



The Mount Sinai Keshet

Shevat Edition

January 15-16, 2010 • 1 Shevat, 5770 • Parashat Va'era • Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Shabbat Schedule

Candle Lighting	4:35 p.m.
Mincha	4:40 p.m.
Winter Oneg	8:45 p.m.
Shacharit	7:00, 9:00 a.m.
Kri'at Shema before	9:41 a.m.
Rabbi Schwartz's Gemara shiur	3:15 p.m.
Mincha	4:15 p.m.
<i>Seuda Shlishit following Mincha</i>	
Shkia	4:54 p.m.
Maariv/Havdalah	5:41 p.m.

Tefillah Schedule Week of January 17th

<i>Shacharit</i>	
Sunday	7:30, 8:30, 9:00 a.m.
Monday	6:45, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00 a.m.
Tues., Wed.	7:00, 7:30, 8:00 a.m.
Thursday	6:30, 7:20, 8:00 a.m.

<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	
Sunday - Thursday	4:45 p.m.

<i>Maariv</i>	
Sunday - Thursday	10:00 p.m.

<i>Next Shabbat, Parashat Bo</i>	
Candles	4:43 p.m.
Mincha	4:47 p.m.

NOTE: 8:30 Shacharit and 4:45 p.m. Mincha/Maariv on Sunday will be in the Main Shul.

Please send all announcements by 5pm on Wednesday to office@mtsinaishul.com and bulletin@mtsinaishul.com.

Sponsorships

The **ERUV** is sponsored by:

- **Dan & Nina Butler and family** in memory of Mikey Butler, whose Yahrzeit is Sunday night and Monday. They also want to express immeasurable gratitude to those who sponsored Kiddush in Mikey's memory last week. Our greatest *nechama* is knowing that others remember him fondly.
- **Caryn and James Wolfe** in honor of the birth of their daughter.
- **Anonymously** in honor of Sefi Kraut.

The **KESHER** is sponsored by **Elie & Leezy Klein**, wishing Mazel Tov to Caryn and Yankel Wolfe on the birth of their daughter.

SEUDA SHLISHIT is sponsored by

- **Shuli and Ben Sandler, Nechama and David Landsman, and Aviva Weiner** in memory of Rabbi Noah and Beverly Goldstein.
- and co-sponsored by
- **Gus Ehrenberg** in memory of mother.

The following people contributed to the Kiddush last week in memory of Mikey Butler:

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| • Daniela Weiss and Avraham Bronstein | • Shifra Chana and Ariel Penkower |
| • Menachem Butler | • Shalhevet Elizabeth Roth |
| • Shira Cohen | • Shira Saul |
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| | • Josh Wilensky |

Refuah Shleima

Rabbi Yehuda Hilewitz



Need a Shabbat meal? Want to host guests?
Sign up at mtsinaishul.com/hospitality
by 10am Thurs.

Questions? Email the Hospitality Committee at shabbosmeals@gmail.com.



Rabbi Schwartz's Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 -10:00 p.m.
Wednesday: approx. 9:30 -10:30 p.m.
(after the 8:45 p.m. shiur)



HATZOLAH
(212) 230 1000

“REFUSENIK” free showing at Mt. Sinai, January 23, 8 pm.

Filmmaker Laura Bialis provides a superb portrayal of the complex US movement for Soviet Jewry and its aid to the Soviet Jewish Resistance. The activist movement was launched in New York in 1964 as a national grassroots ferment by a European Jew, Jacob Birnbaum, when he created the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and by NASA scientist Louis Rosenblum in Cleveland who established the regional Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. These groups goaded the Jewish establishment into national campaigns to convert Washington into the active rescuer of the Holocaust remnants in the USSR, resulting in a great contemporary Jewish redemption.

Excerpts from Refuseniks' Stories: *Yasha Kazakov Discovers His Jewish Identity*: “There was nothing Jewish in my home... At three, I heard from my street friends that I was a Jew -- not a good thing... I went from library to library, searching for something about Jews and Judaism – and I found that I belonged to something great and unique and then I wanted to live in Israel... Many thousands turned to Zion, to Israel, to the Jewish people.” 19 year old Yasha renounced his Soviet citizenship and when a copy appeared in the Washington Post, Moscow expelled him. *Yosef Mendelevich's Seder in a Soviet Labor Camp*: (He transformed scraps into Seder elements.) “Dried egg powder became beitzza; a medical mustard plaster, maror; the sprouting green leaves of an old onion, karpas; crushed candy in a mix of matzoh and water, haroses; some raisins in water, wine. He sang the Haggadah, written down from memory. (The experience) was amazing, happy, and good.” After eleven years, US pressure secured his release.

First Action in New York, April 1964: Birnbaum's manifesto concluded: “The time has come for a bold, well-planned campaign to create a climate of opinion, a moral power which will become a force to be reckoned with.”

Washington Intervention with Moscow: Moscow's US Embassy invited 40 refuseniks to a Seder in 1987. Secretary of State George Shultz exhorted them: “Never give up! Never give up! WE will never give up.”

