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From the Rabbi

Dear friends;

As we contemplate the arrival of the High Holy Days at the very end of September, we can not help but be struck by two amazing, unprecedented and most momentous events that have taken place recently: the "Camp David Talks" and the nomination of Senator Joseph Lieberman for Vice President on the Democratic Party ticket. Each one in its own right was unprecedented.

The most significant aspect of the "Camp David Talks"-regardless of the outcome of the talks and regardless of the many "pros" and "cons" of the summit- was the placing on the table for the very first time, out in the open, for public debate and discussion, of issues that had heretofore been lurking in the background, but which both sides had refused to confront. The centrality of Jerusalem to both sides and the problem of Arab Refugees from the 1948 War of Independence are two of the major stumbling blocks to achieving an agreement between both sides. And yet, for the last 33 years, following the 1967 War, both sides had refused to deal with those issues-both internally and with each other. Other than creating slogans and putting forth fixed positions neither side had ever officially examined the problems and looked for creative solutions that could satisfy their needs and at the same time bridge the gap with the other side. Most telling was the little known fact that when both Barak and Arafat wanted to examine creative solutions to these problems, neither one had resources or analyses done by their respective governments. They had no other options but to turn to independent think tanks and analysts-because never before had each entertained the possibility that their fixed positions might be dead ends, and new options needed to be explored!

The nomination of Senator Lieberman as Democratic Vice-

Presidential candidate will no doubt be the topic of unending analyses, editorials, journal articles and papers and books for many years to come. It was as unexpected as it was unprecedented. Its meaning for the Jews of America goes without saying. However, its meaning for America is even more overwhelming. It represents another step forward in the realization of what has been the "American Dream" from the very inception of our country: that America is a land of freedom and opportunity for each and every one of its citizens, re-

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, September 1	7:10 P.M.
Friday, September 8	6:58 P.M.
Friday, September 15	6:46 P.M.
Friday, September 22	6:35 P.M.
Friday, September 29 Erev Rosh Hashannah	6:23 P.M.

MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, Sunday September 2, 3	7:10 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday September 9, 10	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday, September 16, 17	6:45 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday September 23, 24	6:35 P.M.
Saturday, Sunday Sept. 30, Oct. 1	6:25 P.M.

President's Message

Shalom!

I hope you all had a wonderful and healthy summer, and perhaps are now busy preparing spiritually and/or physically for the High Holidays soon approaching. The fact that the holidays are at the end of September and early October gives us all a little extra time this year. I am starting to prepare my remarks for Kol Nidre, and am glad I have a few more days to finish. As I did last year, I will attempt to be brief, but anyone caught napping.... well, the punishment is too harsh to print in the Hayenu! On a more serious note, Dr. Jay Sher has agreed to Chair our annual Kol Nidre Campaign for the benefit of all the wonderful services, educational opportunities, and various activities at B'nai Shalom. I would like to thank Jay for taking on this most important and time-consuming project. At the same time, I would also like to thank Rick Fern for all of the hard work and energy he has devoted to B'nai Shalom. This is a once-a-year campaign, and I hope all of you will give from the heart to insure that our synagogue will remain financially able to offer all that it does. Please answer the call generously.

Traditionally, this is also the time of year when families join synagogues — the religious and nursery schools start their new terms, new families move into the area, and of course all of the holidays are just beginning. If you know of any potential members, please invite them to a Shabbat and introduce them to other members. Also let our office or one of our membership chairpeople, Robin Colten and Marilyn Fern, know the names of the potential family. I would also be more than willing to contact the new family, to greet them, and answer any questions. New members are very important to keep our synagogue vibrant and strong. While on the subject of new members, I am so happy to report that we are putting the finishing touches on the merger with Ahavath Achim, the synagogue from Belleville. This will bring us some thirty new members. Many members of this group have started attending some of our activities and services. They will be joining us for The High Holidays. I welcome them, and know that all of our members will do the same as they meet our new friends and members from Belleville. We will have a special

ceremony and reception in honor of Ahavath Achim joining us — the time and date will be announced at a later date.

On Sunday, September 17, a brunch will be held at the synagogue to honor B'nai Shalom for its contribution to the State of Israel and Israel Bonds. Our synagogue will receive a special award for our high level of contributions to Israel in conjunction with Israel Bonds. Our own member, Phil Pomerantz, has single-handedly taken on this terrific project. I believe attending this brunch would be an appropriate way to honor Phil, and all of his hard work for Israel, so please try to attend!

Many of you may know by now that the renovation committee has hired a new architect. There is a new innovative and exciting plan on the table! The committee is in the process of receiving some preliminary quotes on the scope of the new addition and renovation. It is my hope that we will be able to unveil this new concept shortly, and then finally move forward full steam ahead in the coming year!

On page 3 of this issue is a list of synagogue committees and chair people. Please consider volunteering on one or more of the committees. You may contact the chairperson directly to join.

Finally my family and I want to wish all our members a healthy and happy year- La Shana Tovah!

Bennett Schwartz

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[www. bnaishlom.NET](http://www.bnaishlom.NET)

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CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Feldman

When Thoughts and Music are Divine

At this time of year, when we stand at the precipice of the High Holiday season, I thought it would be interesting to investigate the history of the shofar, that age old, wonderful, instrument sounded on Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur to mark the end of the fast. Of all the musical instruments used by our people, the shofar is mentioned most frequently in the Bible (72 times), thus indicating its paramount importance in the religious as well as secular life of our people. The shofar is the only instrument of our people that has survived the millennia in its original form and which is still used in the liturgy, although with greatly curtailed functions.

Although the Torah commands us to blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, and on the Jubilee year, some Jewish musicologists believe that the ancient Hebrews borrowed the shofar from the Assyrians. The rationale for this position is that the word shofar is derived from the Assyrian word shapparu, "wild goat" (of the ibex family). However mainstream historians maintain that the shofar is entirely Jewish in origin. They base their belief on the fact that the shofar is made of a ram's horn and the shofar was named for the source of material of which it was made. Another approach to the word shofar is that it is derived from the Semitic words shu and far which correspond to the words hollow and empty which after preparation would accurately describe a shofar.

The original form of the shofar was a curved one like that of the ram's horn. Later, a special procedure was used to produce straight shofarot with a distinct bend close to the bell. In the time of the Second Temple we find both curved and straight shofarot were in use.

