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From the Rabbi

Dear friends;

This year we experienced the very unusual circumstance of Thanksgiving falling just one day before the beginning of Channukah. As a matter of fact, the last time this happened was in 1975. So it is quite rare! But having said that, there are some important lessons to be garnered from the juxtaposition of these two magnificent celebrations.

Thanksgiving is exactly what the name implies: a pause for "Thanksgiving" for the many blessings that fill our lives. Sometimes we lose sight of this essential aspect of the holiday because we get so caught up in the food shopping, invitations, meal preparations, inviting the guests (or being invited, as the case may be), watching/attending football games or holiday parades and collapsing with full stomachs after consuming meals that doubtless could have fed many more than those who gathered around the table.

The very same thing happens with Channukah: we lose the essence of the day because of the "peripherals" that somehow take center stage and sideline the real significance of the holiday. The Channukah miracle, the survival of the Jewish People, the triumph of the few and weak against the mighty and strong Greco-Syrian enemy and the meaning of this miracle for the present situation of Jews in the world, is lost in the midst of Channukah shopping, Channukah parties, Channukah decorations, dreidles, latkes, doughnuts, and gifts! How ironic that those very days whose purpose it is to call our attention to that which is essential end up being trivialized.

Come to think of it, this very same thing happens with life in general. We tend to lose too much of the essence of

life because we allow it to be pushed aside by that which is less significant but nevertheless terribly overwhelming. At the end of the day, when we ask ourselves where the day went and what we really accomplished, we are really acknowledging the sad reality that the day was filled with "fluff," and, in fact, lacked the kind of substance that imbues life with purpose and meaning.

Perhaps no one expressed this more powerfully than Steven Covey in a story he told in his book "First Things First":

There was an expert on time management who was speaking to a group of busy executives at a seminar. He took

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, December 6	4:11 P.M.
Friday, December 13	4:12 P.M.
Friday, December 20	4:14 P.M.
Friday, December 27	4:18 P.M.

MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, December 7	4:10 P.M.
Saturday, December 14	4:10 P.M.
Saturday, December 21	4:15 P.M.
Saturday, December 28	4:20 P.M.

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

FROM THE RABBI

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out a one gallon, wide-mouthed jar and put it on the table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and placed them carefully, one at a time, in the jar. When the jar was full to the top and no more rocks could fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes."

He said, "Really?" Then he reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar, so that the pieces of gravel worked themselves down into the crevices between the rocks. Then he asked the group once again, "Is the jar full?" By this time, the class was on to him, so they said, "Probably not."

"Good!" he replied. And then he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started putting the sand in and it quickly went into all the spaces that were left between the rocks. Then once more, he asked the question, "Is the jar full?" No!" the students said.

Again he said, "Good." This time, he took a pitcher of water and began to pour it into the jar until the jar was full to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What do you think is the point of all this?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is to teach us that no matter how full your schedule is, you can always fit something more into it if you want to." The speaker said, "No, that's not the point at all. The truth that this illustration is meant to teach us is THAT IF YOU DON'T PUT THE BIG ROCKS IN FIRST, YOU'LL NEVER GET THEM IN AT ALL."

Did we put the big rocks in first when it came to Thanksgiving and Channukah? Do we put the big rocks in first when it comes to life in general? And when it comes to Jewish Life in particular, it might be insightful to think of Shabbat, the holidays, Berachot (blessings), ritual and Tefillah (prayer) as sign posts whose purpose it is to point out the "rocks, " because if we don't want to end up with nothing but gravel, sand and water we have to put the big rocks into our jars first!

Have a great month!

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

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CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Joseph Feldman

The Father of Jewish Folk Music Lives On

Last month we observed the eighth yahrtzeit of one of the greatest folk singers of Jewish songs that ever lived. I would like to dedicate this article to his blessed memory. Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the “father of Jewish folk music”, affectionately also called by many “the singing rabbi”, passed away five years ago unexpectedly while on a plane preparing to leave for Israel. Despite the controversy over the person, Shlomo Carlebach earned his place in the world of Jewish music by having composed over a thousand Jewish folksongs and negunim (tunes) in the thirty years that he was active on the Jewish music scene. In almost every synagogue, every Hebrew school, day school and yeshiva, songs composed by Shlomo Carlebach are a mainstay.

No one can dispute Shlomo’s great contribution to the field of Jewish music and his appeal to thousands upon thousands of listeners both here and in Israel. For Shlomo reached out to the unaffiliated, disenchanting and unconnected Jew, to the drug addicted, to hippies on campus, to the religious and the irreligious, and to the Jew as well as non Jew. He made everyone his family by calling them brother or sister. His music is loved by Conservative, Orthodox and Reformed Jews as well. Yet, this is a man who, although an excellent performing artist, composer and song writer, provoked a lot of controversy among many of his religious listeners.

Beloved by many, Shlomo and his music were scorned by the right-wing Orthodox establishment because of the controversial “House of Love and Prayer”, which he opened in California, and his many public appearances in which he openly embraced young attractive women despite his Hassidic deportment, tzitzit flying, long beautiful beard and curly hair. He was just too much of a challenge for the establishment. Shlomo suffered greatly because of this animosity and ill will. I invited Shlomo to entertain at my son Alexander’s school on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah celebration, but it did not work out. The school would not permit this once controversial man to perform for its student body. Yet, after his demise, a special assembly was held in which many of the faculty recounted the stories he told and sang many of Shlomo’s songs.

