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From the Rabbi

On Diversity Within Unity

Dear friends;

In many ways B'nai Shalom is like a large tent in which we live together as one united community. Underneath the "big top," which encompasses all of us, we are a multi-faceted collection of individuals and families. We each have our own individual tents of varying colors, hues, shapes, textures, materials and designs. Some of us are more observant, some less so. Some more participating, others less so. Some more Jewishly educated, others less so. Some more synagogue goers on a regular basis, others once a month or three times a year, or not at all. We have different Jewish and secular backgrounds and upbringings and education, different understandings of the nature of God, different political and philosophical outlooks. We have different life experiences. We have a variety of approaches to what makes a Jew a Jew. We are of different ages and are the products of different generations and eras. We look to the synagogue to meet a large variety of needs, and we have different expectations of what we want from the synagogue. Some support our synagogue with donations small and large above and beyond our synagogue dues; some give amounts of time, large and small, as volunteers; some support us through their dues and ask almost nothing in return except to be included as members. In spite of all these differences, however, we are still one united community that finds a very special home under the protecting tent of **our very precious synagogue!** Within the B'nai Shalom "tent" we all live together with mutual respect and understanding! As a community we work very hard to meet the needs of all our members. At times we expand the tent, keeping in mind that as our members' needs change,

so must our responses to their needs change, **as long as they remain within the framework of what is halakhically acceptable within the Conservative movement.** We are all equal and all equally important to B'nai Shalom! Moreover, there are so many things to unite us that they far outweigh the expected diversity that exists within any community, and they are:

1. The love of the history of our people—we are all part of a link in a chain of stories that has carried us through the generations
2. The desire to celebrate the holidays and life cycle events in ways that connect us to tradition

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, November 3	4:32 P.M.
Friday, November 10	4:24 P.M.
Friday, November 17	4:18 P.M.
Friday, November 24	4:14 P.M.

MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, Sunday November 4 & 5	4:30 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday November 11 & 12	4:25 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday November 18 & 19	4:20 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday November 25 & 26	4:15 P.M.

President's Message

Shalom!

The month of October was both hectic and joyous at B'nai Shalom. Our High Holidays were most meaningful and well coordinated. Again, Yasher Koach to Paul Kurland for organizing seating and tickets, to Tom Phon for set up, and his initiative on the project of obtaining new Mahzors through contributions. This is the second year I have had the privilege to sit on the bimah and observe Len Fisher "in action." I guess the best way to describe Len is to say he is the orchestrator on the bimah. And the holidays would not be the same without Len Fisher singing out "Tekia Gedola." Len is also the chairperson of the honors committee. The honors committee does try its best to distribute the various aliyas, etc. Please, if you did not receive an honor and would like one next year, kindly send a note to the synagogue, to my attention, and I will pass it on to the honors committee. In addition, thank you to Jeff Kirschenbaum, Sherry Kirschembaum, and Marlene Lynn for organizing and leading the alternative family service. I have had wonderful feedback about the quality and atmosphere of this observance. The youth service organized by Janice Colmar was both well attended and vibrant. Yasher Koach to Janice. We hope to expand the range of youth and teen services next year. I know I speak for all of us in saying thank you to the Rabbi and Cantor. The holidays, while spiritual, are in some ways are like a marathon. Yasher Koach to Rabbi Asekoff and Cantor Feldman for their magnificent leadership. Also, a special thank you to the synagogue support staff: Barbara, Jane, Linda, Abraham, Betty and Jose for all of their dedicated work during the High Holidays.

I believe the Rabbi's sermons were very inspirational. The ideal of B'nai Shalom as one large tent attempting to satisfy all of the spiritual, educational, and social needs of a conservative synagogue is of the utmost importance, and in a way a mission statement. Last year, our Board of Trustees met for a strategic planning session — some also call it long-term planning. I believe now is the time to continue this process, and ask ourselves if we are meet-

ing the needs of all of our congregants to the best of our ability. For those interested in working on this project, please contact me.

Two final acknowledgments for the holidays. First to Irving Berkowitz, the president of Ahavath Achim, for his insightful and kind comments, and second to Margo Heda, and the teen torah readers — you were great!

I hope many of you had a chance to review the new proposed renovation plan on display in the synagogue lobby. Generally I have had good feedback from congregants on this new concept. There will be a lot of hard work and effort by a united team of volunteers and contributors to make this dream a reality. The renovation committee and I will do our best to communicate the progress to the congregation.

