

the Bialystoker Brief

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

"A little light," Judaism teaches us, "can dispel much darkness." As Chanuka—the festival of lights—rapidly approaches, this ever-timely message resonates even more strongly. We all have times where we muddle through life in what seems to be darkness—lack of faith, uncertainty, indecision and depression. Chanuka reminds us that adding even a little Torah to our lives has the unique ability to combat these ever-present foes.

In the weeks ahead, the Bialystoker Synagogue will be hosting two unique events which will make our immediate universe a little bit brighter.

The Rav Singer Chevra Mishnayos proudly invites the Lower East Side community to participate in a special Siyum on Seder Zeroim, the first Order of the Mishna, on Sunday, January 15th at 8 PM. The Bialystoker inaugurated the Chevra Mishnayos last year on the yohrzeit of the late Rav Yitzchok Aharon Singer zt"l, and will be finishing Seder Zeroim in conjunction with his fifth yohrzeit. Rav Singer devoted more than forty years of his life to spreading the light of Torah in the Lower East Side; this evening of Torah dedicated to his memory reminds us that "tzaddikim are deemed alive even after their passing." We invite all to join us in paying tribute to this giant of Torah and his brilliant legacy of illumination which still lights our collective paths.

At the Bialystoker, we believe that the light of Torah should be spread as far as we possibly can shine it. In that vein, Friday night, December 16th at 7:30 PM, our shul will host a special Friday night dinner aimed at exposing the beauty of Shabbos to those who have not been fortunate enough to experience it. Utilizing a combination of food, friendship, explanation, and song, we will attempt to convey to the participants that, in the words of King David, "taste and you shall see that G-d is good." The Herculean efforts of Malki Cohen, the Hon. Martin Shulman, and Mayer Sinensky have helped make this vision into a splendid reality. We urge our members to help us "get the word out" and ensure that as many of our unaffiliated neighbors take advantage of this unique opportunity as possible.

As we light the Chanuka candles this winter, let us resolve to utilize our glorious past to illuminate our promising future.

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e-mail: rav@bialystoker.org; home: 212-539-1220.*

Riddle:

How do you have a good time and raise money for the Bialystoker Sisterhood?

Answer:

Go to the movies!

That's what more than 70 of us did on Motzei Shabbos, November 5th at the Landmark's Sunshine Cinema on Houston Street where the heartwarming Israeli film "Ushpizin" is showing.

Thanks go to the members of the sisterhood who helped coordinate this enjoyable evening, and special kudos to Tova Peretz, who put the event together in just a few days!

Watch your e-mail/mail for the next Bialystoker Blockbuster!

—submitted by a sisterhood member

Join in the Bialystoker Synagogue Chanukah Gift Drive

and make Chanukah brighter for a foster child or adult with disabilities at OHEL Children's Home and Family Services/ Bais Ezra/Lifetime Care Foundation.

ONLY NEW GIFTS PLEASE!

Suggestions: toys, board games, video games, watches, English Judaica, cosmetics, electronics, cassettes, CD's, sports equipment & more.

DROP OFF LOCATION

**Bialystoker Synagogue
7-11 Bialystoker Place**

Mazel Tovs

Births

- Mazel tov to Judy Pernikoff on the birth of a great-grandson, Shmuel Mayer.
- Mazel tov to Avi & Aviva Vogel on the birth of a son.
- Mazel tov to Herby & Esther Stavsky on the birth of a grandson, Shalom, a son to Rena & Aryeh Sampson.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Dov & Faygie Tropper on the birth of a granddaughter, Bracha, a daughter to Elisheva & Dovid Gerstein.

Engagements

- Mazel tov to Leiby & Julie Dancziger on the engagement of their son, Sruli, to Esty Siff.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Yossi & Mindy Tannenbaum on the engagement of their granddaughter, Esty Siff, to Sruli Dancziger.

Bar Mitzvahs

- Mazel tov to Stuart & Fraeda Goldstein on the bar mitzvah of their son, Yaakov Eli.
- Mazel tov to Yitzchock & Suri Pilchick on the bar mitzvah of their son, Aaron Eli.

More Mazel Tovs

- Mazel tov to Rabbi Yossi & Mindy Tannenbaum on the bris of their grandson, Nachman (Nachi), son to Rabbi Azriel & Layie Siff.
- Mazel tov to Rabbi Mordy & Rivky Feinstein on the naming of their daughter Sarah.
- Mazel tov to Hon. Martin Shulman on his being elected New York State Supreme Court Judge.
- Mazel tov to William & Judy Rapfogel for being chosen by Sh'or YOSHUV to receive the Kesser Shev Tov award.

Please Note: These were events that were called into or emailed to the office, and we regret any omissions. If you would like your simcha to be added in the next issue, please let us know.

