

BDJ Juniors

Monthly Monday Mishmar

One Monday a month, 6-8 pm

Rabbi Ari Leubitz

Connect with your friends over chulent!

Then we “chavruta up” & then we “game.”

PARENT & CHILD SHABBAT LEARNING

MINCHA FOR MUNCHKINS

For ages 4 – 10 and their parents.

See the shul calendar for the dates of this lively and wonderful Shabbat afternoon program which features “fun and learning” groups, our only-at-BDJ “lollipop Mincha” and a Seuda Shlisheet filled with joy and good eatin’s. (In winter months, it’s “Maariv for Munchkins”.)

YOU BE THE JUDGE

For grades 6 – 12 and their parents.

Bnai David’s innovative and participatory blend of Talmudic law and high courtroom drama. BDJ teens act the part of parties and the lawyers in a dispute ripped from the pages of the Mishna and updated for modern times. After learning the relevant mishnayot, the lawyers and litigants present their argument to a guest judge. A perfect opportunity to hone both your drama and Torah skills.

FRIDAY NIGHT KIDS’ NIGHT OUT... IN SHUL

For all ages

Join us one Friday night a month during the winter for a kid-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service filled with song, dance, and fun.

iFAQ

(INFREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

Have you ever had questions about Orthodox customs, rituals, or ideology that you never asked? Perhaps your question seemed too trivial. Maybe you were embarrassed because you felt you should already have known the answer...Have we got a program for you!

Rabbis Kanefsky and Leubitz will host inFrequently Asked Questions on a variety of broad topics (see schedule below). Questions can be submitted anonymously in advance via the website: <http://www.bnaidavid.com/ifaq>, or they can be asked in person. The sessions will be open to anyone and will be no holds barred. No question will be considered too trivial, too controversial or too basic. If it’s something you’ve always wanted to ask, this is your opportunity to get your answer.

Oct. 31

The Lifecycle: thought and observance

Nov. 28

parallel sessions on gender-specific questions:

“Men’s Edition” - Rav Yosef

“Women’s Edition” - Sari Abrams

Dec. 19

Books and authors that keep
getting referenced in shul / classes

Feb. 27

Modern Orthodoxy: What is it?

March 26

Holidays: rituals and customs



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CALENDAR OF CLASSES & PROGRAMS 2007-2008

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE:

November 17, 2007
Rabbi Yuval Sherlow



Rabbi Yuval Sherlow is the Rosh Yeshiva of the Yeshivat Hesder in Petach Tikva. A student of R. Aaron Lichtenstein and a graduate of Yeshivat Har Etzion, R. Sherlow is one of the shining stars in what is the younger generation of religious Zionists.

He is the author of many books, including one on the dialectics in the thought of Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik called *V'hayu L'achadim Be'yadecha* (And They Would be as One in Your Hands).

December 1, 2007
Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Faculty



Yeshivat Chovevei Torah was founded by Rabbi Avi Weiss in 1999. Its mission is to foster in its students and in the wider Jewish community a commitment to Halacha while maintaining an openness to modern culture, the broader Jewish community, and sensitive approaches to addressing contemporary issues.

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah strives to professionally train open Modern Orthodox rabbis who will lead the Jewish community and shape its spiritual and intellectual character in consonance with modern and open Orthodox values and commitments.

January 19, 2008
Rabbi Chaim Marder



Rabbi Chaim Marder is the rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of White Plains. Rabbi Marder is involved in many communal organizations including the Vaad Harabonim, Vaad Hakashruth, and the Westchester Board of Rabbis. He is a Vice President of the Rabbinical

Council of America, and was recently recognized by the UJA Federation of New York with its annual Rabbinical Award.

Rabbi Marder is a native of Richmond, Va., and attended yeshiva in NY, including Yeshiva University where he received a BA, a Masters in Jewish History, and Rabbinical Ordination. He also studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel.