"The shofar blown in the Temple at New year was made from horn of the wild goat, straight with its mouthpiece overlaid with gold. At the side of those blowing the shofar were two others who blew chatzotrot (trumpets made of silver). The shofar blew a long note and the chatzotrot short notes." "The shofarot used on the days of fasting were ram's horns rounded with their mouthpieces overlaid with silver...(Talmud Tractate Rosh Hashanah)"

After the destruction of the Temple by the Romans the embellishment of shofarot with gold or silver or with showy ornaments was prohibited. Consequently we find the shofarot in use at B'nai Shalom to be unobtrusive, and unadorned. For those who can, it is well worthwhile to visit our alterna-

tive service where a curled shofar almost two feet long will be blown. This shofar is the natural shape of the horn of the ibex and is quite beautiful to look at and to listen to.

Although secularists discount the religious symbolism related to the shofar and maintain that the blowing of a horn made of an animal was a practice of all primitive people, we place special significance on the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah. Some of these reasons include: to remind us symbolically of God's promise to our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (that the people of Israel shall number as the sands of the Earth and the stars in the heavens), to remember the close relationship between Abraham and God and the acceptability and provision of a ram as a sacrifice in by Abraham in lieu of his son, and to connect us with the providential hope that at some future time the prophet Elijah will sound the shofar of deliverance to herald the coming of the Messiah.

Although we primarily associate the shofar with Rosh Hashana, its use on other occasions of importance in Jewish History deserves mention. The shofar was blown to call the people to arms and to signify that the encampment of the people was to be moved. It was blown by King Asa to renew the covenant, and Joshua and the people at Jericho. In the time of the Talmud, the shofar was blown on all fast days, on the holiday of Sukkoth and to mark the end of the Sabbath. More recently the shofar was blown by the Chief Chaplain of the Israeli Army when Jerusalem was recaptured in the Six Day War, by Rabbi Avi Weiss at his frequent protests on behalf of Soviet Jewry and at the Isaiah Wall of the United Nations to protest the current Peace Accord efforts.

As we listen to the sounds of the Shofar let us pray for health and prosperity; for the ennoblement of our lives and perfection of our actions and our prayers; so that this forthcoming year will be a year of peace and prosperity for us, for Israel and throughout all the world. At this time Marcia, Vivian, Saul, Leah, Ester, Alexander and I extend our sincerest personal wishes to you for a happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year. L'Shanah Tova Tekatayvu!

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

FROM THE RABBI

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ardless of ethnicity, skin color, religion and all those other impediments that are called into play whenever bias and prejudice exert their ugly influence! Yes, along the way of American history there have been times when prejudice and bigotry struck out and injured our country and groups of its inhabitants! But never ever did we backtrack on the “American Dream,” never did our leaders or our country repudiate the vision of our country as described in our founding documents! Little by little we have inched forward. In the last 30 or so years we have taken major steps; but Senator Lieberman’s nomination is a great “quantum leap” in that process! It proclaims that America is OPEN-not just to the Jews, but to everyone, regardless of color, race or religion! It announces that no one in America ever again has to hide who he or she is in order to advance. We do not have to be afraid to be ourselves-not only at home and in our houses but outside in the greater world as well!

In both these historic events we have seen a well known but little understood High Holy Day concept at work! In Hebrew it is called “Teshuvah,” which usually is translated as “repentance” or “return.” I have always felt that the standard English translations of “teshuvah” have missed the mark in communicating what this powerful term connotes in reality. After examining the “Camp David Talks” and the Lieberman nomination it is clear to me that the best translation of “teshuvah” and the only one that really does it justice is “re-orientation.” Meaningful and positive change, the kind that effects our lives in ways both big and small, takes place when we can “reorient” ourselves and look at things in new ways, from different perspectives and points of view! When that happens the flood gates open and new possibilities flood in! That is what “teshuvah” is all about and that is why “teshuvah” holds out so much hope for the new year!

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L’shannah Tovah Nikahtayv v’Naychahtaym!

May we all be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a wonderful new year of 5761!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

ROSH HASHANNAH GREETINGS

Rabbi Stanley and Cecille Asekoff, Sarah and John and Shira extend their very best wishes for a healthy and good New Year. “L’shannah tovah tekahtayvu v’taychahtaymu”- may you and all your loved ones be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a year filled with health, well being, and good deeds!

CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

ubase rat okugv lkn ubhvkt 'v v,t lurc
,ca ka rb ehksvk ubumu uh,umnc

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

CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR ROSH HASHANNAH, SUKKOT AND SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

(Include words in parentheses when these holidays coincide with Friday night, as they do this year)

ubase rat okugv lkn ubhvkt wv v,t lurc
cuy ouh (kau ,ca) ka rb ehksvk ubumu
uh,umnc

CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR YOM KIPPUR

ubase rat okugv lkn ubhvkt 'v v,t lurc

ohrupfv ouh ka rb ehksvk ubumu
uh,umnc

Shehecheyanu, the traditional prayer thanking God for having kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this time is recited on **both nights of Rosh Hashannah**, on **Yom Kippur**, on the two nights of Sukkot, on Shemini Atzeret and on Simchat Torah immediately after the blessing for the candles: Baruch attah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha’olam, shehecheyanu, v’kiymanu, v’higi-anu lazman hazeh!

ubhjva okugv lkn ubhvkt 'v v,t QUR_C
vzv inzk ubghdву ubnheu

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

THE TISHREI EXPERIENCE AT B'NAI SHALOM

High Holy Day Schedule For the Month of Tishrei 2000-5761

Includes Selichot, Rosh Hashannah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah

Selichot Program & Services

Saturday evening, September 23 10:00 P.M.

Rosh Hashannah

Candle lighting, Friday, September 29 6:23 P.M.

Friday evening, September 29, services 6:25 P.M.

Saturday, September 30,
services 9:30 A.M. & 6:25 P.M.

Candle lighting, Saturday, September 30 7:25 P.M.

Sunday, October 1, services 9:30 A.M. & 6:25 P.M.

Tashlich

Sunday afternoon, October 1
(at the Asekoff residence,
18 Steven Terrace, West Orange) 5:30 P.M.

Yom Kippur

Candle lighting, Sunday, October 8 6:08 P.M.

Minkha & Kol Nidrei:
Sunday Evening, October 8 6:00 P.M.

Monday morning, October 9 9:00 A.M.

Minkha 4:20 P.M.

Ne'ilah 5:45 P.M.

Ma'ariv 6:55 P.M.

Fast Concludes 7:10 P.M.

