

קהל
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בית מדרש אור החיים

לע"נ חיים ברוך יהודה בן דוד צבי ע"ה הנודע בשם "חיים מירושלים"

Your Detailed Guide to the Chanukas HaBayis

Introduction:

The Chanukas HaBayis scheduled for Sunday, December 10, 2018 is only *one* of several events scheduled throughout 5778 to celebrate the completion of our new shul building. Other events include scholars-in-residence and musical groups to enhance our Shabbos experience, and *iyH* a Chanukas HaBayis in the Spring for children of all ages.

The Celebration Continues:

Our yearlong celebration began with the Simchas Torah procession to the new building. It continued November 3-4, Shabbos Parshas VaYerah, with the presence and shiurim of Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Meir Goldwicht, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva University Mazer School of Talmudic Studies and head of the Stone Beit Medrash Program. On November 17-18, Shabbos Parshas Toldos, we enjoyed the musical stylings of V'Samachta, an *a cappella* group founded by Craig Resmovits and Jonathan Jerome.

This week, local Roshei Yeshiva will join us on Dec. 8-9 to enhance our Shabbos Parshas Vayeshev experience. Rabbi Yisroel Kaminetsky, Rosh HaYeshiva, DRS-Hebrew Academy of Long Beach High School, will *iyH* lead in *kabalas* Shabbos *tefilos* and give the Friday night *drasha*. Rabbi Moshe Zev Katzenstein, Rosh HaYeshiva, Yeshiva Gedolah of the Five Towns, will *iyH* deliver the Shabbos afternoon *halacha shiur*, and a surprise guest of renown in our community will *iyH* give the Shabbos morning *drasha*.

The Chanukas HaBayis

This event, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, is our formal inaugural program.

On Sunday, Island Avenue—between Peninsula and Ibsen—will be closed off to traffic from 1:30-3:30 p.m. While there will be street parking available further down Island Avenue, DRS—which is only two blocks away—has given us access to their parking lot for this event. The best place to drop off attendees will be on the corner of Ibsen Street and Island Avenue. From there it is only a short ride to the DRS parking lot.

The Chanukas HaBayis starts with mincha at 2:00 p.m., immediately followed by the formal program. Steve Landau will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetsky will recite a *perek* of Tehilim. Harav Aryeh Ralbag and the Nikolsburger Rebbe will deliver inaugural remarks, and Harav Zvi Ralbag will conclude the formal program with the Siyum HaShas. With last *amayn* of the *kaddish* following the Siyum HaShas, the band will be cued, chairs moved to the side of the room, and the dancing will commence. Food—light fare—will be brought out and placed on the tables along the walls, and *pekelech* will be distributed to children.

We anticipate the dancing will start at approximately 3:15-3:30 p.m., and will wind down when it winds down, probably about an hour later.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the shul on Sunday morning, collect siddurim after davening, shepherd guests from the entrance to the sanctuary, and move chairs when the music starts. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Mayer Maltz at mmaltz@gmail.com.

Our Children:

This formal Chanukas HaBayis is not geared towards younger children, but that's not for lack of consideration. To the contrary, to maximize the Chanukas HaBayis experience for our children, we decided to schedule a separate event in the Spring for children, focused exclusively on children. Doing this, allows us to use our entire campus—indoors and outdoors—to comfortably fit all of our children. It will also allow us to offer a variety of forms of entertainment—from inflatables and game trucks to magicians to musical performers—suitable for every age group to enjoy. Anyone interested in coordinating and/or sponsoring the Children's Chanukas HaBayis is strongly encouraged to contact Mayer Maltz at mmaltz@gmail.com.

Looking forward to continuing celebrating with you this Shabbos, this Sunday, and the whole year long.