



# Hayenu

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## From the Rabbi

Dear friends:

It is my privilege this month to share with you a letter written by my colleague, Rabbi Paul Freedman, from Jerusalem immediately following the demonstration that took place outside the "Old City" on Monday, January 8:

Last night's gathering in Jerusalem by the Jaffa Gate, was such an extraordinary experience that I just have to communicate with you while the glow is still here.

It was not a demonstration. It was, quite simply, an expression of the will of the Jewish people. Young and old, Sabras and new immigrants, Jews from abroad, religious and secular, people who had no interest in politics and those from the left and the right. No politicians, unless you count Ehud Olmert, the Mayor of this wonderful ancient, thriving city, who spoke better last night that we ever heard him before.

According to the police at the event last night, there were between 350,000 and 400,000 people there. The crowd stretched all the way from Jaffa Gate to King George Street, and we were able to see the speakers since Nina and I arrived at 4:15 P.M. and stayed till the end.

It was quite clear: the love of the Jewish people for Jerusalem and its holy sites has not only not diminished; it has increased. Speaker after speaker, those whose great - grandparents had come from Yemen in the early days of the last century, those who had come from the Former Soviet Union, those from the United States, all gave the same message:

If I forget Thee, Oh Jerusalem...

And within the crowd, people who had traveled all over the country to be there, everyone sharing their life experiences and in true Israeli fashion their strong opinions, all united for once.

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### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, February 2 . . . . .	4:57 P.M.
Friday, February 9 . . . . .	5:06 P.M.
Friday, February 16 . . . . .	5:15 P.M.
Friday, February 23 . . . . .	5:23 P.M.

### KABBALAT SHABBAT TIMES

Friday, February 2 . . . . .	4:55 P.M.
Friday, February 9 . . . . .	5:05 P.M.
Friday, February 16 . . . . .	5:15 P.M.
Friday, February 23 . . . . .	5:25 P.M.

### MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, February 3 . . . . .	4:55 P.M.
Saturday, February 10 . . . . .	5:05 P.M.
Saturday, February 17 . . . . .	5:15 P.M.
Saturday, February 23 . . . . .	5:25 P.M.

# President's Message

SHALOM!

As I write this article it has been about two weeks since the year 2000 was ushered out with a blizzard. A few snow flurries have added to the snow already on the ground. It looks as though it may be a long and cold winter. One way to cope with the winter is to come to shul! It is warm, bright, and friendly. In fact, the day of the blizzard was Shabbat, and enough people braved the elements so that services were not canceled. As I entered the synagogue, the following Friday evening for the family Shabbat service it was cold and lightly snowing. The rabbi and cantor were there, in addition to Rosa and Fedor Shmulevich — just five of us. It appeared as though we would not have a minyan, and then families started to arrive, until some thirty hearty individuals were there. As is the custom for the family service, the rabbi told a wonderful story about chicken soup — very appropriate for the evening. Yasher Koach to those who came to both services through the snow.

There has been much discussion on attempting to improve attendance for Friday evening services, which for the most part are lightly attended. As you may know, there is also an earlier Kabbalat Shabbat service which serves the needs of some of our congregants, and seems to have reasonable participation. One suggestion for the Friday evening service is to start it earlier, - perhaps at 7:00 P.M. Please let me know your thoughts on this. Any and all suggestions are welcome to improve participation in the evening service.

There is, I believe, a very interesting project taking shape at B'nai Shalom, under the guidance of the Strategic Planning Committee that includes Robert Berger, Larry Prince, Len Fischer, the rabbi, and myself. More information will be forwarded in the near future, but briefly it will be a study of synagogue participation at B'nai Shalom to determine how and whether we are meeting the needs of all of our congregants. Some questions the committee will address are: What as a synagogue are we doing well, and what not so well? Do we make everyone feel comfortable in our synagogue? Where would we like to be in the short-term, and the longer term? These and other important questions will be explored in this process.

## HAYENU

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When the time comes participate, please don't hesitate to make your feelings known.

The Fundraising Committee is hard at work planning for March 10, 2001, an evening of Purim fun and games — casino games that is. We hope this will benefit the synagogue while allowing our members to win some great prizes if they have luck at the tables. Please put this date on the calendar. If you would like to participate as a volunteer, or to donate a prize, please contact Charles Kurtzer.

And while your calendar is out, be sure to mark down April 29, 2001, the night that Robert Klein will be appearing live at B'nai Shalom! What a fantastic way to support our shul and enjoy yourself at the same time.

Yasher Koach to the Men's Club and to Tom Phon for a fine job on their toy drive. I understand over 250 toys were forwarded to the Rachel Coalition for distribution. Also thank you to those who contributed to this excellent cause. In addition, our religious school had a used-toy drive.... Yasher Koach for Operation Toybox! Ten boxes of toys were sent to North Carolina. Our students are great!

While on the subject of congratulations, one of our members, Janet Arnowitz, was installed as National Vice President of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Janet I wish you the best on your appointment.

Last month was the first time that some of you received The Hayenu via e-mail. Yasher Koach to Ralph Siegel and Ron Goldberg, our cyberspace experts, who made this possible. Many of us, receive our Rabbi's weekly Shabbat message via e-mail. I very much enjoy it as I have heard so many others do. If you're not yet on the list, forward your e-mail address to the synagogue. A final special Yasher Koach to the Rabbi for this great new effort.

