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From the Rabbi

Dear friends;

We live in a world in which it very often seems that we exercise little or no control over our fate. The “condition” in Israel, terrorism, war with Iraq, the environment, the economy, a potential transit strike in New York City...the list is endless. Is there any place where we do have a “say” and a profound effect on the world?

As we welcome the new secular year these kinds of questions seem to be on our minds more than usual. Recently I came upon a poem that speaks to this very concern:

“SMILE”

from: *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*

She smiled at a sorrowful stranger.
The smile seemed to make him feel better.
He remembered past kindnesses of a friend
and wrote him a thank-you letter.
The friend was so pleased with the thank-you
That he left a large tip after lunch.
The waitress, surprised by the size of the tip,
Bet the whole thing on a hunch.
The next day she picked up her winnings,
and gave part to a man on the street.
The man on the street was grateful;
for two days he'd had nothing to eat.
After he finished his dinner,
he left for his small dingy room.
(He didn't know at that moment
that he might be facing his doom.)
On the way he picked up a shivering puppy

and took him home to get warm.
The puppy was very grateful
to be in out of the storm.
That night the house caught on fire.
The puppy barked the alarm.
He barked 'til he woke the whole household
and saved everybody from harm.
One of the boys that he rescued
grew up to be President.
All this because of a simple smile
That hadn't cost a cent.

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, January 3 4:24 P.M.
Friday, January 10 4:30 P.M.
Friday, January 17 4:38 P.M.
Friday, January 24 4:46 P.M.
Friday, January 31 4:55 P.M.

MINCHA-MAARIV TIMES

Saturday, January 4 4:25 P.M.
Saturday, January 11 4:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 18 4:40 P.M.
Saturday, January 25 4:45 P.M.
Saturday, January 28 4:55 P.M.

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

FROM THE RABBI

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Who is to say that what we do doesn't matter? Who is to say that the most ordinary of gestures or remarks will not turn out to have been a determining factor in the quality of someone's life-or even a life saving factor? From this perspective we have a lot more power over our lives than we might think at first glance. Perhaps this is what is behind the verse in "Ethics of the Fathers": By three things is the world sustained: By truth, by justice, and by peace." If every word and action that comes forth from each one of us is governed by the intention of their bringing about truth, justice and peace in the world-then will the outcome be marvelous, the world we create will be transformational, and we will discover just how much of our fate we truly can influence.

My best wishes for a good secular new year!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

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.

Mishnah Study with Rabbi Asekoff

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

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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 PM.

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 shul" 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

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

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HAYENU HAS ITS OWN E-MAIL ADDRESS:
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CANTORIAL COMMENTS

By Cantor Elihu Joseph Feldman

Shirat Hayam- A Triumphant Song of Jewish Victory

On Shabbat January 18, 2003, we have the privilege of reading from the Torah the Sedra entitled B'shalach. B'shalach contains one of the oldest songs in Jewish history that will be sung and has been sung by Jewish people all over the world. It is the song of national triumph sung by Moses and the Children of Israel after our miraculous deliverance from the Egyptians at the Red (or Reed Sea). It appears in the Book of Exodus (Chapter 15) and is popularly called "Shirat Hayam" (The Song of the Sea), or simply The Shirah (The Song).

During the annual cycle of Torah reading the Shirah is read on January 18, 2002, this year and again on the 7th day of Passover. Tradition dates this event as having occurred on the seventh day after the Exodus from Egypt.

In Temple days, the Levites sang the Shirah at the afternoon sacrifice of Shabbat day. Later it became fixed as a daily recital at the conclusion of Pesukei Dezimrah in the morning service. Sefer Hamanhig attaches great significance to its recitation, for Scripture states, "That you may remember the day you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life..." (Deuteronomy 16:3).

The Shirah is read publicly in the synagogue on the seventh day of Passover as part of the Scriptural reading, as well as on Shabbat Parashat Beshalach. This Sabbath is called Shabbat Shira. Among Hassidic sects there is a special ceremony at midnight on the seventh day of Passover where the Shirah is sung again. In Israel it is sung ceremonially on the seventh day of Passover at the beach in Tel-Aviv and Eilat.

The chant is based on the cantillation accents, but differs in melody especially at verses 15:1, 2, 3, 6, 11,16, and 48. In the Torah the verses of the Shirah are written in two parallel columns. The stylistic device of parallelism in these verses is emphasized by utilizing a festive melody. The special melody is intentionally adapted to these verses in order to publicize the miracle of the splitting of the sea. In other locales (e.g., Poland, Galicia) each verse, of the Shirah is rendered with this special melody.

In order to recall a sentiment of victory, the two-part melodic Shirah tune has been adapted as a representative theme for a variety of texts. The unanimous response theme *Hazak Hazak Venit'hazek* -("Be strong! Be strong! And may we be strengthened!") declaimed by the congregation and reader at the completion of each of

the Five Books of Moses utilizes the second part of the tune. In this case it is no doubt used to mark a moment of triumph and jubilation at the completion of a book of the Torah, and to take courage and start a new book.

