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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI WARMFLASH

"Why are Synagogue services so boring?" This is the reader's question I was recently asked to answer by the editor of Shofar, the national magazine for Jewish Children. My answer, which will appear in an upcoming issue was as follows:

Many children find attending synagogue services to be a little boring. Compared to other experiences like watching MTV or playing Nintendo, services seem to move very slowly. Not only that, they are often mostly in Hebrew and can contain the same prayers week after week.

It's important to realize that services aren't a form of entertainment like a TV program, a game, or a movie. They are meant as a time for Jews to come together and be with God. If you are

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the past few weeks, the Board of Directors and I have been spending much of our time planning for the Rabbi's Sabbatical which is part of our current 5 year contract with Rabbi Warmflash. One of our main considerations was to assure that there would be minimum disruption in the religious and functional operation of the Synagogue. As part of this planning, we consulted with United Synagogue to determine how other congregations of our size handle themselves during a Sabbatical. And of course, we worked with Rabbi Warmflash to plan and organize the coverage during his absence.

You should have already received a pamphlet out-

A Message From Rabbi Warmflash Contu'd

willing to take them seriously, you will find that they need not be boring. In fact, they can be very meaningful. You can use your imagination to help you have a better experience when services seem boring. Here are some suggestions for ways to do this:

First, imagine that God has left a message just for you hidden somewhere in the synagogue service.

As you follow the service, read each prayer carefully and try to find God's message. Look and listen for something which applies to your life and think about how to act on it.

Secondly, think about the fact that most of the prayers you are saying are very old. Jews have recited these same words for hundreds of years. Imagine a huge chain stretching back through time. The chain begins with Abraham and Sarah and includes all the Jews who followed them. It includes your great-grandparents, grandparents and parents. As you pray, imagine that you are adding your link to this chain and connecting yourself to all the other Jews who lived before you.

Also, think about the fact that the words which you are praying, are mostly the same words used by Jews throughout the world as they pray. Imagine your words joining together with their words forming a single powerful prayer which becomes stronger and stronger the closer it comes to God.

Finally, select a paragraph from one of the prayers and focus on it. Say it quietly to yourself a few times. How do the words make you feel? What do they mean? Try to imagine the kind of person who would have written such a prayer. What was their life like? What would have led them to write something like this?

Next, choose a phrase or idea from the paragraph and try to see it in your mind. For example, if you are focusing on a prayer about peace, try to imagine a really peaceful world. What would it look like? How would people behave to one another? What would they do?

Once you have made a picture of your prayer in your mind, imagine that you are transmitting it to God. Ask Him to accept it and act on it. Thank Him for listening.



THE SHABBAT TORAH

A Message from
Cantor Goldberg

As you have read, we have made arrangements to insure that the study and learning of Torah, which takes place every Friday evening and Saturday morning, will continue while Rabbi Warmflash is away in Israel.

Over a dozen guest Rabbis and visiting speakers will be with us for Shabbat over the next six months. In addition, various members of the congregation, along with myself, will be speaking during services.

The following are our distinguished speakers for the next two months.

January 10: Dr. Sherry Gorelick, Professor of Women's Studies at Rutgers University will speak on the Women's Peace Movement in Israel.

January 24 & 25: Rabbi Melvin Glazer who is a member of our congregation. The Jewish Center in Princeton and the West End Synagogue in Nashville, Tennessee are among the congregations he has served.

February 7: Rev. Lawrence Kalajainen, Pastor of the United Methodist Church in New Brunswick will be discussing Jewish/Christian relationships.

February 21 & 22: Rabbi Simeon Maslin, Senior Rabbi of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA. His former congregations include United Congregation Mikve Israel-Emanuel in Curacao, N.A.

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JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Junior Congregation has been averaging 40 youngsters since we started in October. We offer Junior Congregation services twice a month from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm in the classroom wing. Upcoming dates for Junior Congregation are January 11 & 25 and February 8 & 22. Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

We still need parental volunteers for February 22, March 7 and March 21. Please call Barry Safeer at (908) 422-8543, if you are able to volunteer.