Shalom,

*Bennett*

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IS NOW ON LINE  
VISIT THE SITE AT  
[www. bnaishalom.net](http://www.bnaishalom.net)**

**PLEASE NOTE  
HAYENU HAS ITS OWN E-MAIL ADDRESS:  
[grayfield@home.com](mailto:grayfield@home.com)**

## CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Joseph Feldman

### **There is a Temple in Heaven That Is Only Opened Through Song**

When choral music actually made its entrance into the contemporary Synagogue service is not known. However, in a letter written in the tenth century, the scribe Natan ha-Cohen, son of Yitzchak ha-Bavli, vividly described the inaugural ceremony of Mar Oukba, newly appointed head of the Babylonian Jewish community (Rosh Hagolah). It is noteworthy that a Jewish chorus composed of the children of the wealthiest and elite members of the Jewish community was present at this ceremony.

Babylonian Jewry is known to have enjoyed internal autonomy for many generations. The man who was head of the Jewish community (Rosh Hagolah) could always trace his ancestry back to the Kingdom of David. The non-Jews looked upon him as the Persian king's representative; in fact he ranked fourth in the Persian ruling hierarchy, which entitled him to all appropriate pomp and circumstance. The announcement of the candidate chosen was accompanied by the blowing of shofar, choral singing, and magnificent ceremonies and parades.

Rabbi Nathan ha-Bavli's description of the inauguration attests to the perpetuation of ancient rites and customs. It also confirms for us that there was a Jewish choir in existence as early as the tenth century. The rabbi adds that Oukba was a poet and musician "who every day, throughout the year composed and performed his own songs of praise to the King." Further on, there is a description of the festive Sabbath service held in honor of the community's new head:

When the leader of the community rises early on the Sabbath to go to the synagogue, many of the prominent members of the community gather around to walk to the synagogue with him. In good time the faithful had prepared a wooden tower for him seven cubits high and three cubits wide and had draped it in pleasing cloth of silk woven of blue and purple and crimson threads until it was completely covered.

Beneath it gathered young men chosen from among the leaders and notables of the community and elders endowed with musicianship and with beautiful voices who were well versed [in the prayers]. As the cantor opens with, "Blessed art Thou", the men respond after each verse "Blessed art Thou, Blessed be He." And when he chants the Sabbath psalm they respond after him: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" and the congregation chants verses of the psalms in unison until they come to the end.

Then the cantor stands up and begins "and the soul of all that lives and breathes" and the men respond: "Blessed by thy name." He [the cantor] chants the words and the men answer until they reach the Sanctification and the congregation prays softly and the men out loud and then they immediately become silent and the cantor continues alone until "Israel be redeemed" and all the congregation rises to pray.

When he passes before the ark and comes to the Sanctification the men respond with "The Almighty, blessed be He" in loud voice and the cantor finishes the prayer and the congregation sits. After prayers, all of the people leave with him and remain with him until he reaches his house.

From this description it becomes evident that a cantor and choir performed many of the prayers that were sung. The choir's role was mainly responsive, the most usual form being antiphonal, the parts divided between the cantor and the choir. For example: the cantor sings, "A psalm for the Sabbath day," and the choir responds, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord;" the choir sings aloud while the worshippers all pray softly.

We also learn that the choir was an established, trained group and included men "endowed with musicianship and with beautiful voices who are well versed [in the prayers] and all about them." Furthermore, they were chosen from among the leaders and notables of the community," that is, for elite families. There were also other songs and liturgies, less sophisticated than those sung by the cantor and choir. They were apparently of a more popular folk character and were sung by all of those who took part in the processions.

In next month's Hayaynu we will look at the development of Jewish choral music during the end of the Medieval period into the Renaissance. During this time Jewish choral music reach its apex and found new expression in the Synagogue. During the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries, the Jews of Manutua, Venice and Ferrara had begun to develop a taste for le nuove musiche, the new music of the period. At the same time, the counterreformation demanded enforcement of the laws that separated the Jew from his neighbor. Now, at the peak of the Renaissance, Italian Jews were forced to turn increasingly inward; their appetites for le nuove musiche would now have to be satisfied within the confines of their own community. The synagogue would provide the venue for this fine art.

# RELIGIOUS NEWS...

## FROM THE RABBI

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There was absolutely no violence. The event was superbly organized from start to the ending with HaTikvah, which all 400,000 sang with full hearts. What really brought tears to my eyes, in the end, was the sight of four young Israeli high school girls, their arms around each others, their shining eyes raised to the ancient walls, singing their hearts out.

And every one of us knew, that all the Jews, all over the world, who could not be there last night, were there in spirit. May it so continue, and may the Almighty bless His people, and all people everywhere, with His peace.

From Yerushalayim

Paul Freedman

Truly we ARE one people, one faith, one common shared love for Jerusalem, the State of Israel, and the Jewish People.

As an expression of our solidarity with our People at this time, when we are all asking what we can do for Israel, I invite you to contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in forming and joining a B'nai Shalom solidarity mission to Israel. More than anything, Israelis need to see physically demonstrated by our presence that we stand with them, we are not afraid to come to Israel, and we will not abandon them! There is no better, more powerful, more concrete way to express our love of Jerusalem and Israel, our solidarity and our support!

