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FROM THE BIMA

More than ten years ago, I contacted other religious leaders in North & South Brunswick and suggested that we organize a community-wide Thanksgiving celebration. The response was enthusiastic, and a new tradition was born: an annual Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service.

I'm proud that all of the services which have been held over the years have been extremely well-attended by members of our congregation. They have been deeply meaningful experiences through which we have built new spiritual ties with our neighbors and strengthened old ones. I believe that these joint celebrations have led to better understanding between the religious groups in our community and have fostered a deeper sense of common purpose.

This year's service should be an especially meaningful one, as this will be the first time we are sharing the experience with the Catholic Community in Monmouth Junction and Dayton. It will take place on Wednesday November 27, beginning at 8pm at the New St. Cecilia Catholic Church on Kingston Lane in South Brunswick.

This service affords us the opportunity to demonstrate to our neighbors our commitment to continuing the tradition of ecumenism which we began nine years ago. I urge you and your family to join us for this important interfaith event and to bring a can of food with you for the community food pantry when you come.

-- Rabbi Andrew Warmflash

A MESSAGE FROM GARY TINKEL

President, B'nai Tikvah

Now that the Yom Kippur, Simchas Torah and Shuvuot holidays have passed us by, I would like to take a moment to reflect on them. During these holidays, we had upwards of 1200 people using our Synagogue at any one time. Additionally, we had the largest influx of new members at any time in our history and had the fewest amount of problems (outside of the sound system.)

And as I observed our membership over these holidays, I was struck by two things; how many new faces I saw and the large number of young children that seemed to be everywhere. This is a clear signal of our transformation from a small local synagogue to a Jewish Community Center that can meet the needs of our community. But as we grow, I hope we do not lose the close-knit feeling that helped each member feel that they belong.

And, as I alluded to earlier, the sound system within the Synagogue, which shorted out during the holidays, will be replaced shortly. I assure you that by next year, at the least, you will be able to hear everything the Rabbi and Cantor have to say.

During the next few months, the Board of Directors and the heads of all Temple Committees will be working on planning for the Rabbi's upcoming Sabbatical. For those of you that don't already know, Rabbi Warmflash will be

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from Gary Tinkel (cont.)

going on a six month Sabbatical to Israel starting this coming January. During his absence, the Cantor will be taking over much of the day to day religious and administrative functions but all other tasks will be performed by our members. This includes the running of services on a weekly basis, conducting community relations, paying shivah and sick calls to members of our community, the welcoming of new members and a host of other items.

Shortly, you will be receiving a description of how each function will be covered during the Rabbi's Sabbatical and how you can help. This is the time to get involved with B'nai Tikvah and help take an active part in how it is run. For all those times you might have complained about how the synagogue is being run, now (more than ever) is your chance to something about it. I urge you to take this opportunity and make the most of it.

-- Gary Tinkel

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CONGREGANT'S CORNER

Dear Rabbi Warmflash,

Larry and I wanted you to know how much we enjoyed the Sukkot holiday this year because of the hospitality exchange program. We built a Sukkah for the first time (thanks to your encouragement) and ate most of our meals inside it.

Through the exchange program, we met two wonderful families and enjoyed special meals with them in the Sukkah. The anticipation of greeting new visitors increased our enthusiasm for decorating the Sukkah and helped us celebrate the holiday festively.

Our experience was a very pleasant one. We hope that those who might have missed out will be encouraged to join in next year.

-- Dorothy Cohen

To the Editors:

Bar and Bat Mitzvahs pass, and yet we don't see the young teenagers in Synagogue on Shabbat mornings.

A child's Jewish education doesn't end after the Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Attending Shabbat services is an essential part of a teenagers education. You don't permit a child to tell you "I don't want to go to Synagogue."

If you cannot attend Shabbat morning services, simply drive your child to Shul and pick him/her up later. What is the point of sending a child to Hebrew School for five or six years, and then have them gradually forget how to read Hebrew?

The most intelligent child will forget how to read Hebrew if they don't put their knowledge of the language to use.