Upcoming notable events include Gimel I leading services on January 11 and Gimel II leading services on January 25. Additionally, we will be holding a luncheon to honor all Bet students on January 11. All children who attend Junior Congregation that day are invited to stay for lunch. We need Bet parent volunteers to help us with the lunch (again, please call Barry if you can help!)

Anyone has the opportunity to sponsor a Junior Congregation kiddush for just \$10.00. This gives the sponsor an opportunity to celebrate a child's birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, an anniversary or other happy occasion. The sponsor's name and reason for sponsorship will be read from the main pulpit and the Jr. Congregation pulpit at the Shabbat when the



kiddush is sponsored. Please call Barry or the synagogue office for details.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

Our annual Shul-in was held in December and was terrific! Besides leading services, we enjoyed ice skating and the movies together. All who attended had a fantastic time. Our upcoming events include Sports & Stuff on January 8, Cookie Baking on January 21 and our annual Superbowl Sunday Bagel Sale on January 26. Please call Matt Daner at 246-1053 for details.

???Do you have teenagers? Please tell them about our group and encourage them to join us. If you would like your child on our mailing list, please call Beth Greenberg 422-0945 (President) or Barry Safeer 422-8543 (Advisor) with their name & address.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

--Randy Solomon

Hanukah is one of the most often observed Jewish holidays in the home. Most families pass on the tradition of lighting Hanukah candles to their children.

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student or purchaser. We regret that we are unable to mail directly to other individuals but will provide a JNF envelope for you.

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Additionally, since January brings inclement weather, please listen to WCTC (1450 am) on your radio for school closing information. Afternoon Religious School closings will be announced between 1:30 and 3:00pm and Sunday closings between 7:00 and 8:45am. When radio announcements are not possible, each car-pool will be called.

WELCOME WENDY SLEPPIN

Have you noticed a friendly new voice in B'nai Tikvah's office?

She's Wendy Sleppin and we are happy to have been able to transfer her from the school office to the

main office. You'll find Wendy knowledgeable and helpful...stop by and say hello to her.

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

According to the tiny tots, the highlight of the month was our gourmet luncheon of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in celebration of Hanukah. Excellent entertainment was provided by Bonabini The Clown, and all the children received a dreidel and small gift from the school. Hanukah songs were song, games played and the story of Hanukah dramatically presented. The smell of latkes, frying in the hot oil permeated the air as we enjoyed munching on them. A gift for parents was made in class.

With the help of the children and parents of the Nursery School and Mommy & Me, a successful fundraising campaign was completed.

Nursery School Registration for September '92 - June '93 school year will begin in February. If you are interested, please call the school office (297-0295) to have your name put on our mailing list. B'nai Tikvah members have priority if registered on time. Additionally, a new "Mommy & Me" class will be starting in January, 1992 for children 18-24 months old. For additional information call the school office at 297-0295.

Nursery School Update cont'd

Out of the mouths of Babes...

During a name game, the teacher pointed to Matthew and asked him his name. When he responded, the teacher asked him his last name and then repeated his full name to the class--"Matthew Gross". Ashley, appearing upset, shouted out, "It's not nice to call Matthew names--'Gross' is not a nice word."

While having a snack, Justin's juice spilled. He alerted the teachers to clean it up and then proceeded to tell them, with a very sincere face, that the wind knocked it down... even though the windows and doors were closed tight.

Scott was playing in the housekeeping corner wearing a mink stole and told Adam, "Be careful of my bear suit!"... One day Alex put on a jacket only to complain that "they weren't his arms" referring to the fact that he and Matthew have the same coat and the one he was wearing wasn't his.

-- Joan Shames, Director

WE NEED YOUR BLOOD

The congregation is holding its sixth annual blood drive on Sunday, January 12th from 11am to 3pm. The blood bank will be setting up in our social hall and not to worry...we'll have a television set up for you football fans!



So please, spend a little of your Sunday and be a part of this important mitzvah. Our goal is 50 pints and we need everyone to come down and Give the Gift of Life.

Donating blood is easy and practically painless. All materials are used only one time and then disposed of. There is no chance of contamination. Donating time averages less than an hour.