The weather was superb for the first days of Sukkot, as were the volunteers from Sisterhood and Men's Club for their efforts in again letting us enjoy the holiday in the wonderful surroundings of our Sukkah. Some have asked me about the pavers for the Sukkah floor. At some time in the future we hope to have pavers installed in and around the area of the Sukkah, for use not only on the holidays, but also at other times when the weather allows. However, as the new construction may touch in that area, we should wait until the plans are finalized.

As I write this article, events in Israel, and the Middle East are still volatile. I hope by the time you receive this issue there will be a cessation of the violence. I hope that all parties will be on the path to a just and secure peace agreement!

Shalom,

*Bennett Schwartz
President*

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CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Feldman

Thanksgiving Day: Each Morning, Noon and Night

One of the foremost prayers which is recited at each of the three daily services is entitled “Modim” (the Prayer of Thankfulness). In celebration of Thanksgiving, I would like to explore the musical arrangements and history that has given this prayer its preeminent place in our daily, and Sabbath and Festival prayers.

Modim is found several times in our new Sabbath Sim Shalom Prayer book. The text which the congregation reads as the cantor chants the Modim Prayer (Prayer of Thankfulness) is as follows:

We gratefully thank You (G-d) for it is You who are our Lord, our G-d and G-d of our forefathers for all eternity. You have been the stabilizing factor in our lives, the shield of our salvation, from generation to generation. We shall thank You and relate your praise for our lives, which are enabled through your power, and for our souls which are entrusted to You; for Your miracles that are ever present each day, and for Your wondrous beneficence in every season and at each time frame—evening, morning and afternoon. You are the Beneficent One, for Your compassion is unending and your kindness unceasing. May we always remain faithful to you.

A recitative arrangement of the Modim prayer was first recorded by Cantor Mordechai Hirshman in 1930. In that recording, the entire prayer is recited aloud by the cantor with organ accompaniment, but without a choir. A more complex musical arrangement of Modim for cantor and choir was composed by Oscar Julius. Recordings of this arrangement were made by Cantor Shalom Katz and Cantor Sidor Malavsky. I had the opportunity to hear this arrangement recited by Cantor Moshe Koussevitzky. It was a thrilling experience to hear the Cantor recite Modim while having the choir respond with the text of the Modim Derabbanan (the congregational Modim).

More modern versions of the Modim prayer sung by contemporary singing groups focus on phrases from the

prayer or a single sentence rather than using the whole prayer. For instance, the first three (words, “Modim Anachnu Loch,” (We are grateful to you) became a leading contender in the Chassidic song festival in Jerusalem. The song Hatov Kelochalu Rachamecha uses as its text the last sentence of the Modim prayer.

It’s interesting that the Shulchan Aruch (the Code of Jewish Law) indicates that as Modim is being said the cantor and congregation must bow at the words Modim Anachnu Loch and stand erect at the recitation of G-d’s name as a sign of reverence. According to the Avudraham (an author of a prayer book and authority on prayers), when the cantor recites Modim he must bow as a slave would in ancient days accepting the total authority of his master.

The public expression of gratitude to the Almighty was given such a place of importance that there are actually two Modim prayers: one for the cantor to recite aloud and another entitled Modim Derabbanan which is recited by the congregation at the time that Modim is being chanted by the cantor. The Modim prayer is a very old prayer. It is recorded in the Talmud in Tractate Sotah 40a and in the Yerushalmi Talmud 1:8. The title of the congregational Modim, Modim Derabbanan, was given to this prayer because its text was composed of a compilation of personal declarations of a group of rabbis in Talmudic times. So as not to offend any one rabbi, the words of the prayer are a fusion of the text of each of the rabbis. Hence the title, Modim Derabbanan, which means the Rabbinical Modim.

When the cantor and congregation recite Modim, four themes are expressed. Tzur Chayenu. While it is our parents who have given us our physical or corporal essence, it is G-d who has given us life. Nodeh Lechah. Having begun the prayer describing the greatness of the Creator and our relationship with the Almighty, we now thank G-d for all areas of existence. Al Chayenu. Though each of us might think we are the master of our own lives, we acknowledge that every breath and heartbeat is through G-d’s facilitation. Finally, Neeshmotaynu Hap kudot Loch, the higher spiritual essence of our existence, is G-d’s gift to mankind.

May this forthcoming Thanksgiving Holiday be full of G-d’s blessings to you and your family.

