



# Hayenu

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## From the Rabbi

Dear friends,

As you receive this issue of the Hayenu we are on the threshold of celebrating Passover, "Zman Cheiruteinu," the special time commemorating two great gifts of Freedom: the freedom with which our ancestors were blessed in ancient times when Moses led them out of Egypt; and the freedom that we enjoy today, both as Jews and as Americans. These are gifts whose value is all the more real this year in comparison to many years past because of the "situation" in the Middle East that confronts the Jewish state and all Jews around the world, and because of the palpable threat of terrorism sponsored by radical Islam whose goal is the destruction of the western conception of democracy and freedom and our way of life.

As Jews and as Americans we have a unique perspective on the significance of freedom and democracy because they have provided the fertile soil in which Judaism in general and Conservative Judaism in particular have developed and flourished within the American context.

There is no more poignant example of the opportunities afforded the development of Judaism in America (as well as the development of a free and open society in general) than the landmark gathering that took place for five days beginning on February 10 when "Five Pillars of Conservative Judaism"- the Rabbinical Assembly, The Cantors Assembly, The Jewish Educators Assembly, The North American Association of Synagogue Executives and The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism- all gathered in Washington, D.C for the first ever Conservative movement-wide convention. We had a unique opportunity to listen to and learn from one another, to share our experiences and insights, and to take note of the amazing progress we have made since Conservative Judaism

began to develop in the last decades of the twentieth century. We had an eye-opening experience of learning to appreciate the importance of each of our roles in creating vibrant Conservative communities in the synagogues we serve. We came away with the understanding that all our professionals and lay leaders together form a team that is essential for the vitality of our congregations. There was a wonderful sense of unity and cooperation and an affirmation of the common goals and ideals, and the shared vision of a Conservative Movement that infused all of us with a renewed sense of purpose and determination to build a wonderful Jewish life in all the communities we serve-not only in America, but in Central and South America, in Europe, and in Israel!

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### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 1	5:30 P.M.
Friday, March 8	5:38 P.M.
Friday, March 15	5:45 P.M.
Friday, March 22	5:53 P.M.
Friday, March 29	6:00 P.M.

### MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, March 2	5:30 P.M.
Saturday, March 9	5:40 P.M.
Saturday, March 16	5:45 P.M.
Saturday, March 23	5:55 P.M.
Saturday, March 30	6:00 P.M.

# President's Message

The last Tuesday night before the first day of spring, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of the Iranian new year. That night, Iranians gather around a bon fire and, one by one, jump through the flames. According to tradition, the flames burn away all impurities so that one can face the coming year free from all that is undesirable. The concept of starting a new year or era with a clean slate is universal. As Jews, we perform the ritual of fasting and prayer on Yom Kippur to prepare ourselves for Rosh HaShanah.

B'nai Shalom is about to start a new era. The sale of the Belleville Synagogue building along with a donation from the Gruhin Estate, a generous commitment by Murray Gottlieb, and several pending donations currently being negotiated, has provided us with the necessary seed money to completely commit ourselves to the construction projects. Your enthusiasm and commitment will be essential to the success of this project. A congregational meeting will be held in a few weeks to approve the final plans. It is my hope that we can all cleanse ourselves and start this new era fresh and eager to get involved.

As previously indicated, the long range planning committee has concluded their study and has been conveying their findings and recommendations to the appropriate

committees. On Sunday morning, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the committee will hold a town hall style meeting to present their report to the entire congregation. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting.

The Auction was a huge success. All those who attended had a great time. The committee chairs, Susan Grossman and Charles Kurtzer, led a dedicated group of volunteers who devoted many hours making this event so enjoyable for the rest of us, as well as profitable for the synagogue.

The *Mishloach Manot* baskets were full of goodies for all members of the family. *Yasher Koach* to Marci Robinson, Roberta Knauer, and their devoted team of volunteers for this successful campaign.

*Mazel Tov* to our *B'nai Mitzvot*, David Studen, Michelle Schwartz, Scott Yontef, Jayme Tiger, Benji Tiger, Jamie Rolnick, Bari Leff, and their families.

Lynn, the boys and I wish you all a happy and sweet *Pesach*.

*Simone*

## HAYENU

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[www. bnaishalom.net](http://www.bnaishalom.net)**

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## CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Joseph Feldman

### CHAD GADYAH - CHAD GADYAH!

*Chad Gadya* (One Goat) is a popular song sung at the conclusion of the Passover Seder. The origin, history, authorship and purpose of the Chad Gadya have been the subject of much discussion. Some scholars (a minority) dismiss Chad Gadya as a children's song whose fundamental purpose as a Seder Song is to amuse the children and keep them (and their parents) from falling asleep before the end of the Seder. However, many other scholars (the majority) and musicologists find deep meaning in the song.

Chad Gadya is composed of ten stanzas. The translation is as follows:

A father bought a kid (goat) for two *zuzim*;  
A cat came and ate the kid;  
a dog then bit the cat;  
the dog was beaten by a stick;  
the stick was burned by fire;  
water quenched the fire;  
an ox drank the water;  
a *schochet* (ritual slaughterer) slaughtered the ox;  
the *schochet* was killed by the Angel of Death who  
in punishment was destroyed by God.

Musicologists see the structure of the text as significant. As one can see *Chad Gadya* follows a cumulative pattern in which a new detail is added in each stanza; each stanza closes with the refrain which includes all the items in reverse order, from the last back to the first "*chad gadya, chad gadya* (one kid, one kid), that father bought for two *zuzim*." The cumulative pattern (which we see in other Passover songs as well, such as *Ehad mi Yodea*) was according to some scholars, modeled after such popular songs of Christian European origin, as "The Twelve Days of Christmas" or "Alouette." Yet this seems implausible, since the language of the song is Aramaic, which suggests it was authored a thousand years earlier.