-- Herb Feldman

CROP WALK SUCCESS!

On Sunday afternoon, October 6, in somewhat damp weather, B'nai Tikvah participated in South Brunswick's annual Crop Walk. Money raised from this walk goes towards helping the hungry, both locally and internationally. This year's walkers (from our congregation) included **Yonaton and Meryl Heit, Millie Kutliroff, Benjy, Noah, Renee and Steve Levin, Michael Schamberg, Jeff Schwartz and Aryeh and Beth Warmflash.** Collectively, the group obtained pledges for almost \$800. Thanks to all the pledgers and walkers!

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE IN! They may be picked-up in the Synagogue office. Call the office (297-0696) or Bill Greenberg (297-6953) to make arrangements for pick-up.

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In honor of the fifty-six new members/families who joined B'nai Tikvah in 1991, the congregation will sponsor a Welcome Brunch for new members.

It will be held on Saturday, November 23 immediately following morning services. Invitations will be mailed.

If any of our new congregants live in your neighborhood please introduce yourself and help them feel welcome. If you know any new members whose names are not listed on the page below, please contact Bill Greenberg (297-6953).

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW CONGREGANTS!

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THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

As you read in the Rabbi's message in this HaKol, our annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will take place on Wednesday, November 27 at 8pm at the New St. Cecelia Catholic Church on Kingston Lane in South Brunswick.

Our own Rabbi Warmflash will be "preaching" the key sermon of the evening. Please join us for this important event.

EDITORS' NOTES

Dear Congregants:

We would like to apologize for the lateness of this issue of HaKol. As some of you already know, our first child was born early October. Since our son decided to be born on a dead-line for this publication we had to make some adjustments in our schedules. We look forward to getting back on track (as well as some sleep) in November.

Additionally, for those of you who have been mailing your articles to us, we no longer reside on Willowbrook Drive. Our new address is as follows:

10 Folkstone Court
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(908) 821-5917

Shalom,

Mark & Gigi Cohen

COUPLES' CLUB NEWS

This month's fun event will be a POT LUCK DINNER on Saturday, November 16th at the home of Amy and Alan Berger in North Brunswick.

Please call Adrienne Ross for more information (422-0637).

If you have not yet joined the couples club there is still time! We are always looking for new members and friends. Please call Lisa Seidman for more information (297-6950).

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

After all the holidays, we finally had time to devote a major unit to Shabbat. We learned about the Sabbath, set a Shabbat table with a white tablecloth, flowers, Kiddush cup candles and challah. Appropriate prayers were recited and the older children made candleholders which were sent home to the parents with candles and the blessing. A Shabbat feast of kugel, parve chicken soup with matzoh balls and challah was consumed. The concepts of tzedakah and mitzvah were introduced.

In addition, we learned about Election Day, fire prevention, the Fall season and Thanksgiving. A Thanksgiving feast was prepared and consumed in every class. Back to school night is scheduled during November with a guest speaker from the Community Mental Health Center at Piscataway.

Openings are still available in the Pre-Kindergarten morning class (4 year olds) and the two day programs for 2 1/2 to 3 year olds.

Joan Shames,

Director



NURSERY SCHOOL SURVEY

The Jewish Community Center of North & South Brunswick is considering an optional extended day for the next school year (September, 1992 - June 1993) to accomodate the needs of some of the parents.

The children would attend the regular nursery or Pre-Kindergarten morning class. However, in the afternoon they would be in a multi-age group having lunch together, rest time on cots, snack and supervised play.

Classes would follow the regular nursery school calendar. At this time, the hours are projected to be from 8:30am-3:30pm. As usual, our prices would be competitive and synagogue members would have priority.

Please fill out the survey form below and return it **within the week** if interested.

 Yes, I am interested in extended day care for 1992/93 school year.
I would be interested in:

2 days a week Nursery: Tues, Thurs, for 2 1/2 - 3 yr olds.

3 days a week Nursery: Mon, Wed, Fri, for 3 - 4 yr olds.