Hoshannah Rabbah

Friday, October 20 7:00 A.M.

Sukkot

Candle lighting, Friday evening, October 13 . . . 6:00 P.M.

Friday evening, October 13, services 6:00 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday, October 14 & 15,
services 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Candle lighting, Saturday evening,
October 14 7:00 P.M.

Shemini Atzeret

Candle lighting, Friday evening, October 20 . . . 5:50 P.M.

Friday evening, October 20, services 5:50 P.M.

Saturday, October 21
(Yizkor recited in morning), services 9:30 A.M.

Simchat Torah

Candle lighting, Saturday evening,
October 21 6:50 P.M.

Saturday evening, October 21, services

Minkha 5:50 P.M.

Ma'ariv 6:30 P.M.

Hakafot 6:45 P.M.

Sunday, October 22, services 9:00 A.M. & 5:50 P.M.

Sunday Morning, Hakafot
(Torah processions) 10:15 A.M. sharp!

All Are Invited To Tashlich

“Tashlich”—“Cast into the depths of the seas all their misdeeds.” In symbolic fulfillment of this Biblical verse, it is customary to gather by a stream or lake or by the ocean on the first day of Rosh Hashannah to cast crumbs (symbolizing our sins) into the water while reciting appropriate verses explaining the meaning of this ancient ceremony. Tashlich usually takes place on the first day of Rosh Hashannah. This year, because the first day of Rosh Hashannah falls on Shabbat, it is postponed until the second day, Sunday.

Join Rabbi and Mrs. Asekoff and their family in the backyard of their home at 18 Stevens Terrace, where a small stream is located, for Tashlich on Sunday, October 1, at 6:25 P.M., after which we will walk over to the Synagogue for the Evening Service that begins at 7:00 P.M.

THE RABBI'S TABLE

Meets next on
Shabbat Morning, September 5
Following services join
Rabbi Asekoff
For a light Kiddush luncheon,
Study, song, and discussion.

ANNOUNCING THE B'NAI SHALOM ANNUAL ALTERNATE FAMILY HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE

Our annual High Holy Day Service to meet the needs of children of Hebrew School age and older (No children younger than 8 years old), teenagers, college students, families who wish to worship together with their children, and those who prefer a shorter Holy Day Service. Lasting about 2 hours, it includes all the basic elements of the High Holy Days (prayers, Torah reading, Sounding of the Shofar, commentary, discussion, congregational participation) in an abbreviated form compatible with the needs of those attending. It is a REAL service, not a place to drop off the younger members of the family. Those attending are expected to be in their seats promptly on time and to remain throughout the entire service. Parents are expected to sit with their children, both to maintain decorum and to experience the High Holy Day Service as a family. We are pleased to welcome back Mr. Jeffrey Kirschenbaum, who will lead our services again this year. Rabbi Asekoff will also visit each service and bring a message.

The service begins on Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur mornings at 10:00 A.M. and Kol Nidre, Sunday evening, at 6:15 P.M.

MISHNAH STUDY WITH RABBI ASEKOFF ON TUESDAY EVENINGS!

Resumes after the Holidays –
Watch for Further Information

MAZAL TOV TO THE FOLLOWING "MAY-JUNE 2000" GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Ethan Snyder	Rutgers College, School of Business
Noah Gottesman	American University
Alyson Berowitz	University of Wisconsin
Marc Weinstock	University of Florida
Mollie Mandel	Rutgers College
Doug Cohen	George Washington University
Deena Cohen	Livingston High School
Jennifer Caroline Bercovici	Solomon Schechter Day School
Amy Weinstock	West Orange High School
Joshua Karp	Solomon Schechter Day School
Brett Niederman	West Orange High School
Meredith Lynn	Livingston High School
Jonathan Pogach	Livingston High School
Stuart Fern	Central Hebrew High School
Michael Baruch	Central Hebrew High School
Ari Maas	Solomon Schechter Day School
Leah Maas	Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy

ETROG & LULAV FOR SUKKOT

Order Now from Synagogue office

Acquiring an Etrog & Lulav for Sukkot, bringing them to the synagogue on all the days of the holiday (except when one of the days of the holiday coincides with Shabbat, when the Etrog & Lulav are not used), marching around the synagogue with them In the **Hakafot** (Torah processions) and displaying them at home, in our Sukkot, and reciting the blessing over them each day of the holiday (except Shabbat) Is a very special joy! Etrog & Lulav can be ordered from the synagogue office. Call 731-0160 to place your order, which must be received by **Wednesday, September 27!**

EARLY FAMILY SERVICE

Resumes Friday Evening, October 6, 7:30 P.M.

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! We open the first column of the new synagogue year with a review of the recent Kosher Food show!

MEATS AND POULTRY

This year, goose, *katchke* (duck), and bison were the big hits. From SILVER GOOSE INDUSTRIES in Israel come all sorts of goose products. They market goose liver, leg of goose, and whole goose breast. Under the hashgacha of the Rabanut Yerushalayim, the company can be reached at 972 6 636 2511. It is located in Binyamina, Israel.

From LE CANARD OCCITAN also comes a variety of kosher duck products. This company has three hashgachot: the OU, Paris Bet Din, and Orthodox U.K. Rabbinat. The company is located in Bessieres, France, at 31660 Route de Montauban. The phone number is (33) 5 61 84 55 33.

From CHASE'S FINEST come buffalo hotdogs. Buffalo is lower in fat and cholesterol than even turkey or chicken. These dogs are made from free-range animals. The dogs are steroid-free and non-allergenic. Chase's is located at 5491 NW 15 Street, Suite 15, Margate, FL 33063. You can call them at 877-LEANBUFF. Mail order is available. They are on the web at . Hashgacha is by the Kosher Supervisors Union.

SOME NEW ITEMS TO TRY

From HEALTH AND WEALTH come seven delicious new foods. How about Vegetable Dumplings, (fake) Chicken Dumplings, Oriental Vegetable Egg Rolls, (fake) Chicken Egg Rolls, Steamed Dumplings with Assorted Vegetables, Whole Wheat, Potato and Cheddar-filled Pierogies, and Whole Wheat, Potato, and Onion-filled Pierogies? All of them, except the Cheddar-filled Pierogies, are vegan as well as vegetarian. Certification of the Pierogies is Half Moon-K. The others are OU. The company is located at 1051 Asykes Lane, Williamstown, NJ 08094. The phone number is 856-728-1998. The web page is located at www.healthiswealth.com.