Other scholars suggest that *Chad Gadya* was borrowed from a late medieval German folk song ("Der Herr der schickt den Jokel aus") which, in turn, is based on an old French nursery song. Other musicologists found additional sources for the song. Joseph Jacobs, a Jewish his-

torian, folklorist and scholar (1854-1916) was born in Australia and later studied in England and Germany. He researched Jewish ethnology; anthropology and biblical archaeology and wrote English Fairy Tales in London, 1893. In this book he points to the analogy of *Chad Gadya* with Don Quixote and with certain Persian and Indian poems.

The song, translated into the various vernaculars used by Jews and set to local tunes, makes its first appearance as a Passover song in a Haggadah printed in Prague in 1590. Interestingly, it was never part of the Sephardic (Spanish) and the Yemenite tradition. And there are European Hagaddahs, which also do not include Chad Gadya in their texts.

Despite its unknown and even contested origin, many Jewish commentators applied allegorical and mystical meanings to Chad Gadya. These scholars include: Rabbi Judah ben Mordecai Horowitz (Koenigsberg, 1764), Rabbi Jonathan Eybeschuetz (1886), the Gaon of Vilna (*Haggadah Migdal Eder*, Vilna, 1923) and R. Moses Sofer. According to one popular interpretation, the kid symbolizes the oppressed Jewish people, who were bought by the father (God) for two coins (Moses and Aaron). The subsequent players in the ballad represent the nations who persecuted the Jewish people over the centuries: the devouring cat represents Assyria; the dog is Babylon; the stick represents Persia; the fire Macedonia; the water is Rome; the ox, the Saracens; the *schochet* (ritual slaughter) is representative of "the Crusaders; and the Angel of Death, the Turks who subsequently ruled Palestine. The end of the song expresses the hope for messianic redemption: God destroys the foreign rulers of the Holy Land and vindicates Israel as "the only kid."

According to other mystical interpretations, *Chad Gadya* is an allegorization of the Biblical Joseph story. An alternative interpretation sees Chad Gadya as a song describing the relationship between body and soul as reflected in Jewish mysticism. More contemporary interpretations have been provided as well. These include a feminist perspective with Chad Gadya symbolizing women's struggle for liberation throughout the world

So, this year at your Seder see what contemporary meaning you can ascribe to Chad Gadya at your Seder table.

Best wishes for a Happy Passover!

Cantor Elihu Feldman

# RELIGIOUS NEWS...

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## FROM THE RABBI

*(Continued from page 1)*

B'nai Shalom was represented by our Religious School Principal Malka Hapner, our office administrator Barbara Herman and me. The time we had for sharing as a team was invaluable and will have a positive impact on the way we work together at B'nai Shalom.

A highlight of the convention was an address by Dr. Steven Cohen about new directions for our congregations. After surveying the current state of the Jewish community, he noted, "Drawing upon some of the best thinking and practice in the Conservative movement, I want to suggest a strategic approach to leading Conservative Judaism in the years ahead, consisting of four points: 1. provide Jews with personal attention and meaning; 2. build meaningful Jewish communities; 3. establish high standards of aspiration; 4. innovate by balancing contemporary relevance with traditional authenticity." He went on to say that as leaders we will grapple with, and indeed already are struggling with, the challenges of Jewish dispersal, of weakening connections up and down the Jewish ethnic scaffolding, of consumerist orientations, and of expanded personalism. At the same time we are helping to create and are benefiting from the many positive trends in American Jewish life, particularly the growth of a committed Conservative Jewish core. We are the ones who need to provide Jews with personal meaning, build meaningful Jewish communities, make appropriate normative demands, and innovate in practice and strategy." In many ways this process is already under way at B'nai Shalom in the form of the congregational survey undertaken by our strategic planning committee. The findings of the committee, now being formulated for dissemination, are, in fact the concretization at B'nai Shalom of the kind of work that needs to be done to address the issues raised by Dr. Cohen as he encourages us to build synagogues for the future.

A second highlight was an address to the entire Convention by Dr. Ismar Schorsch, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the central educational institution of the Conservative Movement that encompasses the Rabbinical School, the Cantors Institute, List (undergraduate) College, and the Graduate School of Jewish Education. Dr. Schorsch spoke about the many polarities and tensions in the life and character of Dr. Solomon Schechter, the "founding father" of the reorganized Jewish Theological Seminary and the Conservative movement, whose arrival on the scene from England in 1902 was to forever shape the nature and direction of the Seminary and the entire Conservative Movement. He was a man of diversity, thus setting the scene for the Conservative Movement as an approach to Judaism that understands the need for diversity within a broader framework of agreement. Schechter, for example, embraced both mysticism and rationalism; he was a serious scholar and

at the same time a great popularizer; he was a man of logic and at the same time a man of faith; he had characteristics of both eastern and western Europe. And above all he was a centrist, thereby setting the pace for us as a movement, with the understanding that the best way is one of moderation because fanaticism from either the left or the right is dangerous and destructive. In many ways, Schechter's legacy is alive and well at B'nai Shalom, where we encourage a broad band of diversity within a framework that sets appropriate limits.

Jewish education, Jewish music, synagogue administration, youth work, the college experience, spirituality-you name it, they were all discussed. No one could possibly have "covered" everything the convention had to offer-but what we came away with will find its way into our congregation and have a beneficial effect.

