dreher Park, West Palm Beach

6:30 AM Registration

7:30 AM 5k begins

\$30 Registration (thru 1/6), \$35 Registration (1/7- 16)

\$40 Registration (day of). Registration is tax deductible.

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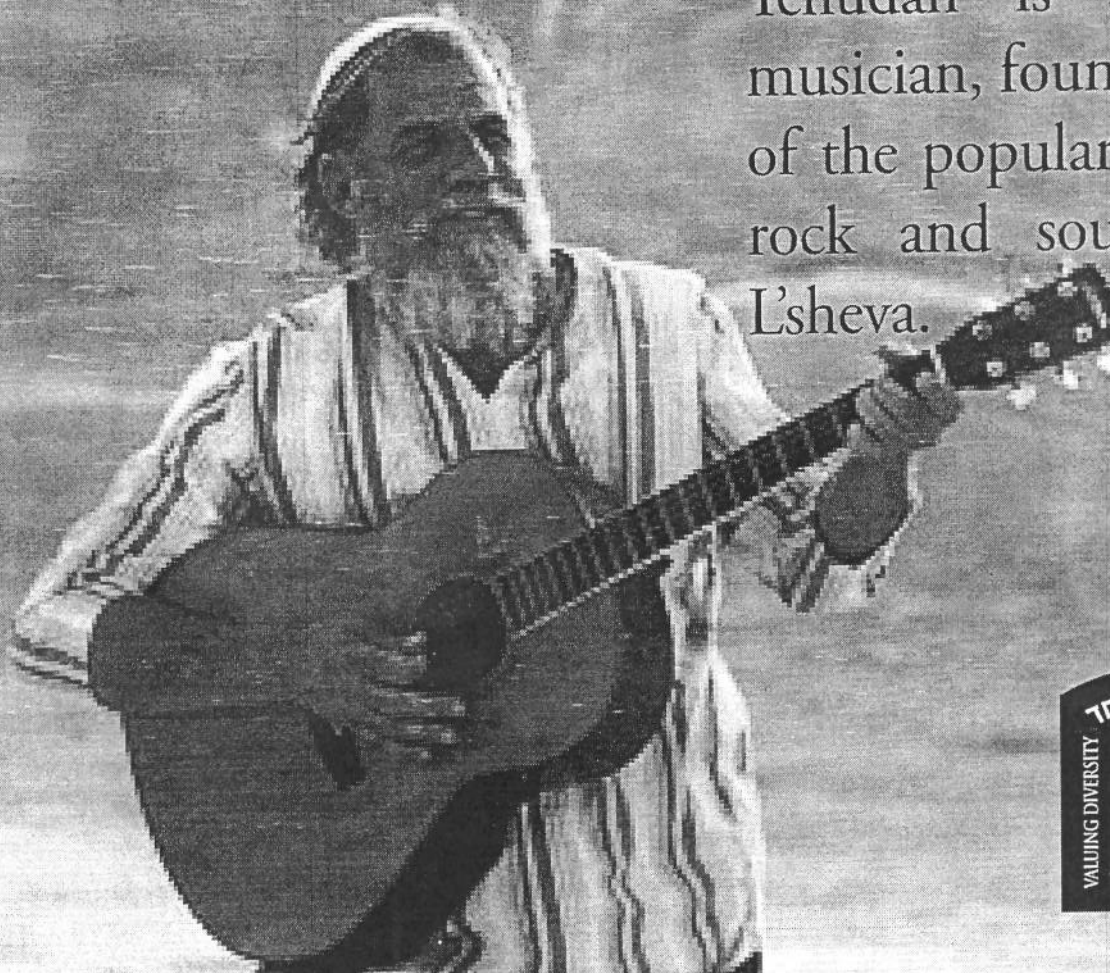
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