Sponsorships

Shabbos Parshas Noach, November 5

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Danny Stein

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Aaron & Judy Mitrani in honor of the engagement of their son Alan to Liz Panzer

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Danny Stein

Shabbos Parshas Lech Lecha, November 12

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by Yitzchak Dawidowitz in honor of his bar mitzvah

Kiddush (2nd Minyan): Sponsored by Dr. Alvin & Inge Mund in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his brother, Walter Mund

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Judah & Heidi Pattashnick in commemoration of the Holocaust yahrtzeits of his great aunts & great uncles

Shabbos Parshas Vayeira, November 19

Kiddush (1st Minyan): Sponsored by James & Shoshanna Sanders in honor of his Bar Mitzvah

Shalosh Seudos: Sponsored by Friends of Herman Reich in commemoration of his yahrtzeit

Additional Sponsorships

Aaron Hauptman & Betty Umlas, sponsors of the Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser shiur, in commemoration of the yahrtzeit of his father.

Rabbi & Mrs. Yaakov Goldberg, co-sponsors of the the Rabbi Lichtenstein lecture.

Condolences

- Nussie Fogel on the loss of his father, Abraham Fogel.
- Goldie Brown on the loss of her brother, Abraham Fogel.
- Rose Karmel on the loss of her brother, Moshe Siegel.

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Do you have something to contribute to the next issue of The Bialystoker Brief? Contact us at bialystoker@verizon.net or (212) 475-0165

Visit us on the web at www.bialystoker.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Benjamin
(*anniversary*)

Dr. Abraham Berkowitz

Mr. Charles Berman

Mrs. Sharon Davidowitz

Mrs. Devorah Erps

Miss Ayelet Glassberg

Mr. & Dr. Dov Goldman
(*anniversary*)

Miss Reina Goldman

Mr. Simcha Goldman

Mr. & Mrs. Meir Greenwald
(*anniversary*)

Miss Chana Jacob

Mr. Dovie Jacob

Mr. Yochanan Shaul Jacob

Mr. Yonah Jungreis

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Krinsky
(*anniversary*)

Mrs. Aviva Mermelstein

Mr. Elazar Mermelstein

Mr. Yosef Oldak

Mr. Simcha Peretz

Mrs. Rochelle Rubin

Mrs. Tova Schwed

Miss Tova Yehudis Solomon

Mrs. Sylvia Wilkenfeld

Miss Shira Frayda Wolfson

Reminder

If you have not yet fulfilled your yizkor pledge you may send it in to the shul.

If you have not yet paid your 2005 dues, please remit to the shul.

If a balance is still owed for the 2004 dinner, please send it in to the shul

If you have not paid for your high holiday tickets (\$75 per ticket) please send it in to the shul.

Save the Date

Tuesday, December 13th 6:30 PM—Sisterhood dinner at Eden Wok.
For reservations and more information please call 917-796-5539



NOACH VISITS THE DOWNTOWN SCHOOL FOR JUDAISM

Students at the Downtown School for Judaism were treated to a surprise visitor one Sunday -- the biblical Noach, who apparently managed to find a parking space for the Ark somewhere near Grand Street! Our Downtown School students impressed Noach (a.k.a. Rabbi Leibel Karmel, director of the ToTal school network) with their detailed knowledge of his exploits, and hastened to perform the mitzva of Hachnosas Orchim (welcoming guests) by offering him a snack and juice.

The Downtown School for Judaism meets every Sunday morning between 10:30 and 12:30. Morahs Esther Price and Naomi Sandel have recently been joined by Adella Korn in instilling their charges with Torah knowledge and boundless enthusiasm.

December 2005

Bialystoker Synagogue

חשון - כסלו תשס"ו

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos
<p>7-11 Bialystoker Place New York, NY 10002 Phone: (212) 475-0165 Fax: (212) 420-8660 www.bialystoker.org E-mail: info@bialystoker.org</p>	<p>Kiddush Levana: Sunday, 4 December - Wednesday, 14 December, all night</p>					
<p>4 ג' כסלו Earliest Tefillin 6:08 AM Latest Shma 9:25 AM Mincha 4:15 PM Maariv 5:00 PM במעריריב: ורתן טל ומסר Daf: 60</p>	<p>5 ד' כסלו Daf: 61</p>	<p>6 ה' כסלו Daf: 62</p>	<p>7 ו' כסלו Daf: 63</p>	<p>8 ז' כסלו Daf: 64</p>	<p>9 ח' כסלו Daf: 65</p>	<p>10 ט' כסלו Daf: 66</p>
<p>11 י' כסלו Earliest Tefillin 6:13 AM Latest Shma 9:29 AM Mincha 4:15 PM Maariv 5:00 PM Daf: 67</p>	<p>12 י"א כסלו Daf: 68</p>	<p>13 י"ב כסלו Daf: 69</p>	<p>14 י"ג כסלו Daf: 70</p>	<p>15 י"ד כסלו Daf: 71</p>	<p>16 ט"ו כסלו Daf: 72</p>	<p>17 ט"ז כסלו Daf: 73</p>
<p>18 י"ז כסלו Earliest Tefillin 6:17 AM Latest Shma 9:33 AM Mincha 4:20 PM Maariv 5:05 PM Daf: 74</p>	<p>19 י"ח כסלו First Shacharis: 6:05 Daf: 75</p>	<p>20 י"ט כסלו Daf: 76</p>	<p>21 כ' כסלו Daf: 77</p>	<p>22 כ"א כסלו First Shacharis: 6:05 Daf: 78</p>	<p>23 כ"ב כסלו Daf: 79</p>	<p>24 כ"ג כסלו Daf: 80</p>
<p>25 כ"ד כסלו Earliest Tefillin 6:19 AM Latest Shma 9:37 AM Mincha 4:25 PM Maariv 5:10 PM light one candle Daf: 81</p>	<p>26 כ"ה כסלו Legal Holiday א' חנוכה First Shacharis: 6:05 Additional Shacharis: 9:15 AM Shiur at 9:30 AM light two candles Daf: 82</p>	<p>27 כ"ו כסלו Daf: 83</p>	<p>28 כ"ז כסלו Daf: 84</p>	<p>29 כ"ח כסלו Daf: 85</p>	<p>30 כ"ט כסלו Daf: 86</p>	<p>31 ל' כסלו Daf: 87</p>
<p>Parshas Toldos Mincha: 4:00 PM Maariv: 5:16 PM Daf: 59</p>						
<p>Parshas Vayetzei Mincha: 4:00 PM Maariv: 5:15 PM Daf: 66</p>						
<p>Parshas Vayishlach Mincha: 4:00 PM Maariv: 5:16 PM Daf: 66</p>						
<p>Parshas Vayeishev מברכים החרדש Mincha: 4:00 PM Maariv: 5:20 PM Daf: 80</p>						
<p>Parshas Mikeitz Rosh Chodesh שבת חנוכה Mincha: 4:05 PM Maariv: 5:24 PM light seven candles Daf: 87</p>						

