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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

April 3	5:50PM
April 10	5:51PM
April 17	5:52PM
April 24	5:53PM

ROSH CHODESH

April 24 and 25

WEEKLY

Sunday: 8:00 am Minian/ 9:30 am Hebrew School

Monday: 7:15 am Minian Shacharit

Tuesday: 11:00 am class with Rabbanit

Thursday: 7:15 am Minian Shacharit

Friday: 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat: 9:30 am Minian followed by Kiddush
12:45 pm Mincha/ 4:15 pm class with
Rabbi Followed by Seudat Shlishit, Arvit and havdala

BAR MITZVAH STYLE CELEBRATION of Danniel Karseboom

April 26 2009 at 11AM at the Synagogue

Please See Attached Invitation

THE JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Invites you to Come Celebrate With Us

Israel's 61st Independence Day

April 26, 2009

12 Noon At The Synagogue

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BOOK DONATION

Attached is a listing of the books donated by Tal Shem Tov and Rabbi Haim Talmid. The beginning of the list are the books in English and the last 2 pages are the books in Hebrew. Come to the library and browse and borrow them.

We are still looking for a part time librarian. Anyone interested please contact Claire in the office.

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Why do we
salt?

QUESTION

dip bread in

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

Why are there 2 loaves of Challah used for the blessing on Shabbot?

The two loaves represent the extra portion of manna Hashem provided on Shabbot

PURIM PARTY



On Sunday the 8th of March, the community had its very own Purim party. Everyone dressed up, including some parents who dressed up as Prince Charming. I'm sure all of the little princesses had fun with that. Every single one of the little boys and girls dressed up for the party. Which included appearances from Spider Man, Snow White, Cleopatra, a Bride, Queen Esther and other beautiful princesses and handsome princes.

With this Purim party I'm going to start the very first annual, Purim Prince and Princess award. And the Purim Prince goes to..... Ori who dressed up as a very adorable sailor, and the Purim Princess goes to.... Yael who dressed up as a very snazzy Hawaiian girl. Other awards are, The Awesome Costume award which goes to Belinda Fragman and Shay Newman. The kids seemed to be having a pretty fun time, with tables around the room set up with glitter, masks and presents which all the kids gave to all of their friends. Not a frown in sight on this magical day.

Fondue was served thanks to Maricar, as well some candied apples. And finally Daday's famous ice cream, vanilla and chocolate chip. Music by the band played, which is always good whenever we have a party. Be sure to check out their concert at Pasay. A final comment I'd like to say before I end my part of the newsletter is, how beautiful the decorations were, from the castle to all the signs and beautiful pictures everyone drew. Overall a fun party for all the kids.

BLAKE CASSEY BLUMENTHAL

The Purim Party



The *Purim Party* was fun and exciting. The kids had a lot of things to do there. They had *baking, making masks and more...*

The food was terrific! I'm sure everyone loved it! All the people saw they're friends they never saw in a long time and gathered around, talked and had some fun. When I saw all the other families including mine I saw that everyone was enjoying the party!!! This party really made everyone and every family happy!