February 23, 2008
Rabbi Yitzchak Blau



Rabbi Yitzchak Blau serves as a Rebbe at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Efrat, Israel and previously taught at the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. He publishes widely in periodicals such as *The Torah U-Madda Journal*, *Tradition*, and *Ten Da'at*.

March 29, 2008
Professor Marc Shapiro



Professor Marc B. Shapiro received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and a B.A. from Brandeis University. He holds the the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Chair in Judaic Studies at the University of Scranton, and is considered one of the most important young scholars of Jewish religious history. Professor Shapiro is the author of several books and has published dozens of scholarly articles. His book *Between the Yeshiva World and Modern Orthodoxy* was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist.

June 14, 2008
President Richard Joel



Richard Joel was inaugurated as Yeshiva University's fourth president on September 21, 2003. Since assuming the presidency, President Joel has provoked an era of growth at Yeshiva University. He has catalyzed a renewed focus on academic excellence, enriched student life

and broadened service to the Jewish and wider communities. President Joel has appointed new deans for Yeshiva College and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, added faculty positions throughout the university, and spurred wide-ranging improvements to campus life.

President Joel is renowned nationally and internationally as a talented leader and gifted speaker. He has traveled the globe giving talks on topics of Jewish leadership and identity at numerous universities and Jewish Federations.

BDJ's 2007 – 2008 CLASSES

Beginner's Talmud

Wednesday Evenings, Beginning October 17
7:30 – 9:00PM in the Beit Medrash

Rabbi Ari Leubitz

This class is designed for those who have little or no experience with Talmud, but have always wanted to learn. Please join us as we explore this fascinating text that has single-handedly kept Jews intellectually and spiritually engaged for the last 1500 years. Our aim is to become acquainted with the structure and dialectic Talmudic debate, its unfolding line of logic and Talmudic terminology. We will have some fun too!

Parsha with Chazal

Wednesday Evenings, Beginning October 17
9:00PM in the Beit Medrash

Rabbi Dan Smokler

A look at the parshat hashavua as seen through the ideas of the Sages of the Talmud.

Talmud Shiur

Monday Evenings, Beginning October 15
7:30 – 9:00 PM in the Beit Medrash

Rabbi Kanefsky

Co-sponsored by NETIVOT women's learning program.

This year we'll be studying the 12th and 13th prakim of Shabbat, which take us into the challenging work of carefully defining and applying familiar melacha categories. These

will include the melachot of boneh (building), kotev (writing), and koshair (knotting) among others. As always, each shiur will begin with guided-havruta study, giving participants the opportunity to build independent learning skills.

Midrash Group

Tuesday mornings, Ongoing

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM in the Beit Medrash

The Midrash is a fascinating amalgam of Rabbinic wisdom, biblical interpretation and clever word play. Come join this vibrant study group, and get better acquainted with this wonderful text. Hebrew reading skills needed.

Bible

Thursday mornings, Beginning October 18

11:00 AM – Noon in the Beit Medrash

Rabbi Kanefsky

This year we will be picking up our study of the Books of Samuel with Chapter 20 of Samuel I. We will explore young David's life, as he lives on the run, trying to stay one step ahead of King Saul's murderous plans. We will continue our learning with Samuel II, which describes David's rise to the throne of Israel.

Tefilla Buddies & Learners' Minyan

Bnai David-Judea is blessed with the presence of people from a wide spectrum of Jewish backgrounds and education. The 'Tefilla Buddies' and 'Learner's Minyan' programs will provide opportunities for those less familiar with the Shabbat service, to learn about prayer from and with more experienced members of our community. As a 'Tefilla Buddies' participant you will have an initial out-of-shul meeting to get acquainted and to review the basic outline of the Shabbat morning davening. Then over the course of 3 or 4 Shabbat mornings, you will sit with your Tefilla Buddy in shul, as he or she provides pointers and other helpful information. Please contact Rabbi Leubitz to participate in this program. Dates for the Learners' Minyan will be announced following Sukkot.