Some of the prettiest foods we have ever seen come from a new kosher company: SUSHI METSUYAN. As the name implies, they market way upscale and totally delicious sushi

and similar products. Certification is by the Star-K. To find out where you can obtain the product, call 718-831-6666. Or you can visit the web site at .

NATURAL WONDER FOODS of Brooklyn is under OU supervision, and they offer Chicken Nuggets; Chicken Rings; Chicken Patties; Vegetarian Nuggets; Vegetarian Franks; Cutlets, and Burgers; Cheese Puffs; Mushroom Puffs; Potato Puffs; Spinach Puffs; Falafel Balls, Franks-n-Blankets, and Yemanite (*sic*)

Malawah. The company is located at 4522 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. The phone there is 718-435-1146.

Now you can buy Chevre (goat cheese) from Miller. They make four kinds: Plain, Lemon Pepper, Dill, and Roasted Garlic and Parsley. All of them are wonderful, all of them are OU kosher, and all of them are kosher for Passover.

AGUDAT HANOKDIM is the Israeli Sheep and Goats Breeders Association. They make feta cheese! Hashgacha is by the Hug Hatam Sofer and the OU, too. The product is just being shipped to the USA. This is a winner! The product appears in packages labeled PASTURES OF EDEN. Distribution in the US is by Arthur Schulman, Inc., located at 40 New Dutch Lane, Fairfield, NJ 07004. The phone number is 973-227-0030.

MICHIGAN FARM CHEESE DAIRY, INC. makers of ANDRULIS FARMERS CHEESE. Under the O-K, these cheeses are made according to an old Lithuanian recipe. The cheese comes in Plain, Caraway, Unsalted, and Chive. The company is located at 4295 Millerton, Fountain, MI 49410. The phone number is 231-462-3301.

Anderson Natural Foods makes awesome cheese. Under the LES PETITES FERMIERES label, they make a mild Cheddar, a Colby, and a Monterey Jack. Under the NATURAL AND KOSHER label, they make Feta, Mozzarella, String, and Braided String cheeses. All the cheeses are 100% natural and contain no preservatives. Supervision is by the O-K. The phone number for the company, which is located in Los Angeles, is 323-780-1091.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS...

KOSHER KORNER

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SIDE DISHES, ETC.

TILDA makes a variety of interesting rices, such as Brown Basmati, Thai Jasmine, Basmati and Wild, Basmati, Arborio Risotto, and Easy Cook Basmati. All are OU certified.. Tilda is located at 2160 North Central Road, Suite 205, Fort Lee, NJ 07624. The phone number is 201-461-1600.

From TRIBE OF TWO SHEIKS come French Onion Hummus, Hummus with Sun Dried Tomato and Basil, Hummus with Roasted Eggplant, Hummus with Garden Vegetables, and Jalapeno Hummus. Call 800-8-HUMMU for information.

Mission Valley Foods makes outstanding chutney. Under the OU, look for CHEF MARTIN brand chutney. Chose from Festive Mango (sweet mango, some other fruit, and red and green jalapeno, all mixed together for an amazing taste treat), Plum and Mango, Festive Mango, Orchard Blend (apples, pears, nectarines, peaches, orange peel, and cranberry zest), and Plum and Mango with Ginger. All are fresh and all-natural, contain no fat or cholesterol, are low in sodium and sugar, and never contain preservatives. You can write to them at P.O. Box 219, Litchfield, CT 06759. The phone number is 203-573-0652.

TUV TAAM call themselves “the King of Kosher Appetizers.” They make blintzes; are variety of soups, such as vegetable, split pea, cabbage, lentil, mushroom barley, potato, tomato rice, and chicken flavored. They now make pasta dishes, like Peking Pasta, Fettuccini Alfredo and Pasta Primavera. They are located at 502 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205. The phone number is 718-855-2207. All Tuv Taam products carry CRC and O-K certification.

SAUCES

PAESANA has some new sauces that are heavenly. The Vodka sauce is all the current rage, and the Pomodoro Marsala sauce is excellent. All Paesana sauces are Kof-K certified. Paesana is located at 101 Central Avenue, East Farmingdale, NY 11735. The phone number is 800-286-6487.

BONE SUCKIN’ SAUCE. Yes it is versatile. Yes, it is delish. And, yes, you can order it over the Web. This is the best, bar none.

CANDY IS DANDY

GIMBAL BROTHERS CANDY CO. makes a lot of really

chewy candy. Spearmint Leaves, Jelly Beans, Black and White Licorice Mix, Fruit Slices, Super Sour Worms, Spice Drops, Tropical Fruit Chews, and Chocolate Fudge Wafers. That is but the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Everything is OU and pareve. The company is located at 250 Hillside Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080. The phone number is 800-344-6225.

SEATTLE CHOCOLATES makes exquisite and upscale chocolate products. They are certified by the Kof-K, and are dairy. They combine dark chocolate with milk chocolate to yield a most tasty product. Some of their products include Truffles (Mint and Dark Chocolate Raspberry), Chocolate Bars (Dark Chocolate Black Forest), Cabernet and Chardonnay (wine-flavored chocolates), and finally, Chocolate Dessert Shells. These are expensive, up-scale gourmet chocolates. They are located on the Web at www.seattlechocolate.com.

“ISAIAH’S YOM KIPPUR”

now known as

“The Corners of Our Fields”

Shortly we will assemble in the Synagogue to usher in the most Holy Day of the year- Yom Kippur. A day marked by intense personal self examination and evaluation, whose importance is emphasized by a 26 hour fast, whose purpose is to express our remorse over misdeeds performed in the past year and the sincerity of our determination to improve ourselves, make the new year a better one, and the world a better place in which to live.

The Prophet Isaiah contributes to Yom Kippur morning the Haftarah-the prophetic portion chanted following the Torah reading- in which, speaking on behalf of God, he explains the kind of FAST that God is interested in: “This is My cho-

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RELIGIOUS NEWS...

“ISAIAH’S YOM KIPPUR” *(Continued from page 9)*

sen fast...Share your bread with the hungry, take the homeless into your home. Clothe the naked when you see him, do not turn away from people in need.” Fasting as a symbol of contrition and regret of past misdeeds is great-but its not worth very much unless it makes a difference in a world that is often filled with suffering and misery. Show that you care! Do something that will relieve the pain of others so that they, too, may share in a better year. Fashion the kind of world that God would want there to be. That’s Isaiah’s fast! And that is what the Conservative Movement throughout the country does with Yom Kippur-make it Isaiah’s Yom Kippur.

