



# Hayenu

**B'nai Shalom**

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## From the Rabbi

Dear friends:

As we go to press war has just broken out in Iraq and the words of the Haggadah, the Jewish "Freedom Book" are more poignant than ever: "In each and every generation there are those who would rise up against us" to rob us of our freedom and destroy our way of life. Far from being addressed only to the Jewish People they apply to all nations and all peoples. Freedom is fragile. It is a precious gift, too little appreciated when we have it and enjoy it. Certainly because of our particular history we the Jewish People understand this lesson as well as anyone. We also know from our collective experience that it takes a great deal of sacrifice and constant vigilance to guard and protect our freedom. May the bitterness of battle soon give way to the sweetness of peace. May all innocent people be protected from harm. With God's help may war come to an end, may freedom be restored, preserved, and come to everyone; and may the time soon come when the world's attention can be turned towards the fulfilling of God's hope that mankind join together to create a world in which all people may be free to live in peace and harmony and in which "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." AMEN

### 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.

### CANDLE LIGHTING BLESSINGS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

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### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, April 4 . . . . . 6:05 P.M.  
Friday, April 11 . . . . . 7:15 P.M.  
Friday, April 18 . . . . . 7:20 P.M.  
Friday, April 25 . . . . . 7:30 P.M.

### MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, April 5 . . . . . 6:06 P.M.  
Saturday, April 12 . . . . . 7:14 P.M.  
Saturday, April 19 . . . . . 7:21 P.M.  
Saturday, April 26 . . . . . 7:28 P.M.

# RELIGIOUS NEWS...

## *New This Year*

### **B'NAI SHALOM PASSOVER UNIVERSITY**

Sponsored By  
Adult Education Committee

Sign up for **this final session** separate sessions by calling the synagogue office, 973-731-0160, and letting us know you plan to attend!

Join us for morning minyan at 9:00 and our Passover University class immediately afterwards!

**Sunday Morning, April 6: 9:45-11:30: "Kashrut, Kleining, Koping"** How can I ever do it all? What are the laws and customs, where do they come from, how can I ever manage? And at long last, the truth about "kitniyot" (the term for peas, beans, corn, rice, etc. that are permitted for Sephardim but not allowed for us unfortunate Ashkenazim)!

### **EARLY FAMILY SERVICE**

On Friday evening, April 4, we continue our Family Services.

**PLEASE NOTE:  
STARTING TIME IS NOW 6:00 P.M.**

All April birthdays will be celebrated. Stories, singing, and a wonderful Oneg Shabbat highlight the evening!

### **Mishnah Study with Rabbi Asekoff**

Resumes after Passover.

Watch the mail for our opening session!

### **HAYENU**

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## CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Joseph Feldman

### The Music of Saddam Hussein's Jews

The present day Iraqi Jewish community, although extremely small, takes pride in the fact that it is the most ancient Jewish community in Diaspora (Jewish communities outside of Israel). Iraqi Jews of today were once a part of a large and well developed Jewish community in ancient Babylonia and Mesopotamia and have a distinct tradition, culture and music of their very own.

Understanding and categorizing the special sounds of Jewish music of Iraqi origin has been a topic of research pursued by several Jewish musicologists. As a result, several genres of Jewish Iraqi music have been identified. These include: lullabies, wedding songs, piyyutim (liturgical poetry), mournful lamentations, love songs, shevahot (songs of praise), Chalgi Baghdad ensembles, and the belly dancer and daqqaqat traditions.

Since the various genres of Iraqi Jewish Music are products of the history of the Jews of Iraq, the history of this once vibrant Jewish Community needs to be understood. The contemporary Jewish Community of Iraq is a descendant of the Jewish Community of Bavel, or the Jewish Community of Babylonia. It is here where the Babylonian Talmud was compiled and where Jews and Judaism flourished to its highest level.

After the destruction of the First Temple, in Jerusalem, in 586 B.C.E. most of the Israelites were exiled from Israel to Babylonia (Today's Iraq). The majority of these remained in Babylonia for over 2000 years. In Babylonia, Jews periodically suffered persecution and discrimination. However, surviving documentation from that historical era shows that the Jewish community of Babylonia flourished, and that its integration and friendly ties with Moslem neighbors did not interfere with the degree to which its community was close-knit and vibrant.