Adapting the Shirah melody when reading Berashit on Simchat Torah (at *Vayehi erev, -vayehi Voker...*) for each of the six days of Creation designates a moment of exaltation. Each stage indicates a moment of achievement, and thus the victory tune is most fitting. The entire Shirah tune is adapted for the Biblical section in "Eileh Maasai in describing the journeys (*masaot*) of the our people through the Sinai. All of the events and vicissitudes that confronted the Israelites: their wanderings after the Exodus, until 38 years later when they were about to enter the Holy Land, are recounted. Each halting-place is marked by some attainment in their lives.

The entire Shirah melody can be identified with the *Ashamnu* confessional recited on Yom Kippur. While reciting this confession, the worshipper hopes and prays that he/she will be exonerated from all sins and as a result leaves the synagogue victoriously. On Friday evening, at Kabbalat Shabbat, the Cantor or Shaliach tzibbur may also use the Shirah chant for the opening—psalm *Lekhu Neranenuh*. We use this tune to emphasize that we were able to live through the past week successfully and will be recharged for the week to come.

The Shirah is noted for its forceful text, poetic fire and vivid imagery, and its tune became associated, throughout Jewish history, with attaining a state of triumph, joy, and exultation. The Shirah is so special that the Midrash makes reference to it in commenting on the verse, in Song of Songs (2:14), "My dove in the clefts of the rock... let me hear your voice." The Midrash states that G-d is speaking to the people of Israel saying, "Let Me hear the same voice with which you cried out to Me in Egypt (Shemot Rabbah 21:5).

At B'nai Shalom we mark the day by standing when we read the Shirah and by asking our Teen Torah readers to participate in its reading. May this Shabbat Shirah with its special message, traditions and melody make the Shirat Hayam Torah reading a wonderful and joyous experience for all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Cantor Elihu Feldman

עץ חיים 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!

In synagogue on Shabbat morning, December 21, we read Vayigash, the last Torah portion in Bereshit (Genesis), the first book of the Torah. Whenever one of the books of the Torah is concluded, it is customary for the congregation to rise and recite the three Hebrew words “Hazak, Hazak, V’nitHazek,” “Be strong, be strong and let us summon up our strength.” In a short but comprehensive essay entitled Hazak, Hazak V’nithazek, found on pages 1504-1505 in Etz Hayim, Biblical scholar Jeffrey Tigay reveals the history and significance of these three words. They are customarily recited in Ahkenazic synagogues and are an expansion of the exhortation of King David’s general Yoav before battle, “Be strong and let us summon up our strength for the sake of our people and the towns of our God.”

Tigay suggests that in light of all the information he presents in his article we should understand the phrase “Hazak, Hazak, V’nitHazek” as follows:

Hazak-more power to you, Torah reader, who has worked so hard to read the Torah accurately and pleasantly!

Hazak-Congratulations to you, the person who has had the final aliyah of the book!

V’nitHazek-May you and we (the entire congregation) persist, study, read, and complete all the other books, drawing strength from the Torah.

Special Shabbat January 18 Shabbat Shira

Rabbi Stanley L. Asekoff

During the course of the year several Shabbatot carry special appellations indicating that something special or unusual is associated with that particular Shabbat and in some way is acknowledged during services. January 18 is known as “Shabbat Shira,” “The Shabbat of Song.” In that week’s Torah portion, entitled “Beshalach,” in which the account of our ancestors’ Exodus from Egypt is recorded, we also read the magnificent Song of Victory sung by Moses and the Israelites after they had crossed unharmed through the Sea of Reeds while the pursuing Egyptians were drowned in the waters that came crashing down upon them after all the Israelites reached dry land. The Shira (song) opens with these words:

“I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;
Horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and might;

He is become my deliverance.

This is my God and I will enshrine Him;

The God of my father and I will exalt Him.”

In like fashion the Haftarah (prophetic portion that accompanies the Torah portion) is a song of victory. Taken from the book of Judges, it records the celebratory exultation of the Judge Deborah after she led the Israelites in successful battle against their enemy and tells how “the Lord threw Sisera and all his chariots and army into a panic.”

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES SCHEDULE

Fridays

January 3 4:25 P.M.

January 10 4:30 P.M.

January 17 4:40 P.M.

January 24 4:45 P.M.

January 31 4:55 P.M.

All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

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

On Friday evening, January 3, 6:00 P.M., we continue our Early Family Services. All January birthdays will be celebrated! Stories, singing, and a wonderful Oneg Shabbat highlight the evening!

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!

PRICE'S FINE CHOCOLATES offers both a white chocolate truffle and a brown chocolate truffle. Price's Fine Chocolates are OU-D certified. They are located at 2000 White Settlement Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76107. The phone number there is 800-222-2269.

MANHATTAN SPECIAL (a soda brand that is still around - at least in the Metro NYC area) has introduced a new product: **ICED COFFEE DRINKS**.

These OU-certified drinks contain 100% Columbian Coffee, contain no preservatives, and are ready to drink. Just chill and serve.