This year, as he have for the last four years, we join the Reform and Reconstructionist Movement in one united appeal, speaking in a united voice out of the tradition common to all of us-providing to those who are poor and hungry. B’nai Shalom is blessed to be part of such a united Jewish community in which our united effort over the last three years has raised over four million pounds of food! This united campaign is known as “The Corners of Our Fields” after the Biblical book of Leviticus that teaches us to leave the corners of our fields and the gleanings of our harvest for the poor and the stranger.

We ask each and every Conservative Jew to join hands in this project by bringing to the synagogue on Kol Nidre evening for distribution to the poor one pound of food (nonperishable, of course; i.e. packaged or canned). Collection stations will be designated as you enter the building. Arrangements have been made to distribute everything that is collected. Over one million Conservative Jews will gather together in prayer for the Kol Nidrei service on Yom Kippur eve. If each congregant brought these items we would, as an act of Tzedakah, give together: 500 tons of food to feed the hungry! Plus what the other movements joining “The Corners of Our Fields” contribute! We would then, in some small measure, make Yom Kippur 5761 into Isaiah’s Yom Kippur. Begin to make preparations now, and set aside your gift of food to bring to the Synagogue at Kol Nidre.

PEREK YOMI ENTERS SECOND YEAR!

This coming Simchat Torah, Perek Yomi will enter its second year with an enthusiastic group of “B’nai Shalomers” continuing to read a chapter of the bible a day! **What is “Perek Yomi”?** “Perek Yomi” is a Hebrew phrase meaning “daily chapter.” It is a program for Conservative Jews sponsored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Each and every day, beginning with Sunday October 3 (Simchat Torah), 1999, we have read and will continue to read one chapter from the Tanakh (Bible) according to a published schedule. Each participant receives “Questions for Consideration” to guide the reading.. In another 10 years the project will have been completed and a great “Siyum” (joyous gathering celebrating the conclusion of the reading) will be convened.

It sounds like a big undertaking. Why do it?

We are the “People of the Book”! It is time to get to know what is in our Book!

To benefit from Jewish wisdom and guidance as contained in the text!

To discover the “Midot” (values) that distinguish us as Jews! They are unique, but they are not transmitted genetically. The Tanakh is the ultimate source of those values.

To become familiar with the founding documents of our religion!

To find authentic Jewish sources of moral and ethical guidance!

To become enriched by experiencing the pattern of Jewish living. The very process of reading Tanakh daily with fellow Jews creates an experience of community and a shared vision and a shared intellectual experience that are amazingly fulfilling and enriching.

This year I can still change and join Perek Yomi! It’s not too late to join and catch up! This year will be different. I invite you to participate with me in this wonderful adventure. Look for more information in the coming weeks and join our ongoing great “Perek Yomi” group!

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!

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

MAZAL TOV TO

Alan and Janet Arnowitz on the birth of their granddaughter Jessica Rose Stern, the daughter of Sandy and Alex Stern

Leonard Fisher on his installation as chairman of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts

Joshua Geldzahler, son of Janet and Gerry Geldzahler, who will be studying at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem in the coming school year.

Arlene and Les Weinstock on the engagement of their son Jeff to Jill Renzler

CONDOLENCES TO

Donna Burkat, on the loss of her father, Theodore Bierstein.

Carol Golub, on the loss of her father, Abraham Ackerman

Phil and Shirley Pomerantz, on the loss of their daughter-in-law, Caren Fried

Barry Roth, on the loss of his mother, Anne Roth

Jane Haas on the loss of her mother, Betty Cooperstein

JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

Bernice Peitzer will lead "Jewish Enlightenment With Spirituality" Meetings on Monday evenings at 8:00 PM at the Synagogue.

This will be a series of programs. We will address various areas that are challenging, opening gates to understanding. Meditation or journal writing will be presented at each meeting.

We will be referring to Rabbi Pliskin's book "Gateway to Self Knowledge". It is necessary for the vessel to be cleansed to allow God's light to come through.

For additional information call Bernice at 731-9514. This is a free program.

September 11th What is Spiritually? What is meditation? What is journal writing? Who are you?

September 18th Addressing your fears

September 25th Inferiority Feelings

October 2nd Accepting Criticism

October 16th Communicating

October 23rd Understanding other people

B'NAI SHALOM TO RECEIVE AWARD

On Sept. 17, 2000, B'nai Shalom will be honored by the State of Israel Bonds. Our synagogue will receive the newly established La Societe award for its continuous and outstanding support of Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds and Notes. The award will be presented at a breakfast to be held in our synagogue to which everyone is invited. We will be addressed by General Freddy Zach a veteran of 31 years in the Israeli Army who served in both the Six Day and Yom Kipur Wars and as governor of various districts in the West Bank. General Zach should be able to give us first hand insight into the ongoing peace efforts.

Over the past year B'nai Shalom purchased a \$1.5 million Israel Note which our members matched during the last five years by purchasing another \$1.5 million in Israel Bonds. This is no small achievement and is a strong indication of our congregation's commitment to Israel. The \$1.5 million Israel Note was made possible by a loan from the Safra Bank at a net cost of one half percent or \$7,500 per year. To pay for this we have been relying on the generosity of our members to make voluntary contributions each year under our Israel Loan Program. This program has been so successful that it is now in its 27th year. All of this is from a modest start of \$25,000 in 1973.

This summer I had the privilege of calling our entire membership to raise the \$7,500 for this year's interest. I am happy to report that the response of our membership was so overwhelming that enough money was raised to cover next year's interest payment as well. I know that I missed some people, however, it is not too late to participate. All you have to do is send a contribution or a pledge to the office or call me.

The breakfast is also a kickoff for the High Holiday Israel bond sales as well. Each of us will have an opportunity to buy Israel Bonds at this time or during the forthcoming New Year period culminated by Yom Kipur.

When your invitation comes in the mail please respond so we can properly plan and make this a memorable event. I look forward to greeting you all.

Thank you,

Phil Pomerantz

In Memory of Dena Skalrud

Dear friends,

Please accept our sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation for your efforts to support us at the time of our great loss. Your sympathy and generosity have been a tremendous help to all of us. Your prayers and tears for our beloved Dena have touched our hearts deeply. In our days of mourning you have come to us as a family, surrounded us with kindness and compassion.