Hope you did too!!! 😊

- ❤️ Belinda Fragman ❤️ -



MAZAL TOV
Yehuda and Nori
Ortal
on the birth of their
son

**PHILIPPINE-JEWISH HISTORY:
EZRA TOEG, THE COMMUNITY'S
LEADER**

One of the leading forces in the community in the last 60 years was a man named Ezra Toeg. As many others, he came to Manila by accident or by circumstance. His family left Iraq in the late 19th Century in search of a better life. They went to Bombay, India where Ezra was born in 1917. When he was one year old his family moved to Shanghai and started a lumber business. Ezra arrived in Manila with his mother in November 1941 to try to purchase a lumber concession. He got stuck in the city when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor the next month. As his mother still had an Iraqi passport they were not interned. (Ezra cleverly pasted his photo on his mother's passport and told the authorities that that was the way it was done in Iraq.) They kept themselves alive selling coal from a pushcart. After the war Ezra decided to stay in the Philippines. He married Esther whose family had come from Turkey during World War I. A religious man, Ezra had learned ritual slaughter in Shanghai and was well versed in Jewish laws and customs. He acted as the "unofficial" rabbi of the community for many years. For his own wedding, he slaughtered over 400 chickens and turkeys. He led the community in prayer and walked seven miles each way in the hot sun to Saturday services in the synagogue (Orthodox Jews do not drive on the Sabbath) He always made sure that a Jewish visitor in Manila had a place to stay and a kosher meal. He gave Hebrew language and Jewish history classes in private homes and acted as a one-man burial society. Ezra Toeg remained in Manila until 1990 when he left for medical reasons. He died in the United States in 1991.

BETSY MALCA

Tuesday Ladies Group



Once a week, each Tuesday, the ladies of the Jewish community gather together in the social hall to learn about and discuss interesting topics, issues and concerns relating to Judaism. Rabbanit Miriam heads, holds, facilitates and prepares for these weekly meetings. There are usually around 8 ladies present on a regular basis and on a good day, we have more.

These meetings are a venue for us to share our thoughts about the topic prepared for a given day as well as give us the opportunity to clarify questions that arise from the discussion. This week we discussed the role of the Kohanim.

After all the stimulating conversation, as we digest all the food for thought, we are treated to refreshments and a sumptuous lunch.

Last Tuesday, after a long spell of absence, due to my falling ill in October of 2008, I was finally able to once again join the ladies for our weekly meeting. It felt great to reconnect with all the ladies again and to get out of the house for a much needed change of scenery.

Rina Cardema

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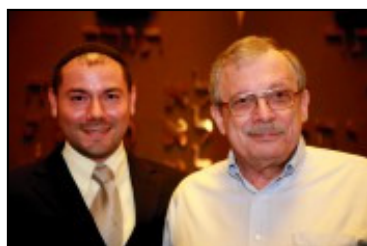
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YAACOV'S BRIT



BIRKAT HACHAMA ברכת החמה



Praying Prior to Birkat Hachama Prayers

Waiting for the Sun

Sun Shines and Prayers Start

Every 28 years the sun returns to the same position it was in the sky when the world was created. This occurred Wednesday, April 8, this year. When one sees it on that morning, he recites the blessing of "Who makes the work of creation".

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With Pride and Joy

Kenneth and Emma Karseboom would like to invite

You to share a special moment

As we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah Style Celebration of our son

Danniel Karseboom

Sunday April 26, 2009 11:00 AM,

Bachrach Hall, Beth Yaakov Synagogue,

110 H.V. De la Costa street Corner Tordesillas Street.

Kiddush Barbecue luncheon immediately

Following the service, to coincide with the

Israeli Independence Day celebration!

ATZMAUT
BBQ SENSATION

THE JEWISH ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
Come Celebrate With Us Israel's 61st Independence Day
April 26 2009
12 Noon At The Synagogue
110 H.V. de la Costa corner Tordesillas Makati

Members Fee: 300
Nonmember Fee: 350
Age 61 and above are exempt!!!

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Featuring:
***food**
***dancing**
***kids activities**