Flavors include Cappuccino, Hazelnut, French Vanilla and Mocha. Manhattan Special Bottling Co. is located at 342 Manhattan Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Yes, it's true: Manhattan Ave. is in Brooklyn.) The phone number is 718-388-4144.

DA VINCI GOURMET makes flavored spirits that you can add to the concentrate teas (just add water to the concentrate). Their products are Kof-K Kosher and pareve. They make just about any flavor you could imagine, including Spiced Chai, Lemon Tea and sugar free Green Tea. Da Vinci Gourmet is located at 7224 1st Ave. South, Seattle; WA 98108. You can phone them at 800-640-6779. On the web, you can find them at www.davincigourmet.com.

ROBERT ROTHSCHILD FARM makes some of the most wonderful, amazing products on the face of the earth. Their catalogue's motto is "Experience simple elegance," and those words truly express what this company's products are all about. Here is just a short list of some of their offerings: Raspberry Wasabi, Blackberry Honey Mustard, Raspberry Salsa, Cinnamon Peach Butter, Apricot and Ginger Oven and Grill Sauce and much more. They make non-kosher as well as kosher products, so make sure to look for the Q-Kof on the label. You can find this company on the web at www.robertrothschild.com. You can write to them at P.O. Box 767, Urbana, Oh 43078. The phone number is 800-356-8933.

From **WILD GARDEN** comes a new product: **HUMMUS DIP**. This company markets an OU-certified dip that is hummus based, or as they say on their label: creamy garbanzo bean dip." Flavors include: Traditional, 2 Pepper, Jalapeno, Fire Roasted Red Pepper, Sun Dried Tomato, Black Olive, Roasted Garlic, and Red Hot Chili Pepper. You can reach Wild Garden at ZBI, Inc, 5400 West 35th Street, Cicero, IL 60804. On the web, you can find them at www.wildgarden.biz. The phone number is 708-222-8330

OLD CAPE COD puts out several products under the heading of **OUT OF THE ORDINARY**. There are marinades, mustards and salad dressings. Only some of the products they manufacture are Kosher, so check each label for an appropriate kosher symbol. In addition their products carry different certifications. Why not try the Grilling Sauces (Kof-K): Sweet and Fruity Cranberry, Toasted Sesame Soy and Ginger, Lemon Ginger, Sweet and Bold, Black Angus and Honey Orange. Contact the Company at P.O. Box 630, Yarmouth, MA 02675. Their phone number is 508-362-1355.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island now has something else going for it - **one of the few kosher bed and breakfasts in the country, The Admiral Weaver Inn**. The Inn, a house built in 1863, was bought in 1999 by Eugene Twersky, an enterprising Russian Immigrant who arrived in the United States in 1990. Trained as an engineer, Mr. Twersky recognized the need for a Kosher Inn in Newport. With the help of Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz of the Touro Synagogue, Eugene renovated the Inn, installed the kosher kitchen, and opened for business last year. The six-roomed Inn provides kosher dairy breakfasts (under the supervision of Rabbi Eskovitz and the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island) every day. Manager Mary Ellen Newbury, a Catholic Newport native who has managed to master the intricacies of the kosher kitchen, prepares delicious omelets, pancakes, French toast, and make sure to save room for her cakes.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS...

KOSHER KORNER

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As far as other meals go, you can bring your own meals-refrigerators are available in or near each room, and they will heat it up for you provided that Rabbi Eskovitz approves of the hasgacha. You can eat in your room, or (weather permitting) on one of three porches, one on each floor of the Inn. The Admiral Weaver Inn is at 28 Weaver Ave. Newport, RI 02840, short walking distance from most of the historical sites (and 0.8 miles from Touro Synagogue). The phone number is 401-849-0051, and you can check out the Inn on the web at www.kosherbedandbreakfast.com.

Travelers' Aids

If you are traveling, here is a product that will make life easier. Challah in a box! Now you can pack a small box that contains all the ingredients for baking your own challah. You add the water and the love, and the result is two sixteen-ounce challahs, or one really big challah. Heritage introduces CHALLAH BREAD, the first ready-to-bake challah in a box. You don't need to know how to bake, even. Add your choice of toppings or maybe some raisins, and, Voila, *lehem mishneh* (i.e., two challahs) for your Shabbat table. This product is certified by the OU and is pareve. Heritage is manufactured by TOVA. You can call them at 888-532-TOVA for information about their other kosher products.

Finally, here is a great snack for you to take on your next trip: PITA SNAX. They are OU dairy. Similar to bagel chips, these are made from pita breads. Flavors include Garlic, Original (fancy or plain), Ranch, Hot and Spicy, Cheese, and Cinnamon. Pita Snax are made by Pita Products Inc. They are located at 30777 Northwestern Highway, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. The phone number is 800-600-PITA. Enjoy!

Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah Class

Taught by Rabbi Asekoff

Includes Beginner's Hebrew

Begins This Month

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And To Register

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 Shabbat, January 18, 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 our belief 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 well-being 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.

RELIGIOUS NEWS...