All of you, like the closest family, rejoiced with us at Dena's Bat Mitzvah, and wept with us when the tragedy struck. Our special gratitude goes to Rabbi Stanley Asekoff and his family, who have helped us, prayed for us, and watched over us all these years. We shall always keep a special place in our hearts for this man with the kindest of hearts and a blessed soul.

May God bless you all with good health and fortune.

The Skalrud and Shmulevich Families

From Mollie Korenstein and the Hey Class at graduation:

I would like to congratulate all of my fellow Hebrew school students on our graduation today. While I was working on my Holocaust report and Hebrew finals my mind kept drifting off to our friend Dena Skalrud who recently passed away. I was thinking back to a time when we used to sit together in class and talk too much and study a little and talk too much and pray a little and talk too much!! Dena Skalrud really loved Hebrew School. A lot of us, and I totally include myself in this group, took the last 8 years for granted. I can only imagine how happy and honored Dina would be if she could graduate with us today.

In her memory, the Hey class has decided to purchase a round wooden table, that will sit outside, overlooking B'nai Shalom. My family and I were talking about the significance of a round table versus a square table. A round table represents no beginning and no end and really, friendship and memories do not need to end. We would like to name the table "Circle of Friends". We hope that when people sit down at the "Dena Skalrud Circle of Friends Table" they will bring their laughter and happiness and good wishes.

I think Dena would love to see a group of people, enjoying each other's company at this special table and I'm sure she is wishing us all congratulations on this special day..

I would like to thank our teachers, Mora Colmar, Rabbi Asekoff, Cantor Feldman, Abraham and especially our parents for driving us, sometimes shlepping us, to Hebrew School. On a personal note, I guess I would have to admit, I am glad that I stuck out this year with a little prodding because after all, I really like my class and will miss you guys. Thanks for the memories and I hope we all end up at Central Hebrew High next year. Lets show them what we're made of.

Mollie Korenstein

From Dena Skalrud's family

Our family wants to tell our special thanks to our rabbi and his family who always thought about us and tried to help us. Rabbi called us, visited us and with each visit, we received G-d's help. He is the middle-man between our family and G-d. His prayers, hand-holding and visits helped us to be strong. During the last month of Dena's life, he visited us every day, sometimes two or three times a day, with Cecille, even at midnight. And even when he traveled to Boston he called from there. We came to look forward and wait for his visits. We had hopes that our rabbi would help us, and that his prayers would be heard by G-d.

Our rabbi has a good heart and a yiddeshe neshamah. Last sukkos he came and brought us four lulavim and etrogim, and for the first time in our lives we used them in the way he taught us.

Our rabbi understood when we didn't want to eat, but brought us food and told us that we must. And when our tragedy happened he told us to have a seder. We don't know if our rabbi is good because the members of the shul are good or the members of the shul are good because the rabbi is good, but we think it's both. In life everything is important, especially in our life. When you all shared with us, at Dena's Bat Mitzvah, we were happy to have you all together with us as part of our family. And now with what has happened to us, we feel you are with us. You were there with us for the shiva and you are with us now for the minyan.

Rabbi was always there for Dena. When she came to Shabbat services, he always told her how nice she looked and complemented her dress, her hair, her jewelry and her eyes and she loved it and smiled.

We wish the prayers that Dena prayed — for Israel, for peace, for all Jewish people, for her family, and finally, for herself, will go to G-d's ears. And she was so happy to be a part of this shul family and she was always so glad to be here. Also, we want to thank Amy Baruch and her family, and the Maas family for a very interesting book that they gave to Dena which she read. Also thank you to Sharon Maas and her children for visiting us at Chanukah and bringing gifts to us. Thanks also to Suzanne Grossman and her family for bringing a video cassette with interesting stories, Bennett Schwartz and his family, Nancy Fisher and her family; thank you to Linda, Sally, Barbara and Jane in the office, Steve Gruhin, Cantor Feldman and his family, Margo Heda for Dena's bat mitzvah lessons and to Janice and David Michaelis. If we have forgotten someone please excuse us because we want to thank everyone. Thank you also to everyone who donated to Dena's fund. For everything we are grateful, and our greatest wish is that Dena will never be forgotten. Thanks to all of you from our family; our hopes are with you with good wishes for health, nachas in children, and long life.



מה יפה ירושתנו

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back from what I hope was a wonderful summer. The Sisterhood Board has been busy planning exciting programs and activities for the coming year -5761. Sisterhood serves many different roles. It is an educational arm of our synagogue. Sisterhood fosters Jewish learning in our religious school, in our homes and in our community. Sisterhood sponsors many of the holiday parties for our children in the religious school. We provide those beautiful model seders, and the candles for Hanukah. We provide gifts to our B'nai Mitzvot children and Hebrew School graduates. We provide Sukkot and Shavuot luncheons, and through our own fundraising efforts, have made substantial donations to our congregation.

Even though life is always busy, we can make time for something that is worthwhile. Our meetings are always informative and provide a social setting for women to increase their personal knowledge and have fun too! If you can't come to every meeting, come to some. If you can't chair a Sisterhood function, help with it's set up or just come down and enjoy it. You are all invited to lend a hand with the Paid-up Membership Event on November 6, or help put together the Sukkot Luncheon.

By educating ourselves, we can in turn, educate our children. By our involvement in synagogue life, we are doing something so important: we are perpetuating Judaism.

I wish you and your families a very happy, healthy New Year.

Janet Geldzahler,
President

NEW CLUB FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS BEGINS NEW YEAR

Hello, my name is Barbara Gordon. I am the Youth Director for the new 4/5er Club at B'nai Shalom in West Orange. I am currently working on my Master's degree in Child Development at Montclair State University. I received my Bachelor's degree from Florida State University in Family and Child Sciences. I was born and raised in Florida and upon finishing my undergraduate degree I moved to New Jersey.

The 4/5er Club is the synagogue Youth Group for children in 4th and 5th grade. This group offers the children an opportunity to meet other Jewish children and participate in fun-filled activities. Last year we held two programs. The children went rock climbing and saw a magic show. The upcoming year will include even more great activities, like bowling, swimming, watching movies, going to local sporting events, singing Karaoke, and rock climbing. I am looking forward to this year and I know we will all have a lot of fun!!!!

My e-mail address is bgordon75@aol.com and my phone number is 973-239-9007. Feel free to e-mail or call me with any questions or suggestions.