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

FROM THE RABBI

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3. The commitment to treat one another with respect and with the consciousness that we are all created "B'tzelem Elohim" in the image of the Divine
4. The approach of Conservative Judaism as expressed by our B'nai Shalom program and activities and religious services
5. The opportunities B'nai Shalom provides for us to feel connected to each other as Jews; and connected to God, Torah, the Jewish People, and the State of Israel
6. The opportunities B'nai Shalom gives us to educate ourselves and our children, and to learn new Jewish skills and apply them
7. The sense of community and family we feel as members of B'nai Shalom
8. The knowledge that B'nai Shalom will always be there for us when we need it
9. Our loyalty and love for B'nai Shalom that have developed through the years, as we have shared joys and sorrows, successes and defeats; and found this community to be a source of strength, comfort and support at these critical moments.

When we walk into our synagogue building, each one of us, we are "home" and "at home" Jewishly. **That** is what enables the B'nai Shalom tent to be "big enough" physically and symbolically to encompass all of us.

As we look forward to the new year, we know that there will be many fresh challenges along the way. The world is a complex and challenging place. Things are always in flux, always changing. It is inevitable that those currents of change will make their way into synagogue life as well. It is also inevitable that the ever changing multiplicity of needs that each of us has will also make itself felt within the life of our synagogue. It is our obligation to deal with these changing needs in a way that will both keep all of us comfortable under the B'nai Shalom tent, even as it expands and its contours change; and, at the same time, help those new needs to be addressed in a satisfying manner. We should also keep in mind that every new challenge should not be viewed as a "problem" or an "obstacle," but rather as an "opportunity" to discover new ways of bringing God and Jewish tradition into our lives! Such an approach will ensure the continuity of our congregation and the ability of B'nai Shalom to continue to do in the present and future exactly what it has done in the past: remain a safe, comfortable, reassuring and

comforting Jewish home and haven to all its members; while maintaining its ability to face change and growth in a creative way that respects our diversity and treats all our members with respect and understanding.

Come to think of it, isn't this the way that not just synagogues but families, communities, businesses and the entire world should work to produce the kind of atmosphere in which there is true harmony and understanding?

Sincerely,

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

EARLY FAMILY SERVICE

Friday Evening, November 3, 7:30 P.M.

MISHNAH STUDY WITH RABBI ASEKOFF

On Tuesday Evenings 8:30 P.M.!

Will resume Tuesday evening, November 7

PEREK YOMI DISCUSSION GROUP

To enhance our reading of the daily Biblical chapter Rabbi Asekoff is offering a weekly discussion group of the biblical chapters being read. Contact Rabbi Asekoff for scheduling Information!

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.

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!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wrigley's Orbit, and Freedent Gums – produced in France and sold in Israel, are no longer certified by the Bais Din of Paris and the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel suggests not using them effective July 24, 2000.

Tropical Source Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips and Tropical Source Espresso Roast Chocolate Chips – in bags and in bulk-bins, “KOF-K-Pareve”-certified, contain trace amounts of milk protein which is not mentioned in the listing of ingredients. A recall has been made. New milk-free product will begin with the production code #009.

Farm Rich Non-Dairy Creamer (Rich Products, Buffalo, NY) – will no longer be certified as kosher by the “OU”. Existing products bearing “OU-Pareve” are acceptable. All other Rich products will continue to be “OU”-certified.

UNAUTHORIZED KOSHER SYMBOLS

Total Balance brand Strawberry Flavored Nutritional Drink (Balance Bar Company) – bears an unauthorized “OU”. The product is no longer being manufactured. Please contact us at KASHRUS if you find a mislabeled can.

Robert's Gourmet Fireside Mix – bears an unauthorized “KOF-K-Pareve”. The product is dairy. Robert's Gourmet Treats are no longer “KOF-K”-certified.

Maharishi Ayurveda brand Ghee – a natural clarified butter flavored with spices, claims to be “Made from kosher butter.” The products are not presently kosher-certified. Clarified butter is butter which has had the milk solids remove. Any kosher product that is reprocessed or even repackaged, especially when flavors or spices are added, requires kosher-certification.

Oasis Mediterranean Hummous and Middle Eastern Salads, Stuffed Cabbage and Grape Leaves (Toledo, OH) – are no longer certified by the “OU” and even product bearing the “OU” should not be used.

Chelton House Caesar Dressing – bears an unauthorized “OU” and is NOT kosher. The product is being recalled.

