Amidah Learning 2013

Each week we will focus on 2 berachot from the Amidah. During this week we will say this berakhah out loud and together whenever we recite the Amidah. A d'var Torah will be given for each of them, emphasizing what the berakhah says, some related stories, thoughts, etc. These divrei Torah will be delivered by the Tzevet Tefillah of each edah and they will be prepared using the Amidah Handbook and with the help of Josh Kulp.

In addition, counselor learning will focus on broader issues concerning tefillah in general and the Amidah in particular. This will include such topics as:

* Why do we pray in Hebrew, a language many of us don't understand?
* Why do we recite the same prayers all of the time?
* Who put together the Amidah?
* What are the rules regarding how we stand, when we bow, when we say Amen etc?

The following is the schedule for berakhot learning:

Week 1: Understanding (Ata Honen)

 Repentance (Hashivenu)

Week 2: Forgiveness (Selach Lanu)

 Redemption (Re'eh beonyenu)

Week 3: Healing (Refaenu)

 Blessing for the Year (Barekh Alenu)

Week 4: Gathering of Exiles (Teka Beshofar)

 Justice (Hashiva Shoftenu)

Week 5: Against Heretics (Velamalshinim)

 The Righteous (Al Hatzadikim)

Week 6: Jerusalem (VeleYerushalayim)

 David's Kingship (Et Tzemah)

Week 7: Hearing Prayer (Shema Kolenu)

 Temple Service (Retzeh)

Week 8: Thanksgiving (Modim)

 Grant Peace (Sim Shalom)