On a broader note, the vitality and potential of Conservative Judaism are positively amazing! Our very own B'nai Shalom is in the forefront of much of what is taking place; and all that we have accomplished as a movement and as a synagogue are powerful testimony to the unbridled flourishing of the human soul that occurs when one lives in a free and open world. Yes, the challenges are many and mighty, but so are the possibilities, which is why we must both guard and protect our freedoms and also use them for the purpose for which God gave them to us as Jews: "L'hagdil Torah ulha'adir": to study Torah, proclaim its greatness, and create a world infused by the values of Torah so that this world becomes the realization of God's Kingdom on this earth

I hope that this year's Passover celebration will motivate us to achieve the following:

1. Put back into proper perspective the unlimited blessings that have come our way because of the great democracy in which we live.
2. Encourage us to take advantage of every opportunity for growth and development that our freedom presents so it is not wasted.
3. Encourage us to be "strong and of good courage" so that we can face and overcome these newest attacks on both the State of Israel (and by extension the entire Jewish people) and the very heart of our democratic way of life.

The Haggadah teaches, "B'chol dor vador omdimaleyenu l'chaloteinu v'Hakadosh Baruch Hoo matzileinu miyadam." In every generation there arise those who would destroy us, But the Holy One saves us from their grasp." With God's help, and with our own courageous determination, we will protect our precious freedoms and move on to even greater accomplishments!

Chag kasher v'sameach,

My very best wishes for a Kosher and happy Pesach.

*Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff*

## CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו

במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של שבת

Baruch attah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha'olam, asher  
kidshanu b'mizvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

### EARLY FAMILY SERVICE

Friday Evening, March 1, 7:30 P.M.

Join us for a wonderful family experience. Singing, stories, dialogue with the Rabbi. This month we honor all children with birthdays in March.

### Mishnah Study with Rabbi Asekoff

Every Tuesday Evening, 8:30 P.M.

### PEREK YOMI DISCUSSION GROUP

To enhance our reading of the daily Biblical chapter Rabbi Asekoff offers a weekly discussion group of the Biblical chapters being read.

Shabbat Mornings Immediately  
Following Services!

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays at Sundown

March 1	5:30 P.M.
March 8	5:40 P.M.
March 15	5:45 P.M.
March 22	5:55 P.M.
March 29	6:00 P.M.

## ANNOUNCING A NEW SHABBAT AFTERNOON PROGRAM

SHABBAT AFTERNOON  
MARCH 9, 5:30 P.M.

## SEUDAH SHLISHIT

(THE THIRD LIGHT MEAL ON SHABBAT AFTERNOON)

Led by Our Rabbinic Intern David Kaiman

There are so many special ways of enjoying Shabbat. Our tradition has developed numerous customs to enhance the quality of this extraordinary day. We learn in the Talmud (Shabbat 117b) that one should have three meals on Shabbat. Customarily, then, we have a light meal that occurs late in the day, between Minha and Maariv.

As the afternoon light fades and we begin to contemplate the reality of saying goodbye to the beauty of the day, we sit together in the synagogue and share our last Shabbat meal. While singing zemirot and speaking words of Torah, we savor our last chance at coming together as a community and move quietly into Maariv and Havdalah.

Come join us at B'nai Shalom for Seudah Shlishit. Delight in the experience with us. We look forward to seeing you!

## LEARNER'S MINYAN

March 9, 10:45 A.M.

David Kaiman  
Rabbinic Intern

On Shabbat Morning, March 9, we will once again hold our monthly "Learner's Service" minyan from 10:45 am until 12:00 noon. These informative sessions are meant to enhance your knowledge and enjoyment of the Shabbat morning service as we delve into the meaning, format and mechanics of the synagogue service. Even if you have not attended any of these sessions in the past you are welcome to join with us as we journey along the road of spiritual growth in prayer. We look forward to seeing you!

# THE KOSHER KORNER

By Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

Keeping you up to date with the latest in the world of Kashrut:  
Never let it be said that the Kosher world is without variety and excitement!

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## **KELLOGG'S CORN FLAKE CRUMBS – ARE THEY PAREVE?**

Anytime there are multiple suppliers, confusion reigns, and the Kellogg's story is no exception. Despite our previous notices misinformation is still being promulgated. And so...

The facts are as follows:

1. Kellogg's makes Corn Flakes and Rice Crispies, as well as many other varieties, in many countries worldwide. In this country, by and large, we are receiving products from the US and Canada. Canadian product will say "A Product Of Canada" on it, although it may or may not also bear a claim to be **distributed** by the Kellogg's Company in Battlecreek, MI.
2. **US-made Kellogg's Corn Flakes** are "K-D" (made on dairy equipment). **US-made Rice Crispies** are pareve. The company certifying all kosher Kellogg's cereal products is the Vaad Harabonim of Massachusetts.

3. **Canadian-made Kellogg's Corn Flakes** are pareve. They will either bear a plain "K" or a "COR." The **Canadian-made Kellogg's Rice Crispies** are made on dairy equipment and will bear either a "K-D" or a "COR-D.E."

The Canadian product is certified by the Council of Rabbis of the Toronto Jewish Congress. In all cases the product will bear the claim to be "A Product of Canada." The writing on some boxes will be mostly in French and will state that they cannot be sold outside of Canada; however, they are being prominently sold in Brooklyn. We suppose that someone found it profitable to sell the truly pareve Corn Flakes in this country especially to those who are strict about *cholov yisroel*.

4. The Kellogg's Corn Flake Crumbs are Pareve **EVEN THOUGH THEY STATE "K-D"**.

The "D" is an error. Kellogg's Corn Flake Crumbs are a product of Canada, where the equipment is pareve only and where there is not dairy product in the entire plant. This product can be used in preparation of meat and chicken. Boxes state "A Product of Canada."