Trader Joe's All Natural Pasteurized Unfiltered Concord Grape Juice (SKU#012951) – produced for Trader Joe's by Welch's Grape Juice, bears an unauthorized “KSA” on the label and is being listed in Trader Joe's West Coast Kosher Directory as being “KSA”-certified. In fact, some industrial bulk products of Welch's are kosher-certified by Rabbi Leonard H. Lifshen, of Congregation Brith Shalom (Conservative) of Erie, PA.

STILL UNAUTHORIZED

Melba Foods Bearnaise Sauce and Hallondaise Sauce – bears an unauthorized “KOF-K-Pareve” sign. They are not “KOF-K”-certified, and contain dairy ingredients.

Pathmark Hot Cocoa Mix – is “OU”-certified for the regular mix, **not the one with marshmallows**. Some packets with the “OU” have been found to contain marshmallows. The product has been recalled.

MISLABELED

Chicken of the Sea Tuna (3-pack, 3 oz. Cans)-is mistakenly labeled “OU-D.” It is pareve.

DAIRY WITHOUT “D” DESIGNATION

Gillette Creamery Butterscotch Topping (Phyljohn Distributors, Ellenville, NY) – bears an “OU” and not an “OU-D”. The product contains butter, as listed among the ingredients.

Betty Crocker Sunkist Lemon-Poppy Seed Premium Muffin Mix – bears only an “OU” and not an “OU-D.” The product lists whey as an ingredient. The ingredient label also reads: “Contains Wheat and Milk Ingredients.”

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RELIGIOUS NEWS...

KOSHER KORNER

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HERSHEY UPDATES

Hershey Chocolate Milk – is not produced by Hershey Foods, but is licensed to different dairies across the country. Some are kosher-certified and others are not.

Hershey Foods USA (formerly Hershey Chocolate) – has recently purchased non-kosher candy companies. The name Hershey Foods will appear on packaging; no kosher symbol will appear.

Hershey's Twizzlers Twist n'Fill – a new product with two flavors in every bite, is being test-marketed and is not, as yet, kosher-certified.

KOSHER WITHOUT SYMBOL

Mauna Loa Macadamia Nuts – are "OU"-certified even when not bearing the "OU" symbol.

NEW ON THE LOCAL SCENE

Welcome to the newest kosher eating establishment on the local scene: **City Wraps**. Located at 91 Mount Pleasant Avenue in Livingston (992-6550), it features a variety of meat "wraps" as well as a selection of other meat items. Kosher supervision is by Rabbi Harry Cohen of New York city.

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES RESUME

Our Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday afternoons at sundown resume on Friday afternoon, November 3, at 4:30 P.M. All are welcome!

Kabbalat Shabbat Times:

Friday, November 3	4:30 P.M.
Friday, November 10	4:25 P.M.
Friday, November 17	4:20 P.M.
Friday, November 24	4:15 P.M.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

MAZAL TOV TO

Si and Esther Kaplan on the birth of their granddaughter, Lindsay Ilyssa Kaplan daughter of Dr. Leonard & Robyn Kaplan.

Nancy & Paul Kurland upon the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Todd Goren. Mazel Tov also to the grandparents, Rina and Leonard Kurland, Sydelle Stern; to the aunt & uncle Joan & David Wynn, and to the great aunt & uncle Myra & Ray Kurland.

Shirley and Jerry Kantor upon the engagement of his son, Gary to Paula Goldberger.

Bobbie Goldberg upon the birth of a granddaughter, Jacqueline Ava, daughter of Mitchell & Julie Goldberg.

Naomi Michaelis, daughter of David & Janice Michaelis, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Janice Colmar Michaelis is our Educational Director here at B'nai Shalom.

Jacqueline Weiss, daughter of Michele Weiss, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Michele Weiss is our Nursery School Director.

Vivian Feldman, daughter of Elihu and Marsha Feldman, upon becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Elihu Feldman is our Cantor at B'nai Shalom.

CONDOLENCES TO

Karen Mazal upon the death of her grandmother, Ann Kornreich

Marlene Lynn upon the death of her father, Bernard Golde.

Michael Berg upon the death of his father, Solomon Berg.

Sara Weinberg for the loss of her sister-in-law, Bernice Harris.

Mark Weinberg for the loss of his cousin, Bernice Harris.