Shlomo was born in Berlin fifty seven years ago. Of interest to us locally was that he was one of the best students to be produced at Rabbi Kotler’s Yeshiva in Lakewood, New Jersey He was ordained as a rabbi and obtained a masters degree in social work and, at the time of his death, was pursuing a doctorate of philosophy

I first met Shlomo when I was an adolescent, when he was staying at my cousin’s home in NYC. The two of them were jamming together and I was invited to come over, sing and play accordion as background while we harmonized. Little did I know that was the rehearsal for the concert that we were to perform at a local synagogue at 4:30 that afternoon. You see, that was the way Shlomo was. Although he was a great performer, he was as unassuming, friendly and down to earth a human being as one could find. I then met Shlomo several other times at concerts in the metropolitan area. Marcia and I attended a concert so thrilling and inspiring that when Shlomo invited the audience to come on stage to dance and sing with him, security had to be called to stop the performance and the throngs of people that came up to the stage. I next met Shlomo at Town and Campus at a wedding where his greeting to me was, ‘How are you my brother.’ That warmed my heart. He performed a wonderful wedding ceremony, which included song, stories and words of wisdom.

Here is one of Shlomo’s stories. Every time I retell the story it warms my heart. Once there was a Jerusalem taxi cab driver. He picked up a fare who complained what a hard day he was having. The cab driver responded by saying that he had lost 3 brothers in Israeli wars. The passenger responded by drawing back his sleeve and revealing tattooed numbers on his wrist. The taxi driver took an intense look at the numbers and invited the passenger to his home for tea. The tired passenger agreed. As the passenger entered the home, his brother, whom he had not seen in over 30 years, greeted him. It seems that the numbers on the passenger’s wrist and those of the cab driver’s father were sequential and they were long lost brothers.

This story exemplifies Shlomo Carlebach’s soul. It is a soul that has now gone on to entertain in Heaven. Shlomo’s life ended too soon and very sadly. At his levaya (funeral) collections were made to assist in the funeral costs. Several hundred people gathered to pay tribute to this great man and in his tribute after the eulogy began to sing many of Shlomo’s songs. It is ironic that a man who gave so much to so many, left so little for himself and died penniless, was scorned by elements of the religious community that sings his songs.

Today there are Carlebach Minyanim all over the place and many of the heretofore Anti-Carlebachians sing his songs the loudest!

Sincerely,

Cantor Elihu Feldman

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING BRACHA

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

**EARLY FAMILY SERVICE
NOW BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.**

On Friday evening, DECEMBER 6, 6:00 P.M., we continue our Early Family Services. All December birthdays will be celebrated! Channukah Stories, singing, and a wonderful Oneg Shabbat highlight the evening!

LEARNER'S MINYAN

December 7, 10:45 A.M.

Join us for the second year of our Learner's Minyan. No skill or knowledge needed other than the desire to learn and become comfortable with the service. You will enhance your knowledge and enjoyment of the Shabbat morning service as we delve into the meaning, format and mechanics of the synagogue service.

Our very own and very talented B'nai Shalom member

Moshe Rudin

will lead the minyan as he draws upon his extensive musical skills and Jewish knowledge to create a wonderful experience for all who participate.

ANNOUNCING: FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Beginning Friday Evening,

January 3, 2003

the time of our Friday Evening Service

will be moved to 6:00 P.M.

Our monthly Early Family Service also
will now begin at 6:00 P.M.

This decision is necessitated by changing realities both at B'nai Shalom and in the American Jewish community at large. Many Conservative synagogues all across the country already have made this same change. Once people arrive home on Friday evening, they do not want to interrupt their Shabbat meal by "rushing off to schul" at 8:00 P.M. Now you can come to services at 6:00 P.M., be done by 7:00 P.M. and come home for a leisurely, relaxing Shabbat dinner and an uninterrupted, tranquil Shabbat evening at home with family and friends.

This service will include many lively melodies, singing, clapping, and a "freilach" atmosphere that will put you in the right mood for Shabbat!

We encourage you to take advantage of this time change to create a wonderful Friday Evening Shabbat Experience by attending the 6:00 PM service and then returning home for an uninterrupted and restful Shabbat evening

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES SCHEDULE

Fridays

December 6:..... 4:10 P.M.

December 13:..... 4:10 P.M.

December 20:..... 4:15 P.M.

December 27:..... 4:20 P.M.

All are welcome!

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!

From Mrs. Prindable's come beautiful and tasty chocolate-covered candy apples. Each apple in the Premier Designer Collection is a work of art, and they come in either milk chocolate pecan or triple chocolate. The apples are huge, and are covered in a most gorgeous drip of brown and white chocolate or solid chocolate with nuts. Each is capped with a keepsake ornament. The signature Collection is no less eye-catching, but the apples are topped with ribbons. You could serve one of these as a dessert for the entire table! Certification is by the Triangle cRc, and they are all dairy. On the web you can find them at www.mrsprindables.com (as we go into print, the web site is still under development). They are located at Affy Tapple, LLC 6300 Gross Point Road, Niles, IL 60714. The phone number is 847-588-2900.

From MARCO POLO FOODS comes Kosher Sushi. Packed in ten-piece boxes, the sushi comes with soy sauce, wasabi and a pair of chopsticks. Certification is by the OU and Rav Rottenberg of Paris. The company can be reached at www.marcopolo.fr (Warning: The web page is in French) or at 139 Avenue Paul Vaillant Couturier, La Courneuve, France 93126. You can phone them at 33(0) 1 48 37 74 00.

BONE SUCKIN' SAUCE has introduced a brand new product, **Bone Suckin' Rib Rub**. You rub this mixture on your chicken, beef, pasta, veggies, fish, and beans—it's good on everything! (Yes it's great on ribs, too.) Certification is by Rabbi Mendelson of Kansas City. The rub is Pareve. This is a really welcome new addition to the amazing Bone Suckin' line. You can find BSS at www.bonesuckin.com or you can write to them at Fords Fancy Foods, 1109 Agriculture Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. The phone number is 800-446-0947.