Additionally, we can use help with registration and refreshments to help make the day a total success. Please call Marty Engel at 297-3198 to volunteer or for further information. You can donate blood if you are 18 years of age (17 with written parental permission) through 65. If you are between 66 and 75 you can donate with a written doctor's permission.

GIVE LIFE



SISTERHOOD SUMMARY

The Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Tikvah is constantly trying to plan interesting and fun events for our members as well as attract new members.

Some of our recent events have included Rabbi Warmflash speaking to us in October on Medical Ethics and Judaism. Our members were interested in questions ranging from birth control and abortion to organ transplants, autopsies and living wills. We would like to thank the Rabbi for his informative and educational discussion.

On Wednesday, November 13, Sisterhood held its annual paid up membership dinner. The evening, as usual, was a huge success and we were delighted to meet so many new members as well as some friends we hadn't seen in a while.

The Klezmer musical entertainment was enjoyed by everyone and was especially fun for those who have never heard Klezmer music before.

Last month, the Sisterhood and Men's Club sponsored a breakfast and speaker. Rabbi Tovia Singer was our dynamic speaker. As the head of "Jews for Judaism," he is active in combatting the increasing conversions of Jews to Christianity. Rabbi Singer

SISTERHOOD (continued)

informed us of the organized and subtle attempts to convert Jews and how his organization works with individuals to bring them back to Judaism.

These activities are just a flavor of what Sisterhood is all about. There is always a friendly face waiting to introduce herself to a new member and make her feel welcome. If you were unable to attend our fall events, or if you are a little shy, why not try taking a first step.

Join us. Your involve can be as simple as helping to fold flyers, or being part of a phone squad. Or you can be more active, taking part in a committee, helping out in our Gift Shop, being part of Chevrah Nechamah, chairing a fundraiser or even becoming a part of our Board.

Any time that you can offer would be a great HELP! Upcoming events include a Saturday morning service hosted by Sisterhood, a card game party at the Synagogue, Purim Baskets and More!

Getting involved in Sisterhood is a fun way to help support Congregation B'nai Tikvah and make new friends in the process!!

THE FIFTY PLUS GROUP

We are happy to say that our group has grown. This year we were happy to participate in Millie Kutliroff's CROP WALK and we continue knitting and crocheting for DYFS and St. Peter's indigent mothers. Several of our members are planning to deliver Kosher Meals for

residents of the Pincus Homes and others through the efforts of the Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County. (Volunteers are needed if you can spare 1 hour or 2.)

We have also enjoyed celebrating Chanukah together on November 26th where our luncheon included a Fun Auction.

We also went to see I Ought to be in Pictures at the George Street Playhouse. For those of you who missed that wonderful show, can join us for Sarah & Abraham. We have a block of tickets reserved for Thursday, February 13th and Sunday February 23rd. Reservations must be made NOW and paid for by January 29th. We are

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We will be selling Bartons Candies as a fundraiser before Passover. Watch your newsflyers for details or call Barbara Plotnick (821-8794) or Marcia Schwartz (297-6365) for information.

required to pay for the reservations in advance to receive the theatre tickets and distribute them in time.

We are looking forward to our Spring theatre event which is Joley. It is being performed at the Forum Theatre on Sunday, May 17th. Pay for your tickets as soon as possible to firm up your reservation.

Our first meeting in 1992 will be on Tuesday, January 28th at 1pm. Call Ann Cherson at 297-3575 for additional information.

Wishing you all a HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE MEN'S CLUB NEXT EVENT ON SUNDAY, JAN. 12 AT 10am:

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CONGREGANT'S CUISINE

FROM THE KITCHEN OF
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Chicken In Wine Sauce For Four

3 lbs. broiler or fryer
cut in quarters
1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup canned tomatoes,
undrained
1/2 cup fresh or canned,
drained mushrooms, sliced
2 tbs. flour
1 tsp. salt
1&1/2 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 cup dry white wine

Dredge chicken with
flour, season it with 1/2
tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp.

pepper. Heat oil in
chicken fryer, add chick-
en and cook it until well
browned on both sides.
Cover and cook over low
heat for 25 minutes.