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff*

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Starting Time For Shabbat  
and Holiday Morning Services

Now begin at 9:00 A.M.

(replacing our current 9:30 A.M. starting time)

to enable us to conclude services  
at a more reasonable hour!

## CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

ברוך אתה ה' אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו

במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של שבת

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

## EARLY FAMILY SERVICE

Friday Evening, February 2, 7:30 P.M.

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

## MISHNAH STUDY WITH RABBI ASEKOFF

Every Tuesday Evening, 8:30 P.M.

## PEREK YOMI DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Shabbat Mornings

Immediately Following Services!

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Services on Sunday evenings now take place at 8:00P.M. every week throughout the winter season.

## 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!

**And It certainly Is booming and growing!**

**For chocolate lovers:** From Ghirardelli come **Sweet Ground Chocolate and Cocoa and Sweet Ground White Chocolate Flavor Mix**. These are certified by the Kof-K. Ghirardelli is located at 1111 139<sup>th</sup> Ave. San Leandro, CA 94578. You can phone them at 800-877-9338.

**Fresh Samantha Juices.** This company makes some terrific juices. How about Pumpkin Moonshine, or Razzmataz, or The Big Bang, or Desperately Seeking C? There are 20 different flavors, all of them super! They also bottle spring water and offer a soy shake. Certification is by the KVH. They are located at 84 Industrial Park Road, Saco, Maine 04072. You can phone them at 800-658-4635. On the web, the company is at .

We have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of kosher French wine available in the States. All the wines listed here are OU certified and are kosher for Passover, too.

J.P. Chenet label wines: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot. These are true French varietals good for everyday enjoyment.

Remy Pannier label: Anjou Rouge, Chenin Blanc, and Rose D'Anjou.

There are a number of wines that make up the Petite Chateaux collection. Each is superlative. Chateau Lestage (rouge) and Chateau Le Tertre (blanc) are two very good Bordeaux wines. They are estate-bottled. The Lestage is from Montagne-St. Emilion and is a soft, rich wine. The Le Tertre is a crisp white from the Graves region. Also Lafite Monteil Rouge and the Lafite Monteil Blanc. These are also two very good Bordeaux wines.

**Barilla.** Barilla is now available in food-service-size packages, too. Barilla is the number-one pasta in Italy, so you know it has to be good. Barilla also makes sauces. All Barilla products are certified by the OU. The sauces, by the way, are very tasty. Flavors include

Marinara, Sweet Peppers and Garlic, Spicy Pepper, Green and Black Olive, Roasted Garlic and Onion, Mushroom and Garlic, and Lasagna Sauce. You can phone them at 800-9-BARILLA. Look for Barilla in your local supermarket.

Another really fine pasta is available from **Italpasta**. The company is located in Canada at 116 Nuggett Court, Brampton, Ontario L6T 5A9. You can phone them at 905-792-9928. They have different hashgachot on different products. Mostly, you will find that their kosher line is either OU or COR. Try the multi-colored Farfalle (bow ties)-they look wonderful!

### BREAD

From **Windmill Farms** comes Organic Bread and Challah. These breads are fat-free and cholesterol-free. They use no preservatives. They also make yeast-free and wheat-free breads and challahs. The company uses only Kemach Yoshon [*sic*] and all their breads are Pat Yisrael. There are many hashgachot on these breads. Two of them are the CRC and the OK. You can phone the company at 718-451-0644.

From **Damascus Bakeries** come some new pitas. How about Cinnamon, Raisins and Spice? Or Honey N Grain? Or Pesto with Sun-Dried Tomatoes? Or perhaps Roasted Garlic, Rosemary, and Thyme. And finally, how about Sourdough, Onion and Dill? All are OU-certified.

Damascus Bakeries makes wraps, too. Flavors include Plain, Honey Wheat, Spinach, Sun-Dried Tomato, Chili Pepper, Pesto, Honey, Potato, Roasted Garlic and Sourdough. All are OU-certified and well worth trying. Damascus Bakeries is located at 56 Gold Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. You can phone them at: 800-FOR PITA. In NYC and Long Island, phone them at 718-855-1456.

From **Aladdin Bread** come some really fine wraps, too. They come in three sizes: 8-inch, 10-inch, and for the

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really hungry 12-inch size. The flavors are: Plain, Cinnamon Honey, Whole Wheat, Red Roasted Pepper, Lemon Cilantro, Garlic Pesto, Southwestern, Jalapeno, Black Bean, Spinach, and Sundried Tomato. Aladdin says they make the best wraps, that theirs last longer without falling apart, and that theirs have fewer faults and cracks than anyone else's wrap. Aladdin Wraps are OU-certified. Aladdin Bread is located at 237 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232. You can phone them at 718-499-1818.