Books in English

60Days, A Spiritual Guide to the High Holidays
A Call to the Infinite
A Legacy of Leaders
A Philosophy of Mitzvot
A Treasury of Sephardic Laws & Customs
Acts of the Mind in Jewish Ritual Law
Anatomy of the Soul
Before Hashem You Shall Be Purified
Biomedical Ethics and Jewish Law
Bread and Fire Jewish Women Find God in the Everyday
Business Halachah A Practical Halaching Guide to Modern Business
Climbing Jacob's Ladder
Contemporary Halakhic Problems Volume I
Contemporary Halakhic Problems Volume II
Contemporary Halakhic Problems Volume III
Contemporary Halakhic Problems Volume IV
Contemporary Halakhic Problems Volume V
Days of Celebration, Days of Inspiration
Dear Rabbi, Dear Doctor
Fom Pulpit..... To Couch.....
Fossils & Faith
From Central Park to Sinai, How I Found ny Jewish Soul
Generation to Generation
Handbook of Jewish Thought
Happiness and the Human Spirit
Head to Heart
Head to Heart, What To Know Before Dating & Marriage
Hilchot Chagim Laws and Customs of the Jewish Year
Honoring Parents in Halachah
How to Prevent an Inter-marriage
I'd Like to Call for Help, but I Don't Know the Number
If You Were God
In The Beginning
Inner Space
Inviting God In
Inward Bound
Jerusalem The Eye of the Universe
Judaism and Healing
Kabbalah
Let Us Make Man
Lights Along The Way
Living Kaddish
Living The Halachic Process
Love Like Fire and Water , A Guide to Jewish Meditation

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Eretz Hemidah Institute
Rebbe Rashab

Maimonides Introduction to the Talmud	Translated by Zvi Lampel
Marriage	Rabbi Zelig Pliskin
Martial Intimacy	Rabbi Avraham Peretz Friedman
Meditation and Kabbalah	Aryeh Kaplan
Meditation and the Bible	Aryeh Kaplan
Mind, Body and Judaism	Shatz & Wolowelsky
Moral Issues of the MarketPlace in Jewish Law	Aaron Levine
More Precious Than Pearls	Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller
One Baby Step at a Time	Chana (Jenny) Weisberg
Outside Inside	Gila Manolson
Permission to Believe	Lawrence Kelemen
Permission to Receive	Lawrence Kelemen
Pirkei Avos, Teaching for Our Times	Rabbi Berel Wein
Practical Inner Torah	Miriam Millhauser Castle
Rabbi Frand on the Parashah 1 & 2	Rabbi Yissocher Frand
Rejoice in Your Festivals	Rabbi Zvi Dov Kanotopsky
Rosh Hashanah Reader	Tebah
Sabbath Day of Eternity	Aryeh Kaplan
Secrets of the Future Temple	Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto
Self-Improvement - I'm Jewish	Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski MD
Shabbos with Rav Pam	Rabbi Shlomo Smith
Simchah It's Not Just Happiness	Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski MD
Successful Relationships	Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski MD
Sukkot Reader	Tebah
Tell Me The Story of Parashah Bamidbar	Rabbi Y. Hopkovitz
Tell Me The Story of Parashah Beraishis	Rabbi Y. Hopkovitz
Tell Me The Story of Parashah Devarim	Rabbi Y. Hopkovitz
Tell Me The Story of Parashah Shemos	Rabbi Y. Hopkovitz
Tell Me The Story of Parashah Vayikra	Rabbi Y. Hopkovitz
The 8 Chapters of the Rambam	Rabbi Yaakov Feldman
The Anthology of Jewish Mysticism	Raphael Ben Zion
The Art of Education, Internalizing Ever-New Horizons	Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburgh
The Art of Jewish Prayer	Yitzchok Kirzner with Lisa Aiken
The Aryeh Kaplan Anthology 1	Aryeh Kaplan
The Beast that Crouches at the Door	Rabbi David Fohrman
The Book of Our Heritage The Jewish Year & Its Days of Significance	Eliyahu Kitov
The First Year of Marriage	Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski MD
The Intimate Light	Aryeh Kaplan
The Jewish Ethicist, Everyday Ethics for Business and Life	Asher Meir
The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning	Maurice Lamm
The Koren Jerusalem Bible	Koren
The Magic Touch	Gila Manolson
The Mystical Nature of Light	Avraham Arie Trugman
The Pursuit of Justice and Jewish Law	Michael J. Broyde
The Real Messiah?	Aryeh Kaplan