5 days a week Pre-Kindergarten, for 4 - 5 yr olds.

Note: Age for all classes is as of September 1992. Pre-Kindergarten children must be eligible for Kindergarten as of September 1993.

CHILD'S NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ PHONE NUMBER _____

Any suggestions or specific needs not met:

If you know of a friend or neighbor who would be interested in this, please have them send in this form or a copy of it to: Nursery School (survey), Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Junior Congregation got off to a great start on October 12th. Thirty Seven youngsters attended the service from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm in the classroom wing. **Upcoming dates for Junior Congregation are November 9th & 23rd, December 7th and 21st.** Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

We still need parental volunteers for November 23rd, February 22, March 7 and March 21. Please call Barry Safer, 422-8543, if you are able to volunteer.

Upcoming notable dates include December 7 when Daled I will lead services and December 21 when Daled II will lead services. Additionally, on December 7 we will be holding a special luncheon to honor all Aleph students. All children who attend Junior Congregation that day are invited to stay for lunch. We need Aleph parent volunteers to help us with this lunch (again, please call Barry if you can help.)

Parents (or Grandparents) have the opportunity to sponsor a Junior Congregation Kiddush if they wish for \$10.00. This gives the sponsor an opportunity to celebrate their child's birthday, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, grandparent's anniversary or anything else. The sponsor's name and reason for sponsorship will be read from both the main pulpit and the Junior Congregation pulpit on that Shabbat which the kiddush is sponsored. Please call Barry or the synagogue office for more information.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

We are excited about special programs and events which will be taking place in November. From November 17-24th we will have a Jewish Book Fair in conjunction with the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Students will visit the Book Fair and Gift Shop with their class to make purchases. Additional purchases may be made individually if students bring money on another day.

Since Chanukah begins the evening of December 1st, this is the perfect opportunity to buy your gifts. Parents and all other congregants may visit the Book Fair and Gift Shop during school hours (Sunday 9am-12noon, Monday- Thursday 4-6pm).

In addition, on November 24th, the Book Fair and Gift Shop will be open all day during the synagogue Scribe and Torah Dedication Program. They will be closed, however, during the formal dedication ceremonies, so please come early to make your purchases.

In preparation for the Torah Dedication Program, each
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Religious School (cont.)

grade in the Religious School will be preparing a project relating to a specific event in the Torah. Projects will range from arts & crafts to original writings and will be displayed at the Dedication Program on November 24th.

All students will also meet with the scribe on November 17 for a special program on Torah writing and get a first-hand look at how a Torah is written and what a scribe does.

We hope to see all of you at our Book Fair, the Sisterhood Gift Shop and the Torah Dedication Program.

Shalom,

Randy E. Solomon
Educational Director

FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

In response to the Rabbi's Yom Kippur sermon about ways to foster a sense of community, Sisterhood has been doing several things. One of them is our recently re-activated Chevra Nachama (a group for condolence) which is available at very short notice, due to the nature of our function. We are alerted by the Rabbi when our services are needed; a service which is extended to all Congregation members. We will "house sit" during a funeral and help prepare the home for the family's return to sit shiva.

Our Good & Welfare chairperson sends our Women's League "Leagrams" to Congregation members for Simchas as well as sorrows. We need only to be informed of these events. Please call our Good & Welfare Chairperson Madeline Gaynor 297-4240 or Sisterhood President, Lisa Seidman 297-6950 so that these events can be recognized in a timely manner. Also, personal Leagrams may be sent to anyone for a nominal donation of \$2.25.

Sisterhood cares about our congregational family and the community and we hope to continue to expand our services.

-- Madeline Gaynor



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Join us for our next exciting meeting which will be held on November 3rd at 10am at the Synagogue. We will be joined by a gemology expert who will discuss & perform jewelry appraisals. Lox, bagels and coffee will be served. Additionally, your attendance will make you eligible to win a US Savings Bond!! Don't forget this years' dues--only \$18.00.