**Meal Mart** is trying to capture the upscale single-serving meal replacement market. Under the Meal Mart label, they offer Apple Kugel, Broccoli Kugel, Jerusalem Kugel, Potato Kugel, and Sweet Noodle Kugel. All are OU Pareve. Certified OU Glatt is the **Mon Cuisine** label, which offers Roast Chicken Breast, Beef Goulash, Roast Turkey, and Ribeye Roast meals. They also offer Chicken Mediterranean, Chicken Oriental, Linguini, Salisbury Steak, and Stuffed Cabbage. In the dairy department, OU Chalav Yisrael, with **Mon Dairy** label are the following: Cheese Blintzes, Eggplant Parmigiana, Cheese Lasagna, and Baked Ziti. All the above are heat-and-serve products. Alle Processing is located at 56-20 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Maspeth, NY 11378. You can phone them at 718-894-2000.

From the Midwest comes a most unusual series of products from **The Old City Café**. Under the certification of both the OK and the Shield K, these products are all dairy. How about rennet-free, natural/vegetarian, no preservatives nor artificial ingredients kosher pizza? They make 12-inch cheese pizzas and 12-inch spinach cheese pizzas. They also make burritos. Some are vegetarian, the dairy are Chalav Yisrael, and the meat are glatt. They make Cheese Pizza Burritos, Black Bean and Rice Burritos, and Vegetarian Beef and Rice Burritos. They also make a Macaroni and Cheese Dinner. Upscale Foods Inc. is located at 1851 Charles Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104. You can phone them at 651-642-9640/

From **Manhattan Soup Man** come OK-certified soups. There's the Nineteen Vegetable Soup, Black Bean Soup, Irish Potato Soup, Lentil Soup with Linguini, Moroccan Harrira, Mushroom Barley Soup, Saffron Potato with Roasted Tomato Soup, Tuna Gumbo, and White Bean Cassoulet, Soupman Vegetarian Chili Soup, and Soupman Chef Southwestern Sweet Potato Soup. The saffron soup is dairy, the others are pareve. These soups are sold at kosher stores all over the New York area; look for them in your area, too. World Gourmet Soups is located at 567 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., New York, NY 10018. You can call them toll-free at 877-SOUPMAN.

## TU B'SHEVAT

**Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff**

TU B'SHEVAT, the fifteenth of the month of Shevat, the New Year of The Trees, which is celebrated this year on Thursday, February 8, dates back to Talmudic times, and is one of the four "New Years" of the Jewish Calendar. It is the New Year with respect to certain agricultural laws related to tithing. With the passage of time, it became a minor festival rather than just an event on the Jewish Calendar.

What happens on this date to make it a "New Year"? The Rabbis' most common explanation is that the fruit of the trees begins to form. The majority of the winter rain has fallen by now, and the sap in the trees has risen. There is a debate in the Talmud over whether this change in nature should be marked on the first day of Shevat or on the fifteenth. In any case, Tu B'Shevat was seen as the harbinger of spring and it came to be called 'Rosh Hashannah La-Ilanot' (The New Year of the Trees) because of the obvious "reawakening" in the trees and in nature in general as spring began to approach.

After the exile of our ancestors from the Holy Land following the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in the year 70, Tu B'Shevat also became a day on which to remember our special relationship with the Land of Israel. Fruits associated with Israel were eaten and songs reminiscent of the arrival of spring were sung. Today Tu B'Shevat has become a time to celebrate the renewed settlement of our people in Israel and all that has been accomplished there since the founding of the State in 1948.

Tu B'Shevat is also a time to remember Jews believe that God has given mankind the world of nature not only to enjoy but to protect and nurture. We have a special obligation to act as advocates for and guardians of our precious natural resources so that the integrity of the environment will not be compromised and subsequent generations will inherit a hospitable and friendly world that is capable of sustaining life. This belief is the religious underpinning that commands us, as Jews, to take the wellbeing of the environment into account in our daily lives and in the stands we take vis-à-vis local and national governmental programs that impact on the environment! In short, it is a MITZVAH to protect the environment!!!

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat at home by serving a variety of fruits and grains that remind us of the land of Israel. It is also customary to plant trees in Israel through the auspices of the Jewish National Fund.

# SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

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## CONDOLENCES TO

Donna Berowitz on the loss of her mother, Elaine Kaplan  
Janet Arnowitz on the loss of her mother, and fellow congregant, Shirley Beder

## MAZEL TOV TO

Douglas & Arlene Shaller, sister of Stanley Marcus, on the birth of their son, Randolph Henry, on December 17, 2000.

Gloria and Dr. Nat Brot on the engagement of their son Steven to Lee Myerson

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

It has truly been a heartwarming experience for me to see how our Sisterhood has functioned and grown this year. With teamwork and dedication, there have been successful events of all kinds. Much appreciation to Anne Spring, Shelly Lipka, Suzie Hammer and their committees, our paid-up membership dinner and fashion show - which featured our own members Gail Ellowitz, Marilyn Fern, Ellen Goldman, Barbara Leinwand and Gail Pogach as models- was well attended, and enjoyed by all our new members, who were honored that night. Yasher Koach to Sharon Maas for chairing our Murder Mystery Nite which included Chinese dinner and a troupe of actors. It made for a fun Saturday night with our Synagogue friends- with over 100 people in attendance. Next, Sisterhood went on to Marilyn Fern's.