WORKERS NEEDED

Do you have two hours a day from 3-5 to work in the synagogue office? We are looking for a high school junior or senior who wants to work in the office 3-4 days a week. For more information, call Barbara in the office, 731-0160.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

BOARD OF TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS 10/5/00

1. Belleville merger is proceeding and a formal agreement is being worked on.
2. We will be holding a reception to formally welcome them in the near future.
3. A new proposed drawing of the renovation has been hanging in the lobby outside of the sanctuary. Stop and see it.
4. We have hired a part-time person to help organize events for the Double Chai Club.
5. The Israel Bond Brunch honoring our congregation and Phil Pomerantz was a great success. The synagogue was presented with a menorah designed by Salvadore Dali.
6. Super Sunday is December 3rd. Volunteers are needed
7. December 2nd Sisterhood is holding a Murder Mystery Dinner.
8. The stones for the Sukkah are on hold until after the renovation.
9. All classrooms are air conditioned except for Room 1.
10. The synagogue has its own website. It can be found at BnaiShalom.net

KOL NIDRE APPEAL EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!

A well deserved thank you to our fellow congregation members for their generosity and thoughtfulness during our recent Kol Nidre Appeal. The rousing success we enjoyed was directly attributed to your ever-increasing charitable pledges that you were so kind to make.

Much thanks to everyone who volunteered to help make calls and solicit the pledges. Yasher Koah to our Livingston calling center crew which included Charles Kurtzer, Jerry Geldzahler, Sindy Liben, Bonnie Kessler and the fine efforts of Don Legow. Special thanks with gratitude to Steve Colten for his time and commitment to the success of this project. Steve headed up our West Orange calling center and his team of Hal Genkin, David Gleaner, David Blady, Jane Kaplan, Roberta Knauer, David Esrig, Marc Kallus, Elliot Leinwand and Larry Hammer. Our synagogue continues to be a better place through the efforts of such fine volunteers.

Jay Sher
Kol Nidre Appeal Chairman

THE GIFT OF ISRAEL

There is over \$1,000 available for your child's trip to Israel during his/her teenage years. To learn how to enroll in this program call Bonnie Kessler - 994-9578.

ATTENTION COLLEGE PARENTS

Addresses needed of your undergraduate college student if you would like to be included in our College Connection Program. Please return this tear off as soon as possible.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

COLLEGE: _____

YEAR: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please return to the synagogue office

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

NOVEMBER B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH

Naomi Michaelis

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date: September 4, 2000
Parents Name: Janice Colmar Michaelis & David Michaelis
Date of Birth: 8/5/88
School: SSDS
Grade: 7th Grade
Interests and Hobbies: Soccer

Avital Andron

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date: October 29, 2000
Parents Name: Susan Tober & Saul Andron
Date of Birth: 6/28/87
School: Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy
Grade: 7th Grade
Interests and Hobbies: Basketball & Israeli Dance

Jenni Blady

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date: November 25, 2000
Parents Name: Anne & David Blady
Date of Birth: 7/27/00
School: SSDS
Grade: 7th Grade
Interests and Hobbies: All Sports, Shopping, Beaded Jewelry making

MEN'S CLUB TOY DRIVE

Men's Club is having their 14th Annual Toy Drive and they need the Congregation's help. They are working with the Jewish Family Service and other charitable organizations to collect toys to be distributed to needy children at the upcoming holiday season.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy to the Synagogue and put it in the collection box in the hallway. Your concern will make the holiday season a little brighter for a child.

Our Toy Drive ends on December 1st. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions please call Tom Phon, 736-4681.

MORNING MINYAN

At the end of May I finished my required eleven months less one day of saying Kaddish for my father. Because of family obligations, I was unable to attend shul regularly twice a day to say Kaddish, so I made a commitment to come at least once a day. It was difficult for my family. My husband, Gary, had to rearrange his schedule, and I wasn't always home to see my daughter, Ilana, off to school or to bed. A special plug for Gary: from the beginning, he stood with me when I said Kaddish. What a wonderful show of support.

The experience of attending a daily minyan surprised me. In addition to finding solace and comfort, I also made new friends there. Two other women lost their fathers within weeks of my Dad's death. I became especially close with one of them. As the year passed, more congregants started coming regularly to say Kaddish for their parents, spouses, siblings, and children. Two women who are not congregants, but who work in the area, also lost parents and started attending the minyan regularly.

The daily minyan at B'nai Shalom is a very close, cohesive group. This special group is small, and at times, it was difficult to find ten people for services. Recently I learned that a number of years ago, the daily minyan only met twice a week. It was thanks to Murray Goflieb's leadership and perseverance that we are able to have services every day. Rabbi Asekoff and Cantor Feldman have been actively involved in the daily minyanim. Janet Babbitt has been attending daily services for 12 years and has become the morning minyan coordinator. When the Rabbi is not around, she phones everyone on her Palm Pilot minyan list to try to make sure that ten people will be at shul. I have great admiration for all the dedicated regular minyan attendees. After services we have coffee or tea, a snack and lots of shmoozing. We support each other during the difficult times and share in each other's joys and celebrations. Life goes on.