Combine tomatoes, 2 tbs.
flour, 1&1/2 tsp. sugar,
and 1/2 tsp. salt...add
tomatoe mixture to pan.

Add wine and
mushrooms...cover and
continue cooking over low
flame for 20 minutes or
until chicken is tender.

This recipe is from "Ess
Gesundeheit" (our own
congregational Sisterhood
cookbook). Anyone inter-
ested in purchasing a
copy of this cookbook can
contact Blanche
Fruhling, B'nai Tikvah
Gift Shop Chairperson.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF
PHYLLIS SAFEER

Broccoli And Cheese Casserole

3 Eggs
1 cup Cottage Cheese
1/2 cup Cheddar Cheese
3 tbs. Flour
2 tbs. Salt
Dash of Pepper
2- 10 oz packages of
frozen broccoli

Beat eggs, then stir in
other ingredients, except
broccoli, and mix well
together. Cook broccoli
as directed on package
and drain well...add it
to egg mixture. Pour
into greased baking dish
(recipe can be
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Other activities in the upcoming months include "Cooking with Missy," Rollerskating and "Jack Pot Bingo."

It's never too late to join Kadima! Call Melissa Kivor (908) 297-0769 for further information.

JERSEY JEWISH SINGLES

If you are between the ages of 30 and 55 and single, you may want to be on the mailing list of Jersey Jewish Singles.

To receive the newsletter listing their monthly events send a check for \$6.00 (payable to Jersey Jewish Singles) along with your name, address and phone number to PO BOX 15, SOMERSET, NJ 08875. You will receive the newsletters (and any special flyers) by first class mail through December, 1992. You will also receive a card valid for six \$1.00 discounts for any of their events this year which include an admission price.

Events for January include: A Champagne Brunch Buffet @ 11am on Sunday, January 12 at the Holiday Inn/Raritan Center in Edison. \$15.00 includes tax & tip. On January 18 at 8pm there will be a House Party/Game Night (cost \$6.00). And on January 25th Jersey Jewish Singles will have a "Saturday Night Blast" at the Holiday Inn/Raritan Center. (\$15.00 includes Italian Buffet Dinner, tax & tip.)

For additional information on any of these events call (908) 753-0263 or (908) 232-0651.

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HEIDI SCHAMBERG

-- contributor

Hebrew School, "The best of times, the worst of times." As a child, Hebrew School frequently means missing out... on sports, on dance classes and on afterschool play.

As a parent, it frequently means driving another carpool, paying another bill and worrying "is it worth it?"

As an educator, Hebrew School often means talking very fast to cover the entire curriculum in six hours (or less) a week, being sure not to assign too much homework, and administering often needed discipline.

Given all these negatives, why do we bother with a Hebrew education for our children? Are we trying to give them a Jewish identity? Introduce them to Jewish culture, food, prayer, blessings, songs, reading Hebrew? Can we actually sum up the aim of Hebrew School in one word?

Absolutely...the word is Torah.

Think about it. Take away the carpool, the textbooks, the report cards, the stickers for good behavior and the strain on our schedules and we are left with the true aim of Hebrew School. The ability to study Torah.

Torah, the word(s) of God. Kept so lovingly in a special place (the Aron HaKodesh) and in a special room (the sanctuary). We read it every Monday, Thursday and Shabbat as well as many other holy days, in order that we may be blessed with the frequent hearing of God's words. Hebrew School helps our children understand Torah.

And lets not stop after Hebrew School. As we hear the commandments again and again we should re-evaluate ourselves by asking questions such as: "Do we (as individuals and as a community) match up?...are we living according to the words of God?"

This is the aim of the Jewish people: "living according to the word of God as it is written in our Torah.

As we live our fast-forward, highly scheduled lives of work, school and play, it is easy to forget why we ask our children to sacrifice their playtime; to pay attention for two more hours during their day.

The next time your child sighs "do I have to go to Hebrew School today?" remember the actual goal--Torah...because it is a guide by which your child (in fact, all of us) can live.