## ARBA PARSHIYOT

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

In the six weeks preceding Pesach during the Hebrew months of Adar and Nisan there occur four special Shabbatot called Shekalim, Zachor, Parah, and Shabbat Hachodesh. In addition, the Shabbat immediately preceding Pesach is known as Shabbat Hagadol. The first four are known as Arba Parshiyot (the four portions) and are distinguished by additional readings from the Torah and special selections from the prophets that replace the Haftarat that normally would have been chanted on those Shabbatot.

Shabbat Shekalim (The Shabbat of Shekels) occurred on February 9. In ancient days, every male Israelite twenty years and older had to contribute a half shekel annually to the maintenance of the Temple in Jerusalem. This had to be paid before the first of Nisan. In order to remind the people of this duty, proclamations were made on the first of Adar that the half shekel was due. Inasmuch as the people came to the Synagogue on Shabbat, the proclamation was made on the Shabbat immediately preceding the first of Adar. Since the first of Adar fell this year on February 21, Shabbat Shekalim was February 17.

Shabbat Zachor took place on February 23. This is the Shabbat immediately preceding Purim. The additional reading tells of the battle in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt between Israel and Amalek. This portion begins with the word “Zachor” which means “remember” and after which the Shabbat is named. The Haftarah also tells of a battle with Amalek. This material is associated with Purim because of the tradition that Haman was descended from Amalek.

Shabbat Parah takes place on March 2. The additional Torah reading (Numbers 19:1-22) relates the laws concerning the red heifer and the use of its ashes in special purification rites necessary for those who had become ritually impure. All Israelites came to the Temple in Jerusalem on Pesach in order to offer the Paschal lamb. They had to be in a state of ritual purity to perform this rite. Since the ashes of the red heifer were used in the process of purification, the passage served to remind those who were not in a state of purity to take the necessary steps so that they could participate in the Pesach sacrifice. The haftarah deals with the future purification of Israel as described in the book of Ezekiel (36:16-38).

Today these rules no longer apply. However, they serve as a reminder for us to make all the necessary preparations for a kosher Passover holiday!!

Shabbat Hachodesh takes place this year on March 9. The Shabbat immediately before the first day of the month of Nisan is Shabbat Hachodesh. Nisan is a very special month on the Jewish calendar because it contains the holiday of Passover on which our ancestors were redeemed from Egyptian slavery and actually became a people, received the ten Commandments three months later, and renewed their special covenant with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Because of the importance of these events Nisan is considered the most important of all the months of the year. Two scrolls are used on this Shabbat. In the first we read the portion of the week; in the second, Exodus 12:1-20, a section explaining that of all the months of the year, Nisan, the month in which our ancestors left Egypt, is the most important of all. “This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of all the months of the year for you.”

Shabbat Hagadol falls this year on March 23. The Shabbat immediately preceding Pesach is known as The Great Shabbat-Shabbat Hagadol. There are many explanations for the special title for this Shabbat. One scholar believes that originally the Shabbat preceding each major festival was called Shabbat Hagadol because of the instruction given and sought in the synagogue on that Shabbat morning concerning the observances of the coming festival. The name has been preserved only for the Shabbat preceding Passover because the questions and instructions were much more numerous as a result of the many laws and rituals connected with Pesach.

### PASSOVER BULLETIN

All Passover information will be found in a special Passover mailing that will reach you shortly.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach!

A kosher and happy Pesach!

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH BIOS

Bat Mitzvah's Name: **Michele Schwarz**  
Date of Bat Mitzvah: March 2, 2002  
Parent's Name: Amy & Terry Schwarz  
Date of Birth: 3/14/89  
School: Roosevelt Middle School  
Grade: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Achievements: High Honor Roll and danced at the Paper Mill Playhouse  
Interest & Hobbies: Art & Reading

Bar Mitzvah's Name: **Scott Marc Yontef**  
Date of Bar Mitzvah: March 9, 2002  
Parent's Name: Sharon & Robert Yontef  
Date of Birth: 3/4/89  
School: Roosevelt Middle School  
Grade: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Achievements: Honor Roll and Mountain Top League Soccer Champion. Student of the Month, February 2002, Roosevelt Middle School.  
Interest & Hobbies: Placed first in trading card game tournaments

Bat Mitzvah's Name: **Bari Leff**  
Date of Bat Mitzvah: March 23, 2002  
Parent's Name: Michele & Lenny Leff  
Date of Birth: 7/26/89  
School: Roosevelt Middle School  
Grade: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Achievements: High Honor Roll and member of an award-winning dance troupe  
Interest & Hobbies: Dancing, Gymnastics & Shopping

Bat Mitzvah's Name: **Jamie Rachel Rolnik**  
Date of Bat Mitzvah: March 23, 2002  
Parent's Name: Larry & Laura  
Date of Birth: 8/2/89  
School: Heritage Middle School  
Grade: 7<sup>th</sup>  
Achievements: Certified dog handler with Therapy Dogs, Accomplished swimmer & water skier  
Interest & Hobbies: Fine Arts, swimming reading, shopping and having fun

Additional comments: Jamie has enjoyed preparing for her Bat Mitzvah over the last six months. Her Solomon Schechter education coupled with the 1st year at B'nai Shalom Hebrew School has strengthened her commitment to Judaism.

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- Meet a wonderful group of women and make new friends

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### Rosh Chodesh Group

Sponsored by the B'nai Shalom Sisterhood

Beginning February 12 (30 Shevat), the group will study

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Exploring the Work of Rabbis

**Leo Baeck, Abraham Joshua Heschel,  
Mordechai Kaplan, and Joseph Soloveitchik”**

Meeting dates:

**Tuesday, February 12 – Rosh Chodesh Adar**

**Thursday, March 14 – Rosh Chodesh Nisan**

**Thursday, April 11 – Rosh Chodesh Iyar**

**Tuesday, June 11 – Rosh Chodesh Tammuz**

**All meetings will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
at B'nai Shalom in West Orange, New Jersey.**

Coffee and dessert will be served.