Frozen French fries can be gourmet if they try hard enough. Or if they come from **Alexia Foods**. This company makes really good fries. These are amazing examples of gourmet style and convenience all rolled into one. These oven fries come in four varieties: Julienne Fries with Sea Salt, Rissole Potatoes with Garden Herbs,

Russet Potatoes with Olive Oil and Sea Salt, and Russet Potatoes with Olive Oil, Rosemary and Garlic. Certification is by the OK and product is pareve. You can find them at www.alexiafoods.com. You can write to them at Alexia Foods, P.O. Box 229018, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Their phone number is 718-609-5665.

COOKIES!

From **NIKKI'S COOKIES** come some really fine, OK-certified, dairy cookies. These cookies taste homemade. They contain no preservatives and are all natural. In fact, you can find them in gourmet stores as well as in health food stores. In the shortbread line there are: Regular, Key Lime Pecan and Amaretto. There are chocolate-covered Key Lime Shortbread cookies, English Toffee Cookies, and Cranberry Orange cookies with Walnuts. There are Raspberry and Peanut Butter Lady bugs. There are Hannukah cookies, too. Nikki's Cookies is located at 2018 South Street, Milwaukee, WI 53207. The phone number is 800-776-7107.

Aunt Gussie's Cookies now offers spelt sugar-free cookies, wheat sugar-free cookies, wheat flour classics (contains sugar), and both wheat and spelt Cracker Flats. Their phone number is 973 340 4480. You can find Gussie on the web at www.auntgussies.com. You can write to them at 141 Lanza Ave., Building 8, Garfield, NJ 07026.

DANCING BEER BAKING COMPANY is a Star-D certified Cookie Company. They make some really great-tasting dairy cookies. They offer Chocolate Tangerine, Maple Oatmeal, Molasses Clove, Peanut Butter Honey, Sugar Cane Lime and more. You can find them on the web at www.dancingdeer.com. You can write to them at 77 Shirley St, Boston, MA 02119. You can phone them at 617-442-7300.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS...

KOSHER KORNER

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JOSEPH'S LITE COOKIES are approved for diabetics by the National Diabetes Outreach. They are also on the Weight Watchers and Atkins lists. Available in eight flavors, these cookies have no salt, no cholesterol, no sugar, no preservatives, and they are all natural to boot. You can reach the company at Joseph's Lite Cookies, 3700 J St., Deming, NJ 88030. You can phone them at 505-546-2839. Certification is Triangle-K.

Zapp's chips are kettle cooked in 100% peanut oil and contain no cholesterol. Certification is by the Kof-K. They have added some new flavors to the line: XXX Hot Salsa Habenero chips, Dill Gatorators and Mesquite BBQ. You can phone them at 800-349-2447. You can write to them at 307E Airline Hwy, P.O. Box 1533 Gramercy, LA 70052.

BAZZINI'S (OU-certified) is the absolute "king" of nuts. The company is located at 200 Food Center Drive, Hunts Point Market, Bronx, NY 10474.

The phone number is 718-842-8644. Outside New York State, the number is 800-228-0172.

MOM 'N POPS is an OU-certified company that is famous for their beautiful chocolate lollipops. Recently they introduced a beautiful new product called **WORLD CLASS CANDY ROSES**. Contact the company at Mom 'n Pops Inc., 834 Brooks St., New Windsor, NY 12553. The phone number there is 845-567-0640.

A company called **ETHEL M** turns out to be Mr. M&M's mom, and the company that uses her name (a subsidiary of M&M Mars) uses her original recipes, too. Ethel M just now became OU-certified (except for chocolates containing liquors). Watch for Ethel M products in a store near you! Ethel M is located at One Sunset Way, Henderson, NV 89014. The phone number is 702-547-0736. They also publish a mail order catalog.

Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Class

Taught by Rabbi Asekoff

Includes Beginner's Hebrew

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ETZ HAYIM

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

Each month we highlight another aspect of Etz Hayim! Why not stop in the synagogue to examine a volume and take advantage of the educational and informative articles it contains, in addition to the Biblical text itself and the accompanying commentaries!

The back section of Etz Hayim contains 41 scholarly, informative and readable essays on a variety of topics in four major categories: Biblical Life and Perspective; Biblical Religion and Law; Worship, Ritual and Halakhah; and Text and Context. Taken as a whole these essays provide remarkable insight into the world of Biblical commentary, interpretation and understanding. What was life like in Biblical times? What have we been able to garner from the disciplines of history, archaeology and Biblical criticism that can shed light on the meaning of the Biblical text? What are the Biblical concepts God, revelation, Prophecy, Justice, Reward and Punishment, and Eschatology (and what, by the way, is Eschatology)? What was the biblical concept of Holiness? What were the functions of the Kohanim and Levi'im (Priests and Levites)? What were the function and meaning of the sacrifices? What was the nature of Prayer in Biblical times? What do we know about Shabbat and the other Holidays? What about the Dietary Laws? What do we learn about Tefillin and M'zuzot?

In the world of "practical application," so to speak, what are the laws and customs of Torah reading and Haftarah? What about the various methods of Torah study such as Midrash, Traditional Methods of Biblical study, and Modern Methods of Biblical study?

In addition to the Torah text and commentaries, Etz Hayim is a comprehensive textbook and guide into the world of understanding Torah on multiple levels. Next month we begin to examine the details. Stay tuned!

Mishnah Study with Rabbi Asekoff

Tuesday Evenings, 8:30 P.M. Any one with a reading knowledge of Hebrew Is Invited to join us!