HERB FELDMAN

-contributor

As early as the mid-70's demographer Marshall Sklare warned us in "The Vanishing American Jew" that we were on the road to extinction. Many were skeptical. However, a recent demographic study commissioned by the Council of Jewish Federations confirms Sklare's prognosis. Since 1985, 57% of American Jews have intermarried; 72% of the children born as a result of these mixed marriages are not being raised as Jews.

Of course, we all have a constitutional right to pursue happiness. American Jews will continue to marry whom they please...however, there are consequences.

Politically, the strength of pro-Israel activism in this country will dwindle, along with the diminishing numbers of people who identify themselves as Jews. Soon it will not be easy to muster clout in Congress for various domestic causes close to Jewish Americans. Synagogues, community centers, day schools, and old age homes will find it more difficult to retain members, maintain pro-

grams, and raise funds. The above is no exaggeration.

To those who have young children, to safeguard your child from an intermarriage you must work at it-- on an individual level and collectively as a family unit. Try encouraging your child to attend Shabbat morning services...better yet, why not the entire family? What do you, or your children do on Shabbat morning which is perceived to be of greater importance than creating and developing your relationship with God; moreover thanking God for life's blessings or asking God for strength and courage during difficult times?

Parents are deluding themselves if they believe that their children are not susceptible to the threat of intermarriage. Jewish parents are increasingly being called upon to witness the participation of their own children and grandchildren in the rites of Churches.

Yes, it can happen to YOU!

Editors Note: The opinion expressed above reflect that of the Congregant exclusively.

JANUARY

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH CALENDAR

<u>Friday</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>Kadima (off premises)</u> <u>Religious School Annual Tu B'shv</u> <u>Planting Campaign begins (throug</u> <u>in cooperation w/The Jewish Nati</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Synagogue Board Meeting (school</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>United Synagogue Youth (off prem</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>Kadima Meeting</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Synagogue Newsflyer Deadline</u>
		<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Shabbat Services Guest Speaker:</u> <u>Dr. Sherry Gorelick</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
		<u>10:15am-12:15</u>	<u>Junior Congregation Meets</u>
		<u>evening</u>	<u>Couples Club (off premises)</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>	<u>Mens Club Meeting (Kiddush Room)</u>
		<u>11:00am-3:00</u>	<u>Congregational Blood Drive (Soci</u>
<u>Monday</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Sisterhood Board Meeting (off pr</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7:00-10:30pm</u>	<u>Sisterhood General Meeting (Soci</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>21</u>		<u>United Synagogue Youth Meeting</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>22</u>		<u>Kadima Meeting</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Synagogue Newsflyer Deadline</u>
		<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Shabbat Services Guest Speaker:</u> <u>Rabbi Melvin Glazer</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Shabbat Services Guest Speaker:</u> <u>Rabbi Melvin Glazer</u>
		<u>10:15am-12:15</u>	<u>Junior Congregation Meets</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>Super Bowl Party Fundraising Eve</u> <u>(Social Hall)</u>

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1:00 pm</u>	<u>Fifty Plus Group Meeting</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>29</u>		<u>Deadline for Theatre Resrevation</u> <u>Sarah & Abraham -- Fifty Plus Gr</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
 <u>FEBRUARY</u>			
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
		<u>evening</u>	<u>Kadmina Dance (off premises)</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>First Shomrei Tikvah, 1992 Fundr</u> <u>Event (off premises)</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Kadima Event (off premises)</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Synagogue Newsflyer Deadline</u>
		<u>8:00 pm</u>	<u>Shabbat Services Guest Speaker:</u> <u>Rev. Lawrence Kalajainen</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Shabbat Services</u>
		<u>10:15am-12:15</u>	<u>Junior Congregation Meets</u>

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

MINYON SCHEDULE

<u>Thursday Mornings</u>	<u>7:00 am</u>
<u>Sunday - Thursday Evenings</u>	<u>7:30 pm</u>

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES (NYC)

<u>January 3</u>	<u>4:21 pm</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>4:27 pm</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>4:35 pm</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>4:43 pm</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>4:52 pm</u>
 <u>February 7</u>	 <u>5:00 pm</u>

SHABBAT

Shabbat candles should be lit on Friday about
eighteen minutes before sunset

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Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe whose mitzvot
add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle Shab-
bat light.

