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Invocation

The following is the planned invocation delivered by Yitzhak Sharon, Professor of Physics, Stockton State College, at the closing lunch for the *Twenty-first Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches*. It was not delivered due to time limitations.

In a few hours our Twenty-First Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches will end. Soon we shall all depart to our own homes and institutions, to our own cities and countries.

But although we shall be physically far apart, may all of us remain united in spirit, as friends and as scholars, and also as brothers and sisters in our search for some glimmers of understanding of the awesome Shoah, in its many aspects including the response of the churches to it.

May we have the strength to continue with renewed vigor our travels into the dark past, and to document it irrefutably. For our work is the best bastion for the Holocaust's commemoration, and our best hope against the perils of revisionism and the smoothing forgetfulness of the passage of time.

May we have the courage to struggle to ensure that the lessons that we learn by studying the Shoah will make a difference in our own world today. For many of the underlying problems which led to the Holocaust are still with us at this very hour. In so many places individuals are still oppressed and debased — Jews and non-Jews, blacks and whites, women and men, young and old. For racism, sexism and antisemitism still abound while intolerance and prejudice still threaten so many of God's children. For all over the world groups and even whole nations still face the specter of war and the danger of genocide. Those who fondly believed that

it could never happen again, were confronted just a month ago by Saddam Hussein's clear and blunt incineration threats, and by the vivid pictures of Jews wearing gas masks in sealed rooms in Israel, demonstrating that the dark past is still not that far removed from us. And so, may we have the wisdom and courage, as citizens and as scholars, to raise our voices most loudly to counter hatred and discrimination, to ensure the well-being of all individuals and all nations.

But, most importantly, may all of us be granted the energy, the urgency, the passion to undertake tirelessly the endless holy task of educating the young, and the young in spirit, with those values, those seminal values, on which our society and civilization are based — the respect for human dignity, the primacy of each individual, the equality of all groups and of all races, the sanctity of each person and of all people. The occurrence of the Holocaust so starkly teaches us the vital importance of inculcating these values into each and every child. These are the values which we must fervently teach, teach the world, teach within each and every family, teach within each and every school and college and university, teach within each and every church, mosque and synagogue. Yes, may we have the passion and strength to teach tirelessly and effectively all these values, everywhere, all the time, to ensure a better future and to ensure that there shall never again be another Holocaust — never again, never again. Amen.

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Israel When things get really rough, as they do very often in Israel, but particularly so during the period the Israelis frustratedly were sitting ducks during the Scud attacks, they manage to get their laughs anyhow. A recent book, *Scuddam Maskud and All the Rest, Israeli Humor From the Sealed-In_War*. Samples: "An Israeli who fled abroad took his gas mask with him — as a sign of solidarity". And this request to Civil Defense: "Maybe you can sound the siren for me now, so I'll be sure to recognize it when it comes", and, "Tel Aviv — a blast of a city!" Bravo Israelis

Jerusalem None of the local papers, even the NY Times, carried the story about Secretary Baker's recent trip to the Middle East on his "peace mission" during which four women were stabbed to death at bus stop in Jerusalem... Baker was moved by this tragedy, and took the time to place flowers on each of the graves. Acts of sympathy and signs of humanity are always appreciated, and this was indeed the case in Israel, where newspapers did carry the story.

Washington, D.C. The Smithsonian's Resident Associate Program has recently opened a culinary course on Jewish Holiday cooking. The course traces the history of Jewish culinary traditions, Bible tradition, Eastern European festivals, Sephardic customs, and American Jewish cooking. Dieters, beware...

Brazil Anita Griner, a Brazilian Jewish graphic artist, has had three of her works chosen by UNICEF for its series of greeting cards. The international competition featured 1600 entries.

Baltimore, Maryland Memorial Stadium in this city boasts the site of a 100% kosher food stand, major league baseball's only one. It is supervised by a mashgiach, and closed Friday

nights and Saturdays. The food served there has been praised by a local magazine as "the best in the stadium".