KADIMAH/USY: THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

Hello everyone, my name is Eitan Gutin and I am the new Kadimah/USY advisor at B'nai Shalom. I've just finished my BA at Rutgers' University, where I started as a theater student but ended as a Jewish Studies student. I just celebrated my first wedding anniversary, and my wife and I live in New Brunswick. I'm not new to the USY world. When I was in high school, I served as Chapter, Regional and International President (not all at the same time). Get set for a great year full of trips, fun programs, and lots of time to hang out and meet new people.

Kadimah for 6th - 8th graders and USY for 9th - 12th graders are our synagogue youth programs. The Kadimah group features a full calendar of fun activities on the local and state-wide level. USY offers local, state wide and national programs for teens including overnights, weekends and trips to Israel, all in a comfortable Jewish environment.

No matter what Jewish activities our children are involved in, this youth program will round out their Jewish experience and allow them to see the most positive aspects of being involved Jews, all in a no-pressure environment. Your child can look forward to trips, social action programs, dances and Israel experiences - the possibilities are endless. In order to experience it all, they only need to show up.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

You can reach me at 973 736 3200, ask for teen programming. Or e-mail me at Gooch@joymail.com.

USY Upcoming Events

September 10	afternoon	USY/Kadimah Barbecue
September 16	night	Metrowest Teen Back to School Blow Out JCC West Orange
September 23	night	USY Regional Dance and Chapter Overnight
October 8	afternoon	USY Sukkah Supply Sale
October 29	evening	USY Social Event

3rd Wednesday evening of each month USY will assist the Food Pantry

Kadimah Upcoming Events

September 10	afternoon	USY/Kadimah Barbecue
September 24	evening	Kadimah Event
October 16	evening	Kadimah Sukkot Party

B'NAI MITZVAH SHABBATON

Our new year of B'nai Mitzvah Shabbatonim will begin this year on September 23 at minha. This program enables families of Bar and Bat Mitzvah candidates to fulfill their Shabbat requirement with others. During a Shabbaton, members of the B'nai Mitzvah class will participate in Shabbat morning services and with their parents study the weekly Parasha in a special class.

For the purpose of preparation for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, all 6th and 7th graders who are Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates are required to attend Shabbat morning or minha/maariv services at B'nai Shalom. Sixth graders are required to attend **10 Shabbat services - Shabbat morning or minha/maariv on Shabbat afternoon.** Seventh graders are required to attend **5 Shabbat services - Shabbat morning or minha/maariv on Shabbat afternoon. In addition, those students who did not complete their 10 Shabbat requirement last year are required to complete it this year.** Attendance is taken each Shabbat. Students who will celebrate their Bar /Bat Mitzvah early in their 7th grade year, are included in this program during 5th grade.

Should there be any questions about this program, please contact Janice Colmar, its coordinator at 731-3720.

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 found 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 .

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES FOR YOUTH

New this year will be special High Holiday services for children in Grades k-5. Services will be held on both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from 10:00 – 12:30 pm. During the morning, children will participate in a variety of activities including story telling, games , snacks and Tefila – prayer. Coordinated by Rena Casser, this will be a very special way for children to participate in High Holiday services.

Reservations are definitely required – please fill out the candle on the flier that has been distributed through the mail or call the school office at 731-3720 for details.

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 2-6

Every year the adults of our congregation are given honors at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Now it is your turn. We are offering you the opportunity to display page numbers for the congregation. The task is simple. The task is fun. The adults on the bimah will help you.

This is a special privilege and a mitzvah that will benefit us all.

Call us today and leave your name and number. We will contact you the week before the holidays with details. Call us at 731-2597

L'Shanah Tova Tekatayvu
Vivian and Marcia Feldman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

AWARDS

Although Hey graduation was back in June, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our award winners of 2000/5760.

Dr. David Chesney Award is in honor of Dr. Chesney, a past principal of the Religious School. The Sisterhood presents a book award. It is given to the best "all-around students" In 2000/5760 it was presented to Cara Goldman and Jonathan Faibis.

The Gail Liebmann Award is in honor of Gail Liebmann, a former teacher in the Religious School. It is a book presented by the family of Gail Liebmann to a student who "cares about our religion - our people - our Jewish values and has made it part of his/her life". It was presented in 2000/5760 to Ben Stricof and Emily Sher

The Irving Grossman Award is in memory of Irving Grossman, who was an outstanding Men's Club Member and Officer. It is a monetary award given by the Men's Club. The award winners in 2000/5760 was Jamie Cohen

SCHOOL OPENS

Primary Department will open on Sunday, September 10. Aleph - Hey will open on Tuesday, September 12. . Please note our calendar for the next 6 weeks -

September 10 Primary classes begin - All students are required to hand in an admittance card (these cards are mailed to all families who have registered with the school and synagogue and had made financial with the office)

September 12 Aleph - Hey classes begin - All students are required to hand in an admittance card

September 10 Orientation for New Students

September 13 Hey family orientation

September 14 Back to School Night - Aleph - Hey

September 24 Primary Tishrei Holiday Workshop - 9:00

October 1 no school - Rosh Hashanah

October 5 no school - Erev Yom Kippur

October 8 no school - Sukkot

October 8 Sukkah visit and workshop for Primary students

October 22 no school

ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

We are very excited to welcome our new students to B'nai Shalom Religious School. We would like to invite them to about our new Aleph students and other older students to an orientation on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 10:15 - 11:00. During the orientation, students will be introduced to their classrooms. There will also be a guided tour of the school and the rooms used by the Aleph - Hey classes.

Reservations are required - please call the school office at 731-3720 or e-mail at woprinc@aol.com

HEY FAMILY ORIENTATION

New this year, to our Hey program is a year-long independent community service/mitzvah program. This program which includes workshops, trips and independent assignments is in lieu of Sunday morning sessions. An orientation for Hey students and their parents will take place on September 13.

For more information please contact the school office at 731-3720 or write to woprinc@aol.com

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Early this year, September 14, will be our Back to School Night for parents with students in Aleph - Hey. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet our teachers and discuss our goals and curriculum for the new year.

PRIMARY TISHREI HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

An opportunity to prepare for the High Holidays, our Primary students and parents are invited to a special workshop from 9:00- 11:00 on September 24.

Parent Reservations are required - please call the school office at 731-3720 or e-mail at woprinc@aol.com

SUKKAH VISIT AND WORKSHOP FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

What would Sukkot be without a visit to the Synagogue's Big Sukkah? Primary children will have the opportunity to visit the sukkah, have a snack, hear a story and prepare for Simhat Torah on Wednesday, October 8.