MARC BINDER

-- contributor

When filing your own tax returns this year, remember to give the charitable deduction a close examination. If you have a CPA prepare your return, don't just tell him "it's about the same as last year"; figure it

out! You'd probably be surprised to find that your figures are considerably higher than what you deducted last year. So why not take advantage of all the deductions to which we are entitled? The Internal Revenue Service says it's O.K.! Here's a few charitable tips to keep in mind.

Generally speaking, your gift must go to a non-profit religious, educational, charitable, scientific or literary group which has been granted tax-exempt status from the I.R.S. (i.e. Synagogues, American Red Cross, Boy or Girl Scouts of America, cancer societies, United Way, Salvation Army, hospitals, etc.)

There are typically three types of donations made: time, cash, and/or property.

The value of your own time or services does not qualify for a charitable deduction but, you can deduct related out-of-pocket expenses such as phone calls, postage and transportation costs, (you can claim 12 cents per mile). In addition

to your mileage, you can also deduct parking and tolls. You may not, however, deduct any part of depreciation, insurance, fees or repair costs. And don't forget your incidental expenses. You might think that these expenses are too small to mention, but they can add up quickly. You should be able to deduct the ingredients used in a cake for a bake sale or the purchase price and cleaning bills for a uniform you wear when you volunteer. The uniform, however, can only be worn for that specific purpose.

If your volunteer activities require you to travel away from home overnight, you may be able to deduct 100% of your transportation and lodging costs and 80% of the amount you spend on meals. The I.R.S. will allow this deduction, as long as there is no "significant element of personal pleasure, recreation or vacation" to your trip.

Although the gift of cash may not seem as personal as donating your time, cash contributions are the mainstay of most charitable organizations. When giving a gift of cash, tax law specifies that you can generally make deductible contributions of as much as 50 % of your adjusted gross income.

Sometimes, when you make a cash contribution, you will be receiving something of value in return for your gift. In these cases, you cannot deduct the full amount of your cash gift. Rather, you must determine the fair market value for the item which you received and deduct that amount from your total cash gift. The net amount represents your charitable deduction. A good example would be the synagogue's "scrip"

program. With the purchase of \$100 food vouchers from the synagogue, the synagogue receives \$5 from the particular supermarket. Because you receive \$100 worth of food (fair market value) from the supermarket, this amount is deducted from the total "cash gift" or food scrip of \$100 which was made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Accordingly, you would **not** be entitled to a contribution deduction for this cash gift.

When you can't give a cash gift, you may still be able to make a useful donation to your favorite charitable organization by donating property. Keep in mind that property contributions in excess of \$500 require a separate form (#8283-titled "noncash charitable contributions). This form should be attached to your tax return.

To determine your deduction for gifts of property you must

establish the fair market value of the donated item at the time you gave it. If the charitable organization does not give you a receipt showing the fair market value of your gift, you may want to check how much thrift stores charge for similar items. Gifts exceeding \$5000 need to have a qualified appraisal performed within the 60 days preceding the date of the contribution. (The appraiser cannot be related to you or the organization.)

For a list of qualified charities, or information concerning what type of documentation is needed to support the deduction or other technical questions consult your tax advisor.

MARTIN DAKS

-- contributor

Sherlock Holmes was famous for making brilliant deductions when it came to solving crime; when it's time to do your tax return, however, you don't need Mr. Holmes to discover good tax deductions, but some good sleuthing won't hurt.

"To itemize or not to itemize, that is the question," was first posed by Shakespeare (he was subsequently misquoted). Every individual gets a standard deduction that is to be used in determining their taxable income. This standard deduction, which will vary, depending on your age and filing status (single, married etc.) acts as a reduction of your "taxable" income.

Once you determine your standard deduction, it is compared against your itemized deductions. If your itemized deductions exceed your standard deduction, it is generally advisable to use your itemized deductions on your income tax return. If the standard deduction is higher, you can simply use it.

