



Keneseth Beth Israel

Weekly Newsletter

Friday July 13, 2018
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Parshat Mattot-Masei
The Eruv is Up

WHAT'S NEW WITH GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4613

Although the Girl Scouts fundraiser is long past, the giving continues and lives are still being touched! More cookies collected by Troop 4613 are being delivered to VCU cardiology and Ronald McDonald House in Charlottesville. Fundraising will start again in the Fall. Planning for Troop 4613's 6th year will begin in August. Please let Heni Stein know of your intention to re-register or register for the first time. Please contact Heni at henib18@comcast.net.



COMING EVENTS

Shine - July 15, 29	TishaBav programming - July 22
Chevra Kadisha meeting - July 15	Shalom Farms Visit - August 5
Kelvin Pierce (guest speaker) - July 21	Steak Night - August 5

VISIT SHALOM FARM!

Thanks to Ron Binshtok, KBI has a date for our return to Shalom Farm

**Sunday, August 5, 10:00 - 1:00 pm!
676 Venita Road, Midlothian VA 23113**

We can take up to 25 people for this experience.

Please RSVP by July 30 via email to mrdavidow@gmail.com.
The farm number is 804-794-2004 if you need to get in touch prior to your visit.

If you choose to volunteer, please read the information sheets attached to the online newsletter as they include important information on what to bring, wear, and expect from your day of service. Please also note that Shalom Farm requires a waiver from all volunteers and visitors to the farm. This can be filled out online, or, if you'd prefer, a hard copy can be obtained. Please also note that most farm tasks are not appropriate for children under 6 years old. Young children can observe and explore, but may not be able to fully participate in volunteer work. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or adult group leader.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual Nine Days Kollel will be from Friday through Tisha B'Av.

Please be in touch with Rabbi Asher if you're interested in personalized study sessions with our Kollel.

Thank you to Avery Lynn for his volunteer services this week concerning the grounds care at Beth Israel along Patterson Ave.

Rich Goldberg is looking for **volunteers with marketing and/or advertising experience** to help devise a marketing plan for the next Richmond Jewish Food Festival. Please contact Rich as soon as possible so we can turn your brilliant ideas into reality.

The Chesed/Sunshine Committee is also looking for people to **volunteer to visit homebound or sick**. Please contact Rivka Bart at rivkaabart@gmail.com or (804) 767-0117 if you have questions or want to become an active member in support of this important mitzvah.

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candle Lighting: 8:14 pm

Mincha: 7:00 pm

Late Minyan: 8:10 pm

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Learner's Minyan: 10:00 am

Mincha: 8:05 pm

Shabbat Ends: 9:16 pm



Bnos groups for rising 1st grade girls and up will take place Shabbat afternoon at KBI from 3-4 pm.

THIS WEEK'S SPONSORS

Kiddush is sponsored in honor of Amit & Luda Cahana and Don & Leora Cantor by the following families:

Alexander, Asher, Bart, Burstein, Stuart & Joan Cantor and family, Yonatan & Marlena Cantor, Colby, Fitzgerald, Freedlander, Gunzburg, Hanse, Hill, Lewis, Milner, Press, Shlomo & Rivka Skaist, and Sonenklar/Woods

*Following kiddush, families are reminded to please clean up after their children.
Thank you so much!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Charlie Alexander	Tziporah Modes
Josh Bilder	Chaya Sarah Pollack
Roz Burkat	Bob Weisberger
Shayna Chandler	
Shana Colby	
Mayan Elgort	
Yael Mizrahi	



REFUAH SHELEMAH

Avrummie Klestzick

Chany Kaufman

Alan Laskoe

Marcia Shor

Avi Slavin

Anne Woods





EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Shabbat Morning Gemara Class:

Led by: Rabbi Asher When: Saturday 8:30 am Where: Social Hall

Beit Tzitzit Beit Midrash:

When: Saturday 10:45 am Where: Library

Hilchot Shabbat:

Led by: Rabbi Asher When: Saturday 1 hour before mincha Where: Main Sanctuary

"Shine!" Bat Mitzvah Club for girls ages 11-13:

Led by: Aliza Asher & Marlena Cantor When: Sunday 10:00-11:30 am Where: Library

Men's Class: Please join us Sunday mornings for a Men's Open Beit Midrash in the Weger chapel after Shacharit. For any questions, please contact Rabbi Bart at rabbibart@rudlin.com. If you would like assistance in setting up a chavruta, please reach out to Rabbi Asher at dovidasher@gmail.com.