Ritual Baths A directory listing 450 ritual baths around the world, from Alaska to Zimbabwe, with addresses and phone numbers, has recently been published. There are now 42 additional ritualaria listed for the United States in the new edition of the international *Mikvah Directory*.

Two By Two Based on research, the *World and Knowledge Institute* in Germany, states that Noah's Ark had the capability to accommodate 33,396 animals. Their theory is that 17,000 kinds of animals used 51% of the available space. Food and the eight people took up the rest of the space.

Arizona Dave Moss, running in the primary for this state's gubernatorial nomination, astoundingly stated that the state could solve their drug problems by taking the Nazi approach to youth, saying "What he did is brought them up right. I'd like to remind the people that Adolf Hitler had the right idea." We gladly report that 87% of the vote went to his opponent. (Wiesenthal Center's *World Report Magazine*)

B'nai Tikvah Most of us are still smacking our lips over the Passover baked goodies we bought at the Temple Passover Bake Sale. But the innovations this year, when we bought the ugly, but sinus clearing horseradish roots, is appreciated. And, if you did not get a bottle of the Baron Herzog brand of California White Zinfandel, you missed a treat. Keep it in mind for next year. Great fundraiser, and absolutely great service to our congregation.

L'hitroat,
Mili Rosloff

Religious School

Dear Parents,

As this school year draws to a close, we reflect on the experiences we have shared.

Parent programs and class services were well attended and well received by all grades. We hope you enjoyed participating with us.

We had several special programs this year including Eva Grayzel Story Theater for Sukkot and Sukkah. We played dreidle and had jelly doughnuts for Chanukah as well as participating in the Synagogue Chanukah program. We had a program on Jewish involvement in the Civil War, bought trees for Tu B'Shevat and had a special Purim program where we came in costumes and participated in Purim games and activities.

For Pesach each class highlighted and prepared a portion of the Seder to share with the rest of the school and weekday classes enjoyed outdoor activities for Lag B'omer.

Registration forms for the next school year (1991-92) should already have been mailed in. If, for any reason, you have not done so, please call the school office immediately. If you know of any students who will be registering for the 1991-92 school year, particularly in grades K, I, and II please encourage them to register as soon as possible so we will know how many students will be enrolled in each of these grades. This will allow us to make sure we have the proper number of teachers and aides.

At the end of August, you will receive all necessary information for the opening of school in September.

Have a healthy, restful summer.

Shalom

Randi Solomon, Educational Director

Makheleh

Our Makheleh (Chorus) has been participating (monthly) in Shabbat services over the last six months. We will be singing periodically over the summer.

High Holiday rehearsals begin in June on Thursdays from 9-10 P.M. Anyone interested in joining Makheleh Tikvah contact Eve Goldberg at 422-0038.

Finally, a big thank you and enthusiastic round of applause to all the members of the Makheleh.

Sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush

Have a simcha coming up? Maybe, God has been good to you. How about celebrating your family's health and prosperity with the congregation by sponsoring an Oneg or a Kiddush for one hundred dollars. Call Barbara at the Synagogue office for details.

Services

Friday Evening	8:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Thursday	7:00 A.M.
Daily Minyon	7:30 P.M.

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Mazon

May 6, 1991

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
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Dear Rabbi Warmflash:

As you read this, I will be in Turkey, Iran and Iraq in the Kurdish encampments seeing to the delivery of *one million oral rehydration packets*. These were purchased with the first installment of MAZON's emergency grant, about which we wrote you two weeks ago. Dehydration is the principal cause of illness (cholera and pneumonia) and of death in the camps. The packet that you hold in your hand quite literally will save a life — at a cost of only 8 cents.

It is interesting to note that the Talmud makes 26 references to *helping the stranger*. From this distance we might view the Kurdish people as strangers, yet they are our brothers, our sisters, and our children.

As Americans, we bear some responsibility for their plight. As Jews, we sadly have a certain unique internal knowledge of their desperation. In other times and other places, we were Kurds and now in this sense they are Jews.