Sisterhood Shabbat is February 10, I hope to see many of you join us in shul for the second time that Sisterhood members will daven all the parts of the morning service. That evening we will present our progressive dinner. Here's a chance to spend time and get to know the people you sit in shul with. Enjoy dinner and shmooze at the kosher homes of our volunteer hostesses in small groups, then all get together for dessert. Want to host or participate? Call Suzie Hammer at 731-2021.

Recently Suzie and I spent three very inspiring days in Washington D.C. at the National Convention of Women. Our Sisterhood is connected to Jewish women everywhere. We are committed to our synagogue and its children, we contribute to the greater Jewish community, and through our activities, we help maintain the continuity of Conservative Judaism.

Our Sisterhood is YOU!

*Janet Geldzahler  
President*

## THE ROBYN HELZNER DUO FAMILY HANUKKAH CONCERT

By Hannah S. Bargad

"Banish darkness, banish night,  
Banish - make way for light  
Chanukah is the Feast of Light"

These were the opening words of the song which began a lively pre-Hanukkah Concert held on the evening of December 17 at B'nai Shalom. MetroWest families, of ages ranging from 3 to 83, attended the concert.

The singer, Robyn Helzner, is based in Washington, D.C., and has appeared in groundbreaking concerts in Beijing, Moscow, Tokyo, Hong Kong and across the United States. She sings Jewish songs in many languages, including English, Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino. Robyn played the guitar and was accompanied by Dov Weitman on the mandolin.

Ms. Helzner and her partner strongly encouraged audience participation. We were singing responsively to 'Hiney Mah Tov', and clapping along with Hanukkah songs sung in Yiddish. We watched a group of eight 11 and 12-year-olds form a "live" menorah as a visual effect for one number, and most of the audience rose up and formed a chain which circled the sanctuary for the finale. During several numbers, my 4-year-old son Nathaniel couldn't contain his spirit and danced in the aisle from pure enjoyment.

Yasher Koach to the B'nai Shalom Youth Choir, led by Margo Heda, who joined the performers for several songs. The members of the choir were:

Maya Reuven	Ian Gleaner	Adena Ershow
Ava Boxer	Ben Batchelder	Nomi Kaplan
Ben Kaplan	Keren Baruch	Ilana Blumsohn
Evan Colten	Tali Grossman	Jackie Burkat
Rachel Davidson	Avi Davidson	David Alsieux
Zoe Siegel	Michelle Skalrud	Scott Yontef

(Sincere apologies to anyone who was inadvertently not mentioned).

Thanks to Janice Colmar, Lisa Batchelder, Anne Blady, and Rhonda Lillianthal for their help in planning, publicity, organization, and sales. Our sincere gratitude to West Orange Mayor John McKeon for providing the chocolate gelt, and to Shop Rite for donating the snacks for the choir. Special thanks to Leslie Gleaner and Tina Kaplan of the Family Education Committee, and Amy Baruch of the Adult Education Committee, without whose tireless efforts this wonderful evening would not have been possible.



# ROBERT KLEIN AT B'NAI SHALOM

Comedian Robert Klein will be the star of B'nai Shalom's 2001 Annual Concert, on Sunday night, April 29, 2001.. Klein has made numerous guest appearances on *The Tonight Show*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brian*, *E! Stand-up Sit-down Comedy*, *HBO comedy specials*, and *Saturday Night Live*, where he participated in the first infamous "Cheeseburger" sketch with John Belushi and Dan Akroyd. Klein was Tony-nominated as Best Actor and winner of a Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for his performance in the hit musical, *They're Playing Our Song*. He later starred with Madeline Kahn and Jane Alexander in Wendy Wasserstein's *The Sisters Rosensweig*, where he won both an Obie and an Outer Critics Circle Award for outstanding performance by an actor. From 1993-1996, Klein starred on NBC's *Sisters* as "Big Al" Barker, Swoosie Kurtz' burly, yet lovable retail appliance magnate. The show is presently in syndication.

Tickets are available at the synagogue office. For \$90, Patrons will attend a pre-show dessert buffet and reception with Robert Klein. All other seats will be \$45, and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Come on Sunday, April 29, 2001, to enjoy the show and support B'nai Shalom.

## THANK YOU HIGH HOLIDAY USHERS

At B'nai Shalom, the job of the High Holiday usher is to maintain decorum, help congregants find their seats and reunite small children with their parents. By performing this service, they make the High Holiday experience more enjoyable for us all. Many thanks to all our ushers who gave freely of their time during the High Holidays this year: Bruce London, George Bercovici, Larry Hammer, Robert Stricof, Ed Newman, Ed Bier, Marc Garfinkle, Steve Berowitz, Gary Blumsohn, Uzi Lior, Steve Goldfarb, Larry Lava, Jeff Maas, Mike Kessler, Robert Berger, Marty Schwartz, Jim Koppel, David Blady, Eric Snyder, Bruce Gallant, Les Weinstock, Gordon Rayfield, Ted Oshman, Marc Goldman, Jerry Cohen, Barry Roth, Mike Scharfstein, Jay Sher, Stewart Levine, Rich Bodner, Mark Lieberman, Ron Strulowitz, Henry Kaplan, Mike Greenwald, Fred Gottesman, Ted Lipka, Steve Isaacson, Joel Berger, Len Pogach and Jerry Geldzahler.