[Dr. Jacob Birnbaum, Mt. Sinai member, appears in the film. Shulamith Berger, Mt. Sinai officer, in her capacity as Yeshiva University's Curator of Special Collections, oversees the massive Student Struggle archives which were consulted in making the film.]

President's Perspective

Firstly, I would like to thank the events committee for the very successful Panoply event. I was unable to attend, but have heard only glowing reviews. In addition to being a very enjoyable night, it also raised about \$5000 for a very worthy cause, the JCC's food bank, which serves our neighbors in need. The dedication and professionalism that went into planning and executing an event of this magnitude is something we can all be proud of, and makes me proud to be a part of this shul.

Later this week, you should be getting a letter or email about the upcoming general membership meeting, to be held in the social hall on Sunday, January 31st at 10:00am. These meetings are an important way for the members of the shul to get together and discuss ways to improve the shul, as well as find out ways to become more involved.

At this meeting, there will also be two important things happening. One, we will be presenting the annual report, including the financial report for the past year. It is important that you are aware of what goes into keeping the shul running from a financial perspective, so you can help make the important decisions we need to make from an informed perspective, as well as understand where the dues and donation money you so generously give are being spent. Two, we will be voting on a new constitution for the shul. This is a monumental step which impacts the daily operations of the shul, and determines how the shul is run and how members can be involved. You will find many more details in the mailing that will go out this week.

Since we expect a larger than usual crowd, the meeting will be held in the social hall. I hope you'll join us and continue to be part of the conversations that are so important in moving the shul forward.

Shabbat Shalom.

Ben Sandler can be reached at president@mtsinaishul.com

Haiti Relief Effort

With the encouragement of Rabbi Schwartz, those interested in making donations for the Haitian relief effort may do so at the following Washington Heights and Inwood drop-off sites:

- **High Class Car Service** at 604 West 158 Street between Broadway & Riverside Drive/Edward Morgan Place. 212-926-1111. High Class also will pick-up items at your home or place of business; please call to schedule an appointment.
- **Mamajuana Cafe** at 247 Dyckman Street between Seaman & Payson Avenue. 212-304-0140
- **Tabaco y Ron Cafe** at 501 West 214 Street & 10th Avenue. 212-567-7170
- Donations may also be made to such organizations as the Red Cross www.redcross.org and UNICEF www.unicef.org or other charitable groups.

This Week at Mt. Sinai

Monday:

Women's Aerobics, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Anat Coleman (212) 740 2740

Lehman Lecture, 8:00 p.m. See opposite page for details; Contact: education@mtsinaishul.com

Women's Basketball, 9:00 p.m. Contact: Susanne Goldstone, susqhb@gmail.com.

Tuesday:

Women's Basketball, 9:00 p.m. Contact: Elie Appleson, elie.appleson@gmail.com.

Wednesday:

Men's Basketball, 8:00 p.m. Contact: Daniel Falik, daniel@danielfalik.com

Class with Rabbi Schwartz, 8:45 p.m. This will conclude the series on *dina de-malhuta dina*, and the topic will be *mesira*.

Motza'ei Shabbat:

Men's Basketball, 6:15 p.m. Contact: Daniel Falik, daniel@danielfalik.com

Refusenik, 8:00 p.m., See below for details; Contact education@mtsinaishul.com

Membership Appreciation Dinner

The second annual **Membership Appreciation Dinner**, thanking all of shul's members for being a part of our community, will take place on **Friday night, January 29th**.

All current members are invited!

The shul is offering this exciting event for **only \$15 per person!**

Reminder: 2010 Membership dues must be paid in order to attend.

The dinner will be followed by a community-wide *tisch* with Rabbi Reichman.

*For more information: membership@mtsinaishul.com.
We hope to see you there!*

Career Networking Initiative Email List

The Chessed Committee's Career Networking initiative will be establishing an email list to circulate information about available jobs to those who are looking.

If you are interested in being added to the email list, please email Zev Safran, at zsafran@gmail.com.

Please include some basic details about your background and what you are looking for.

Mazel Tov!

- **Steven and Rachel Schwartzberg** on the birth of their daughter, Adina.
- **Isaac Dayan and Talia Stechler** on their marriage.
- **James and Caryn Wolfe** on the birth of a girl.



Film Screening: Refusenik

On **Saturday night, January 23, at 8pm**, we will be screening the powerful film, **Refusenik**, about the movement to free Soviet Jews.

Admission is FREE!

To learn more about the film, visit <http://www.refusenikmovie.com/>.

Lehmann Lecture

The annual **Lehmann Lecture on Science and Halakha** will take place on **Monday night, January 18 at 8pm**.

We are privileged to be hearing from the dynamic Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman who will speak on **"Re-inventing Life and Re-defining death: Medical Halakha in the 21st Century"**.

Edward Reichman is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor of Philosophy and History of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) of Yeshiva University, where he teaches Jewish medical ethics. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and writes and lectures widely in the field of Jewish medical ethics.

Save The Date!

Our annual scholar-in-residence weekend will be on February 19-20. We will be bringing in **Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom**. If you're interested in helping sponsor the weekend, please email education@mtsinaishul.com

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