LEARNER'S MINYAN

January 4,, 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.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS...

CONDOLENCES TO

Edwurd Solomon on the loss of his mother, Rachel Solomon

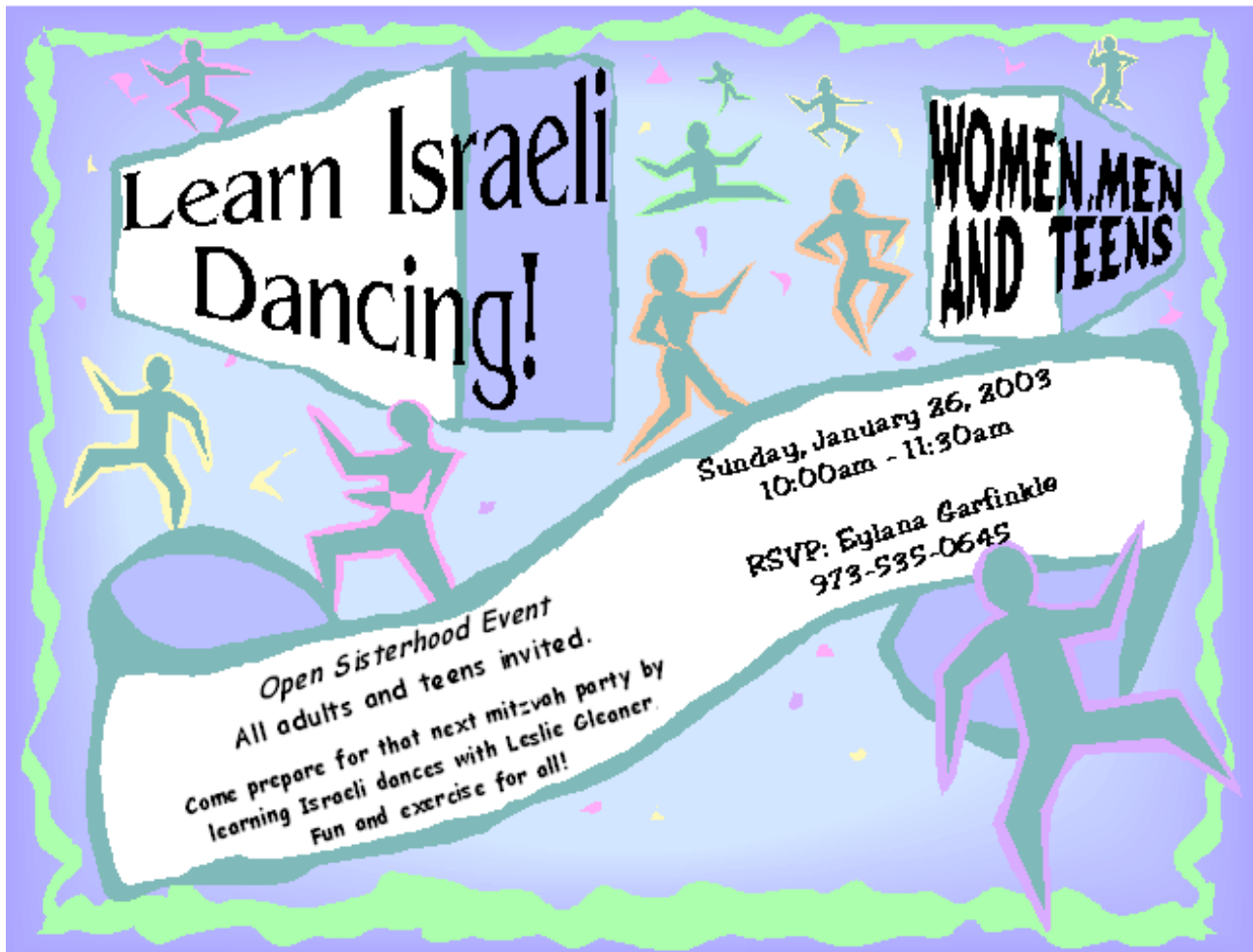
Charles Cohn on the loss of his father, Morris Cohn

Rena Casser on the loss of her mother, Chia Herzig

MAZAL TOV TO

Simon & Esther Kaplan on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lauren Sara Kaplan, daughter of Marc & Barbara Kaplan

Steve & Goldie Jacoby on the birth of their grandson, Jake Dylan Stern



SAVE THE DATE — GET THE FACTS BOND REFERENDUM FORUM ON JANUARY 7

Attention All West Orange Residents! Did you know that...

- Enrollment in the West Orange schools has jumped in the past eight years from 4,452 students to more than 6,100 students?
- West Orange middle schools are currently over capacity by more than 400 students?
- The student body in West Orange is projected to grow by about 1,000 more children by 2006?