By the beginning of the 20th century, the Jews of Iraq, and especially of Baghdad, were becoming more modernized. They enjoyed relative freedom in religious practice, and equality of rights had also been granted to them. In addition, they prospered economically and engaged in the trade of silk, textiles, precious stones, and food stuffs with Syria, India, Vienna, Singapore, Persia, and London.

After the First World War, under British rule, the political situation of the Babylonian Iraqi Jews improved further as did their education. Some Iraqi Jews were elected

to Parliament. Many Jewish intellectuals had graduated from the Jewish Iraqi educational system, speaking Arabic, Hebrew, English, and French.

In the early 1900s, the Zionist movement also made its way to Iraq. This marked the beginning of the deterioration of the Jews of Iraq. From 1929 onward, Jews were persecuted for Zionist beliefs and activities. Many teachers of Hebrew who had come from Palestine were forced to leave. By the Second World War, Iraq was solely under Iraqi rule, and in 1948, martial law was imposed. At this time, tens of thousands of Jews fled to Iran and some went to Israel. From May 1950 to August 1951 there was a legal mass exodus to Israel, or as some would say "back to" Israel, after about 2500 years of Diaspora. At this point, the Jews were permitted to leave their homes (and properties and goods) in Iraq if they relinquished their citizenship. Since 1950, Iraqi the Jews who remained in Iraq have been victimized by the government whenever it was politically convenient.

Before the Aliyah (return to Israel), Jews of Iraq mainly lived together in the cities of Baghdad and Basra. They lived among Moslems, and adhered to, and appreciated, the Moslems' strict rules of modesty and dignity. Not unlike the Moslems, the Jews of this Arab land were highly traditional. It would be misleading to discuss their music without considering the religious culture of Iraqi Jewry, for this religious culture has been intricately woven into all aspects of their lives.

The music of the Jews in Iraq could be heard and enjoyed in several venues: sidewalk cafés, henna (wedding and engagement) parties, circumcision ceremonies, weddings, the nursery, and the death bed. Music was truly a part of everyday life.

One of the most prominent form of Jewish Iraqi music was called the **Shevachot**. Shevachot were songs of praise that accompanied every significant event in the life of the Jewish community of Iraq. Religious ceremonies and festivities were filled with song, and dance and always include Shevachot (songs of Praise). These were a part of the Sabbath observance, circumcision ceremonies (Brit-Milah), Bar Mitzvahs, Pideon Haben (which celebrated the birth of a first-born son), and festivities commemorating the beginning of a new month. The shevahot praised God and specific prophets, for example, Samuel, Jeremiah and Deborah. Iraqi Jews have taken particular

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## CANTORIAL COMMENTS

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pride in the fact that many of the great Hebrew prophets lived (and died) in Babylon, for instance, Ezekiel, Nehemiah and Zechariah.

The shevahot were passed down through generations in oral tradition. Most are sung in Hebrew. On religious holidays and in the synagogues, these compositions were not accompanied instrumentally, due to the prohibition in Jewish law, since the destruction of the Temple, against playing instruments on the Sabbath and high holidays.

Another genre of Iraqi Jewish music was called the **Chalgi Baghdad**. The chalgi Baghdad (pronounced chalri Baghdad) comprises an ensemble that was generally dominated by Jews. In fact, there were three forms of Chalgi Baghdad: al mazika-l-ahila (music of the locals), al mazika-l-sha 'bia (popular music, or music of the public), and mazikat-ilyahud (music of the Jews).

Unlike the liturgical music, chalgi Baghdad was heard on the airwaves. Amnon Shiloah wrote that "the great majority of art music composers in Iraq were Jews." Moslems disdained music and musicians, and assigned musical roles to ethnic minorities. In this way, Iraqi Jews were absorbed into the general musical life of Iraq. The fact that Jewish singing was usually accompanied (except on Sabbath and High Holidays) "enabled Jewish musicians to adopt the surrounding art music with greater facility, suiting it to the sacred texts". The Chalgi bands were composed of the standard 'ud, (lute) kemenje (fiddle), dumbuk (drum), qanoon, (dulcimer), and a singer. Some compositions include, as well, the flute, santour (dulcimer), and a tambourine-bike drum, the daff.

