



Congregation Schara Tzedek

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Shabbat Bulletin

November 24, 2007 14 Kislev 5768

D'var Torah Rabbi Tzvi Leshem

When *Avram's* and *Sarai's* names were changed to *Avraham* and *Sara*, the old names fell into disuse and we are enjoined not to use them. *Yaacov* on the other hand, receives the new name of *Yisrael*, yet throughout the Biblical narrative both names are used, seemingly interchangeably. The Netziv writes that *Yaacov* represents nature and physicality, whereas *Yisrael* is the name of miracles and spirituality. The Jewish people is inherent both names, representing different facets of our collective persona, just as *Yaacov*, a complex individual, requires two names to portray his multifaceted being. He is *tiferet* — beauty, representing the balance between *chesed* — loving-kindness and *gevura* — self-restraint. Thus he is also *emet* — truth. It is perhaps fitting that such a complex man would need two wives! The Zohar has a very rich portrayal of Leah and Rachel. Leah is *alma d'itkasia*, the hidden world of *bina*, whereas Rachel is *alma d'itgalia*, the revealed world of *malchut*. While normally it is forbidden to marry two sisters, *Yaacov* must marry both of them to serve as the meeting grounds for these two profoundly different spiritual forces. The fact that he is the patriarch whose bed is perfect, for all of his children are righteous, is a result of this marriage and the cause of *Am Yisrael's* future holiness. *Yaacov's* marriage to Leah and Rachel was not always easy. He had to balance himself between their differing needs and have the flexibility to move between them without confusing each one's unique style and approach. He needed to switch back and forth between the Leah mode (*Yisrael?*) and the Rachel mode (*Yaacov?*) day in and day out. Nowadays we only have one spouse and often find that a difficult balancing act, as we contend with changing needs and

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Service Times

This Shabbat
Mincha 3:50 pm
Havdallah 5:07 pm

This Week
Sun. - Thur.
M/MV 4:10 pm

Friday
M/MV 4:00 pm
CI 3:59 pm

Our thanks to Benjamin Ames who will lead the conclusion of services this week.

Save The Date - NCSY Chinese Auction Saturday, Dec. 15th

If you would like to donate prizes, or for more information, please call Rabbi Nachi Paris 604-773-5139.

NCSY is hitting the road this Winter for **CARAVAN WEST**: an amazing eight day trip down the West Coast. Starting in Vancouver, we'll be heading south to Los Angeles for the most unbelievable trip we've ever done.

Save the Date: December 25-30, 2007 - Stay tuned for more details.

NCSY Latte & Learning

with Rabbi Paris
Mondays - 7:15 pm
Vancouver,
Starbucks, 22nd & Oak

NCSY Latte & Learning

with Rabbi Berger
Thursdays - 7:15 pm
Starbucks, Richmond
#2 Rd. & Blundell



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A Tribute to Volunteers

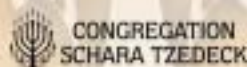
HONORING
**Oscar Dirnfeld
& Julius Steinberg**

for their years of dedication
and contribution to
Schara Tzedek

at the Schara Tzedek
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 28
7:30 - 9pm

Please join us as we celebrate
and recognize the important
contributions of
our volunteers!



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unexpected mood shifts. We too are complex personalities and our relationships are very dynamic. Within each man are aspects of *Yaacov* and *Yisrael*, within each woman, aspects of Leah and Rachel. In a sense *Yaacov* had it easy. He knew which wife he was speaking to at any given moment. We, on the other hand, are not always sure with which spouse we are speaking! May we merit clear self awareness and awareness of our closest Other in order to properly balance our roles. May our work in this microcosm help us and all of *Am Yisrael* lived balanced lives of *avodat haShem*. Shabbat Shalom.

Cantor's Riddle

Submitted by Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis

I am a very knowledgeable Jewish man, over the age of Bar Mitzvah, with no blemish to my character whatsoever. I am regularly given honours in Shul and I can recite a Haftarah without need for any preparation. However, there are 7 Haftarot every year that my shul (and every other Shul) will not call me up to chant. Why?

Member Announcements

Mazel Tov to Oscar Dirnfeld and Julius Steinberg on being honored at this year's AGM for their years of dedication and service to Schara Tzedek! Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov to you both!

Mazel Tov to Natalie & Neal Chark who have undertaken the challenge of being one of our Iron Kiddush Chef competitors this Shabbat! Todah Rabah!!

Mazel Tov to Jeffrey & Dina Sacks on the birth of their new baby daughter, Sidney Maya. Mazel Tov to the proud grandparents, Abe & Leyla Sacks, and Samir & Birgitta Abdour.

Our thanks to Irving Glassner for sponsoring the Noreen Glassner Memorial Lecture and our first Shabbat Scholar Series evening of the year featuring Dr. Michael Behe. Today Rabah & Yasher Koach!

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Congregation Schara Tzedek's
CHANUKAH PARTY
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2007
Great Food - Great Entertainment!
CANDLELIGHTING 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm
Tickets: \$22 adults
\$10 6-12
5 & under free
Susy Siegel Catering
Pre-Registration Only
Reservations: 604.736.7607
3476 Oak Street Vancouver

Child Care & Children's Programs

Ages 2- 5

9:30 - 12 noon

Children's Playroom

Ages 6-8

10:30 - 12:00

NCSY Auerhahn
Youth Lounge

Ages 9+

10:30 - 12:00

Girl's Classroom