**For readings materials and further information,  
please call Ellen Grossman at 973-736-5727**

### MAZEL TOV TO

Barbara & Elliot Leinwand on the birth of their new grandson, Eitan Leinwand.

### CONDOLENCES TO

Sharon Cimbol on the loss of her father, Stanley Hoffman

Karen Aaron on the loss of her mother, Fay Seltzer

Simone & Lynn Shenassa on the loss of their brother-in-law, Mark Wolff

Carol Golub on the loss of her mother, Alma Ackerman

Fred Solomon on the loss of his father, Gus Solomon

Harvey Studen on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Studen

### REFUAH SHLAYMAH TO

Jeffrey Maas. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Steve Jacoby. We wish you a speedy recovery.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Shalom ya'll,

Bonnie Kessler, Mary Mandel, Janet Geldzahler, Rina Casser, Ann Spring, and Mirabella Sheppard must be thanked wholeheartedly for organizing a meaningful 2002-Sisterhood Shabbat service followed by a delicious luncheon on February 2nd.

We are truly fortunate to have so many women willing and able to come to the bimah for the many honors within the service. The sanctuary was full and we even had a sisterhood president from another congregation because she had heard about and wanted to see how well B'nai Shalom's Sisterhood Shabbat was organized. This will definitely put a feather in our cap at the upcoming Women's League Northern NJ Branch Conference on April 28th. Therefore, to every woman that participated ...I wish you a gracious "todah rabah". I look forward to working with you again next year.

Have you got "it" ??? I've seen so many of you with "it" this year. "It" seems to be catching many more of you. You say you don't know if you have "it" or not. "It" is a great feeling and once you've got "it" you want to share "it", especially with your friends. If you want to look for "it" you'll have to come into the synagogue and walk down the halls to any of the functions going on throughout the week. You might find "it" in smaller groups such as our Sisterhood Book Club which is meeting March 6th, (Call It Sleep by Henry Roth) and again April 24th (The Wholeness of a Broken Heart) r.s.v.p. to Gilda Paul @324-0536 or Susan Galatz @ 736-3798. Well, if you're still reading this article maybe that means you're still looking for me to tell you where or when you'll find "it". Sorry to say..."it" is something you'll know when you have "it", keep trying. You probably will enjoy looking for "it" too. Oh, yeah, you really should try to attend 8 p.m., March 4th Sisterhood Meeting. Purim has passed and that means Pesah is soon to be upon us. While there are many preparations to be made, we still seem to sponsor a variety of programs during April. No, I'm not talking about the Men's Club Passover wine sale that I know so many of you are anxiously awaiting the order forms that are soon to come out. We are trying to make your seder this year more informative at the table by giving you the experience of a "woman's seder". More of this is still to be finalized so look for another mailing. Passover candy orders should be delivered the Sunday before Passover, 3/24/02. Orders for beautiful seder table flowers for there's more....your attention please.... Brought back by popular demand...(thanks to Ellen Grossman and Amy Schoenholt-Boxer )... A Rosh Hodesh series....led by

Cecille Asekoff . A woman's group to learn and expand our Jewish philosophy. (Philosophy-a study of the basic principles and concepts of a particular branch of knowledge, in this case Judaic knowledge) all are welcome to attend. Dates and times are coming to you in form of flyer, email, website and Jewish news. 7:30 p.m. each month on Rosh Hodesh.

As if March isn't eventful enough, April 21st is our highlight. Adult Ed./Men's Club/Sisterhood are sponsoring a special evening. Save this date and as you may have already assumed, a flyer is coming your way....watch for and open your mail/email...for "it" just might find you first.

One last note: any Sisterhood member wishing to come with the Sisterhood board to our annual Women's League of Northern New Jersey Spring Conference is more than welcomed. Location is to be in Rockaway, NJ. April 28th 2002; anyone needing a ride call me @731-2021. The cost is covered by your Sisterhood. During the luncheon, Janet Geldzahler will be installed as the incoming chair of creative handcraft along with Clara Creditor as incoming overseas liaison. We already have our own Torah fund cochair, Miriam Bergwerk on the Northern NJ Branch board. We are also very honored to repeat the announcement of Janet Arnowitz sitting as a vice president on Women's League national board. She will also be chairwoman of the national convention held November 17-20th 2002, in Philadelphia. As you can see B'nai Shalom has some true stars among us. Please... this year...make that little effort to help us show support for our women being installed. We'd look

Respectfully and with warmest regards,

*Suzie Hammer,  
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## B'NAI SHALOM FAMILIES "DIG IN" TO TU B'SHVAT

By Hannah S. Bargad

B'nai Shalom had an immense turnout at its first-ever Tu B'shvat program, organized by the Family Education Committee and the Religious School.

Tu B'shvat, the New Year of the Trees, is celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Shvat, or January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 this year. It is a day when we celebrate the rebirth of nature, the beauty of everything G-d has created, and think about our responsibility toward each living thing. At this program families celebrated nature, with a special focus on Israel's water conservation efforts. To kick off the program, families watched a short Jewish National Fund (JNF) video about tree planting and agriculture in Israel, and the endless quest to conserve water while making the country green. Families brought in their JNF Tzedakah boxes which had been sent home weeks earlier. Close to \$700 was collected, which will be sent to JNF to support water resource development in Israel.