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

CONDOLENCES TO

Sharon Cimbol for the loss of her mother, Lillian Hoffman

Arlene Levine for the loss of her mother, Ruth Friedman

MAZAL TOV TO

Rob & Hela Blazer in honor of their daughter Rebecca's marriage to Dr. Mark Bernstein

Donna & Stephen Berowitz upon the engagement of their daughter Alyson to Tzvi Small and the engagement of their daughter Paulina to Joshua Levine

Dr. & Mrs. Fred Einstein upon the birth of their grandson Jared Einstein Astrof, son of Jacqueline and Joshua Astrof

Richard & Ellen Bodner upon the marriage of their daughter Debra to Douglas Goldstein

Doreen Genkin upon her being honored by West Orange Hadassah as Woman of the Year on November 24th, 2002

Janet Arnowitz upon her installation as National Vice President of Women's League for Conservation Judaism

ISRAEL VENDOR'S FAIR OCTOBER 27, 2002

October 27, 2002 was a beautiful day – outside in the crisp clear air of a fall day, and inside in the halls of B'nai Shalom.

That day we were host to over 25 Israeli vendors, selling products ranging from sterling silver Judaica and jewelry, to painted wood products, to books and CDs, to soaps and sesame candy.

Helping our beleaguered brothers and sisters was the goal, and by all accounts we succeeded. The success was not only financial, but also emotional as well, by showing that we cared.

We had vendors among us who were no longer in business, because there was no business to do in Israel. We had those who recounted that their monthly sales did not cover their rent. And so, by providing them this venue we helped them in more ways than one.

From the time we opened the doors at 10 AM and on throughout the day, the people came to browse, and to buy. All of the advertising and promotion that was done by volunteers in many of the adjacent towns to West Orange did pay off. The one item which we could not predict, or control, namely the number of shoppers, turned out to be fine. Virtually the entire day there were crowds, and even as vendors were packing up to leave, some reported still doing several hundred dollars in sales.

Among the most noted comments from the vendors was that they had never seen so many volunteers, and ones who were really dedicated to helping, whether it was to assist in the sales of merchandise, or to help cooking the food that was available all day long, or just to be around the floor, ready and willing to help with any chore. Truly, everyone who showed up that day to help performed a great mitzvah, and carried on the tradition of B'nai Shalom.

The rough estimates of the vendors as to the day's sales indicated that over \$50,000 was spent that day. By any measure that was successful. The vendors were pleased with the way they were treated, and with the fine organization of the day.

It is our hope that it shall not be necessary to repeat this effort; that Peace will come to Israel, and with it the return of tourism and flourishing business for all.

THANK YOU

To My Congregation Family:

I want to express my heartiest "THANK YOU" for the honor and recognition given to me on Shabbat morning, November 16, 2002. The memories of that day will remain with me always.

I am overwhelmed by the number of tributes I received from many of you. I would like to acknowledge each of you individually, however I am afraid that is not possible. Therefore, I would like to thank each and every one of you personally for your kind words and generosity. Those donations will help continue and expand the purpose of the Rose Gottlieb Memorial Fund.

This fund enables our youth to experience USY summer programs where they may not be able to due to financial constraints. I would like to share with you an excerpt of a letter I received recently. "This trip will expand my knowledge on what Judaism really means and it will help me become a better Jew for our community." Need I say any more?

Murray Gottlieb

BAR/BAT MITZVAH BIOS

Bar Mitzvah's Name	Stephen Wallach	Bat Mitzvah's Name	SallyRuth Ester Hammer
Date of Bar Mitzvah	December 7, 2002	Date of Bat Mitzvah	October 19, 2002
Parent's Name	David & Elizabeth Wallach	Parent's Name	Dr. Larry and Suzie Hammer
Date of Birth	December 16, 1989	Date of Birth	November 16, 1989
School	Roosevelt Middle School	School	Roosevelt Middle School
Grade	7	Grade	7
Achievements	Honor Roll Student	Achievements	Team Record holder for Butterfly @ JCCMetro
Interest & Hobbies	Basketball, Animal lover (dog & 2 turtles)	Interest and Hobbies	1992-PhotoMoto Poster Girl, Honor Roll Student @ RMS West Orange Town Swim Team, MetroExpress Swim Team @JCC, P.A.L. softball league plays saxophone/piano, enjoys camping/sailing, gymnastics, skiing, choreographing dances reading and hanging out with friends. Sally also volunteers with her family at a local soup kitchen.
Bat Mitzvah's Name	Jessica Friedman	Additional Comments	Sally is a warm & caring young lady. She is a diplomat among her peers. She loves spending "one on one" time with friends and family getting a chance to "just chill". Sally will continue her Judaic connection through Kadima/USY and wants to learn Hebrew as a fluent language. Sally has also committed to wearing a tallit for davening. She will continue to attend Camp Tamarack in Michigan, where she has found the perfect blend of Judaism and nature. Sally would like to thank all her teachers at B'nai Shalom. Finally, thank you to Morah Rena Casser for her meaningful Bat Mitzvah tutoring.
Date of Bat Mitzvah	December 21, 2002		
Parent's Name	Bruce & Susan Friedman		
Date of Birth	January 1, 1991		
School	Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex & Union, West Orange Upper School		
Grade	6		
Achievements	Voted "Most Dependable Free Styler" by JCC Metro Express swim team coaches during the 2001-2002 Fall Season.		
Interest & Hobbies	Swimming with JCC Metro Express on both the recreational and the USA teams, Skiing, and hanging with friends.		
Additional Comments	As her Bat Mitzvah project Jessica chose to collect deactivated cellular phone through her school and B'nai Shalom. The phones were given to the Livingston Police Department where they were reactivated and distributed to the elderly or victims of domestic violence. She would like to thank all who donated their cellular phones for this worthwhile project.		

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

WELCOME WAGON

By Rachel Plafker Esrig

Please extend a warm welcome to the following new members of our B'nai Shalom family.

Susan and Marvin Blum

The Blum family has lived in West Orange for the last ten years. Susan and Marvin are both New Jersey natives. Marvin has his own accounting business in Union. Susan taught sixth grade in the Clifton school system and is currently at home with their two children, Harrison and Emily. Harrison, a big train fan, is in kindergarten at Solomon Schechter Lower School. Emily, the family gymnast, attends nursery school here at B'nai Shalom. As a family they enjoy road trips to the beach, amusement parks and train museums.