Perhaps you have seen or heard about the overcrowded conditions in the district schools — storage closets converted into makeshift classrooms, lunch periods shortened to 20 minutes to accommodate cafeteria traffic, gyms and hallways serving double-duty as classrooms, etc. The West Orange Board of Education has been working since the mid-1990s to create more space for the growing student body of the town's award-winning school system and to meet the school health and safety standards mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Now, West Orange has the opportunity to take advantage of approximately \$11 million in state funds available for school districts under the Educational Facilities and Construction Financing Act. Residents will be asked to go to the polls on **Tuesday, January 28, 2003, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** to vote on a bond referendum authorizing funds for the construction of a new middle school and upgrades at four elementary schools.

To help members of the community get the answers they need to make an informed decision, B'nai Shalom is hosting a Forum with School Superintendent Jerry Tarnoff, Board of Education Vice President Debbie Hauss, and Marty Feitlowitz of Feitlowitz + Kosten Architects on Tuesday, January 7, at 8 p.m. They will give a full presentation of the proposed plans and address any questions you may have, including the impact this measure will have on taxpayers and the possibility of real estate tax rebates for eligible senior citizens.

Every qualified voter residing in West Orange should plan to attend this forum, parents and non-parents alike. Spread the word to your neighbors and come to B'nai Shalom on January 7 to get the facts on this critical issue.

WELCOME WAGON

By Rachel Plafker Esrig

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

Elise and Gavin Norwitz

The Norwitz family has lived in West Orange since March, 1991. Gavin was born in Cape Town, South Africa and came to the United States in 1986 as a computer consultant. He has worked at AT&T since then and is a Billing Strategist in the Consumer Division. Elise, born here in the Garden State, was trained as an attorney. For the last nine years she has been working as a full-time mom, as well as volunteering in their children's schools and working as a teacher's aide. The Norwitz family includes nine year old Dael, a New York Yankee fan, and a third grader at Mt. Pleasant School. He will be starting Gimel at our Hebrew School. Beth is six years old, loves to dance and act, and is in first grade. Collectively, the family enjoys traveling and visiting their relatives in South Africa, Australia and Norway.

Tracey Miller and Larry Sass

Larry and Tracey are both attorneys. Larry has his own practice in Manhattan focusing on personal injury and collections cases, while Tracey works for a title insurance company in Springfield. They have three boys - Max age 12, David age 9 and Brett age 4. "We joined B'nai Shalom because we heard many good things about the 'community' there. We attended Rosh Hashana services and were very happy."

Flora and Arthur Yavelberg

Flora is a teacher in the upper school of SSDS of Essex and Union, while Arthur is the principal of the Middle School. They too have three sons—Aaron, 19, who is attending Binghamton University; Joel, 16, and Benjamin, 11, both of whom attend SSDS in the 11th and 6th grades respectively. As for why B'nai Shalom, "we heard wonderful things about Rabbi Asekoff (all of which have borne out...) and the degree of congregational participation in services—with even monthly services led by congregation members. We were also very fortunate to find a home within walking distance of the synagogue."

SISTERHOOD NEWS...

Shalom ya'll,

There were five of us, yes only five but boy did we learn a lot and have numerous spiritual experiences, not to mention the massive brainstorming of ideas that flew out. Have you ever prayed with a minyan of 1,100 women? Have you ever been to a Torah dedication with a scribe stoking the last word (Israel) before your eyes.... emotions filled the room and again as shofars blew to announce the arrival of the finished Torah that was two years in the making and then again when the Israeli Ambassador to the United States addressed us all. His two most important comments were:

1) visit and buy Israeli-the visit is to keep our youth, both American and Israeli, visually connected and emotionally dedicated to each other, for if our youth lose the commitment where is our future survival?

2) visit and buy Israeli-for if not us than who?

Yasher Koah, to Janet Arnowitz, National Convention Chairperson. In addition, Janet was installed for her second term as a Vice President on Women's League National Board. Finally, Janet was one of three women honored to have an Aliyah during the Monday Torah service with our new Torah. As an added privilege for our Bnai Shalom Sisterhood, Miriam Bergwerk, our Torah Fund Chairperson, was honored with Gelilah. Ana Bercovici was a first time delegate while Clara Creditor returned after 30 years since her last convention when it was held at the Concord Hotel in the Catskills. Talk has it that the next (in two years) convention will be in Canada, but who knows, either way we figured if you put \$3 away in a pishka everyday for two years it would pay for convention and flight too. Soooo think about that!!!! I forgot to mention our Northern New Jersey Branch parties at night... just don't ask any of us to sing, right ladies?

At this time I want to thank everyone who covered for the evening of Paid-Up Membership Dinner/New Member Induction. Anne Spring along with her committee volunteered many hours to bring you the program for the evening. The Solomon Schechter Choir entertained us and a lovely dinner was prepared by "Kosher Catering" by Lynn. Unfortunately, Anne's husband had surgery and she could not attend. Thank you again, Anne.