Some of us had to travel during our year of mourning and we shared our stories on the difficulties in finding a minyan elsewhere. Some mourners lead services, others read Torah or lead English readings. Aliyot and other minyan honors are shared by all. A young girl leads Ashrei. A man starts wearing tefillin for the first time. Everyone participates however they can. We offer names for the mishaberach prayer for those who are ill. I often think what a heavy responsibility that is: a few of us joining the Rabbi in saying a prayer for so many people who are ill.

I have decided to continue attending the daily minyanim, not every day, but certainly on a regular basis. The minyan was there when I needed it. I must be there when others need it.

My father's death changed me forever, saying Kaddish changed me forever, and the daily minyan changed me forever, as well.

Saralee Rosen

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

TORAH READING ACADEMY

We are delighted to welcome new members Aviva Bortniker, Jordana Paul, David Brien, Dyan Testa, Lee Citron, Scott Roinik, Marc Ohringer, Dana Crystal, Jasmine Marcus, and Jamie Cohen.

We are especially proud of all the teens who read Torah so expertly for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Many had the challenge of learning High Holiday trope, which is an entirely different system. A hearty *yasher koach* and thank you to Doug London, Sarah Woldin, Melissa Wertheimer, Stephan Kallus, Sam Kallus, Arielle Kallus, Jonah Grossman, Jamie Cohen, Francine Cohen, Aviva Bortniker, Dana Crystal, Michael Rayfield, Jessica Crystal, Jonah Kaplan, and Samantha Knauer.

Thank you and *yasher koach* to all the adults and teens who dedicated their time and efforts towards the superb Torah readings in the main service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We were blessed with a diverse group of adults and young people, all of whom were a pleasure to hear. Our sincerest thanks to: Doug London, Sarah Woldin, Larry Hoffer, Melissa Wertheimer, Stephan Kallus, Sam Kallus, Arielle Kallus, Jonah Grossman, David Bortniker, Jerry Cohen, Jamie Cohen, Francine Cohen, Aviva Bortniker, Dana Crystal, Michael Rayfield, Jessica Crystal, Ralph Siegel, Jonah Kaplan, David Gleaner, David Blady, Michael Cohenon, Saralee Rosen, and Samantha Knauer.

Sincerely,

Margo Heda
Jewish Music Educator

B'NAI SHALOM IS THE PLACE TO BE ON SHABBAT

On Shabbat morning, B'nai Shalom offers programming for children ages 2- teens.

Shabbat Fun run by Mollie Andron and Sherry Kirschenbaum is for children ages 2-4. Children and their parents, participate in a child-oriented service, play, listen to stories and march with the Torah. This program begins at 11:00 each week.

Torah and Tefila run by Shira Bortniker and Sam Kallus is for children ages 5- 7. Through a variety of activities and games, the children daven and learn about the weekly Torah portion. Torah and Tefila begins at 11:00 each week.

Mini Minyan run by Arielle Kallus is for children ages 8 – 10. The “Minyanaires” lead their congregation in Tefila – prayer. During the Torah service they have the opportunity to discuss the weekly Torah portion and act it out. Minyanaires are fond of earning points through question answering which can be traded in for various prizes. Mini Minyan begins each week at 10:45.

Beginning in November – PreTeen and Teen Services.

Shabbat Experience Family Service for 3-5th Graders.

Fresh from leading the Family Service on the High Holidays, Mr. Jeff Kirschenbaum is back to lead Shabbat Experience. Jeff and Janice Colmar have run Shabbat Experience for the last two years.

The Shabbat Experience is a program is for all families of **third, fourth and fifth graders** in the synagogue. Third and Fourth grade families will meet together, while Fifth Graders will have alternative dates. The families spend a Shabbat morning together learning, praying and playing. Not only do families have the opportunity to mix but also it offers a great opportunity for children in the Religious School to meet their counterparts who attend Day Schools.

For more information please call Janice Colmar at 731-3720.

In our efforts to reach every young person in our congregation with the information about upcoming age- appropriate programs, please take a minute to mail or fax the following information.