TORAH READING ACADEMY NEWS

Margo is now personally teaching advanced material *never before taught at T.R.A.* – it's time to learn what the real experts know: you will master all the “diversions” that are chanted differently in the Torah (and there are lots of them!) come for the challenge and the fun.

Stay tuned for upcoming social events. Our special end-of-the-year “hoopla” event is TBA, plus a party honoring our seniors and a chance to hear from our members who were just in Israel. Check your mail and e-mail for dates and times.

Haven't been in a while, or not sure if you can still join? Our door is always open, until the end of the year! Join or re-join us and...

BE A PART OF IT!

Questions? Comments? Call or e-mail Margo at (201) 797-7305 or margo@techcat.com.

MEN'S CLUB 16TH ANNUAL TOY DRIVE AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Many thanks to all the generous members of our congregation who contributed new toys, puzzles, and games and books to our 15th Annual Toy Drive. A special thank you to the Rosen family, owners of RoseArt Industries, for their donation of toys, games, and crafts.

The toys we collected were donated to the Rachel Coalition, an agency for battered Jewish women, sponsored by the Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, and the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty, which is an affiliated agency of UJA-Federation of New York.

Henry Kaplan, Men's Club President

Tom Phon, Toy Drive Chairman

SISTERHOOD SCRIP PROGRAM

What is SCRIP and how does it work?

SCRIP are store gift certificates. Dollar for dollar, full face value, you buy them from one of the Sisterhood volunteers. You write a check or you can charge it on your credit card.

Sisterhood buys SCRIP at discount and therefore earns a profit when you buy them at face value. It is one way to raise funds for the Sisterhood causes.

Do all your grocery shopping at:

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Hannah Bargad 669-0896

Anne Blady 669-8379

Eylana Garfinkle 535-0645

Mirabella Sheppard 325-3509

SISTERHOOD NEWS...

Shalom ya'll,

Before I begin my usual informative article for the month of December, I want to thank those Sisterhood members that were so kind and caring during my filled days preparing for my daughter SallyRuth's Bat Mitzvah. Thanks for covering whatever needed to be covered. My husband, Larry and I appreciated your friendship and support coming from our B'nai Shalom family. As a result of Morah Rena Casser, we are proud of our daughter for the beautiful service which reflected her efforts and time she put in to prepare for her Judaic milestone.

Now on with the latest forecast of B'nai Shalom Sisterhood, STOP, LOOK, TASTE and BUY, that's right... "Tastefully Simple" a gourmet speciality food company will be offering kosher tasting for us to try and buy for all your needs. Marilyn Fern has offered her kitchen in Short Hills to host this monthly meeting and program. If you need directions please call Marilyn @ 973-921-1517 AND if you need a ride, call to RSVP to Eylana Garfinkle @ 973-535-0645 Programs begins @ 10:00am; come and see what we've got! December 15th

Next, try our Book Review, "GOODBYE COLUMBUS" an older but goodie many of us had not read. Bring a friend too. DECEMBER 18TH @ the home of Gilda Paul, call to RSVP if you can, or call for directions, 973-324-0536. 8:00 pm and if you want to suggest a book tell our new bookreview chairs: Gilda Paul and Nancy Schenkein

DECEMBER 3rd-Check it out! CHANNUKA PARTY, sponsored by Sisterhood, Family Ed and Hebrew School Parent Assoc. 5:30pm til 7:30PM FOR ALL BNAI SHALOM CHILDREN.....details coming out on flyers. RSVP to office. If you'd can volunteer to help with food call Jody Goldfarb @973-740-8698

DECEMBER 22,23 & 24TH FUNDRAISERS, GIFT WRAPPING AT BARNES & NOBLE CALL KAREN MAZAL FOR YOUR 2-HOUR TIME SLOT @ 973-731-2981 until 2003.

your sisterhood president, Suzie Hammer

The B'nai Shalom Sisterhood would like to welcome the following new members:

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS...

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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT KADIMA for grades 6-8

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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE 4/5ER CLUB for grades 4 & 5

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SONIA COHENSON AT 973-736-3248 OR EMAIL AT NYCRUNNER9@AOL

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ANY YOUTH PROGRAMMING OR SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMMING

PLEASE CALL SUZANNE GROSSMAN AT 973-243-9798 OR EMAIL AT PDNEURO@AOL.COM

KEEP IN MIND THAT SYNAGOGUE YOUTH PROGRAMMING CAN BE BETTER THAN EVER WITH MORE PARENT PARTICIPATION. LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY! PARTICULAR HELP IS NEEDED IN PHONE CHAINS AND CHAPERONING THE 4/5ER CLUB. THANKS!

*Suzanne Grossman
Youth Committee Chairperson*

THE ROSE GOTTLIEB MEMORIAL FUND

was established to honor the memory of a very special woman. This fund helps to defray costs for the more expensive USY and Kadima programs such as Encampment and Conventions. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause. If any of our young people are considering participating in these programs and would be interested in a subsidy please write a brief note to Murray Gottlieb and mail directly to the synagogue.

CALLING ALL TORAH READERS

Please contact Elliot Grossman to arrange for upcoming reading opportunities at 973 243 9798 or PDNEURO@aol.com. The synagogue would be happy to have you read from the portion you read at your bar or bat mitzvah again, or learn a new portion.

Would you like to read but don't have the skills? We would be happy to help you acquire the ability to participate in this highly meaningful way in synagogue life. Contact Elliot as noted above.