I felt it was important for your congregation to know what we as Jews are doing to aid the Kurds. By holding up this sample packet on Shabbat, you can demonstrate for them both the simplicity of this aid as well as the fact that they, through their contributions to MAZON, can help us to complete our particular efforts — to bring sustenance to the strangers as if they were our own.

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Sincerely

Irving Cramer
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- Visit a land where the Bible comes alive alongside a thriving metropolitan culture.

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Subsidies available for participants who sign up before July 1.

Contact Staci Light at the Federation office (908) 985-1234 for more information.

Nursery School

Our ages may range from 2 1/2 to 5 but we celebrated a 43rd birthday in class — the birthday of the State of Israel! Congregant Toby Ehrlich delighted our classes with an Israel concert, sing-along and dances for Yon HaAtzmaut. In class, the children baked and decorated a birthday cake, saw pictures and a video about Israel, produced related crafts and put their private messages in slots in our teacher-made Kotel (Western Wall).

The nursery school appreciates and thanks Drs. Hinda Liebeskind and James Kelley, Optometrists from Lens'n Eye, 1727 Route 27, Somerset for administering an exceptionally thorough eye screening for our children.

Throughout the school year, the Pre-Kindergarten classes have been involved with the mitzvah of Tzedakah. Over \$175 was accumulated with the small coins the children brought in on Fridays. We have stacked, counted and rolled the coins using it as a math experience. The money will be used as follows: Ten toys will be presented to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital for their playroom when our children visit the hospital during our trip. All excess monies will be sent to Israel to fund the Hadassah Levi Children's project. Mrs. Levi raises abandoned Down Syndrome children in Israel providing them with a home situation, necessary therapy and day-to-day needs.

Due to popular demand and our inability to service everyone that desired enrollment in the past, we have added two classes. A morning five day Pre-Kindergarten class for children eligible for Kindergarten in 1992 and a two day afternoon nursery class for children 2 1/2 - 3 1/2. This is the only class that will accept children not fully toilet trained, in necessary. A limited amount of spots are still available in the above two classes. For information, please call Joan Shames 297-0295. Parents are encouraged to

visit the facility with their child.

Joan Shames, Director

Out of the Mouths of Babes

When talking about a kibbutz, Andy asked if living in a kibbutz is like going to college!

The teacher was talking about the different departments on a hospital. Daniel told the class that his mother works with geriatric patients. The teacher was trying to explain the difference between geriatrics and pediatrics when she overheard Michael explaining to a friend that, "the teacher would go to a geriatric doctor while he goes to a pediatric doctor."

Ar's mom asked him if he missed her when he was in school. He replied, "Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Levine take good care of me and I know you'll be back to get me!"

When Amanda noticed that our bulbs in the playground had sprouted into beautiful red and yellow tulips, she said, "Look, the flowers are all grown up!"

When the teacher asked the children what all plants need to grow, Rebecca exclaimed, "Water, sun and oil!"

Lisa told her teacher, "Do you know what? I decided to marry Kenneth because he invited me to his house to play nok-hockey!"

Joan Shames
Director

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Nursery School

A sad time - a time to say goodbye to our classmates and teachers or Lehitraot as we sing in "Shalom Chaverim" during graduation.

Lab B'omer was celebrated with an outdoor picnic, games & stories. School trips included Robert Wood Johnson Univ. Hospital, The South Brunswick Library, State Theater, Green Meadow Farm and the NY Aquarium. A family picnic for all our students and their families, including Mommy & Me was scheduled for a Sunday in June. Mother's Day & Father's Day was discussed in all the classes and cards and gifts were made.

The Ten Commandments and Shavuot was introduced by stories, crafts, and the consumption of our own homemade blintzes.

During the summer, if new people with young children move into your area, please tell them about the various programs being offered by our nursery school. Mommy & Me (18 months - 2 1/2 years), nursery (2 1/2 - 3 1/2), pre-kindergarten (4-5 years), extended lunch program and mini summer day camp. A limited amount of spots are still available in some classes. For information please call the nursery school office -- 297-0295 or Joan Shames at home at 254-9192.