What are itemized deductions? Briefly, they are expenses, donations of money and/or property, and theft and/or casualty losses that the I.R.S. will allow you to use to reduce your "taxable" personal income. There are guidelines that help to determine if a transaction qualifies as an itemized deduction. To make an accurate determination, read tax publications or speak to an accountant/tax professional. However, some of the more common qualifying itemized deductions are:



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Interest payments on a mortgage--Although subject to certain restrictions, the interest payment (but not the principal payment) on mortgages and home equity loans are generally deductible.

Points on a mortgage--are generally deductible, however, points paid to refinance a loan are suppose to be deducted over the life of the "new" loan.

Real Estate Taxes-- are generally deductible (an exception to this is the New York Renter's Tax).

Personal Property Taxes--although New Jersey does not impose this tax, some states impose a yearly tax on items such as automobiles. In those instances, the tax is deductible.

State and Local Income Taxes and Employee Portion of State-Funded Disability and Unemployment Insurance--are deductible. These amounts are usually noted on the W-2 form you receive at the end of January from your employer.

Donations of cash or property--made to "qualified" charities or other organizations are generally deductible. However, in certain circumstances, there are additional tax schedules required; and in the case of property that has increased in value, a written appraisal may be required.

These are just some of the more common items that may qualify as deductions. You may have noticed that the phrase

"...are generally deductible" was frequently used. That is because tax rules often have exceptions. The examples noted above are intended as a general guide to some types of potential deductions. You should carefully review the expenditures you made during 1991, and consider whether they may qualify as tax deductible items. Bring them to your accountant's or tax advisor's attention.

SUCCESS*BOND*SUCCESS

Who would have "thunk" it! That we, at B'nai Tikvah could sell over \$125,000 in Israel Bonds at a Sunday Morning Brunch!

Of course, we didn't do it alone. It was the persuasive personality of Barry Farber that did it. I'm sorry that his performance -- a standup, comic-serious-driving-discussion of why we should invest in Israel -- was not video taped to be shown over and over.

Our congregation has demonstrated that it only needed the motivation; the potential was already there; and we have done ourselves proud.

Mili and I want to thank all the people who helped to make this affair successful, and who bought bonds. And a special thank-you to Gary Tinkel, who did so much to bring honor to the Rosloffs and to Congregation B'nai Tikvah. We'll try to return the favor.

-- Aaron & Mili Rosloff

EDITORS NOTE:

It is gratifying to be able to report successes such as last month's brunch in honor of Aaron and Mili Rosloff. Their devotion to our Synagogue is difficult to match and their constant efforts toward the survival of Israel are inspiring.

Unfortunately, as Aaron would probably agree, one brunch will not end Israel's financial needs.

An entire menu of Israel Bonds are available throughout the year and should be kept top of mind for all your investments. Don't wait until the next drive to find out more. Call Israel Bonds at 828-0200 or Aaron at 297-2233.

ABOUT US

STATISTICS/DEMOGRAPHICS: Surprise! The American Jewish Yearbook, publishing the latest Jewish population figures in the USA, informs us that San Antonio, Texas shows an 11.1% increase in Jewish residents since last year. During this period, Dade County, Florida lost 25,000 Jewish citizens. But of even greater interest to our locals should be the fact that our own Middlesex County joins Seattle and Detroit as among those with the largest Jewish population increase in the entire country!

PUSHKAS: [B'nai Tikvah congregants receive them and hopefully fill them up for the poor & hungry.] The Jewish National Fund has been using the familiar blue and white boxes for almost a century, and indeed, they were used for the first "practical" steps toward the rebirth of the State of Israel. Now, an exhibit of the Fund's familiar "Blue Box" pushkas is touring Israel. The highlight of this exhibit is a crumpled, burned blue metal box found in the rubble of the destroyed Warsaw ghetto at the end of World War II.

GUAM: For those of us who experienced WWII, the recent Pearl Harbor remembrances have evoked pain, sorrow, and grief, as well as pride and thankfulness for the survival of our country, its idealism and patriotism. Best of all, there is gratitude for the survivors, who went on to live, work, procreate and be a part of our lives today.