For additional information call our President--Larry Saldinger at 274-2737.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Paid-up membership dinner is on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30pm. Dues are still \$18.00 (\$13.00 for Seniors). GET INVOLVED in a great organization. For membership information call Jill at 214-1912.

Lox box orders are now being taken. For \$10.00 you will receive bagels, lox and cream cheese delivered to your home on Sun. Nov. 17th. Make checks payable to "Sisterhood Congregation B'nai Tikvah" or call Beverly at 246-1434 if you have any questions. December 8th is a Sisterhood General Meeting at 10 am in the Synagogue... reserve the date, this is a joint Sisterhood/Men's Club meeting.

YOU'RE INVITED !!

New Year's Eve Party

Where: Congregation
B'nai Tikvah

When: Details to follow

Reserve the date on your calendars!

The Sisterhood is still looking for people to make copies of flyers and/or fold them. If you can be of any help please call Bobbi at 274-2797.

NEED CHANUKAH GIFT IDEAS?

The B'nai Tikvah Judaica Gift Shop is now fully stocked for your Chanukah shopping. You need not go anywhere else. We have beautiful menorahs in all sizes and shapes, candles, gelt, dreidels, games, books, toys, wrapping paper and much, much more to meet your holiday needs. We also will have a holiday boutique to enable the children to purchase gift items for their moms, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents, etc.

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

The holidays are over and now we plan for the fall and winter. The trip to the Garden State Arts Center and the meeting at the Bibel's were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Upcoming is the Chanukah luncheon on Tuesday, November 26th at 12:30pm. We are going to have a Fun Auction: bring a small gift-wrapped item you may have and don't want to the luncheon. There is a donation of \$4.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. Make your reservation and a check to "Fifty Plus Group" now! Mail it to Ann E. Cherson, 55 Hastings Road, Kendall Park, NJ 08824. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We are knitting for DYFS and St. Peter's Medical Center. The children and infants need the hats, mittens and baby blankets now. If you knit or crochet, we have yarn and you will be doing a Mitzvah. Also, the Jewish Family Service of Southern New Jersey is in need of volunteers to deliver KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS to the Pincus Housing residents in North Brunswick.

The George Street Playhouse featuring Neil Simon's "I Ought to Be in Pictures" on Dec. 12th and 15th and "Sarah and Abraham" on Feb. 13th and 15th; both are light comedies.

We must have at least 30 attending each play to receive the reduced rates. For additional information please call Ann at 297-3575.

**JUDAICA
SHOP
SPECIALS!**

The gift shop will be opened:

Weekdays (Monday thru Thursday) November 4th thru November 26th from 3:30-6:30 pm.

Sunday November 3rd, 10th & 17th from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Sunday November 24th from 9am- 5pm.

Any questions please call Joyce (937-5114) or Blanche (297-0272).

*****MAKELA NOTES*****

The B'nai Tikvah Makela will be singing during the following services:

- Friday evening, November 15
- Saturday morning, December 7 - (Chanukah)
- Friday evening, January 10

The Makela rehearses on Thursday nights 9:00-10:00pm. Please contact Eve Goldberg (908) 422-0038 if you would like to join the chorus or learn more about the Makela.

**UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH
B'nai Tikvah Chapter**

Hi! USY has come off to a great start this year. Our September programs were a success as were our October programs which were apple picking and an interchapter hayride/bonfire. Our upcoming plans include a fundraising event and an Arts & Crafts /Potatoe Bar night. In December we are having a Chanukah Party and our annual Shul-In. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Beth Greenberg (President) 422-0945 or Barry Safeer (Advisor) 422-8543 (before 9pm please.)

-- Beth Greenberg

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--Meryl Heit, contributor

We are happy to bring you the first of a series of articles by Meryl Heit, which will explore the customs and superstitions surrounding Jewish family living.

