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Schedule for Parshat Vayeshev

Friday, November 30

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| Shacharit | 6:50 am |
| Mincha | 3:50 pm |
| Candle Lighting | 3:54 pm |

Saturday, December 1

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| Shacharit at Salem Towers | 7:45 am |
| Shacharit | 8:45 am |

Kiddush following services

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| Latest Time for Kriat Shema | 9:13 am |
| Mincha | 3:40 pm |
| Ma'ariv | 4:55 pm |
| Shabbat Ends | 5:03 pm |

Schedule for the Week of December 2 - 7

| | Shacharit | Mincha | Ma'ariv |
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| Sunday | 8:00 am | 3:55 pm | 4:25 pm |
| Monday | 6:40 am | 3:55 pm | 4:25 pm |
| Tuesday | 6:50 am | 3:55 pm | 4:25 pm |
| Wednesday | 6:50 am | 3:55 pm | 4:25 pm |
| Thursday | 6:40 am | 3:55 pm | 4:25 pm |
| Friday | 6:50 am | 3:50 pm | <i>following Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</i> |

Klezmer & Candles - THIS WEEK!!

Save the date! Mark it on your calendar! *If you haven't RSVPed yet, please do so ASAP!* This Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 6:00 pm is our annual Chanukah celebration.

Featuring a live klezmer concert, make your own Chanukah candles, a Kids' Music and Movement Show by our very own Michael Pearl, and a special letter-writing project to support the Jewish people of Sderot. Top it all off with a buffet style falafel dinner, and it's going to be a party you won't want to miss!

Be sure to tell your friends about it; they'll want to come, too!

RSVP ASAP to director@bethisraelmalden.org or 781-322-5686

Beth Israel Mikveh Project

The final plans for the Beth Israel Mikveh have arrived, and are available in the shul's office for you to look at! The Rabbi has arranged a meeting with Joe Onorato, the architect from Newbury Design Associates, to go through the mikveh plans the night of December 12 at 7:30 pm. Please respond to rabbi@bethisraelmalden.org or 781-322-5686 about coming to the meeting.

Taking part in the construction of a mikveh is a very special and rare opportunity, one that few people are ever offered. Each and every one of us as congregants has the right to take part in this big mitzvah by coming out to learn about what is planned. I strongly encourage everyone to take an active part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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Shabbat Sponsorship

This week's Se'udah Shlishit is sponsored by Harold & Shoshana Zazula and family in honor of the yahrzeit of Harold's grandfather, Rabbi Max Hoch.

SPONSORSHIPS

Want to celebrate an occasion, honor a friend, or remember a loved one? Sponsorships are available at all different levels. Make a donation to show someone you care!

Minimum suggested donations are as follows:

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| Breakfast ----- | \$5.00 |
| One-Line Greeting ----- | \$10.00 |
| Weekly Bulletin ad ----- | \$25.00 |
| Newsletter ad ----- | \$36.00 |
| Se'udah Sh'lishit ----- | \$36.00 |
| Kiddush ----- | \$50.00 |
| Sefer ----- | \$50.00 |
| Luncheon (Shabbat Chazak) ---- | \$100.00 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Torah Ethics Class Monday, 12/03, 9:30 am at Salem Towers

Weekly Parsha Class Thursday, 12/06 after Ma'ariv

The Rabbi's class is available on our website, www.BethIsraelMalden.org

Chanukah Party, Wednesday, December 5.

The Divine Plan

Insights into Parshat Vayishlach from the Ramban, by Rav Reuven Ungar of Shaalvim.

“And a person found him (Yosef) and he was lost in a field” (Genesis, 37:15). The verse indicates that Yosef entered a field to locate his brothers, for he reasoned that they would be located in a location suitable for the sheep to graze. Why does the Torah record the details of Yosef’s search for his brethren?

Yosef had ample reasons to return to his father Ya’akov without fulfilling the command to locate them and to report upon the state of his brothers and of the flock of sheep. Nevertheless, Yosef endured substantial difficulties in order to fulfill the command of his father.

The Torah conveys to us an additional message as well. ***The Divine plan is True*** (ie, will be fulfilled) ***while the efforts of humans are false*** (ie, will not obstruct the realization of Hashem’s plan) - “*HaGezara emet, ve’hacharitzut sheker*”! Hashem designed that Yosef would meet an individual who would “just happen” to deliver him into the hands of his brothers.

Indeed, the Sages of the Talmud comment (Bereshit Raba 84:13) that the term “ish” (literally- a man) mentioned in these verses refers to angels. The Torah stresses to us that The Will of Hashem will be realized.

Obviously, we are required to act in the manner that the Torah instructs us. We aim to achieve the goals of what appears to be correct. Yet, it is imperative to realize that The Master of the World is the Ultimate Decider of what transpires in His world.