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Did you know that every shabbat morning our synagogue holds programs for our young people? Shabbat Fun for ages 3 - 5 begins at 11:00 a.m. Torah and Tefillah for 5 - 7 year olds and Mini Minyan for ages 7 - 11 begin at 10:45. We request that parents bring their children directly to the programs. Room assignments are posted outside the main sanctuary. The programs end at noon, at which time the young people are escorted back to the main sanctuary to join the congregation. Each program is overseen by Malka Hapner, our religious school principal. Prayer and activities are designed with the age of each group in mind. The children who participate really have a great time - hope to see you there!

*Jonah Grossman, Stephan Kallus, Sam Kallus, Leah Maas, Arielle Goldfischer, Dina Kirschenbaum
Group Leaders*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS...

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE SHABBAT MINYAN

B'nai Shalom provided programming on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for our 6th through 8th grade students. Participants were able to lead or participate in the service, prepare and provide the torah reading, blow and listen to shofar, but most of all be together to celebrate the holiday. Our 6th, 7th and 8th grade shabbat morning program will continue this year. It's a place where young people can come and discuss the weekly Torah portion, current events and participate in prayer. It is a place to meet new people and talk with old friends. No previous knowledge of Hebrew or "Jewish studies" is required to participate. Everyone is welcome. We begin at 10:30 and end at noon. Look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Email to ARIMAAS@excite.com. Watch your mail for upcoming dates.

Ari Maas

UPDATED 4/5'ER CALENDAR

December 8 th	Hannukah Party Live! @ B'nai Shalom, 5:30 – 7:00
January	(Date to be announced) Snack Attack and Movie @ Caldwell Theater, 7:00-9:00
February 1 st	TBA

UPDATED KADIMA CALENDAR

December 7 th	Ice Cream and Ice Skating 6:30-8:00
January Date	dependent upon Regional Calender Kadima Day
February 9 th	Snow tubing with Montclair

KADIMA NEWS

November rolled in with a bang, as Kadimanics hit the lanes at Eagle Rock Bowling Alley on the 10th and 17th of the month. They played two games and ate pizza from Jerusalem Pizza. Kadima members in attendance were: Aaron Kutzer, Avigayil Lieber, Stacey Cohenson, Josh Riback, Benny Kaplan, Benjamin Yavalberg, Tali Lior and Reggie Viezel. High games were rolled by Aaron K., who bowled without bumpers and threw a 99. Highest game bowled for the girls was thrown by Tali L, who finished game one with a 97. In the second game of the evening Benny Kaplan blew past everyone throwing 112, without bumpers. Additionally worth mentioning, was the fact that Josh R. rolled more than a few spares as did Avigayil L. Comments made by the kids were all positive and the night was a huge success!

Particularly funny was Janet, running down the lane, shoeless in an effort to get the "bowl rolling" (literally), down towards the awaiting and unsuspecting pins.

Janet hopes that more will come out for the upcoming December and January events. By the time you receive this mailing we will have gone to the movies for a Snack Attack on Saturday, December 7th and will be looking forward to January's Regional Kadima Day Event. This year's theme for Kadima Day is "Clowning Around With Kadima" and will be held in and hosted by the Ridgewood Chapter.

Please note that both of these events are changes to the tentative 2002-03 Kadima calendar. Snowtubing is also just around the corner for our Kadimanics, so don't hesitate and be left out in the cold... join your old friends and make new ones with Janet at these great winter warmers.

See You All Soon!

Questions or Comments please feel free to contact Janet @ 973-818-2607.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS...

USY NEWS

The month of November was filled with USY enriched activities. Our Thursday night activities started off on a very giving note.

We made potpourri baskets for the elderly, made stuffed challahs for children, and decorated flowers to give to the needy. What we did took time, but it was by far worth it. Giving back to the world is as if we are saying thanks to God for all that we have been so gratefully given.

November 4th was a quite comical night. The entire Northern Hagalil USY region joined together at Rascals Comedy Club in West Orange for a night of comedy. This night sponsored by LUSY helped raise money for Tikun Olam.

In about 1 week I am going to attend Fall Convention 2002! I am immensely excited for this weekend since it is the first weekend that I will be together with all my USYers for a Shabbat since Encampment 2002. I don't know exactly all the details on this retreat yet, but a little voice in my head has told me it is going to be worthwhile.

December is looking good for LUSY and USY! Thursday night activities are going hold a few surprises, but I do know that you will definitely love them, because the LUSY board has been planning these activities for a long time now. December 13th-14th is the Area Shabbatonim. This means that North Region and South Region of USY will have their own separate small 2-day conventions. This will be a great way to bond with all your USY friends, so please sign up! Last but CERTAINLY not least I would like to mention Hagalil USY 2002 ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION! Deadlines for applications were due a while ago, but since I will so happily be attending I would just like to say "I can't wait," and I hope to see many of your faces there!

I would like to say congratulations to my sister Sarah Victoria Cohenson on her becoming a Bat-mitzvah. She has worked so hard, and come so far, and I know that this is only the beginning of many more simchot in her life.

B'Shalom,

*Melissa Ilona Cohenson
LUSY'S 2002-2003 Noar Hayomist
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4/5ER CLUB NEWS

Although the leaves are falling off the trees, all too quickly for most of us, October and November's 4/5'er Club programs did anything but fall short of the club's expectations. October found us climbing the walls at Diamond Gymnastics, approximately 20 kids strong made this years turnout even better then last years. For an extra surprise, three extra lucky kids won spots to ride the zip line. The program was well received, and everyone who came really was a winner. Thanks to all the kids for their enthusiasm and participation. I am very pleased with the way everyone is helping our club grow in a positive manner, and I'm working hard to continue to arrange a variety of activities, which will be equally fabulous! Programs coming up in December and January are Snack Attack and Movie @ Caldwell Theater, which will be a combined club evening of 4/5'ers and Kadimanics to be held on *Saturday, December 21st*. Most likely the movie, which will have just been released will be "*The Wild Thornberries*", an animated adventure. Following this the event in January is still to be determined. If you would like to have some input, your choices are an evening of ice-skating and ice cream or an evening of medieval adventure, at *Medieval Times* in Lyndhurst...arrangements have been made for kosher meals. Please call and leave a message by December 22nd, if you have a preference. Looking forward to seeing as many faces as possible in the up coming months. I wish you all the best for the Holiday Season and thank you for allowing me to work with the youth of B'nai Shalom.