The songs sung in the chalgi were popular songs of Iraq that did not necessarily have a Jewish theme. These narrative songs employed themes of love of all kinds—tragically lost, suddenly found, regained, forbidden, misinterpreted, romantic, and passionate—and emotions such as sadness, longing, happiness, and admiration for nature. The chalgi Baghdad ensemble could be heard on radio, in coffee houses, and at large parties and such family gatherings as weddings and Bar Mitzvahs.

Another genre of Jewish music in Iraq was the **Daqqaqat**. The daqqaqat troupe consisted of a small group of women (from about three or four to seven or eight) who sang and played diverse drums.

The daqqaqat troupes were brought in at weddings where they would improvise songs complimenting the bride's beauty or praising the father's decency and generosity. They would pick out other honorable guests and invent

songs about them too. The idea of praising and complimenting (especially generosity) was important because the daqqaqat musicians made their living solely from tips. Money was literally thrown to them by guests.

### Belly Dancing

Also among the women musicians of Iraq were highly famed Jewish belly dancers. They were generally hired by the wealthy, and their function was to enliven parties. A few of these belly dancers were lower-class Jewish women of questionable backgrounds. Like the daqqaqat, the belly dancers relied primarily on gratuities for their income.

The belly dancing tradition was never extremely strong among Iraqi Jewish women. But like Arabic music, Arabic dancing continues to be enjoyed by some Iraqis at night clubs, and is commissioned on occasion as entertainment in people's homes for special events.

The music of the Iraqi Jew is never referred to merely as "music" by its participants. It is always the "musical tradition" or "musical heritage." For Iraqi Jews, the music does not exist in and of itself. It is strongly tied to family life, and to the celebration of religion and culture. As long as these continue, the musical culture, tradition, and heritage of the Iraqi Jew will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

*Cantor Elihu Feldman*

## VIRTUAL TOURISM!!

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

This has got to be one of the best ideas I've come across in a long time! Anyone going to Israel soon? If you are; or if you yourself are not going, but know someone who is going, then "virtual tourism" is for you! I learned about "virtual tourism" from an email article sent to me that contained Dvora Levin's explanation of "virtual tourism," which I am very excited to share with you:

"Sitting with a friend in a once popular restaurant in Ein Kerem, neighborhood in Jerusalem, I was startled to see how empty it was. A young guard sat at the front gate. Next to him, a note was posted stating that all customers were to pay an extra two shekels to help cover his cost. After getting the bill, I asked to speak to the manager. I told him, while the waiter hovered in the background worried about a complaint, that I would be paying three times the amount of the bill. I explained that as a visitor coming to visit family and friends during these terrible times, I had brought "virtual tourists" with me.

Most of the members of my small Jewish community in Victoria, on the far west coast of Canada, were heartfelt in their support of Israelis. However, the realities of their lives prevented them coming personally. So they had sent me with money (\$1,700) to spend on virtual drinks meals, services and gifts. They particularly asked me to support small businesses suffering from serious economic losses due to direct and threatened terrorist attacks and lack of tourism.

The manager and now-smiling waiter were clearly surprised and very moved. "We in Israel feel that we are all alone in the world," he said. "But this is amazing that there are others so far away who actually care about us here." I laughed and said: "Actually they are virtually here, having virtual meals. But their money is real." This idea of 'virtual tourism' had been picked up by our rabbi, Harry Bremmer, and passed along in our synagogue and by email a few days before I was to leave for Israel. Throughout my two-week stay, I repeated my "virtual tourist" explanation, often twice to the same stunned owner or manager of small businesses, cafes, restaurants, hairdressers, flower stores and gift shops. One small gift shop on Yoel Solomon, at the bottom of the Ben Yehudah Mall, remarked on the sweetness of this idea. She went on to tell me of one shop owner down the street who had a funeral for his closing business. He dressed in black and invited his friends and the press for a funeral — an

amazing display of humor and sadness. Half of the 500 tourist shops in Jerusalem have shut down since the increase in violence; 75 per cent of hotel beds are empty. In the central area of the city, 40 restaurants have closed.