If you are interested in ushering during the High Holidays please call Tom Phon at (973) 736-4681. If you have any questions, ask one of the ushers you know or call Tom. Because of the support of our membership, we are able to schedule ushers to serve for only one hour, one time during the holidays.

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH BIOS

### **Elana Berger**

Bat Mitzvah Date: March 3, 2001  
Parents Name: Janet & Robert Berger  
Date of Birth: 4/29/88  
School: Heritage Middle School  
Grade: 7th  
Achievements: High Honor Roll, Jazz Band, Gifted & Talented Art  
Interests & Hobbies: Drawing & Painting, Dancing, Clarinet, Saxophone, Tennis

### **Allison Lloyd**

Bat Mitzvah Date: March 31, 2001  
Parents Name: Jeffrey & Noreen Lloyd  
Date of Birth: 4/27/88  
School: SSDS  
Grade: 7th  
Interests & Hobbies: Soccer, Basketball, Language Arts, Jazz  
Additional Comments: Allison is very proud to be a Bat Mitzvah

### **Jason Bergman**

Bat Mitzvah Date: April 21, 2001  
Parents Name: Donald & Eileen Bergman  
Date of Birth: 3/22/88  
School: Roosevelt Middle School  
Grade: 7th  
Achievements: Honor Roll at Roosevelt Middle School  
Interests & Hobbies: Computers, Bicycle Riding, Video Games, Reading, Travel

### **Danny Nahum**

Bat Mitzvah Date: June 9, 2001  
Parents Name: Robbi & Bob Nahum  
Date of Birth: 11/7/87  
School: Roosevelt Middle School  
Grade: 6th  
Interests & Hobbies: Fencing and Drums

### **Peri N. Klein**

Bat Mitzvah Date: March 25, 2001  
Parents Name: Michael & Marilyn Klein  
Date of Birth: 7/22/88  
School: Edison Middle School  
Grade: 7th

### **Sophie Oshman**

Bat Mitzvah Date: March 17, 2001  
Parents Name: Anne & Ted  
Date of Birth: 6/17/88  
School: SSDS  
Grade: 7th  
Interests & Hobbies: Soccer, tennis, hanging out with friends

### **Steven Hoffer**

Bat Mitzvah Date: June 6, 2001  
Parents Name: Jan & Larry  
Date of Birth: 5/1/88  
School: SSDS  
Grade: 7th  
Achievements: Mensch  
Interests & Hobbies: Basketball, Soccer, Computer Games  
Additional Comments: Steven's parents and brothers, Andrew age 9 and Russell age 2 are so very proud to see Steven reach this milestone.

### **Justin Bram Nagy**

Bat Mitzvah Date: February 17, 2001  
Parents Name: Carol & Philip  
Date of Birth: 2/4/88  
School: Edison Middle School  
Grade: 7th  
Interests & Hobbies: Hockey, The Devils, Soccer

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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## LETTER FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Jan 3, 2000

Dear Friends,

Here in the United States, the last week of December is always a wonderful time. For the kids, schools are out, and they get a few days in the middle of the learning year to go on trips and chill out. For parents who have the time, it is a great chance for a family vacation to a warmer climate. For the Jewish community, this year's winter break was a time for family get-togethers and celebrations as we observed the holiday of Hannukah.

This past December, however, six local Jewish teens, including Arielle Kallus and Karl Shenassa from B'nai Shalom, participated in a once in a lifetime event. Every year, USY gathers teens from all over North America during school break for the USY International Convention. Where local weekends attract from 150 to 300 teens, this year's convention attracted over 1,200 USY members to Boston, MA, for five days of learning, Judaism, and fun.

Since graduating from High School I have been able to attend this convention as one of the support staff with USY's central NY office. I would like to share two personal experiences from the convention that, in my opinion, represent what United Synagogue Youth is about.

*Tikun Olam*, repairing the world, is an essential part of Jewish ideology. One morning of the convention, USY took a big step in that direction. On Wednesday morning, for about three hours, we gave 400 Boston area underprivileged youth the time of their lives at a full sized carnival. These kids, who rarely get true free time in a safe environment, were given a free carnival with games, giant inflatables, free cotton candy and popcorn. Each kid had three USYers giving him or her their full attention for the duration of the carnival. We even had sixty USY members who dressed up as clowns and worked the room, entertaining the kids at every turn. This was a truly special program.

The other experience was a nightly one. Each evening we had some sort of general session, at which every delegate to the convention, along with the staff (about 1400 total individuals) to hear from important figures, to play and have fun together, and to celebrate the convention's theme, freedom. Each night, however, before the program, we would observe the holiday of Hannukah by lighting candles together. As the International President of USY

led us, all 1400 of us would stand and recite the blessings together. While we were all participating in nothing more than we would have been doing had we been at home that week, there is something inexplicably special and unique about observing this simple *Mitzvah* while surrounded by such a huge and unified Jewish community.

The experiences described above are just two of the many incredible programs and sessions from the five day convention. However, they highlight the importance and power of USY. When our teens get together, it is always social, but there is usually something more. It is this something more, this drive to help the world and to celebrate Jewish life, that makes USY so special.

