

## ***New Light News January, 2018***

### **A Word from the Rabbi**

Dear Friends,

For the last 17 months, we have critically and deeply read the Book of Proverbs with our friends at the Rodman Street Baptist Church in East Liberty. This seed was planted by Pastors Taleeta and Darryl Canada with the intervention of Pastor James Brown and with me of course. It has been an eye opening and spiritual experience. The parallel study idea grew out of our ongoing celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. on his January birthday. We meet once a year – why not meet to study the Bible once a month. Well, once a month grew in a demand for twice a month. We carefully steered around each other's schedules and always learning about each other's holidays and rituals.

We plumbed the depths of Proverbs which is a scrapbook of wise advice to the king, differences between righteous and wicked, wise men and women and fools, charitable people and stingy, rich and poor, education of children, women of valor and women of seduction. This list doesn't do Proverbs justice in the wide ranging topics and controversial issues it covers. How does one attain wisdom? What is the connection between God and wisdom? How does one live when that wisdom is threatened?

What I loved about the class was the confidence everyone had to speak honestly about their faith and how the proverbs redounded with them personally. I appreciated Pastor Brown's prayer before and after each session. I appreciated meeting with him every two weeks to pour through commentaries from the Jewish and Christian perspectives. There is much in the Rabbi's teachings and Jesus' teachings that draw from the practical philosophy of Proverbs.

As always, this year we will meet at Rodman Sunday, January 14th at 4:00 not only to celebrate a modern day preacher and practitioner of the Word, Martin Luther King Jr., but also to acknowledge all those who walked this very different path of Adult Education since August 2016. It was an inspiring experience!

Yours in faith,

Rabbi

### **The Book of Proverbs**

Join our friends from the Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church **at Rodman Street** for the **FINAL Book of Proverbs class on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

### **The Tales of Elijah and Elisha**

Our next Adult Education offering will meet in our new building (5898 Wilkins Ave.) on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 PM. We will do a close reading of the Elijah and Elisha narratives in the Bible (Book of Kings). This short class will teach the meaning of the early Prophets in Israel's ancient history.



## Presidents' Report

Happy New Year to All!

After the rush of the past several months, December was back to normal (almost). We finally closed on our old home on December 15th. The Yeshivah held Shabbat services there the following weekend. In addition, it is our understanding that Dor Hadash has decided to stay at 5898 Wilkins, rather than move to Beth Shalom.

The Chanukah party was a great success, with announcements of the Steeler score in between singing. It was held in the main TOLOLS social hall, the Pavilion.

The sanctuary is – again, that word “almost” – complete. The plaques, our Nir Tamid, Ten Commandments and wall pictures have been installed. There are several projects in the works, including inside and outside signage announcing our presence in the building, and expanding the width of the bimah.

A special plea: Please consider attending services Sunday morning. We consistently have between eight and nine in attendance; but we need ten. Because of a lack of a minyan, we have been joining the TOLOLS service.

Finally, the Religious Committee intends to propose changing the start time for Shabbat services in February to 10AM. The end time would remain at 12:15PM.

Stephen Cohen  
Barbara Caplan



*Barry Werber, Dan Stein and Anne Caplan lead Friday night services in front of the newly installed Nir Tamid and Ten Commandments*

## January Meetings

- Board Meeting, Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM
- Men's Club, Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM
- Sisterhood, Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM

## Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

We will join the Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church, 6111 Rodman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Movie Night

Our next movie night is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM – movie TBA.

## Trip to Flight 93 National Memorial

The Men's Club is presenting a trip to the Flight 93 National Memorial, Shanksville, PA, on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. See the enclosed flyer for details.

## Passover Dates

Early notice – the first seder is March 30<sup>th</sup>. Services are March 31, April 1, April 5 and April 7 (Yizkor). Watch for details in the March newsletter.

## Central Scholarship and Loan Referral Service

Applications for need based scholarships from the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh are available at <http://www.centralscholarship.org>. All applications are due by **February 12, 2018**.

### January Birthdays

Richard Gottfried  
Larry Kanterman  
Ida Kubrick  
Judy Pearlman  
Beth Perlman  
Debbie Salvin  
Carl Solomon

### January Anniversaries

Rachelle & Stephen Grobstein  
Judith and Ronald Rager  
Michelle & Joel Reisz

## Reminders

- To purchase Memorial Plaques, Simcha Tree Leaves or Stones contact Ileen Portnoy 412-683-7985.
- To sponsor an Oneg in honor of that special person/event or for no reason at all call Hugh Casper 412-421-7619.
- To sponsor a Sunday morning breakfast contact Dan Stein 412-521-5231
- To purchase bricks for our "Garden of Freedom" or sponsor a Kiddush luncheon contact Barbara Caplan 412-521-4332
- To purchase Enjoy Books, call Sharyn Stein at 412-521-5231
- For information on our cemetery contact Myron Snider at 412-235-7085

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