Another thank you to Jodi Goldfarb and everyone who helped her put together the food preparation and serving for a mere 200 people that attended our B'nai Shalom Channuka Party. Thank you Amy Geldzahler for all your co-ordinating efforts. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but many of you that attended have reported back

to me that the party was a huge success and everyone had lots of fun. Powerhouse Entertainers came to play their "Wild N Wacky Game Show". Margo Heda had the children's choir sing Channuka songs with the other party-goers, and Malka Hepner presented the children with a special menorah ceremony. Thanks again, Jodi Goldfarb, Sisterhood's Youth and Education Chair and Family Education Committee for sharing this expense. Thanks to parents from the Hebrew School PTA who helped the day of. It's all our efforts that came together that made this event great for our children.

Another THANK YOU to all who volunteered to gift wrap at our annual Sisterhood Fundraiser. Barnes and Nobles loves having us and we love building our funds for our B'nai Shalom. This year we went out on a limb and took on three days of gift wrapping. We did it! Thanks to alllllll of you special people who came to help this to be such a success.

SAVE THE DATE OF MAY 17TH.....LYNN SHENASSA has been selected to be our next MALAVAH MALKA. Invitations will go out to the congregation by next month and we're planning an event to remember. So be prepared to RSVP early and say YES that you will join us for a night of roasting and toasting Lynn for her many years of dedication to our Sisterhood and our B'nai Shalom family. Do you remember when Lynn was a new member? We need to hear from you too. All are invited for this event. Look forward to being a part of this night.

Events upcoming in the month of January are: 4th Rosh Hodash Study Group after Shabbat services; 6th Sisterhood Bd Mtg 7:30 pm; 25th Sisterhood Shabbat Services - all members encouraged to attend and stay for kiddush luncheon to follow; 26th Israeli Dance Instruction by Leslie Gleaner - all ages -10:00am to 11:30am posable 50/50 offered and Judaic Gift shop will be open.

Finally, another thank you to Marilyn Fern for offering to host our last months program "Tastefully Simple" . We really enjoyed this a.m. food tasting.

P.S. February Book Review is set for the 12th of the month. Jill Schneiderman has prepared to remodel her home for just this event and we'll be there at 8 pm. Her address is 8 Shadowlawn Drive, Livingston, please RSVP right away to 994-2969. Call Gilda Paul, Book Review Chairperson, to get the name of book to be reviewed. Best wishes for everyone's 2003 new year. Keep on looking for it.

Your Sisterhood President, Suzie Hammer

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Teacher-in-residence Cecille Asekoff will be teaching 3 Rosh Chodesh classes between January and May. The classes, sponsored by B'nai Shalom Sisterhood, will each deal with a different "scroll" or free-standing book of the Bible. As each class covers a separate topic, you need not commit to the whole series, but can attend any classes of interest.

The next class will take place on Rosh Chodesh Shevat, Sat. Jan. 4, after services. The subject will be the Story of Ruth. Refreshments will be served.

The Rosh Chodesh dates and topics are:

Sat. Jan. 4 after morning services Ruth

Wed. March 5 7:30 - 9:00 PM Esther

Thurs. May 1 7:30 - 9:00 PM Lamentations

If you pre-register, you have the option of receiving a packet of brief readings to prepare for the class in advance.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge of Judaism in an informal atmosphere!

For further information or to pre-register call Ellen Grossman at 736-5727

Sisterhood Book Review

The next book is The Good German by Joseph Kanon. We will meet at Jill Schneiderman's house on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, to discuss it.

(For those who were at the last meeting, this is a change of date.)

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*Suzanne Grossman
Youth Committee Chairperson*

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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.

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

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...

USY NEWS

Hello Everyone!

It's astonishing how the month of December is going by right before my eyes so quickly. This month was immensely interesting.

Firstly, to Re-Cap, the end of November was absolutely beautiful. It ended with a Regional USY Convention at the Jewish Center in East Brunswick. There, we learned a lot on what exactly is going on in Israel, and we had our time to enjoy our closest friends. Shabbat dinners and lunches were greatly enjoyed, and I know that I will never forget that weekend. It was a time when I was completely relaxed and the essence of being Jewish was displayed for me. I was able to fully understand and enjoy the Sabbath.

The beginning of December, a.k.a. 'Hanukah', was deeply appreciated by LUSY. We as a chapter took our time to give our greetings to those in need and to enjoy this time of the year...the Festival of Lights!

Orlando International Convention is in 2 weeks and I am ecstatic! This trip, I believe, will enhance my knowledge of Judaism and allow me to gain a great appreciation for my people and our Jewish community. I'd like to take the time right now, to give my utmost thanks to our Rabbi, and to Mr. Gottlieb for making this happen. They both gave me the opportunity to attend this trip...and for that I owe it all.

As I conclude, I'd like to remind you about upcoming Mid-Winter convention, so please get your applications in immediately. Give it a try, and attend the weekly LUSY Thursday meetings/events at Beth El, in Livingston. Also, if you would like to join our USY please don't hesitate to call me up or sign up. You can reach me anytime at (973) 736 3248, or email me at Girlstar319@aol.com.

Have a wonderful New Year, and be safe!

B'Shalom,

*Melissa Ilona Cohenson
Your 2002-2003 Noar Hayomist*

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS...

"Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, come light the Menorah/ Let's have a party— And that's just what we did. The Nursery School had a wonderful Chanukah celebration. We performed a variety of songs for our relatives and friends. We continued our party in Maron Hall where the Nursery School children and their families ate potato latkes and cookies. We even had our annual Chanukah visit from West Orange Mayor John McKeon. He visited with the children and brought delicious Chanukah gelt.

In January, we will begin our Young Two's Program. This class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 beginning on January 28th. If you or anyone you know would like information about this program, please contact me at 973-325-8825.

Registration for the 2003/2004 school year will begin shortly. Please don't miss an opportunity to have your child attend a Nursery School that offers a warm, nurturing, developmentally-appropriate program for your preschooler. We offer special programs in Computers, Tumbling and Hebrew. Again, for information please contact the Nursery School office at 973-325-8825.

The Nursery School staff and I wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Shalom.

*Michele Weiss
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PS. Our Nursery School "Open House" will be held on Monday, February 3d. this will give new students as well as registered students a chance to meet and greet each other.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

The start of a new year brings with it new hopes, sparking incentives for self-reflection and self-evaluation. With this in mind, let's take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished and where we are heading at B'nai Shalom Religious School.

This year our school has not only continued to deliver an abundant number of excellent and varied traditional programs, but also managed to add on new and innovative programs such as the Primary Department High Holiday Special, a parent orientation workshop, and one open classroom day.

Our Curriculum is continually being updated from a pool of new and improved textbooks and materials.

The Midot Curriculum

The development of a Values Curriculum, created at the start of this year for the purpose of character building (Mentchlich'keit) is a work in progress. An educational story is introduced with each midah as a vehicle for this teaching. We have already discussed the values : Zikhront, Shmiat Haozen, K'vod Habreyot, Hidur Pnei Zaken (Kebud Ha'Zakenim). Next we will be introducing the values Chesed (Kindness) and Bal Tash'khit (preservation). At the Parent Orientation workshops, parents told us that they believe it is their responsibility to teach moral values to their children. We were delighted with the parents' positive responses since our goal as Religious School educators is primarily to align ourselves with the home. As long as parents and school are on the same page we feel that we can reinforce these good values for the students. Our other two goals for this school year, are to introduce the Hebrew vocabulary associated with the Midot Curriculum, and to discuss ten universal values from a Jewish perspective.

"Shavuah Tov"

Our weekly e-mail to all parents and teachers has been well received since its activation this November 2002. If you have any additions or changes to your email address, or you have not been receiving these emails, please contact me at bnai Princ@aol.com. We have also sent several supplemental emails in addition to the weekly email, like a special Chanukah edition. We will continue to combine e-mailing with our regular communications. In some cases we would like switch from using mail in paper format to email (for example for our monthly newsletter), but for that we need an email for every family. If you have not yet done so, please e-mail your e-mail address to [Bnai Princ@aol.com](mailto:bnai Princ@aol.com)

Back to School Night (BTSN)

On November 26, at 7:15 PM, our Religious School parents had a chance to meet our teachers. Each teacher reviewed their texts and materials and explained how the curriculum is applied in her classroom. To schedule an appointment with the teacher, parents should call the School Office at (973) 731-3720.

Hanukkah School Celebration

Following our davening session on December 3, we lit our family *hanukiyot* and sang the Hanukkah blessings and songs. A Hanukkah game of Trivial Pursuit was designed by our Dalet teacher, Yaffa Malashock, to maximize students involvement and reinforce learning about the holiday. The Synagogue Hanukkah party was also great fun with over 160 people participating.

Mayor McKeon's Visit

Due to the snowstorm the Mayor's scheduled visit to speak to our students on December 5 at 4:30 PM was unfortunately cancelled along with Religious School classes. We have been planning a make-up date. Our thanks, in advance, to our Mayor for his interest and courtesy.

B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton

Took place as scheduled on December 14th. This was the third of 10 Shabbatonim this year. Our 6th and 7th grade student and their parents from both Solomon Schechter Day School, and the Religious School are required to attend 10 out of 15 of these events in their 6th Grade year. The students lead pre-assigned prayers at the congregational Shabbat Morning Services. During the Torah Service, the Bar Mitzvah families interact while studying the weekly Torah portion with Malka. We return to the main sanctuary to continue our involvement with the services in progress.

FYI- to review the basic story-line of the Weekly Parasha please help yourselves to the one page leaflet in the Synagogue lobby, as you enter the sanctuary.

Kita Aleph Family Hallah Baking

On December 15, the Kita Aleph families had a delightful and delectable workshop. We learned about Shabbat and did a beautiful art project lead by or talented art teacher Marcy Madden. And we obviously baked Hallot to take home in honor of the Shabbat...yum yum!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS...