*Sincerely,
Janet Brenner*

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

Open Classrooms: November 10th

This first-time program was a smashing success. It was a great opportunity for the parents of our students to experience our Sunday curriculum first hand, get to know our teachers personally, and meet the other parents in the school. Both the students and their parents said that they truly enjoyed studying alongside each other. Nearly everyone asked us if we could do it again because "it was a lot of fun."

Gan Family Workshop: November 17th

At this wonderful parents/student workshop, the Gan class learned interesting features of the Torah and traditions connected with it. Our talented workshop leaders Rabbi Asekoff and Gan teacher Mrs. Joanne Snyder shared their knowledge and enthusiasm with the families who were delighted with what they learned. Each family prepared a beautiful Torah of their own with a decorated cover and closure. Also, as a special treat, Rabbi Asekoff hand wrote each student's name in Hebrew calligraphy with permanent ink. This gave the children a better understanding of the work of a Torah scribe and a special keepsake to keep with their own Torah.

Back to School Night (BTSN): November 26th

Religious School parents had a chance to meet our week-day teachers. Each teacher explained how the curriculum is applied in her classroom. If you were unable to attend BTSN or would just like to speak further with your children's teachers, please call the school office to schedule an appointment (973) 731-3720.

Hanukkah Celebration: December 3rd

Please send in your family Hanukiyah with your children by **4:00 PM** on December 3rd. We will daven, sing Hanukkah songs, light our family hanukiyot at our traditional family hanukiyot lighting ceremony, eat our Hanukkah treats, and say the blessings at our school-wide celebration. A Hanukkah game of Trivial Pursuit is planned to reinforce learning about the holiday. Please remember to send your family Hanukkiya with your child by 4:00 PM.

To allow families to join in the 5:30 pm community celebration at B'nai Shalom, we will be dismissing our students at 5:30 PM. Please remember to make your reservation in advance through the Synagogue office 973-731-0160.

Mayor McKeon Visits: December 5th

The Mayor will be speaking to our students at 4:30 PM and will be distributing Hanukkah gelt to all our students. Our thanks, in advance, to our Mayor, for his interest and kindness.

B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton: December 14th

This will be the third of ten Shabbatonim this year. Our 6th and 7th grade students and their parents from both Solomon Schechter Day School and the B'nai Shalom Religious School are encouraged to attend all the Shabbatonim this year and are required to attend those Shabbatonim during which your child is participating in the services. Please note that Bar/Bat-Mitzvah candidates must attend synagogue a minimum of 15 times during their 6th and 7th grade years (we suggest 10 times during 6th grade and 5 times during 7th grade.) Don't forget to turn your attendance card up when you enter the sanctuary. Please check the schedule already distributed, to see what prayers you are leading in the congregational Shabbat morning services. During the Torah service, the Bar Mitzvah families will convene to a separate room to study the weekly Torah Portion with the Principal, Malka Hapner.

Kita Aleph Family Hallah Baking Workshop: December 15th

At this delightful and delectable family workshop, we will learn about Shabbat and bake Hallot to take home and enjoy at Shabbat dinner. This session is always a most enjoyable family activity not to be missed!

Rabbi's Shmooze: December 18th

Our 6th and 7th grade students from both Solomon Schechter Day School and B'nai Shalom Religious School are invited and encouraged to attend all three sessions this year. Rabbi Asekoff and the students enjoy interactive activities and lively discussions over dinner. The first session was very well attended and we look forward to seeing all the students again. Reservations should be made by calling the school office at (973) 731-3720. Space is limited to the first 40 students so RSVP ASAP.

December 22 through January 1st

VACATION

No Religious School Classes

Classes Resume on January 3rd

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

Religious School Calendar For December 2002

Sunday 1	No Classes -Thanksgiving Weekend Third Hanukkah candle
Tuesday 3	Regular classes but note early dismissal at 5:30 pm for Synagogue Hanukkah Celebration
Thursday 5	Regular Classes Mayor's Visit
Saturday 7	Bar Mitzvah - Mazal Tov Stephen Wallach - Parashat Miketz
Sunday 8	Regular Classes
Tuesday 10	Regular Classes
Thursday 12	Regular Classes
Saturday 14	AM Shabbaton #3 Parashat Vayigash
Sunday 15	Regular Classes & Aleph Family Challah Baking Workshop
Tuesday 17	Regular Classes
Wednesday 18	Rabbi's Shmooze #2, 6:30-8:00pm
Thursday 19	Regular Classes
Saturday 21	Bat Mitzvah - Mazal Tov Jessica Friedman - Parashat Vayechi
Sunday Dec. 22 through Jan. 1	No School - Winter Break
Thursday, Jan. 2	School Resumes

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS...

The following is a sketch of the various activities that will go on this month in our Nursery School:

1. On December 6, the children will present our annual Hanukah program. They are working very hard to get ready for the show. We are looking forward to sharing this special day with the Senior Citizens of the community. After the performance we will enjoy potato latkes and applesauce. We are eagerly anticipating a visit from West Orange Major John McKeon who always brings delicious Hanukah Gelt.
2. We will continue a school-wide discussion of mitzvot. The children are encouraged to partake in a mitzvah and bring it to school written on a small piece of paper. It is then added to our Mitzvah tree which is located in our Nursery School wing.