Reservations are required - please call the school office at 731-3720 or e-mail at woprinc@aol.com

E-MAIL REMINDERS

In response to our students' pleas to cut back on paper and their sensitivity to the environment, we will once again due our best to utilize e-mail this year for reminders. If you have an e-mail address, please make sure that you have given it to the school office (731-3720) or email us at woprinc@aol.com

PLEASE HELP!

As always, I ask that the school is always looking for substitutes and aides. If you are a teacher and have some Jewish background which includes reading Hebrew with Sephardic pronunciation and have some free time, please call the school office 731-3720 and volunteer

TEACHING AIDES AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

As you put your schedule for the Fall together, please add B'nai Shalom to it. We are looking for teens who are ready to make a commitment to work on Sunday or during the week as ozrim - aides. Responsibilities vary from being an assistant teacher in Primary to tutoring to working in the school office. This is a good opportunity for community service and to learn a little bit about teaching. Not only is this a good resume item, but we will give you a skill that will allow you to get a job at a synagogue when you go off to college.

Are you intrigued? Interested? Learn more at our orientation for all ozrim on Sunday, September 10 at 11:30. Please call me at 731-3720 and let's discuss the possibilities.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS...

Welcome Back!! I hope your summer was enjoyable. Our summer camp was lots of fun. Our children played in the playground, dug in the sand box, went under the sprinkler, played t-ball, and created beautiful arts and crafts projects. It was surprising they had time to have breakfast at camp, make their own lunch, and create their own ice cream sundaes. Our children had a fun and delicious summer.

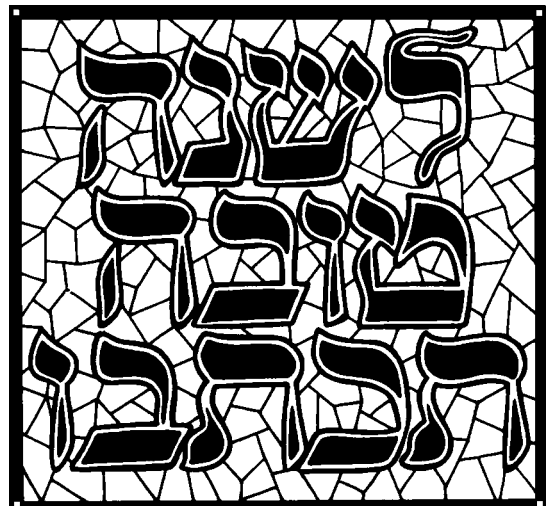
As this Hayenu goes to press the nursery school staff and I have been busy making sure everything is ready for the 2000-2001 school year. The children will be having two new specials this year. "Musically Yours" will be coming in once a week to teach the children music and music appreciation. We will also be having Judy Rosen come into school to teach "French For Tots". These two programs should prove to be very interesting. I'll keep you posted.

Don't miss out on all of the fun! We are in the process of organizing our Toddler Fun Program. This is a program designed for children 15 - 24 months of age with a parent or care giver. The class meets once a week for one and a half hours. It is great fun for everyone.

Please stop by; I'd love to have the opportunity to meet you and show off our school.

L'Shana Tova for a sweet and wonderful year!

Michele Weiss
Nursery School Director



COMMUNITY NEWS...

HEALTH FORUM TO BE HELD

The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey is holding a Health Forum, as part of its Project CHAI (Community Health Awareness Institute), on "Menopause and Hormone Replacement Therapy: Weighing the Risks and Benefits". The speakers will be Dr. Susan Love, noted author of "Dr. Susan Love's Hormone Book" and "Dr. Susan Love's Breast Cancer Book", and Dr. Donnica Moore, medical expert and women's health advocate on NBC's weekly show Later Today. The Forum will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2000, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Livingston. For more information, call (973) 535-8200.

SYNAGOGUE ART/ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

Color photographs of beautiful Judaica from Conservative congregations throughout North America combine with essays on central themes in the siddur to enhance the 2000-2001 Art/Engagement Calendar published by The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

The essays, written by Kenneth Goldrich to accompany each month, focus on 13 key concepts common to Jewish worship. Ideas such as peace (shalom), blessing (barukh/brakhah), the sovereignty of God (melekh ha'olam/malkhut shamayim) and thanksgiving (modeh / modim) have remained the cornerstones of the Jewish prayer experience. Each idea, in its own way, reflects the unique set of beliefs and values that define the Jews as a people.

According to Stephen S. Wolnek, International President of the United Synagogue, "With its attractive format and useful features, the Calendar manages to delight both the eye and the soul, while sensitizing the whole family to the beauty of Jewish prayer."

As always, the Calendar features candle-lighting times for cities across North America as well as in Jerusalem; dates of Jewish holidays; Shabbat Torah readings on both annual and triennial cycles; and resource information about the Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem, the Masorti Movement, and MERCAZ.

Copies of the 8" x 10" spiral-bound Calendar can be ordered by sending a minimum contribution of \$25 (includes postage and handling) to USCJ Calendar 5761, Processing Headquarters, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086-0977. Founded in 1913 by Dr. Solomon Schechter as the association of Conservative synagogues in North America, The United Synagogue serves as a resource to its affiliated congregations and works to formulate a Conservative Jewish response to pressing social and religious issues.

DOCENTS NEEDED FOR ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT

Volunteer docents are needed for an educational exhibit entitled "Anne Frank: A History for Today", scheduled to be on display at the Alex Aidekman Family Jewish Community Center Campus in Whippany from November 8-29, 2000.

Sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance and Education Council of the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest and the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, the exhibit depicts Anne Frank's life story using family photos and passages from her diary. Her biographical narrative is enhanced by testimony from Holocaust survivors and those who helped them.

Docent training sessions will be held in September and October. In addition, an experienced docent-trainer from the Anne Frank Foundation will be on site prior to the exhibit opening. To volunteer as a docent, call Rose Valentine at (973) 884-4800, ext 179.

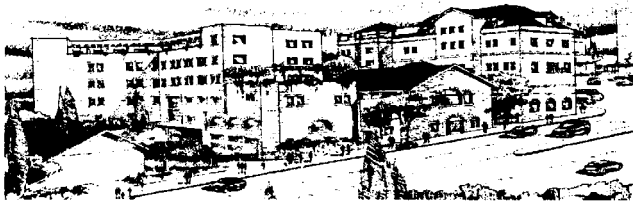
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