I found my own voice breaking with feeling as I repeated the story over again. One small pizza place on Emek Refaim had just reopened that morning after a dreadful bombing of a cafe just up the street. After explaining "virtual tourism" to him and giving him 100 shekels (four times the bill of 25 shekels), he suggested that 50 shekels would be enough. I insisted, and he then tried to negotiate a compromise of 75 shekels. I insisted that I was obliged to give him the full 100 shekels for the other six "virtual tourists" with me. He said what a good luck sign it was, on this first day of reopening. We laughed together about the irony of someone negotiating to be paid less.

As this small idea moved into action, from my community, through me, to Israeli small business people and friends, I became aware of it rippling out in circles beyond our knowing. One friend's son told of it in his citizenship class. Visiting relatives of another couple passed it by email to their home community in America. No doubt, others would be passing it along over dinner and in phone conversations. When asked why he thought this small act was met with such emotion, one Israeli said because it is so unexpected and completely unconditional, something for nothing, an expression of our being together.

Early in this process, I realized I had not only given, but was also being given a truly uplifting gift. My fervent hope is that others going to Israel will take along their own 'virtual tourists' who will leave their footprints on the shores of the turbulent sea of our homeland. And just as our footprints are being washed away by the tides, more will be made, and Israelis will know that they are not alone. For we are with them."

I don't know when you will be going to Israel in "real time," but this is a terrific way of supporting Israel, "touring" the country often, and letting them know we are with them 100 percent! It is also a powerful expression of our ongoing support! And if you do have plans to be in Israel, please let us know so that we can announce your trip and make you the representative of any "virtual tourists" who would like to accompany you. I promise that if you do this you will have an unbelievable experience!

Sincerely,

*Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff*

**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!

**This month Kosher Korner takes a “break” as we turn all our concerns to Passover preparations.**

**Please consult our special Passover supplement sent under separate cover that has all the information you need to prepare for Passover!**

**זכור**

**“Remember”**

**“Yom Hashoah” –  
“Holocaust and Heroism Day”**

**A Holocaust Remembrance  
at  
B’nai Shalom**

**Reserve Monday Evening, April 28, 8:00 P.M.**

*Details to follow*

**LEARNER’S MINYAN**

**April 5, 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.

**עץ חיים**

**ETZ HAYIM**

**Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff**

Each month we highlight another aspect of Etz Hayim!

In the back of Etz Hayim you will find an essay by Benjamin J. Segal entitled “Land of Israel.” This essay is especially meaningful during the period of Passover because the purpose of the Exodus from Egypt was not merely to obtain our ancestors’ freedom from slavery but to provide them with the freedom to enter the Holy Land and establish their national homeland there. What was the land like? What was our ancestors’ connection to the land? Segal writes that “no other ancient nation had such a complex understanding of its territory, for whom it was “the Holy Land.” (Zechariah 2:16)

For us today it is still “the Holy Land,” and much of our unique attitude towards it was already formulated in the Biblical period.

# SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

## MAZEL TOV TO

Simon and Esther Kaplan upon the birth of a granddaughter Danielle Sydney Kaplan, daughter of Dr. Leonard and Robyn Kaplan

Modechai and Suzanne Warshavsky on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Nathaniel Warshavsky, son of Oren & Pam Warshavsky

Hella & Robert Blazer on the birth of their grandson Tristan Isaac Blazer, son of Marc Blazer & Esther Wahrhaftig

Fred & Irene Einstein on the birth of their first grandson

Frederic and Randee Solomon, on the birth of their daughter, Adina Gila Solomon

Martin and Carol Schwartz on the engagement of their son Adam Schwartz to Renee Beckowitz

Gordon Rayfield on receiving the Screen Writers Guild Award for "Our America"

Steve & Davida Isaacson upon the marriage of their daughter, Pamela Isaacson to Craig Garretson

Pearl & Philip Perlstein on the engagement of their son, Cory Perlstein to Amelia Seiden

Don & Ellen Legow on being honored by the National Council of Jewish Women for their years of dedicated service