THE BRIT MILAH

Also known as the bris, circumcision and the Covenant of Abraham, the brit milah serves two purposes for the baby boy on whom it is performed. It enters him into the covenant which the Jewish People have with God (circumcision being the symbol of that covenant) and it provides him with his name. (Since there is no corresponding ceremony for a baby girl she is traditionally named in synagogue when her father is called up for an aliyah the Shabbat after her birth.)

According to superstition, it was believed that the baby was particularly vulnerable to evil spirits, demons, the evil eye, etc. during the period between birth and naming. Therefore, both baby and mother (who is also in danger) remained at home at that time. For further protection, many people customarily stayed up at night to study Torah and recite mystical prayers and psalms. The night before was considered particularly critical because Satan would strive most to harm the child then. Thus began the custom of "Wachnacht" -- a real all-nighter -- where an unremitting watch over the child was maintained, accompanied by prayer and study.

In ancient times, people held a feast the night before or the day of the brit. During the Middle Ages, this evolved into a continuous celebration beginning the night before and extending through the day. Later, Wachnacht became incorporated into that. Another custom performed the night before was to set a table with different foods to bring the child good luck. The rabbis condemned this as an offering to the spirits.

Many kept candles burning in the house during the days before the brit and especially while the circumcision was performed. There are a variety of explanations for the practice but clearly it was not for the purpose of light since the ceremony always occurs during the day. Some people traced it to a quote: "The commandment is a lamp and the Torah is light" (Proverbs, 6:23). Others believed it was an expression of rejoicing or a notice to passerby that the ritual is occurring. Some lit thirteen candles either to correspond with the number of times the word covenant or "berit" occurs in Genesis Chapter 17 (which discusses circumcision) or for the thirteen tribes (if you count Ephraim and Menasseh as separate tribes) or the twelve tribes plus one for the child.

Although today the brit milah occurs most frequently at home or in the hospital, in the Middle Ages, people held it in the synagogue, a practice some Jews (especially

Oriental) still follow. Generally a female friend or relative of the baby's mother carried him to the ceremony, escorted by other women. Women did not attend the brit milah itself so she handed the baby over to the "sandek", the man who held the baby during the actual ceremony. He would bring the baby to the mohel (circumcizer) who would lay the baby on a gaily decorated chair called the Chair of Elijah. The custom of setting a chair aside for the Prophet Elijah is quite old and is connected to a legend that God rewarded the prophet for his zealous defense of the brit milah by promising him he would be present at all circumcisions. In the Middle Ages, people believed part of Elijah's presence actually inhabited his chair and the assembled guests would rise before the ceremony and greet Elijah with "Blessed be he that comes." Eventually, the mohel would then place the child on the lap of the sandek and perform the circumcision (the initial cutting of the foreskin (milah), the subsequent removal of it from the glans (pre'ah), and stanching of the blood by oral suction (mezizah) or application of salves).

Believe it or not, there were some actual uses for the foreskin. In ancient times people would place it in a bowl containing water and spices where each person as he left could bath his hands and face. Later on, some believed that placing the foreskin from one child in the mouth of another baby boy before his brit would provide protection from evil. Others thought a barren woman could become pregnant if she swallowed it. Still another custom was to bury the foreskins a mohel had cut with him when he died to drive away demons or to show that he devoted his life to a holy occupation.

In the thirteenth century, the bloody cloth that the mohel wiped his hands on after the brit milah was hung at the door of the synagogue to remind the congregation of the two reasons (both connected to blood) for which the Jewish people were redeemed from Egyptian slavery. The first is that they smeared the blood of the Paschal lamb on the lintels of their homes to prevent the Angel of Death from taking firstborn males. The second is that while enslaved, the Jews never abandoned brit milah (according to midrash).

One last custom incorporated into the brit milah by German Jews of the fourteenth century was Hollerkreisch--where the baby received his name in the vernacular. This is similar to how people today give their children English as well as Hebrew names. Girls also received names in this ceremony (obviously not part of a brit milah). The baby or the cradle containing the baby was lifted up three times, usually by children invited for the occasion. Each time the baby was lifted, the guests shouted out the baby's secular name, often in a formula such as "Hollerkreisch! What shall this child's name be?" and then the name or "Holle! Holle! This child's name shall be..." The name of this rite has been traced to a demon-witch, Holle, who gobbled up children and entangled hair at night (the latter sounds so much more

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preferable). By the seventeenth century only Jews of South Germany observed it for both boys and girls. In Austria, Bohemia, Moravia and Poland it was mostly abandoned, though occasionally girls were named this way.



