



KETER TORAH SYNAGOGUE

The Sephardic Community of Greater Detroit

NEWS AND NOTES

May 14, 2011, Iyyar 10, 5771 Parashat Behar



Dear Friends;

Welcome to Keter Torah Synagogue!

This weekend we celebrate the Re- Bar-Mitzvah / 50th Birthday of our President, Ricky Behar. Ricky is a lifelong member, and a 3rd generation President of our organization. He has graciously arranged to donate any and all Birthday/Bar-Mitzvah presents to preserve the continuity of Keter Torah Synagogue. Please look for the donor card and Wish List in this program and make a gift to KTS.

Although we were formed in 1917 (as the Sephardic Community of Greater Detroit), Keter Torah is our first synagogue. Keter Torah was built in memory of Jacob and Judith Chicorel ZL (Ricky's grandparents) with a significant donation from Mr. Albert (Uncle Chico) Chicorel ZL, and many others. It was dedicated in 2002 with a shabbaton blessed by the attendance of many rabbis including Chief Sephardic Rabbi Solomon Maimon (a direct descendant of Maimonadies) of Seattle, WA.

One unique thing about Sephardic synagogues, is that we pray Birkat Kohanim twice every Shabbat. This is a prayer lead by the Kohanim of the congregation. All fathers place their children under their talit (or mothers embrace their children) and give them a special blessing to be granted health and happiness in the coming days weeks months and years. Also, all Sephardic Synagogues are run in practically the same "Orthodox" manner. Although members range from all kinds of ethnic backgrounds and levels of adherence, once in the synagogue, the services are run in the traditional manner. That means there is a separation between men and women, and prayers are performed in the traditional ways. Some would say this is archaic and even out of touch with the modern world. However, it is our opportunity to maintain a piece of the old world while living in a new one. None of us are too many generations removed from the old country where all synagogues were run in the orthodox manner. While some spouses lament the prospect of sitting separately from their spouse, others cherish the opportunity.

Keter Torah represents the first and only Sephardic Synagogue in Michigan, and one of only about 100 in the United States. We bring diversity to the Metro Detroit Jewish Community as a place where Sephardim, Ashkenazim, and any community members who desire to hear the melodies of Sephardic liturgy can participate in this unique service. Keter Torah is a small congregation with only about 50 families. As such, we appreciate the support of members of the Greater Community to assure our place is secure.

Keter Torah has become home to immigrant Jews from all over the world. Over the years, our members have come from over 40 countries. In Ricky's case, his parents are from Egypt and Turkey, and his wife from Ethiopia. Please honor Ricky, TG, Nissim, Lily Behar, and the whole extended Keter Torah Family with a donation to assure our continuity as Michigan's home for not only the Sephardic Community, but for all friends of diversity within the Jewish Community.

Re Bar Mitzvah of Ricky Behar

Sat. May 14, 2011
Parashat Behar
Followed By Kiddush
Luncheon Sponsored by
Mr. and Mrs. Marcel and
Shirley Behar of Laguna
Woods, CA.



Thursday Nights with
Rabbi Avraham Cohen
"Partners in Torah"
Discussing weekly
parashot and other timely
topics.

Every Thursday at KTS
7:30 pm

What Attendees said:
Ben G.: "Very informative!"
Ricky B.: "Rabbi Cohen is
unbelievably informed. I look
forward to it every week"
Bob R.: "Very Educational!"
John N.: "It's Great!"
Arthur D.: "I'll be there"
Andree N. "The BEST!"

Message from Ricky Behar

Dear Friends:

Thank you for attending my Re-Bar Mitzvah / 50th Birthday Celebration. Keter Torah is near and dear to my heart. I ask that you take a moment to consider the importance this synagogue has on the Greater Community as well as for its members and friends. We need Greater Community Support in order to maintain ourselves as members of the community. Please send in a check, or call in a credit card to make a Tax Deductible Donation. I have included a Wish List of items the Synagogue could use. Please lmk if you have any creative suggestions or would like to become more involved in the programming / event planning for our beloved organization.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call

Ricky Behar Cell 248-705-1073

Ricky's Wife TG 248-701-0233

Donations: Kim Benezra 248-865-0717

Credit Card Donations: Andree (248) 682-9621

Synagogue Office (Voicemail) 248-681-3665

Your 501c3 tax deductible donations may be sent to

Keter Torah Synagogue

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West Bloomfield, MI 48323

Website: www.ketertorah.us

Email: ketertorah.us@gmail.com

Ricky Behar's ReBar-Mitzvah Wish List: In No Particular Order!

Laser Printer	\$250
Laptop Computer	\$600
Desktop Computer	\$500
Stand-Up Kiddush (Cakes And Fruit)	\$100
Full Sit-Down Kiddush Lunch	\$250
Deluxe Sit Down Kiddush Lunch	\$500
Seudah Shelishit	\$50
10 Hours Of Secretarial Help	\$150
20 Hours Of Secretarial Help	\$300
Secretarial Help For 1 Year	\$7000
Custodial/Maint. Services For 1 Month	\$800
Custodial/Maint. Services For 1 Year	\$9600
1 Month Mortgage	\$3500
Full Year Mortgage	\$42,000
1 Month Gas Bill	\$500
Gas Bill For 1 Year	\$5000
1 Month Electric Bill	\$400
Electric Bill For 1 Year	\$4000
Quarterly Water Bill	\$250
Lawn Cutting Service For One Summer	\$720
Snow Removal For One Winter	\$900
One Engraved Leaf On The Tree Of Life	\$50
Acorn On The Tree Of Life	\$180
Hazan For The High Holidays	\$9000
Shabbaton With Visiting Rabbi	\$1000
Prayer Books	\$25/Each
2 Dozen Kippot	\$36
Sunday Morning Breakfast	\$50
Shabbat Challah For One Year	\$300
Bencher Books (We Need 20)	\$18/Each
Shabbat Torah Reader	\$75/Per Week
Professional Cleaning of Synagogue Windows	
Repair of Synagogue Roof	
Sponsoring/donating Gardening Services	

Yahrzeit Plaques

Dear Members:

Memorialize your loved one with a yahrzeit plaque adorning the walls of Keter Torah's sanctuary. For \$360.00, the plaque will hang in perpetuity and be lit up at the appropriate Yahrzeit times of the year. The bronze plaques are inscribed with the Hebrew and English names of your loved one along with the date of their passing. For more information, please contact Andree Nordan (248) 682-9621



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**In Honor and Celebration of Ricky Behar's Re-Bar Mitzvah / 50th Birthday,
I hereby donate**

(See Wish List) _____ or

\$ _____ to Keter Torah Synagogue.

Message to Ricky: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Cash / Check / Credit Card (Circle One) We will call you to process the Credit Cards.

Home Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

If you purchased a Leaf or Acorn on the Tree of Life, please include the text you would like engraved on it.

Keter Torah Synagogue is a 501-C3 Corporation. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of your tax situation. Please contact your accountant for further information on maximizing the benefits of your Donation.