Afterwards, adults listened to Dr. Ben-Zion Bar Lavie, JNF Director of Education, discuss Israel's water problems and their impact on the Mideast political arena, while children and families broke up into groups and went to activity stations. At the activity stations, families attempted to estimate the magnitude of their water usage every day and made their own water meters to raise their consciousness about conserving water. Children also planted parsley seeds in soil and watered them with a drip irrigation system similar to the ones used in Israel, which use a minimum amount of precious water.

After the various activities, all of the participants gathered in Maron Hall for a beautiful Tu B'shvat seder. Tables were beautifully decorated and laden with various fruits and snacks, which we all tasted as we read from the book, "Branching Out: Your Tu B'Shvat Haggadah" given as a gift to each family from Family Education. The seder was led by Nina Woldin, who also wrote and designed the Haggadah. We sang with Margo Heda, musical director, and danced with Rabbi Asekoff.

The culmination of this event was joining Rabbi Asekoff to plant a new tree on the front lawn of the synagogue grounds. After the Rabbi said a blessing, all of the families joined in to sprinkle soil and water around the tree.

Leslie Gleaner, chairperson of the Family Education Committee, along with program co-chairs, Tina Kaplan and Leah Shulman, and Religious School principal, Malka Hapner could not have organized such a wonderful event

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without the tireless efforts of the committee. Jill Schneiderman, Faith Cohn, and Rhonda Lillianthal assisted with key parts of the program. There were many others involved in the setup and we thank them all for their parts in our celebration. We appreciate the efforts of the teachers who led the activity stations, art teacher, Marcy Madden, who also painted the beautiful tree scene in the lobby, and Margo Heda for adding her special music to the day. Todah Rabbah to the JNF for their help. Special thanks to all of our teen helpers, group leaders Dina Kirschenbaum, Sam Kallus, Stefan Kallus, and Rubin Meltzer, and helpers Nomi Kaplan, Ben Heller, Michelle Skalrud, Sharon Shaked, and some Hey class students. David Gleaner, architect of the sample drip irrigation system, and Henry Kaplan, chief tree planting laborer, both deserve honorable mention.

A special thanks goes to the following organizations who donated items/funds towards this event; West Orange Shop Rite, Township of West Orange, West Orange Petco, B'nai Shalom Sisterhood, B'nai Shalom Parent's Association, and the Jewish Education Association.

The B'nai Shalom Family Education Committee organizes programs that incorporate education and tzedakah with FUN!! Don't miss the next exciting event!

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## **RABBI KAIMAN TO DELIVER SERMON**

Rabbinic Intern David Kaiman will deliver a sermon on Friday Night, March 8, 2002, at the 8 pm service entitled: "Building a Holy Space"

## **SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

There will be no regular 8:00PM Friday Night Service on March 15th 2002. Instead, we will have Kabbalat Shabbat at 5:45 PM, and a Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by Rabbi Meyer Rabinowitz speaking at 7:45 PM. Please join us for an enlightening Friday Night Program

## **NURSERY SCHOOL**

We all had a great time at our Sundae Fundae/Open House on February 3, 2002. We created beautiful paintings with spin art and tried to bring a little bit of summer back with sand art and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. We also had the opportunity to meet and greet several new friends who will be joining our Nursery School family. Welcome aboard!!

Purim is one of the happiest holidays of the Jewish year. At B'nai Shalom we celebrated it to the fullest. The children came to school in a lot of very unique costumes. After we had a chance to admire each other's costumes we began the festivities with our Purim parade and Purim carnival. "Nosh, Nosh a Hamantaschen." In the evening we joined the congregation for the Megillah Reading and Purim entertainment.

Registration is open for the Fall 2002 school year as well as Summer Fun 2002. We are proud of our staff members who have been chosen for their warmth, experience and ability to provide your child with a meaningful nursery school experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 973-325-8825.

Shalom,

*Michele Weiss  
Director*

## **CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM**

On February 4, the Nursery School Parents' Association sponsored the first in a series of safety seminars. This installment focused on protecting children from abduction, molestation and other forms of exploitation. The speaker, Alan J. Robinson, C.S.E., C.H.S.E., C.H.C., is a member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. All who attended seemed to agree that the information shared that evening was instrumental in empowering them to teach their children appropriate rules of safety.

The evening began with a sobering look at the statistics on sex offenses and abducted and missing children: 1 out of every 4 girls in our country will be molested by the age of 18! And parents of boys should not breathe a sigh of relief as 1 out of every 7 boys in our country suffers the same fate. There are between 250,000 and 500,000 known pedophiles in the United States, and unfortunately, probably 2 to 3 times that number exist without being known. By the time a sex offender is first arrested, he has already molested between 70 - 120 children! The statistics on missing children and abductions are equally frightening.

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Mr. Robinson told us that in his view, the second worst outcome in any case of a missing child is that the child is found dead. Even worse than that is if it turns out that the crime could have been avoided altogether. In keeping with that, he then provided the group with strategies to assist in preventing such horrible outcomes.