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH (INCLUDE YEAR): _____

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Last month our USY chapter participated in the first regional dance of the season. B'nai Shalom members traveled together to the event in Clark with participants from our co-chapters in South Orange. The chapter also planned and enjoyed a Murder Mystery dinner. The group prepared all of the food for the evening, and delivered extra portions to the American Rescue Workers group. On November 11th the chapter will travel to the Rocky Horror Picture Show in Teaneck, followed by a synagogue sleep-in. The weekend of November 17th will be the regional shabbaton in Caldwell. USY goes to Boston December 21 - 28th for the annual convention.

The USY Basketball is currently forming.

The Kadimah chapter spent an evening at Sports and Games, followed by a synagogue sleep-in. The Kadimah Basketball is currently forming. The Kadimah regional weekend will be December 15 - 16 in Morris Plains.

Call Eitan Gutin at the Youth Hotline at 877 256 5709 for information on this or any of the above events. You may also leave a message for USY/Kadimah at the synagogue office.

GREAT YOUTH PROGRAMS DEPEND ON GREAT PARENTS

Parent involvement is a key element of a successful synagogue youth program. Please let Suzanne Grossman know if you are interested in helping to make your youth programs the best they can be. You can leave a message for her at the synagogue office.

ATTENTION ALL HAGALIL USY ALUMNI

The New Jersey/Hagalil region of USY invites all of its alumni to attend a brunch on Sunday November 26, 2000, from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Dr, Springfield.

This brunch is open to all USY alumni. For further information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Michelle Rich at the regional office at 908-925-7USY (7879) or e-mail her at rich@uscj.org.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

CHILDREN JOIN IN SHOFAR SERVICE

Children from Kindergarten through Grade Five participated in services designed specifically for them on all three days of High Holidays. Each two and a half hour session included games, stories and Tefila. The highlight of the service on the second day of Rosh Hashannah came at 12:15. Sixty children gathered in the back classrooms of the building to hear the shofar. As Tekiah Gedola was called, all 60 children helped celebrate by blowing shofars. Some had real shofars from family or the shofar-making workshop. Some had simple shofars made in the school. What a glorious sound. I look forward to making this an annual tradition.

Shana Tova

Rena Casser

THE SHOFAR AT B'NAI SHALOM

During the 3 Wednesdays in September the halls of the synagogue were alive with the sounds of the shofar as members of B'nai Shalom learned how to use and blow their own shofarot. Members of the class were: Ava, Kate and Mia Boxer, Michele and Terry Schwarz, Ben Maas, Aaron Blady, Even Colten and Keren Baruch. The class was sponsored by The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and was taught by Eytan Hammerman. On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Ava, Kate and Mia Boxer, Naomi and Danny Michaelis, Evan Colten, Ben Maas, Reggie Viesel Keren Baruch and Richard Kallus walked to Green Hill and Brighton Gardens to blow the shofar for the residents.

On September 18, members of the Primary Department enjoyed a fun afternoon of Shofar making with Rabbi Grossbaum of the Living Legacy Center of the Rabbinical College of America. The students learned about the shofar and step by step took a goat's horn and turned it into a workable and useable shofar. Many used these very same shofarot to accompany the Rabbi at the end of Yom Kippur.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

For the first time at B'nai Shalom, children in grades K-5 all participated in High Holiday Services together. The program which ran for 2 hours was organized by the Principal, Janice Colmar and Rena Casser. In a round robin format children were able to participate in story telling, games and Tefilot led by Rena and teen members of the synagogue - Shira Bortniker, Leah Maas, Jonah Grossman and Ethan Bortniker. Highlights of the program included, the use of the child's size Torah brought over from the Belleville synagogue, the shofar blowing of all the children at the end of the second day of Rosh Hashanah and the plays put on by students in grades 4-5 and 2-3. We all eagerly look forward to this program continuing next year and expanding services for older students in our congregation.

B'NAI SHALOM YOUTH CHOIR

The voice of Robyn Helzner, musician extraordinaire, flows through the halls of B'nai Shalom during Religious School hours. In preparation for her concert on December 17, we will be selling and playing her tapes. In addition, STUDENTS OF THE SYNAGOGUE WILL JOIN WITH ROBYN TO SING ON THE STAGE DURING THE CONCERT. Special rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings, Oct. 29, November 5, 19, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at 10:00. For more information please contact the school office at 731-3720.

DUFFEL BAGS FOR ISRAEL PROGRAM - ARE YOU GOING?