Rabbi's Shmooze

On Wednesday, December 18th our 6th and 7th grade students had their second Shmooze with Rabbi Asekoff (only one more left to go this year!) It is a great opportunity for pre- Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to interact socially with peers over dinner, and to study together with our Rabbi in an informal setting. It's really fun

January 2003 Calendar

Wed	1	Happy New Year
Thu	2	Classes resume
Sat	4	AM Shabbaton #4 – Vav & Zayin Parashat Va'era
Sun	5	Family Workshop: <i>Kabbalat Siddur-Gimel parents only</i>
Tue	7	Regular Classes
Wed	8	Rabbi's Shmooze #3 last of the school year Vav & Zayin
Thu	9	Regular Classes
Sat	11	Kita Hey Family Program: Shabbat Experience Parashat Bo
Sun	12	Student Workshop: <i>Tu-Be'Shvat</i> – Gan, Aleph & Bet Kita Dalet Family Field Trip: Zimriyah Songfest
Tue	14	Regular Classes
Thu	16	Regular Classes
Sat	18	Tu Be'shavat, Shabbat Shirah
Sun	19	No classes – Teachers in-service Martin Luther King's Birthday weekend
Tue	21	Classes resume
Thu	23	Regular Classes
Fri	24	Gimel Family Program: Kabbalat Siddur & Friday Night Dinner
Sat	25	AM Shabbaton #5 – Vav & Zayin, Parashat Yitro
Sun	26	Regular Classes Kita Vav Family Field Trip: Mitzvot of MetroWest
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM Nursery School Closed Office Closed Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	2 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 8:30 pm – Board Meeting Religious School Resumes Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	3 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:25 PM Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	4 Morning Services 9:00 AM AM Shabbaton Learners Minyan Rosh Chodesh Program Evening Service 4:25 PM
5 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM Kabbalat Siddur Workshop-Gimel Zimriyah Music Songfest -Gimel Class-off site 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 Lisa Batcheler 8:00 PM meeting for West Orange Referendum	8 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Rabbi Smooze Religious School Board Meeting Torah Reading Academy Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Bible Study Class	9 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 1-3 pm – Double Chai 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 Congregant Dinner & Services	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 6/7 & YL 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 Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Martin Luther King B'Day	21 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM RS Resumes Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class	22 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM 9-2:30 pm NCJW Meeting-EH Torah Reading Academy 6/7 & YL Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Bible Study Class	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 for Aleph Class Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	25 Morning Services 9:00 AM Sisterhood Shabbat Shabbateinu 11-12 PM Shabbaton Havdallah under the stars Family Ed Evening Services 4:45 PM
26 Morning Minyan 9:00 AM Off Site Mitzvah Workshop-Dalet Class Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	27 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Jewish Enlightenment With Spirituality Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	28 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Mishna Class Election	29 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Torah Reading Academy 6/7 & YL Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	30 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM Talmud Class	31 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Kabbalat Shabbat 4:55 Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	

February 2003

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	NOTE Saturday Evening-Family Havdallah under the Stars-Date TBD					1 Morning Services 9:00 AM Dalei Shabbat Experience Learners Minyan Evening Services 4:25 PM
2 Morning Services 9:00 AM 10:00AM B/M of Nolan Sheppard Malka on Convention 2/2-2/5 Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	3 Morning Services 9:00 AM 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	4 Morning Services 9:00 AM No RS Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	5 Morning Services 9:00 AM 8 pm - NS Board Meeting 8 pm - RS Board Meeting TRA-Rooms 6/7 & YL Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	6 Morning Services 9:00 AM 8:30 pm - Board Meeting No RS Talmud Class Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	7 Morning Services 9:00 AM Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	8 Morning Services 9:00 AM PM Shabbaton Rabbi's Table Minyan Meychad Shabbataineiu 11-12 Evening Services 5:05 PM
9 Morning Services 9:00 AM Adult Ed Montclair Chamber of Chamber Music 3-5 PM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	10 Morning Services 9:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	11 Morning Services 9:00 AM NS Closed-Conferences Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	12 Morning Services 9:00 AM Rabbi Smooze TRA-Rooms 6/7 & YL Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	13 Morning Services 9:00 AM 1- 3 pm Double Chai Meeting Talmud Class Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	14 Morning Services 9:00 AM Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	15 Morning Services 9:00 AM Congregant led Minyan Evening Services 5:10 PM
16 Morning Services 9:00 AM No RS Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	17 Morning Services 9:00 AM 7 pm - Sisterhood Meeting NS Closed President's Day Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	18 Morning Services 9:00 AM NS Closed RS Classes Resume Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	19 Morning Services 9:00 AM NS Closed TRA-Rooms 6/7 & YL Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	20 Morning Services 9:00 AM NS Closed 8:30 pm - Exec Board Meeting Talmud Class Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	21 Morning Services 9:00 AM NS Closed Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	22 Morning Services 9:00 AM Bet Shabbat Experience After Kiddush - David Twersky Evening Services 5:20 PM
23 Morning Services 9:00 AM Primary Il Havdallah Workshop Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	24 Morning Services 9:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	25 Morning Services 9:00 AM Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	26 Morning Services 9:00 AM 9-12 pm NCJW Meeting-EH TRA-Rooms 6/7 & YL Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	27 Morning Services 9:00 AM Talmud Class Evening Minyan 8:00 PM	28 Morning Services 9:00 AM Friday Night Services 6:00 PM	

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