Following is a selection of some of the most pertinent advice from that evening:

1. In cases of missing children, it is imperative that a report be made immediately. Chances of recovering a missing child alive are drastically reduced after 2 hours have passed. If you are in a public place such as a mall, store, etc. and you have lost track of your child – even if just for a moment – start screaming immediately that your child is missing. If your child was, in fact, being abducted, chances are very good that the abductor will leave the child behind and go. He does not want to be caught. If your child was only hiding from you, you’ve suffered no more than some minor embarrassment.
2. In a study, 34% of parents were unable to provide the vital statistics of their children – and this was not when they were under the stress of having a missing child! Parents must be able to describe their children and, ideally, notice what they are wearing when they leave for school in the morning. A good idea is to keep a current ID sheet at home in a safe place containing all the child’s vital statistics (height, weight, eye color, hair color, etc.), a current picture of the child, birth date, blood type, distinguishing marks, and all the child’s likes and dislikes – favorite toys, TV shows, pets’ names, names of special people in their lives. All this is particularly useful if a child is recovered somewhere and is too scared to talk even to the police, the officers will know how to use this information to identify the child. Also useful is a dental impression taken of your child at home on a styrofoam tray like the ones that come with meat or cheese in the deli. Have your child bite half way through and write on it their name and date of birth. This is better than fingerprints for quick identification.
3. Teaching children not to talk to strangers is very confusing to them. It is better to teach behaviors specific to situations. For example, it will only take an experienced pedophile 35 seconds to abduct your child – and not in a violent fashion. They will often prey upon a child’s natural inclination to help. Teach your child that it is inappropriate for any adult to ask them for help.
4. Predators look for easy prey. Teach your children the “buddy system” – they should never go anywhere alone. Children in pairs or groups are far less likely to become victims.
5. Teach your children to always “Check First” before getting in cars or accepting any kind of gift. In order not to confuse them, let this rule apply even to people they know and trust, like their grandparents. Have the kids check with Mom and Dad always.
6. Teach them “No-Go Tell” – If someone tries to touch them in a way that makes them uncomfortable, they should say “no” and then “go tell” a trusted adult.
7. Teach them how to choose appropriate people to help them in cases of emergency. If they become separated from you in a store or mall, have them look for the store name on someone’s shirt or go to a cashier and ask them to call the police. When children have a mission, they will not be as vulnerable as if they were wandering aimlessly looking scared. If lost outside, have them look for someone who looks like their grandmother, or someone who is pregnant, pushing a stroller or holding a small child’s hand. These are the people who are most likely to help and keep your child safe.
8. Teach your child to distinguish between OK and not-OK touching. Tell them that no one should ever touch them in the bathing suit part of their body without Mom or Dad present. Never direct your child to give someone a hug or a kiss – that decision should be left up to them.

If anyone has any questions about these suggestions or has any ideas for future programs, please feel free to call the Nursery School Parents’ Association co-chairs, Leah Shulman 973-731-5839 or Maggie Drill 973-731-0039.

**We would like to thank all of those that helped to make this year’s Mishloah Manot (Purim Baskets) so outstanding!**

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# RELIGIOUS NEWS...

[PLEASE NOTE: the following was inadvertently omitted from the February Hayenu]

## *From the Principal's Desk- February 2002*

To meet the deadline for this Bulletin, I am writing this message in the midst of preparations for The Tu-Be'shvat Community Seder and celebration, in partnership with the congregation's Family Education Committee. I am immersed in the spirit of the holiday, only three weeks away. But by the time you receive the Hayenu, nearly a month from now, Tu Be'Shvat will have gone and been forgotten for this year. Anything I have to say at this moment will be yesterday's news. So much is changing so rapidly and abruptly that one often hesitates to plan or say anything about tomorrow. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Yet, that is precisely the reason why we must work hard to implant in our tomorrows the elements that will assure a meaningful future for our children and ourselves. To that end, I maintain that the spirit of Tu-Be'Shvat must be sustained as the vehicle for supporting Israel and, consequently, the Jewish people.

There are many ways in which we can continue to invest in our future. Most of us are familiar with such options as sending money for trees to Israel, buying Israel Bonds, purchasing "Made in Israel" products, and going on Israel missions. Less familiar projects may include "Adopting" an Israeli border development town, sponsoring a Jewish child refugee in Israel, and sending "Care" packages to Israeli soldiers. For additional ideas, please review the January 27<sup>th</sup> Tu-Be'Shvat Family Program materials.

Now more than ever we must exercise our commitment to our Jewish ideals. "When the going gets rough, the tough get tougher". Please, stay involved!

The **Aleph class Kabbalat Siddur** is a family program marking the initiation of our Third Graders into formal Jewish Education. On January 25, our Aleph students each received their very own Siddur Sim Shalom. Each Siddur book cover was a work of art designed and made by each student's respective parents. At the Ceremony, the students demonstrated many of the skills acquired in their first four months at our excellent Religious School. The dedicated teachers Yael Lurie and Nava Shteiyer and the families are very proud of their students' achievements. The Aleph students honored are:

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## *From the Principal's Desk - March 2002*

Question! Where does one experience an exhilarating, first time event?

At the Educators Convention 2002, in Washington DC, of course! This convention was certainly outstanding, if only due to the bravery of the convention planners who dared bring together all five branches of the Conservative Synagogue's professionals, all at the same time and place. It was just a treat to be in the Nation's Capital after November 11 and to be able to hear a panel of five of the sharpest-minded journalists deliberate on controversial issues regarding the Middle East, such as the rising culture of terrorism and Jewish factor.

Another example of leadership and motivating messages at the Convention came from USCJ Executive Vice President Rabbi Jerome Epstein, who issued a call to action in which he told all the delegates that just as the Prophet Isaiah challenged our ancestors to become an Or LaGoyim, he wants Conservative Jews to become Or LaYehudim — a light unto the Jews. He asked Conservative Jews to commit themselves to a "Compact of Jewish Commitment". He said, "let us pledge to take on the commitment of personal Tikkun Olam by — as a minimum — giving Tzedakah to one person or doing one act of G'milut Hesed each day. Second, let us pledge to live by the Jewish calendar" ...