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	22	4:13pm
	29	4:10pm
December	6	4:09pm
	13	4:09pm

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My first word means _____
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 2. I am the special, unseen guest who is present at every Jewish circumcision and naming ceremony.

 3. I am the traditional blessing by which Jews thank God for keeping them alive so that they can take part in a particular celebration or holy day.

 4. I am the person who has been trained to perform the circumcision according to Jewish tradition.

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 6. I am the place where this ceremony was performed in ancient times.

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1 package onion soup mix
3 small cans of tomato sauce
5 carrots (peeled & cut)
6 potatoes (peeled & cut)

Mix soup mix and junior carrots in bowl along with the tomato sauce + a can of water for each can of sauce. Set aside.

Using a drop of oil in pot, brown both sides of brisket.

Add soup/jr. carrot/tomatoe mixture to brisket and cook on a high flame until liquid is boiling. Then lower flame and simmer covered (about 1 1/2 -- 2 hours). Stir frequently to avoid brisket sticking to pot. After about an hour of cooking add the peeled carrots and potatoes. Recipe feeds about 8-10.

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-- Mili Rosloff, contributor

COMMERCE: If you are the family shopper, you are familiar with Gitano brand clothing and their other items. If you look carefully, you will find that many Gitano products are manufactured in Israel. Now, several other international corporations will soon be manufacturing products in Israeli plants. Among them, Sarah Lee, which will be producing salted snacks under their American label, but which will be prepared by the Israeli firm, Osem. Arrow shirts is another. Finally, Pepsi Cola, (a long holdout because of the threat of Arab boycotts of their soft drinks) is now appearing in Israeli supermarkets. By the by--you might like to try that delicious snack, BLSI, when you run across it in stores which carry Israeli products. (No guarantees on the cholesterol, nor the calories folks, but "yum, yum good.")

GREAT BRITAIN: The British Jewish community has launched a plan encouraging the purchase of new houses in Israel, then renting them for non-profit fees to Soviet immigrants. *** The Queen's favorite confectioner, Bendicks, will be among the first to display the kosher logo of the London Beth Din, at long last clearing up the confusion of what is and is not kosher in that country.

STRONG MAN: Are you old enough to remember Charles Atlas and the photos of his spectacularly muscled torso? Do you recall advertisements regarding "The Hundred Poud Weakling" and similar sentiments?

Think about Arnold Schwarzenegger, and then about this item: Muscle Training Illustrated magazine has just named its Man of the Year. Who? Why Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir!

FUJI CAMERA: Tsoren, a Haifa manufacturer, is planning to produce and market to Japan components for the newest Fuji camera, including one that works without film! (Cost, approximately \$500 in Japan, and uses a \$20 computer chip for taking 50 pictures.)

ISRAEL POPULATION FACTS:

1914 - Jewish population 85,000

1936 - Jewish population hits 400,000

1948 - Statehood is declared, population reaches 650,000

Through 1980 - Population grows to 3.9 million

1991 - Jewish population is 4,000,000, total Israeli population is 5,000,000.

Emigres from the Soviet may leave with only \$150 cash, cost of rescue transportation alone is \$1,000 per person.

CHANUKAH IN THE FROZEN NORTH: Esther Tennenhouse and her husband, Ron Klassen, live in Yellowknife, Canada--a frigid Arctic City boasting only a tiny handful of Jews. Their menorah (hanukiah), about five feet high, is carved from ice and stands in their front yard. Protected by the ice coating, the candles nestle inside.

SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW? DEPARTMENT: Speaking to Pakistani citizens, the Pakistani Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, said he greatly regretted that the war in the Persian Gulf had benefited only Israel...Are Scuds beneficial?