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun: 6:15, 7, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15
M, TH: 6:00, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30
T, W, F: 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30

Weekday Mincha & Maariv:

 see Sunday | | Sunday - Thursday: 8:00 PM Shabbos: one hour before mincha | | Sunday Shiurim: Rabbi Romm's Mishlei: 7:45 AM Rav Singer Chevra Mishnayos: Daily between Mincha & Maariv | | Shabbos Shacharis: 7:00 AM 9:00 AM Shabbos Afternoon Shiur: 3:30 PM |

Bialystoker Synagogue/ UJC Chanukah Chagiga

Tuesday, December 27, 2005 6:30 PM

At the Orenstein Building, 15-17 Willett Street

Entertainment, Music, Food, Prizes & so much more....



The **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL** thru December 12th is \$36.00 per family. (payment must be made before December 12th- the informational flyer must be filled out as well.). The cost includes admission, food & all the fun of the evening!

Once again, we will be collecting toys for the Ohel Childrens Toy Drive. For each toy you bring you will receive a FREE raffle ticket!

Please send in this form with your payment. \$36 per family by December 12th, or \$50 per family after December 12th. The cost per person is \$10

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- Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- # of children: \_\_\_\_\_
- Childrens ages: \_\_\_\_\_
- school children attend: \_\_\_\_\_
- telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_
- e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
- where did you hear about the chagiga?: \_\_\_\_\_
- what programming would you like to see in the future?  
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*Please mail or bring the form to: 7-11 Willett Street, NY, NY 10002*



# THE LOWER EAST SIDE COMMUNITY

*cordially invites the entire neighborhood to the  
**forth** in a series of 10 lectures to be  
given monthly by*

Harav Yitzchok Lichtenstein

Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva Orchos Chaim, Monsey NY

Tuesday, December 27th (27 Kislev)

9:00 PM

"Chanukah Themes"

to take place at

The Bialystoker Synagogue

7-11 Bialystoker Place (Willet Street)

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

*This program is sponsored by all the major shuls on the Lower East Side*

# Bialystoker Synagogue

## *Legal Holiday Shiur Series*

*is pleased to present*

**RABBI AHARON KAHN**

*Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchonon  
Rav, Congregation Beis HaKnesses, Flatbush*

*who will be speaking on*

**"Chanuka:  
The Miracle of the Physical"**

**Monday, December 26, 2005**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Bialystoker Synagogue**  
**7-11 Willet Street**

**Men and women are welcome**

*A light breakfast will be served*

***BIALYSTOKER SYNAGOGUE***

***PRESENTS A***

***PRE- CHANUKAH***

**Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach**  
**Style Kabbalat Shabbat**

Featuring

***Yisroel Williger***

**Mincha, Friday Dec, 23rd at 4:25pm**

**Bialystoker Shul, 7-11 Bialystoker Place**

**Friday Night dinner by reservation at 6:00 pm**

**Call (212) 475-0165 for reservations**

***Shabbat Accommodations Available Upon Request***

**ALL are welcome to an oneg Shabbat with**  
**Yisroel Williger**

**8pm on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**in the Orenstein Pavilion**

**15 Bialystoker Place, Lower East Side, NY**



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### **Rabbi Avraham Sarfaty**

*Rav, Cong. Chayei Olam, Passaic, NJ  
Tanach Rebbe, Isaac Breuer College*

*who will be speaking on*

**"The Tribe of Yehuda:  
Destined for Royalty?"**

**Monday, January 2, 2005**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Bialystoker Synagogue**

**7-11 Willet Street**

**Men and women are welcome**

*A light breakfast will be served*