- Eitan Gutin  
B'nai Shalom Youth Director

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

### USY

Feb. 8 – Tu Bshvat Seder, Bnai Shalom, 7pm

Feb. 11 – Ski Trip

Feb. 17 – Chicago City Limits Improv in NYC, followed by a Shul In in the Oheb Shalom Youth lounge. We leave from Oheb Shalom at 9pm

### Kadima

Feb. 4 – Kadima – 5pm, join us at Beth El to make Tu B'shvat baskets for Kessler

Feb. 17 – Kadima Regional Dance

Feb. 25 – Kadima – Anything Goes Game night, B'nai Shalom

## THE SHABBAT CHAT ROOM

The Shabbat Chat Room will continue on February 10 and March 3 at 11:00, 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will have an opportunity to daven, discuss, eat and hang out on Shabbat morning. Scott Lantzman leads the program. It will conclude at 1:00 following a Shabbat lunch from Eden Wok. Reservations are necessary for lunch. Please call Scott at 364-1222 or Janice Colmar at 731-3720.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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### SHABBAT EXPERIENCE FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ON FEBRUARY 3

The Shabbat Experience is a program for all families of **fifth and sixth graders** in the synagogue. The families spend a Shabbat morning together learning, praying and playing. Not only do families have the opportunity to mix but it offers a great opportunity for children in the Religious School to meet their counterparts who attend Day Schools. This program is run by Mr. Jeff Kirschenbaum and Ms. Janice Colmar. For more information please call Janice Colmar at 731-3720.

### TEFILIN WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 4 AT 11:30

Parents and members of the B'nai Mitzvah class will learn about tefilin and tallit at a very special workshop led by Rabbi Stanley Asekoff and Ms. Janice Colmar. The program is a requirement for the B'nai Mitzvah and Hey students.

### B'NAI MITZVAH SHABBATON SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY / MARCH

**February 10 at 9:00**

**March 3 at mincha** – please check the synagogue calendar for exact time.

### PURIM at B'NAI SHALOM

THURSDAY, NIGHT : MARCH 8

7:00 MAARIV IN THE SANCTUARY

FULL MEGILLAH READING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER MAARIV IN THE SANCTUARY

7:15 – MEGILLAH READING LED BY THE STUDENT MEGILLAH READERS, THE RABBI AND CANTOR IN THE MARON HALL

PRE-SCHOOL MEGILLAH READING WILL FOLLOW COSTUME PARADE

FRIDAY MORNING: MARCH 9

7:00 AM MEGILLAH READING

A prize will be given to every child who comes to megillah reading in costume!

HOLD MARCH 9 FOR A SYNAGOGUE PURIM / SHABBAT DINNER

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

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### PRIMARY III FAMILY WORKSHOP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 9:00

The students and parents of the Primary III class will learn about the customs and rituals associated with Havdalah at a fun workshop led by Ms. Aileen Grossberg and Ms. Rena Casser. Among the activities, families will have the opportunity to make parts for their own Havdalah sets.

### DALET CLASS TO PARTICIPATE AT MITZVOT OF METROWEST

On February 11, the Dalet class will participate in the annual Mitzvot of MetroWest program at the Whippany JCC campus. This is a community-wide celebration in honor of Bar and Bat Mitzvah families. The main speaker at the event will be Rabbi Avi Weiss of Riverdale, New York. He is a dynamic speaker and it is an honor that he is coming to MetroWest to inspire our B'nai Mitzvah class.

### ZIMRIYAH / SONG FEST – A FIRST TIME EVENT FOR B'NAI SHALOM

On February 11, the Bet class will join eight other Bet classes from Conservative synagogues throughout MetroWest for a fun morning of singing and socializing. Coordinated by the principals of the Jewish Educators Assembly Northern New Jersey Region, students of each class are each learning a specific song to perform and two others to sing with the other students. The program will take place at Beth Shalom in Livingston.

### TZEDAKAH PROJECT OF THE MONTH - JNF

The Religious School has chosen to devote its mitzvah energies and its Tzedakah resources to purchasing trees through JNF – the Jewish National Fund. JNF is doing far more than planting trees; they have embarked on a huge project to rescue Israel from its water crisis. This includes building reservoirs, developing water recycling techniques and restoring Israel's polluted rivers and streams. All are encouraged to join the school in this project. Details are available from the school office at 731-3720.

### B'NAI SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE

February 18 – 25 : February Vacation

March 8 – Purim – no school !

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS...

Walk down our halls and you will notice a beautiful "Winter Wonderland": our classrooms are filled with snowmen, hats, mittens, scarves and ice skates. We are all prepared for the cold, wintery weather. Hopefully, we won't get too much more snow!

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, we taught our children about the mitzvah of planting trees in Israel. Each child contributed and we were able to start our own little B'nai Shalom Nursery School forest.

Our Sundae Fundae/Open House will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2001. Rabbi Asekoff will be on hand with a special story. We will create beautiful paintings with spin art and try to bring a little bit of summer back with sand art and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. We would love to have you join us for this very special afternoon. Please call the Nursery School office for more information.

Registration is open for the Fall 2001 school year as well as Summer Fun 2001. We are proud of our staff members who have been chosen for their warmth, experience and ability to provide your child with a meaningful nursery school experience.

Our Vacation Club will also be available during President's Week, February 19 through February 23, 2001. Please let us know if you need a fun place for your children for any of these days.