According to a recent report from Israel, 45% of Ethiopian school children do not have the most basic, essential supplies for everyday classroom needs. Israeli schools do not provide these. B'nai Shalom has been very active in collecting school supplies for these children, which are sent to Israel through NACOEJ. They have sent these supplies through individuals, families and groups traveling to Israel on El Al and other airlines. If you know you are going and know that you will not be using your full allotment of luggage (2 pieces + a carry-on), and will be going to Jerusalem at some point during your trip, please contact NACOEJ at 212-233-5200.

CHAI LIFELINE

Chai Lifeline sponsors several innovative programs that support children with health needs in their school settings and their educators. More details about the programs below is available through the school office.

- 1- H.E.L.P. (HOMEBOUND EDUCATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM)
- 2- BACK TO SCHOOL HANDBOOK - for educators of children with life-threatening diseases
- 3- CLASSROOM AND TEACHER HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM
- 4- CHAILINK PROGRAM -links hospital or homebound children to their classrooms through video/teleconferencing systems
- 5- TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE - HIGH SCHOOL AWARD PROGRAM for high school seniors who volunteer on behalf of medically ill or disabled children or teens.
- 6- EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

UPCOMING SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 5- Primary II families will gather together to learn how to make hollot.

NOVEMBER 19 - Primary I families will gather together to examine Jewish ritual items.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2000

November 5	Primary II Family Workshop
November 11	Shabbat Experience for Students in Grades 3-4
November 12	No School - NJEA
November 15	Rabbi Shmooze for B'nai Mitzvah students
November 19	Primary I Family Workshop
November 21	Hey Class trip to Anne Frank Exhibit in Whippany
November 23 & 26	No School - Thanksgiving

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS...

Fall is here, Fall is here
How do you think I know
the leaves are failing down, down, down
I know it must be so.

If you happen to be walking down our Nursery School wing you might hear this song coming from our rooms. The children have been very busy enjoying the fall season. They have learned several songs, finger plays and have created a variety of art projects including leaf rubbings, squirrels and fall trees.

We are looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Each class is getting ready to prepare seasonal foods for all to enjoy. We will be dressing up as Pilgrims and Indians. Some of our delicacies will be sweet potato pie, cranberry jello, cornbread, apple sauce and pumpkin pie. We look forward to learning about the importance of friendship and sharing.

The youngest group, "Toddler Fun", for children ages 15 - 24 months with parent/care-giver, has started. What a sight to see these little, ones in school. If you or anyone you know would like to enroll, please call the school office at 325-8825.

Please feel free to stop by and share in our loving and learning.

Mchele Weiss
Nursery School Director

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COMMUNITY NEWS...

MAXINE FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP

The Women's Department MetroWest, in conjunction with the Maxine Fischer- Memorial Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of MetroWest, has established the Maxine Fischer Scholarship in order to help perpetuate the memory and values of the late Maxine Fischer, whose interest was in Jewish education for women.

The successful candidate will be a young woman from the MetroWest Community who is presently at least a Junior in college and who has a declared major of Jewish Studies and/or Women's Studies. She will be a full-time student, either undergraduate or graduate, attending a fully accredited college or university. She will have maintained a good academic record in her major field of studies, and will be in good academic standing in all other areas of study as well. She will have demonstrated involvement in Jewish or Women's Studies programs in the community as well as involvement with synagogue, Jewish youth, Hillel or other Jewish organizations. ,

Applications for the scholarship are due by December 11, 2000. The recipient will be announced at Women's Awareness Day, March 22, 2001. for further information about the scholarship, contact Alicia Zucker at (973) 884-4800 ext. 139.

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Betty and Ben Allman celebrating their special anniversary

Shirley & Phil Pomerantz

In Memory of

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The Rabbi's Fund is an ongoing source for the performance of good deeds and acts of loving kindness. In addition, it supports a variety of good causes, including scholarships for Jewish Summer Camping. Donations may also be made "in honor," "in memory of," and "for the recovery of." All donations are acknowledged in writing. We deeply appreciate those who have made donations this past month:

Mel Benjamin In thanks to Hashem

Shirley and Phil Pomerantz In memory of Betty Cooperstein, beloved mother of Jane Haas

Betty and Ben Allman

Dr. Susan Lessin

Leslie and Dr. David Gleaner

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The Shapiro Family In honor of Elliot Grossman chanting the Haftorah and Jonah Grossman reading Torah

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The Shenassa Family In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Karp, daughter of Hillel and Arlene Karp

Muriel and Herb Rozansky In memory of Dr. Caren Fried, beloved daughter-in-law of Phil and Shirley Pomerantz

Muriel and Herb Rozansky In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Vivian Feldman, daughter of Cantor and Marcia Feldman

Doris and Jerry Becker