



# Akivaton



Snif will be at 5:40 pm!!!

## Shabbat Zmanim LMS

Candle Lighting.....6:59 pm  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/  
 Maariv.....7:05 pm  
 Shacharit.....7:15/9/9:15 am  
 Snif.....5:40 pm  
 Mincha.....6:40 pm  
 Maariv.....8:04 pm  
 Shabbat End.....8:09 pm

## Upcoming Events

- There are no upcoming events

## Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire and empower Jewish Youth with a deep commitment to the Jewish people, the Land of Israel, and the Torah through a wide variety of informal and experiential educational programs.



*Madrichim and Chanichim at Gad bowling this past Sunday.*

## Dvar Torah

By Ethan Schuman

In this week's parasha, *Vayakhel-Pekudei*, *Betzalel* is chosen to lead the building of the *Mishkan* along with *Aholiav*. While there are many explanations as to why *Aholiav* was chosen, why was *Betzalel* chosen? What was so special about him? Rav Taragin suggests a possible explanation.

Even though *Betzalel's* name means in the shadow of God's presence/wisdom there is more to why he was chosen. The Torah specifies his ancestry- his father's name and his grandfather's name. *Betzalel ben Ori ben Chur*. Chazal tells us in a *midrash* that *Chur* played an important role in *Betzalel's* becoming the leader of the building of the *Mishkan* -- *Chur*



## Bnei Akiva Spotlight: The Friedman Family

### Q: What Galil is your family part of?

A: We live in Lower Merion

### Q: How long has your family been involved in Bnei Akiva?

A: Eliot has been involved since 1985 in the Venezuelan Bnei Akiva "Kvevutzah" and Beila has been going since 2nd grade. Binyamin joined in third grade and Shimi can't wait to join.

### Q: What do you like most about Bnei Akiva?

A: We like Bnei Akiva because it showcases the love for Torat Israel and Eretz Israel in the community.

### Q: How many words of יד אחים do you know by heart?

A: Kadima Bnei Akiva!!!

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attempted to stop the Jewish people from building the golden calf. He was killed for doing this, and was rewarded with his grandson becoming the one to build the *Mishkan*.

Why are these two connected? The *Mishkan* was a project that aimed to build something more than physical that helped form a connection with God. The builder should be someone who descends from a line that believes in something more than physical and forming that connection with God. Even though it seems impossible for one person to stop an entire nation from sinning, and succeed, *Chur* tried. And even though he didn't succeed, he was rewarded when his grandson was chosen to build the *Mishkan*. Rashi comments that *Chur* was the son of *Miriam*. *Miriam* was the one who believed from the very beginning that the Jews would be liberated from Egypt and that the men and women should continue having children. This *midda* of hope started with *Miriam*, was inherited by *Chur*, and because they stuck to believing in the seemingly impossible, they were zoche to have their descendant build the mishkan. May we learn from this *middah*, and believe that we can always strive to go above and beyond, even when it seems impossible.

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