It is in this spirit I now feel empowered to share with you the Religious School Calendar for March:

## **Religious School March Calendar 2002**

- Fri. 1 **Kabbalat Yeladaynu**, Early Family Services 7:30& Dinner at 6:30PM
- Sat. 2 AM- Parashah Ki Tisa/ Shabbat Parah  
\*Mazal Tov Michelle Schwartz AM Bat Mitzvah
- Sun. 3 **Regular Classes**
- Tue. 5 **Regular Classes** & Central High-School visit to Kita Hey 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

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### Religious School March Calendar 2002

- Th. 7 Regular Classes
- Sat. 9 Shabbaton AM- *Parashah Vayakhel/Pekude*  
\* Mazal Tov –PM Bar Mitzvah Scott Yontef
- Sun. 10 Regular Classes
- Tue. 12 Regular Classes
- Th. 14 Regular Classes
- Sat. 16 Shabbaton AM – Parash Vayikra  
\*Mazal Tov PM Bat Mitzvah of Jame Tiger  
and Bar Mitzvah of Benji Tiger
- Sun. 17 Regular Classes& Kita Bet Passover Family  
Workshop 9:00AM  
{Kita Hey, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Regional Visit to  
Central High School Open House}
- Tue. 19 Regular Classes & Model Seder Kitot Gimel  
and Dalet (Hey individually)  
{Central High School Open House for  
Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students at Kushner}
- Th. 21 Regular Classes & Model Seder Kitot Aleph  
and Bet
- Sat. 23 \*Mazal Tov –AM Jamie Rolnik & Bari Leff  
PM- Bnot Mitzvah
- Sun. 24 Regular Classes and, Primary I, II&III Model  
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- Tue. 26 No Classes -Vacation begins -Search for  
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- Wed. 27 First Seder
- Sunday, April 7th – Classes Resume

Best Wishes for a Kosher and Meaningful Passover  
Holiday

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS...

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### KADIMA HAPPENINGS

January brought more than just a snow storm with it for B'nai Shalom Kadimanicks who invaded Eagle Rock Bowling Alley. The kids bowled two games and ate pizza from Jerusalem West. The high score went to Steven Hoffer, who bowled a 134. We had an excellent turnout with attendance better than 20 children.

February was a blast for the Kadimanics who headed for Camel Back in Tannersville, Pa. on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. West Orange and Montclair hit the slopes after a leisurely bus ride which featured the hit movie Rush Hour 2, and bagels and nosh. 27 members in all attended the snow packed day and enjoyed getting wet and then drying off fireside with some hot cocoa.

This spring hope to dual- host a Kadima Regional Event. We will be planning other events for the upcoming year and hope to find a few more members. Kadima can only be as fun and exciting as we make it...so don't stay home, come out and join us. Do you know anyone ages 11-14? Bring them along to the next event; if they join you earn Kadima Dollars, which are redeemable at Borders Book and Music Store.

Thanks to all the members who have taken an active role in making B'nai Shalom's group great! I'm looking forward a wonderful turnout for the upcoming Chocolate Seder at the shul (West Orange) on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Bye for now! Hope to see you then.

Janet Brenner  
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The Shenassa Family

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7:30 PM Early Family Services Kabbalat Yeiadenu & Dinner for Aleph Class	9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Michele Schwarz Shabbat Experience 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program
3 PM Nursery School Event 10:00 AM Strategic Planning Operation Review	4 Sisterhood Learning Seder Jewish Meditation Group	5 7:30 PM Strategic Planning Meeting 6:30 PM Dream Foundation Meeting	6 8 PM Rei Sch Comm Mtg 8:30 PM Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents Meeting Torah Reading Academy	7 Board Mtg	8	9 PM Bar Mitzvah of Scott Yontef Shabbaton Congregant led Minyan Learners Minyan Shabbateinu Seudah Shlishit 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program
10 9-11 AM Family Workshop Book Review in house	11 Jewish Meditation Group	12	13 Double Chai –EH 12:30 Torah Reading Academy	14 8:30 PM Learners women's sedar	15	16 PM Bnei Mitzvah of Jayme Tiger & Benji Tiger Shabbaton 6/7 Minyan Meyuchad Adult Ed Scholar in Residence
17 More than Matza Brunch Wine Sale& Candy sale Model Sedar & Workshops	18 Jewish Meditation Group	19 1-3 Jewish Discovery Zone	20 AM - Model Seder Nursery School Nursery School Comm. Meeting Torah Reading Academy	21 Exec. Bd. Mtg	22 Pre-Passover Dinner	23 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Jamie Roinik PM Bat Mitzvah of Bari Leff Rabbi's Table Shabbat Experience Congregant Led Minyan
24 Wine Sale Primary Model Sedar	25 Jewish Meditation Group	26 Religious School Closed	27 Erev Passover	[3/28] [4/05] Passover Religious School Closed	29	30
31 Religious School Closed						

# April 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jewish Meditation Group	2 Religious School Closed	3	4 Religious School Closed Board Meeting	5 7:30 PM Early Family Services	6 PM Bat Mitzvah of Liz Feldstein Shabbateinu 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program
7 Religious School Resumes	8 Erev Yom Hashoah	9 Yom Hashoah	10 Double Chai 12:30 8 PM-Rel Sch Comm Mtg	11	12	13 Rabbi's Table Congregant Led Minyan PM Shabbaton
14	15 Erev Yom Hazikaron	16 Yom Hazikaron	17 Yom Ha'Atzmaut	18 Exec. Board mtg	19	20 9:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Mitchell Geller Yom Ha'atmaut program Learners Minyan Minyan Meyuchad 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program PM Shabbaton
21 10 AM Men's Club - Sisterhood joint brunch Adult Ed Program	22 Jewish Meditation Group Sisterhood Bd. Mtg.	23	24 Nursery School Comm. Mtg.	25	26 7:15 PM Nursery School dinner & service	27 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Goler
28 Afternoon chaverim event Log Bomer Event for R/S	29 Jewish Meditation Group	30 Lag B'Omer				