## CONDOLENCES TO

Michael Greenwald on the loss of his father, Bernard Greenwald

Eileen Bergman on the loss of her father, Milton Levinson

Bea Solomon on the loss of her sister, Augusta Locker

Sylvia Farber on the loss of her husband, Sam Farber

Ivan Klein on the loss of his mother, Iren Klein

Dave Blady on the loss of his nephew, Achikom Ben-Ami

Howard and Roberta Knauer on the loss of their niece, Micaela Kopen

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

**SUNDAY MAY 4  
THROUGH  
TUESDAY MAY 6.**

**BOOKS FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY!**

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH BIOS

Bar Mitzvah's Name	Aaron Paul
Date of Bar Mitzvah	Sat. April 12, 2003
Parent's Name	Gilda & Stephen Paul
Date of Birth	March 19, 1990
School	SSDS Essex and Union
Grade	7th
Achievements	Survived his sisters
Interest & Hobbies	Magic cards computer games

*Marci Robinson,*

*Thank you for being a Role Model  
Mother and Wife*

*We know Purim baskets would not  
Be full and Sweet without you*

*Love,*

*Russell, Sam and Aly*

*To Howard & Roberta Knauer:*

*You are the best! Your hard work and dedication  
are so much appreciated! Thanks for saying YES.*

*To all the Purim Volunteers...*

*from the Packers to the Deliverers....*

*my heartfelt thanks!*

*Marci Robinson*

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS...

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## GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT KADIMA for grades 6-8**

PLEASE CALL GILDA PAUL OUR PARENT SUPPORT AT 973-324-0536 OR EMAIL AT GILDA@PRINCETON.EDU

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

PLEASE CALL

SUSAN GROSSMAN AT 973-731-0847 OR

KATIA GRINBERG AT 973-736-1890.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT USY for grades 9 - 12**

PLEASE CALL SCOTT LANTZMAN AT 973-992-9293 OR EMAIL AT HOUSEDAD01@AOL.COM OR

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.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SHABBAT MINYAN

B'nai Shalom provided programming on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for our 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ARIMAAS@excite.com). Watch your mail for upcoming dates.

*Ari Maas*

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## 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 Rena Casser, our acting 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...

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## 4/5 CLUB HAPPENINGS

We would like to update you on the 4/5 group happenings! First of all, we have two new group leaders for the remainder of the school year, Katia Goldfarb and Susan Grossman. All questions about the group may be directed to them; Katia may be reached at (973)736-1890 or goldfarbk@mail.montclair.edu or Susan at (973)731-0847 or rgross1011@aol.com. The club had a great time skating at South Mountain Arena in January. At February's meeting members played board games and enjoyed a "make your own sundae" feast. We bowled at Eagle Rock Lanes during our March event. Stay tuned for our upcoming programs. If anyone has any programming suggestions, any questions or comments, please contact Katia or Susan. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS...

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

We all had a wonderful time at our Nursery School Fashion Show/Treasure Chest Auction. Our young models had a fun time prancing across the stage. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our co-chairs Sharon Mack and Renee Roberts and the entire Fashion Show committee for the hard work and commitment to our Nursery School.

Registration is open for the Fall 2003 school year as well as Summer Fun 2003. We are proud of our staff members who have been chosen for their warmth, experience and ability to provide your child with a meaningful nursery school experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 973-325-8825.

Shalom,

*Michele Weiss, Director*

## KADIMA NEWS

For everyone who doesn't know me, my name is Ari Maas and I have been asked to be the advisor for the West Orange Kadima group. Our last event, Sport Night had a good turn out, however, I'd like to see more new faces. I am looking to plan many fun events for the remainder of the year. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please email me at [arimaas@excitae.com](mailto:arimaas@excitae.com)