CONSIDERING TOURING EGYPT?: A recent Egyptian publication included an Egyptian tour guide's statements that the 100,000 Israeli tourists who visited Egypt in 1990 were "miserly, dirty," and that "other tourists have learned to recognize the Israeli by his smell"...(dateline, World Jewry, June, 1991).

CAVIAR TASTES, TUNA POCKETBOOK?: Caviar lovers may soon rejoice! The Technion in Haifa has done more than invent sturdier plastics or stronger glues...their newest gift to gourmets, after three years of research, is a clone of Russian Caviar. It may be sturgeon-less, but is claimed to taste and look alike. This new-fangled item is kosher, non-caloric, contains no cholesterol, and costs about .07 cents per gram compared to \$1.50 per gram for the original. (Israel Scene Magazine, July, 1991)

PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR ISRAEL: Our local B'nai Brith Women group is still collecting and mailing paperback books for English-speaking Israelis and volunteers at Kibbutz Yiron. Recent novels, mysteries, etc. are all in great demand. Just call 297-2233 for pick-up of your donation.

L'hitroat,

Mili Rosloff



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David Eisenberg and his family on his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Matthew Gilbert and his family on his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Nicole Chelton and her family on her recent Bat Mitzvah.

Jared Andrew Stein and his family on his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Jonathan Feuer and his family on his recent Bar Mitzvah.

Deborah Spinner and her family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

Juliet Westmoreland and her family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

Mark and Gigi Cohen on the birth of their son Isaac Joseph.

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Once a month or so, a tall bearded man wearing a shtreimel (a fur-trimmed black hat) would come around to empty the box. He would count the change, write out a receipt and wordlessly leave. Even at a tender, pre-school age, I know that I was required to say please and thank you--so why not the man in the shtreimel? When I asked Momma why he didn't say thank you, she said, "He doesn't have to say thank you. We have to thank him for giving us the opportunity to do the mitzvah of tzedekah."

I can't say that I really understood the deeper meaning of what she was saying at the time, but it did point me in the right direction.

Israel Bonds provide a modern means for doing a mitzvah and helping ourselves at the same time. This year, thanks to Zero Coupon Bonds, Congregation B'nai Tikvah has had the most successful pledge drive ever, in dollars.

Unfortunately, the number of family pledges is down. Fewer than one family in ten has pledged to buy bonds this year.

There is still time to join the group of families who buy bonds every year. An Israel Bond is not a donation. It is a loan to Israel to help provide housing and jobs for new immigrants, and a way to put away some money for yourself in the future.

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NOVEMBER

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Saturday	2	9:30am	Shabbat Services Kadima Dance (off premises)
Sunday	3	10:00am	Men's Club (Kiddush Room)
Monday	4	8:00pm	Board Meeting
Wednesday	6		Nursery School/back-to-school night
Thursday	7	7:30pm	Kadima (Youth Lounge)
Friday	8	8:00pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	9	9:30am	Shabbat Services/Jr. Congregation Bat Mitzvah of Deborah Spinner
		7:30pm	Art Auction Fundraiser (off premises)
Wednesday	13	6:30pm	Sisterhood Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday	14	7:30pm	Nursery School event
Friday	15	8:00pm	Shabbat Services/Makela Sings
Saturday	16	9:30am	Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Juliet Westmoreland
		7:30pm	Couples Club event (off premises)
Sunday	17	am	Lox Box Deliveries/Sisterhood
Monday	18	pm	Sisterhood Board Mtg. (off premises)
Wednesday	20	7:30pm	Kadima Event (off premises)
Friday	22	8:00pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	23	9:30am	Shabbat Services/Jr. Congregation New Member Brunch
Sunday	24		Torah Dedication/Israeli Cabaret
Tuesday	26	12:30pm	50+ Luncheon (Social Hall)
Wednesday	27	pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (off premises)
Friday	29	8:00pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	30	9:30am	Shabbat Services

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