The Sanctity of Shabbos
 The Sephardic Kitzur Shulchan Aruch
 The Shabbos Companion
 The Spirits Behind The Law
The Spirits Behind The Law 2 sets
 The Story of Tisha B'Av
 The Warriors of Transcendence
 The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet
 The World of Prayer
 To Be A Jewish Woman
 To Comfort To Cure
To Comfort To Cure 2 sets
 Transforming Darkness into Light
 Twerski on Chumash
 Twerski on Spirituality
 Twerski on Prayer
 Understanding the Afterlife in This Life
 Unlocking The Torah Text
Unlocking The Torah Text 2sets
 Visions of the Fathers
 Visiting The Sick
 Waters of Eden
 What You Need to Know About KABBALAH
 Why Marry Jewish?
 Why We Fight and How We Can Stop, The Third Side
 WorldPerfect
 Yom Kippur Reader
 Gutnick Chumash

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 Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburgh
 Doron Kornbluth
 William Ury
 Ken Spiro
 Tebah
 Rabbi Chaim Miller

			ספר	כרכים	המחבר
פלא יועץ	2	רבי אליעזר פאפו	שולחן ערוך הבהיר	13	מר"ן
ארזי הלבנון	4	הרב שמעון ואנונו	ארעה טורים	11	מר"ן
אברבנל על התורה	5	רבינו יצחק אברבנאל	מאורות הדף היומי	6	מאורות הדף היומי
לרעך כמוך	5	הרב דוד אריאב	משניות קהתי	13	הרב קהתי
תורה תמימה	5	הרב ברוך הלוי עפשטיין	נך מקראות גדולות	13	מקראות גדולות
המהפך הרב זמיר כהן	1	הרב זמיר כהן	פרפראות לתורה	5	הרב מנחם בקר
בעין יהודית	4	הרב יוחנן דוד סלומון	מילון ארמי עברי	1	עזרא ציון מלמד
ספר חסידים	2	רבינו יהודה החסיד	המאורות הגדולים	7	אחד עשר מפרשי רש"י
הגאון	1	יונתן בן שלום	ילקוט יוסף	26	הרב יצחק יוסף
אני בת מצווה	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	שוטנשטיין	46	עוז והדר
זכות אבות	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	הלבוש	7	הרב הגאון מרדכי יפה
טעמי הבשם	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	החינוך	2	
אני בר מצווה	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	תנא דבי אליהו	2	
ברית שלום	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	טהרת הבית	2	הרב עובדיה יוסף
עולמו של יהודי	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	דברי השקפה	1	הרב סולובייציק
עונג השבת	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	על התשובה	1	הרב סולובייציק
מסע אל פסגת הר סיני	1	הרב מרדכי נויגרשל	אדם וביתו	1	
נפש החיים	1	הרב חיים ואלוזין	עבודה שבלב	1	הרב סולובייציק
מה השאלה	1	הרב שלמה אלירם	מן הסערה	1	הרב סולובייציק
אבות דרבי נתן	1				

ברית הנשואין	1	הרב יצחק גינזבורג
קול חתן וקול כלה	1	הרב שלמה אלירם
משפחתנו כוחנו	1	הרב ירמיהו אברמוב
רוח צפונית	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
התבהרות	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
מודעות טבעית	1	הרב יצחק גינזבורג
איש ההלכה	1	הרב סולובייציק
ימי זכרון	1	הרב סולובייציק
היכל הגוונים המשתנים	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
אור פנימי	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
למעלה מן הזמן	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
הלב והמעין	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
כנפיים	1	הרב ארז משה דורון
ספר החזיונות	1	רבינו חיים ויטאל
התודעה	1	
ארכת חיים	1	הרא"ש
אהבת חסד	1	החפץ חיים
זמן חירותנו	1	הרב סולובייציק
מדרש שוחר טוב	1	
דברי הגות ומחשבה	1	הרב סולובייציק
פרקי דרבי אליעזר	1	
אמונה בזמנים משתנים	1	הרב סולובייציק
האדם ועולמו	1	הרב סולובייציק
הסתרים באסתר	1	הרב אברהם ריבלין

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