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

*Ari*

## DONATIONS

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### SHALOM FUND

#### In Memory of

**Frances Jacobs, sister of Irving Berkowitz**

The Gruhin Family

**Micaela Kopen, niece of the Knauer Family**

The Gruhin Family

**Achikom ben Ami, nephew of the Blady Family**

The Gruhin Family

#### In Honor of

**The marriage of Judy Mayer and Bob Levine**

Rita Ness

**Rick Fern, on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah**

Robin, Steven & Evan Colten

**Jack Nathanson's Special birthday**

Libby Vogel

**Pamela Isaacson, daughter of Steve & Davida Isaacson, on her recent marriage to Craig Garretson**

Gail & Jim Elłowich

Fred & Jane Gottesman

### JONATHAN BARUCH CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND

#### In Honor of

**The first grandson of Fred & Irene Eisentein**

The Shmulevich Family

**Benjamin Nathaniel Warshavsky, grandson of Modechai and Suzanne Warshavsky**

The Andron Family

**Gordon Rayfield, on receiving the Screen Writers Guild Award for "Our America"**

The Andron Family

**The engagement of Cory Perlstein son of Pearl & Philip Perlstein, to Amelia Seiden**

The Andron Family

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**Pamela Isaacson daughter of Steve & Davida Isaacson, on her recent marriage to Craig Garretson**  
Nancy & Paul Kurland

**Gabriele Blady, daughter of Anne & David Blady, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah**  
Robin, Steve & Evan Colten

