

For more information:
info@familychavurah.com

October 1, 2009

Volume 1, Issue 5



Closer to each other ...
Closer to G-d

SAVE THESE DATES!

10/9—Shabbat/Shemini
Atzeret Service and
dinner in the Sukkah
10/12—Portion of the
Portion (Torah class)
10/14—How to Read
Hebrew class
10/18—Torah Teens
10/18—Rosh Chodesh

The Family Chavurah
9553 NW 42nd Court
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Phone: 954-575-9243
info@familychavurah.com

Rabbi Alejandro Lilienthal
Sandra Lilienthal

Check out our website:
www.familychavurah.com

Shemini Atzeret??? What's that???

Just five days after Yom Kippur, we celebrate Sukkot. Unfortunately, many people are “shuled-out” after Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur and miss out on this wonderful holiday. Did you know there is a theory that the first Thanksgiving in America was celebrated by a group of Jews, who were commemorating Sukkot? Sukkot gives us insight into the Jewish approach toward material possessions, our relationship with G-d and the meaning of life. Ultimately, no matter how solid our “walls” are, we cannot completely shut out death and disaster from our lives. G-d does not promise to protect us from all evil, but rather to support us and assist us in facing evil and

overcoming it.

After seven days of such a close relationship with G-d, who dwells in the sukkah with us, comes Shemini Atzeret—the eighth day. The great biblical commentator Rashi teaches us that after holding such proximity with God for almost a month (Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot), G-d wants us to stay an extra day! It is hard for G-d to see us go back to our normal daily lives, so removed from Him. So He says—please give me an extra day! We hope you can join us on October 9th, as we celebrate Shabbat and this special extra day of a spiritual relationship with God.

Thank You!

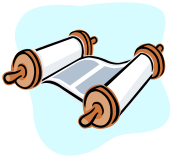
- To all the families who contributed for the Break the Fast: Benaroch, Clewner, Fellner, Fellner, Hoffman, Holtzman, Malamud, Mkam, Moses, Sands. We could not have done it without you!!!
- To the Moses family, for their generous Yom Kippur donation.

KEEP YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Our Classes are Starting!

Portion of the Portion: Rabbi Lilienthal will discuss the weekly Torah portion from various perspectives, including what lessons we can apply to our daily lives.

Every Monday, at 7:30pm.



The holidays will soon be behind us. We have gone through Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and soon will have gone through Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. We have renewed our will to grow spiritually, and The Family Chavurah will be offering two weekly classes. Please join us if you are interested in learning more! Our classes are free and open to everyone who is interested. Bring a friend with you!



Learn How to Read

Hebrew: Mike Mkam will make it easy and fun for you to learn Hebrew!

Every Wednesday, at 7:30pm.



Rosh Chodesh Women's Study Group

Our next Rosh Chodesh meeting, celebrating the month of Cheshvan, will be held on Sunday, October 18th, at 7:30pm.

Our theme for this month will be What Can We Learn from our Matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.



If you have never been to a Rosh Chodesh Meeting, this might be the time to try it out! It is a wonderful opportunity for

women to get together, study, pray, socialize and leave spiritually renewed!

The following meeting will be:

Kislev—Nov. 16th, 7:30pm, discussing the Jewish View on Giving Thanks.

Torah Teens at Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital

On October 18th, our Torah Teens will be having their first "field trip".

We will start at the home of Robert and Michelle Fellner, studying Jewish texts regarding the mitzvah of Bikkur Cholim (visiting the sick).

After that, the youngsters will



go to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital and spend some time with sick children, making a craft project with them. Those who have seen the Ocean Bottles know how special they

are! We are in need of baby oil bottles, so if you have one or two you can donate, let us know before October 18th.

The program will end with a taste of Israeli food—the group will stop by a kosher restaurant in Hollywood to enjoy a falafel dinner!

HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY:

Broward County Tikkun Olam Day

On November 22nd, the Jewish Federation of Broward County will hold its Fifth Annual Community-Wide Tikkun Olam Day. From 12:30 to 5:00pm, we will join other synagogues to help Women in Distress. We would love to have many of you join us and have a good participation of The Family Chavurah. Participants must be age 10 or older.

Project activities will include painting, landscaping, food pantry, sorting of donated items, and other projects.

Pre-registration is necessary. Due to security issues, no one can be admitted without pre-registering. Both kids and adults can sign up at www.jewishbroward.org

Please join us and help us show our commitment to make the world a better place!



Help Us Help Our Community!

We are collecting the following items to be donated.

Toiletries—new, small and medium sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, comb, brush, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, moisturizer.

Bedding and Bath—new twin bed sheets and pillowcases,

bath towels and wash cloths.

Office Supplies—pens, scissors, copy paper, markers, staples.

Household Cleaning Supplies—paper towels, liquid dishwasher soap. Laundry soap, powder bleach.

Instant hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes.

Big rubber chew toys for dogs, pin pong balls for cats.

Clinical Supplies—rubbing alcohol, white towels, KMR kitten milk replacer, Esbilac puppy milk replacer.

Please contact Nina Benaroch (craftybunny@bellsouth.net) for more information or pick-up.

Teen Girls' Group

For girls ages 12 to 16, we are planning on starting a group which will meet once a month to talk about issues relevant to Jewish teen girls in the 21st century. For girls who like arts and crafts, baking, having fun and interesting conversation, the meetings will be led by Yael Lilienthal. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail us at Sandra@familychavurah.com