We have so many wonderful events coming up, including our Fashion Show/Treasure Chest auction which will be held on March 23, 2003. We are also busy preparing for a Shabbat workshop. More details to follow.

Please feel free to stop by and say hello!

Shalom,

*Michele Weiss
Nursery School Director*

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Gail Pogach in honor of Rabbi and Cecille's new granddaughter

Dr. Martin Karno in memory of his wife, Charlotte S. Karno

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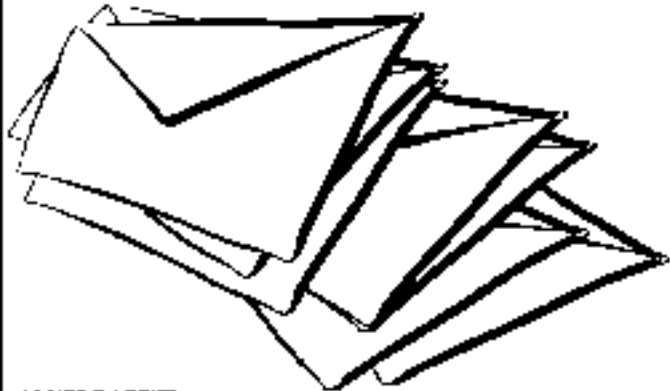
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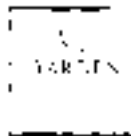


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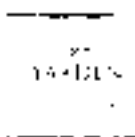
Blanc de Blanc '97

This sparkling wine possesses the delicate and penetrating characteristics including bright apple and floral notes, all layered with a hint of yeast. The wines generous acidity adds an extra layer of freshness. The wine makes an excellent accompaniment for Yarden Blanc de Blancs while the wine superbly with delicately flavored foods such as salmon, poached chicken breast finished with a splash of Blended Butter.



Mount Hermon White '01

The 2001 Yarden Mount Hermon White is a crisp, elegant and citrusy wine. Bright and lively, this wine is a wonderful wine for your special dining. Ready to drink now, but will remain attractive for a couple of years following the harvest. We enjoy drinking it with a variety of fish and beef courses as well as with grilled vegetables and potatoes.



Riesling '01

Key aromas highlight this wine's floral notes, as well as with tropical and citrus fruit notes. No notes of warm spice, fresh citrus and juniper berry round out the wine's character. Riesling is a great wine for young and best for ages. The wine is a couple of years old. Great with seafood and also pairs nicely with spicy foods such as Thai or Indian dishes such as curries.



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1 Minyan 9:00 AM NO Religious School Minyan 8:00 PM	2 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting Minyan 8:00 PM	3 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 11-2 Haddassah Meeting Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class 8:30 PM	4 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Torah Reading Academy 7:30 PM 8 pm - RS Board Meeting Minyan 8:00 PM	5 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Minyan 8:30 PM Board Meeting 8:30 PM Talmud Class	6 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:10 PM Family Services 6:00PM	7 Morning Service 9:00 AM B/M of Stephen Wallach Rabbi's Table Congregant led Minyan 6-8 th Grade Program Learners Minyan Evening Minyan 4:10 PM
8 Minyan 9:00 AM Healing Service by Rabbi Helene Ettinger 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM	9 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	10 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Minyan 8:00 PM	11 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 1-3 pm- Double Chai Meeting Torah Reading Academy 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Hebrew Reading Boot Camp 8:30 PM	12 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Talmud Class	13 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:10 PM Minyan 4:10 PM	14 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM AM Shabaton Minyan Meyuchad Shabbateinu Special Guest Speaker Michael Oren Minyan 4:10 PM
15 Minyan 9:00 AM Minyan 8:00 PM	16 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting Minyan 8:00 PM	17 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class 8:30 PM	18 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Torah Reading Academy 7:30 PM Rabbi Smooze Minyan 8:00 PM Hebrew Reading Boot Camp 8:30 PM Sisterhood Book REview	19 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Minyan 8:00 PM 8:30 pm - Exec Board Meeting Talmud Class	20 13 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 PM Minyan 4:15 PM	21 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM AM B/M of Jessica Friedman Evening Minyan 4:15 PM
22 Morning Minyan 9 AM No RS Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	23 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM NS Closed Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	24 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM NS Closed No RS Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class 8:30 PM	25 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Office Closed NS Closed Torah Reading Academy 7:30 PM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	26 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM NS Closed No RS Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	27 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:20 PM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	28 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM Congregant led Minyan Evening Minyan 4:20 PM
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5 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM Kabbalat Siddur Workshop-Aleph Zimriyah Music Songfest -Bet Class Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	6 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting Jewish Enlightenment With Spirituality Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	7 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class	8 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Rabbi Smooze Religious School Board Meeting Torah Reading Academy Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	9 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 1-3 pm – Double Chat Meeting Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Talmud Class	10 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30 PM Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	11 Morning Services 9:00 AM Gimel Shabbat Experience Rabbi's Table Minyan Meyuchad Evening Services 4:30 PM Chavarim Karaoke Night
12 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM Primary, Tu B'shevat Program Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	13 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Jewish Enlightenment With Spirituality Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	14 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class	15 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Torah Reading Academy Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	16 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 8:30 pm – Exec Board Meeting Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Talmud Class	17 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:40 PM Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	18 Morning Services 9:00 AM Gimel Shabbat Experience Torah Reading Shabbat Congregant led Minyan Evening Services 4:40 PM
19 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM No RS Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	20 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Nursery School Closed 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting Jewish Enlightenment With Spirituality Martin Luther King B'Day Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	21 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM RS Resumes Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class	22 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 9-12 pm NCJW Meeting-EH Torah Reading Academy Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	23 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Talmud Class	24 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:45 Kabbalat Siddur & Dinner fro Aleph Class Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	25 Morning Services 9:00 AM Sisterhood Shabbat Shabbateinu PM Shabbaton Evening Services 4:45 PM
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