**In Memory of**

**Bernard Greenwald, father of Mike Greenwald**  
Donald & Eileen Bergman

**Micaela Kopen, niece of the Knauer Family**

**Achikom ben Ami, nephew of the Blady Family**  
Robin, Steve & Evan Colten

**Ruth Mirsky, beloved wife and mother of the Mirsky Family**  
Morris & Gilda Hecht

**BUDDY EDELMAN FUND**

**In Memory of**

**Gail, mother of Eric Talent**  
The Ostrowsky Family

**Gert, sister of Shelva Gelman**  
The Ostrowsky Family

**Helen Sodowick, beloved wife & mother of the Sodowick Family**  
The Ostrowsky Family

**Lil Reisberg, wife of Jerry Reisberg**  
Sylvia Edelman

**Sam Farber, husband of Sylvia Farber**  
The Ostrowsky Family & Sylvia Edelman

**In Honor of**

**Mitchell's engagement, to Jane Decter**

**Haley, granddaughter of Judy Berwitz**  
The Ostrowsky Family

**Jess's engagement, to Meryl LaConti**  
Sylvia Edelman & Frieda Ostrowsky

**CHUMASH**

**In Honor of**

**The engagement of Sari Faibis, daughter of Miky & Renee Faibis, to David Melamed**  
Steven & Davida Isaacson

**The birth of Ilana Rosa, granddaughter of Risa & Charles Kessler**  
Paul & Frances Shapiro

**SIM SHALOM**

**In Memory of**

**Mordecai Kleiner, grandfather of Orit Kastner**  
The Topitz & Denburg Families

**Frances Jacobs, sister of Irving Berkowitz**  
Bill & Kitty Smith

**In Honor of**

**The birth of Ilana Rose, granddaughter of Risa & Charles Kessler**  
Paul & Frances Shapiro

**THE KIDDUSH FUND**

**In Honor of**

**Ricky Fern, on the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah**  
Jane & Michael Kaplan & Family

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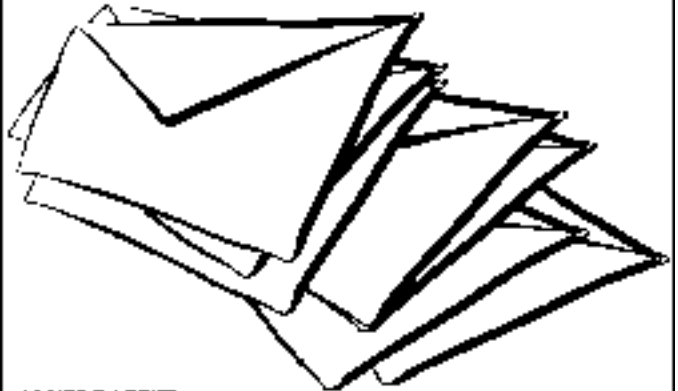
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		<b>1</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Hadassah Learn in about Love 8:30 - 10 Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>2</b> Morning Services 7:00AM 8 pm – Religious School Board Meeting Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL Religious School Classes Resume Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>3</b> Morning Services 7:00AM No Religious School 8:30 pm – Board Meeting Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>4</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>5</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Rabbi's Table 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program Learners Minyan Congregant led Minyan Learners Minyan Evening Services 6:05PM
<b>6</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Bet Kabbalat Seifer- Passover Workshop Men's Club Wine Sale Sisterhood Retreat 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> B'nei Shalom Passover University 9:45 – 11:15 Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>7</b> Morning Services 7:00AM 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>8</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Learn in about Love 8:30 - 10 Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>9</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL NCJW 9-12 Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>10</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Model Seder all Hebrew classes 8:30 pm – Exec Board Meeting Double Chai 12:30 Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>11</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Pre Passover Dinner Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>12</b> Morning Service 9:00AM AM B/M of Aaron Paul PM Shabbaton Shabbateinu 11-12 Evening Services 6:10PM
<b>13</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Primary Passover Workshop Men's Club Wine Sale Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>14</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>15</b> Morning Services 7:00AM No Religious School Nursery School Model Seder 10:30-11:30 Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>16</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Erev Passover Nursery School Closed Evening Services 7:20PM	<b>17</b> Morning Services 9:00AM No Religious School Nursery School Evening Services 7:20PM	<b>18</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Nursery School Closed Friday Night Services 7:20PM	<b>19</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Evening Services 6:20PM
<b>20</b> Morning Services 9:00AM No Religious School Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>21</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Nursery School Closed 7 pm – Sisterhood Meeting Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>22</b> Morning Services 7:00AM No Religious School Nursery School Closed Evening Services 7:20PM	<b>23</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Nursery School Closed Evening Services 7:25PM	<b>24</b> Morning Services 9:00AM No Religious School Nursery School Closed Evening Services 7:25PM	<b>25</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Nursery School Closed Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>26</b> Morning Services 9:00AM AM B/M of Michael Lilinshstein PM Shabbaton 6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program Congregant led Minyan Minyan Meyuchad Evening Services 6:25PM
<b>27</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Religious School resumes Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>28</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Yom Hashoah Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>29</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>30</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL Evening Services 8:00PM			

# May 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Morning Services 7:00AM 8:30 pm – Board Meeting Rosh Chodesh—Cecille 7:30-9 Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>2</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>3</b> Morning Services 9:00AM AM B/M of Emily Friedman Shabbat Yom Ha-Azmaut-Adult Ed After Kiddush - David Twersky Learners Minyan Shabbateinu 11-12 Evening Services 7:35PM
<b>4</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Book Fair Dalet Family Workshop NS Alumni Day 1:30-3:30 Prospective Member Brunch Evening Minyan 8:00PM	<b>5</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Book Fair 7 pm – Sisterhood Meeting Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>6</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Book Fair Hadassah Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>7</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Yom Ha-Azmaut 8 pm – Religious School Board Meeting Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>8</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Double Chai 12:30 Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>9</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>10</b> Morning Services 9:00AM PM B/M of Michael Hochberg Congregant led Minyan Evening Services 7:45PM
<b>11</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Mothers Day Brunch Evening Minyan 8:00PM	<b>12</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>13</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>14</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>15</b> Morning Services 7:00AM 8:30 pm – Exec Board Meeting Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>16</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>17</b> Morning Services 9:00AM AM B/M of Michelle Uranowitz Rabbi's Table Minyan Meyuchad Malava Malka Evening Services 7:50PM
<b>18</b> Morning Services 9:00AM Primary Graduation Evening Minyan 8:00PM	<b>19</b> Morning Services 7:00AM 7 pm – Sisterhood Meeting Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>20</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Nursery School Lag B'Omer Picnic Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>21</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>22</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Last day of Religious School 7:30 pm -Hey Graduation Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>23</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Nursery School Closed Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>24</b> Morning Services 9:00AM PM B/M of Sabrina Katz Evening Services 7:55PM
<b>25</b> Morning Services 9:00AM No Religious School Evening Minyan 8:00PM	<b>26</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Memorial Day - Office Closed Nursery School Closed Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>27</b> Morning Services 7:00AM No Religious School Religious School Faculty meeting & Dinner Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>28</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Torah Reading Academy - Rooms 4, 5, 6/7 & YL Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>29</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Talmud Class Evening Services 8:00PM	<b>30</b> Morning Services 7:00AM Forster Dinner 6:00 PM Friday Night Services 6:00PM	<b>31</b> Morning Services 9:00AM AM B/M of Alyssa Forster Congregant led Minyan Evening Services 8:00PM