Breslav Class: Fleishig refreshments will be served!

When: Tuesday nights, 7-8 pm Where: Buehlers Carriage House, 407 Harlan Circle

Questions? Call Tom Buehler: 804-288-8816

Rabbi Yosef & Leah Skaist, experienced Jewish educators, are available to be hired to learn with people of all ages and all levels, one on one, or in small groups. Please contact them @ 804-477-4428 or 804-837-1800

The KBI Women's Chevra Kadisha will be hosting an educational class for men and women interested in learning what happens during the Tahara, preparation of a loved one before a burial, on Sunday July 15 from 10-11 a.m. in the KBI social hall. Please contact Linda Griff at 804-740-7972 with any questions or if you are interested in joining our Chevra Kadisha.

"BEIT TZIZIT"

A SHABBAT BEGINNER'S SERVICE AND TORAH DISCUSSION PROGRAM AT KBI

If you walk down the stairs from the lobby or the social hall at Keneseth Beth Israel around 10 am on a Saturday morning, you are liable to walk into a unique Jewish experience in the Richmond community. A diverse group of people from varied backgrounds gather together for one purpose: a beginner's prayer service that allows individuals to pray at their own pace, including those elements of the service with which they are the most familiar, followed by a Socratic style discussion, facilitated - but not led - by a young, local rabbi.

"For me, it's the only way to pray," one of the regulars told this reporter after services one Shabbat morning. "I can say more or less. I can focus on what is meaningful right now. It's special."

Elliot Fitzgerald, an attendee for years, member of the board at KBI and coordinator of the program, known as "Beit Tzitzit," says that the content and style of the prayer and discussion has constantly morphed to suit the needs of the attendees. "It is not one of those programs that offers a service and tries to sell it. It really forms from the inside out. People who want something different, something personal, come and participate. They suggest changes. And the discussions allow everyone to contribute instead of just consume."

Rabbi Don Cantor has been the group facilitator since 2014. "This program presents a unique opportunity for people to confront Torah Judaism in a genuine, honest, and thoughtful fashion. Everyone contributes. Everyone gains. We harness diverse viewpoints to understand how G-d and Judaism speak to us," he said. He and his family recently accepted a position as the campus rabbi and rebbeztin at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for JLIC, an Orthodox Union affiliate.

WEEKDAY MINYAN SCHEDULE

Shacharit:

Sun: 8:30 am

Mon: 6:25 am

Tues: 6:30 am

Wed: 6:30 am

Thurs: 6:25 am

Fri: 6:30 am



Mincha: 8:10 pm

Next Week Candle Lighting: 8:10 pm

AIPAC ISRAEL UPDATE July 13, 2018

SENATE MOVES TO CODIFY OBAMA-ERA AID PACKAGE TO ISRAEL

A Senate panel approved a bill on Tuesday endorsing a decade-long aid package to Israel brokered by the Obama administration, as reported by the Jerusalem Post. The U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018 authorizes a memorandum of understanding negotiated in 2016 between the two governments which will provide Israel with \$38 billion in military aid between 2019 and 2028. A bipartisan majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed the legislation, allowing it to proceed to the full Senate floor.

The bill also authorized the president to establish a US-Israeli counter-drone program, expand collaboration on the peaceful exploration of space, and produce an assessment on Israel's precision-guided defense needs with respect to threats from Hamas in Gaza, and Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria.

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