Letters

Recently, after Shabbat services, and leaving the Synagogue, I saw at least ten cars parked. These were parents waiting for their children.

I said, "Shabbat Shalom" to one. His reply — (angrily) "What Shabbat? When does this damn thing end?"

Another said to me, "When does this infernal thing end?"

One question. What example do these parents who refuse to attend services give to their children.

Herb Feldman

I agree as a Sunday School teacher who has been teaching for fifteen years. It is embarrassing to find out that our children carry the burden of Judaism for their parents. If we are to survive and not become totally assimilated by intermarriage someone must make the Jewish Community aware of this growing problem.

Joel Gerbman

Dear Ritual Committee

I would like to thank you and all of the congregants who made it possible to have a daily minyon. Because of your efforts, I was able to say kaddish for my mother and that was very important to me.

It's comforting to know that in our time of need the Jewish community was there for us.

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During the approaching Days of Awe, all members of our congregation must face our responsibilities as members of the world Jewish community. We hoped and prayed for the time when Soviet Jews would be free to emigrate to Israel. Now that time has come. Now we have a clear obligation to help secure the full measure of this promising moment, a moment with enormous significance for all future Jewish generations.

A million Jews will be coming home to Israel in the next few years, the same in proportion as if the United States would receive the entire population of France!

Israel is currently grappling with an acute shortage of housing for those who have already arrived. For every 100,000 immigrants, at least 23,000 new jobs must be created. An estimated quarter million dwellings must be built to absorb this great immigration wave into the life of the country.

Israel can't do it alone. But more to the point, it shouldn't have to. The entire Jewish people has a share in the great human drama that will transform the Jewish State. "Give me five million Jews in the State of Israel," declared Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, "and we will have success." That day is dawning.

Our congregation is privileged to help usher in that era through our participation in this year's High Holy Days Appeal for State of Israel Bonds.

Every family must stretch to make a maximum Israel Bond purchase. Israel's Minister of

Finance has promised that Bond sales will be used to provide jobs and housing for the immigrants.

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Talmud Avot

Last winter in response to the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, we began a daily minyon at 7:30 P.M. each evening. In addition to the evening prayers, this service also included prayers for the armed forces, the people and the land of Israel.

Our intent in beginning this service was simply to provide a traditional way of responding to the anxiety provoked by the war and the Scud missiles that were falling in Israel. Since we believed that a permanent daily minyon, however desirable, would be difficult to maintain given the size and the demographic makeup of our congregation, we expected the minyon to last only for the duration of the war.

What we didn't anticipate was the deeply felt need within our community for a regular daily service at which mourners and those commemorating a yartzeit could recite Kaddish. Since last winter, men and women from our community, both members and non-members, have been coming daily to recite Kaddish in memory of parents, and other loved ones. Moreover, several people have told me how relieved they are to know that when the time comes, that they will be able to come daily to the synagogue to fulfill this sacred obligation.

Given the response, there clearly is no going back. We must commit our resources to supporting a daily evening minyon. Our Rabbi's teach that: "In matters of holiness one may always increase but never diminish." In order to guarantee that those who come to say Kaddish will find the necessary quorum of 10 Jewish adults, we have turned to the congregation for help. Inviting each family to send at least one adult man or woman to the minyon four or five

times per year.

I urge you to come to the minyon when you receive your invitation from the Ritual Committee. If, for some reason the date is inconvenient, just call and let us know so we can arrange a better one.

If everyone responds and we support each other, we will be able to say with pride that at B'nai Tikvah, there is always a minyon for a Jew who needs one.

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash

Remember Our Roots

B'nai Tikvah wants to review, catalog, archive, and display articles from our congregation's past which dates back 50 years to the Jewish Farmer's Community Center.

If you have old journals, pictures, plaques, Board of Directors' minutes, ritual objects from our past we would love to have them or make a copy for our archives. If you possess any of these articles or know where they are, please call Joel Bradus at (908) 545-2952.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18				
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23	24	25				
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