For information, please call us at 973-325-8825.

Shalom,

*Michele Weiss,  
Director*

## SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

### TORAH READING ACADEMY SHABBAT

The entire congregation is cordially invited to a special Shabbat morning service honoring our Torah Reading Academy members and their families on Saturday, February 3d, 2001. Kiddush lunch to follow.

## COMMUNITY NEWS...

### YOUNG ADULTS IN ISRAEL

Young Jewish adults are invited to apply to Livnot U'Lehibanot, the study, hiking and community service program of Jerusalem and Tzfat. During 2001, a limited number of young adults between the ages of 21-26 will be eligible to attend two-week programs in Israel for only \$300 including round-trip airfare from New York.

Livnot is a non-denominational program which is ideal for people who have a minimal background in Judaism and are interested in exploring their heritage. Priority is being given to organized groups of 5-10 people from the same community to attend together; however, individuals are welcome to apply for available spaces in any of the programs.

For information and applications, call 1-888-Livnot-0.

### COLLEGE FUNDING

Do you need money for college? The Jewish Vocational Service offers interest-free loans for undergrad, graduate, vocational or technical education from the Scholarship Loan Program. The deadline to apply for the 2001-2002 academic year is May 15, 2001. Call the Jewish Vocational Service at (973) 674-6330 for information and applications.

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## LETTER FROM JERUSALEM: MY SON ON THE SCHOOL BUS

It's past being interesting and even a bit exciting. Living in Jerusalem with young children these days is downright frightening.

It's getting too close for comfort. Too many people know the victims, if not first-hand, then certainly second-hand.

A 34-year-old soldier in the reserves was killed in Jericho a few weeks ago. He was the uncle of a student in my son's third grade class and the father of a second grader in the same school. He worked in a community center in the neighborhood next to mine. His job was working to forge relations between his neighborhood and the Arab village next door. Since his death, my son, who in September absolutely insisted he didn't want to go to an after-school program anymore and could be home alone for an hour and a half after school until I got home, now refuses to do so. "We live so close to the fighting near Bethlehem and Gilo," he maintains, and he is right. We live about a mile, perhaps a mile and a half away from heavy fighting. Military helicopters, whirling overhead in pairs, are a daily occurrence. These things simply cannot be kept from the children. Talk of the worsening situation is ubiquitous.

My sister-in-law knows the family whose three children lost their legs in the Gaza bombing of a school bus. Abroad, one hears about the "wounded." Here, the nation knows the tiniest details about each and every case. Even if we do not know them personally, we know them. They are part of the family.

I heard about the school bus incident on my way to work. I literally cried out in frustration and terror en route. At that moment, my son was on a school bus. Those who know me know that the school bus issue has been haunting me since the beginning of this conflict. In Israel, school bus services are privately run. In Jerusalem, all of the bus drivers are Arabs from East Jerusalem. Were these same men participating in demonstrations calling for "Death to Jews?" How could I know? Do I pull my child off the bus as some parents had? Do I help put an East Jerusalem Arab out of work, most likely affecting negatively the lives of many dependents? So far, the vast majority of parents from our children's liberal school, which places a premium on teaching democracy and tolerance, have kept their children on the bus. I've done so, too, but some mornings or afternoons when the tension gets too much, or I have a bad premonition, I simply take him to school myself.

I still have not figured out completely what to say to my son and his two five-year-old siblings, who scream when they see a man in an Arab headdress, "The Aravim (Arabs) throw "avanim" (rocks). "Not all Arabs are bad," and "not all Arabs throw stones" doesn't seem to do the

job. My whole being fights against stereotyping (after all I've worked for ADL for 14 years and I'm even an A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute trainer). And yet while I do not admit this to them, I too am afraid of Arab men of a certain age in many situations, at least for the moment. I am deeply fearful for my family and myself.

My life has changed in subtle and not so subtle ways. Sadly, even though the bus service in Jerusalem is cheap and convenient, taking a bus is out of the question because of the risk of terrorist attacks. Something as simple as going to a department store becomes a dilemma. The one in the mall ... out of the question. The other day I needed to go to a department store in town and walked in the store with a dry mouth, doing my shopping as quickly as possible. I walked through downtown Jerusalem to a bank machine and the streets were eerily empty of people. My heart was racing at the bank machine, directly across from Cafe Atara, where several years ago a bomb exploded, killing many. Those helicopters were still overhead, I caught a taxi and headed home; being outside was just too stressful.

I still try to be optimistic. I don't want to believe that this conflict will go on and on with no end in sight. It's simply too depressing. I don't want to live in a country that is occupying another people. I want the Palestinian leadership to negotiate a solution and can't for the life of me fathom why they have not done so, although I've heard all the possible reasons time and time again. I don't want to come to the realization that one can "never trust the Arabs ... that they want Tel Aviv and Haifa too." I realize that my patriotism is strong, stronger than I would have thought. I know that an intense internal struggle will be fought within the Jewish population of the country and I'm ready and willing to take part in it. I strongly believe that the present government has done everything it can to move this process forward and that the current conflict is simply not of our doing. I want my family to live in peace.

*Laura Kam Issacharoff,  
Director of Media Relations & Public Information  
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