So it is in a context other than war that we now think of Guam. Instead of conjuring up battle scenes and terror, we can now report that Guam has a Jewish congregation that meets monthly. 10 Jewish civilian families (mostly academics from the University of Guam), plus 40 Jewish military families at Anderson Air Force base, now meet regularly. A Jewish military chaplain visits four times a year.

COMMISSIONED OFFICER: Milad Talchami, a Christian Arab resident of the village of Usfiah, has recently graduated from the Israel Defense Forces Officer training Academy with highest honors. Talchami had previously served in Israel's elite Golani Brigade before going through officer training. He is the second Christian to complete the course, the first to graduate with honors.

GOLDA MEIR SAID IT: "We hate war, and we do not rejoice in our victories. We rejoice when the strawberries bloom in Israel...and when children who didn't know how to smile before, can stand up straight."

SUSHI YIDDISH: A student attending Hebrew University in Jerusalem, studying linguistics on a scholarship, who was born and raised in Japan, is successfully teaching Yiddish to Israelis! (World Jewry Report.)

SWEDEN: Although Jewish law bars us from eating pork, even the most devout Jew can receive an organ transplant from a pig. Leading rabbis were commenting on Swedish medical research on transplanting pigs' organs into humans. Rabbi Yona Metzger commented: "It is certainly permitted to use a pig's organs to save a human life."

OPERATION SOLOMON: More than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel with more to come. This was not quite a humanitarian gesture on the part of the Ethiopian government. \$35 million was paid into a bank in return for the Ethiopian's release and is now available for the new Meles government (although it was 'requested' by the now ousted Mengistu government.)

TAXES: Would you believe a foreskin tax? (Imposed by the Romans in the time of Bar Kochba -- non-payment resulted in a heavy fine.) How about a window tax, a beard tax, a bed tax, etc. The quaint TAX MUSEUM at the Customs and VAT headquarters, 32 Rehov Agron, just across from the foot of Jerusalem's Independence Park, is one of 19 tax museums in the world. How far back do these exhibits go? Can you imagine stamps, seals and documents going back as far as UR in Mesopotamia?

RANDOLPH, NJ: Dietrich Kattermann spent his childhood near Munich, where he belonged to the Hitler Youth. It seems that he has been a substitute teacher in the Randolph school district. Fired by the district, he is now suing the Board for violating his "right" to free speech. Kattermann was fired for comparing the Boy Scouts of America to Hitler youth. Does this qualify as Chutzpah on K's part, or would he scorn this word?

BAGEL ETIQUETTE: It's polite to break your bagel and eat it in pieces as you were taught to do with bread El Al Airlines tells us. To break a bagel, grasp firmly with both hands and pull apart with a twisting motion. Now pull a little harder...a little harder...keep in mind, bagels can be eaten whole or even furtively dunked. (WARNING: this information not cleared with Miss Manners.)

OF FINAL NOTE: The following is a portion of a letter to the Jewish community which bears repeating:

Dear Friends:

A child in Leningrad who was not allowed to light Hanukkah candles, arrives home to Israel to finally light the candles of freedom. A child in Ethiopia whose forefathers left the land of Israel 2500 years ago and did not know about Hanukkah, returns home to Israel to share the light of liberty. That is what Israel is all about -- to uphold the faith, the tradition, and the belief. To pray every day for centuries, "Next year in Jerusalem" and then to one day arrive at our eternal capital, the Jerusalem of freedom, hope and peace.

Uri Savir, Ambassador
Consul Gen'l of Israel

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L'hitraot,
Mili Rosloff



Seminary Briefs

selected news items for your synagogue's bulletin
from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Seminary Rabbinical School students continue to be 'best and brightest'

The Jewish Theological Seminary continues to attract "the best and the brightest" to its Rabbinical School, says Dean Rabbi Gordon Tucker. This means the quality of rabbis serving Conservative congregations will continue to be exceptional in the future.

This year's freshman class includes a Columbia University faculty member with a Ph.D. in Political Science, a journalist and a Wharton School of Business alumnus who gave up business consulting to study for the rabbinate.

On the academic level, the new students rank, on average, in the top 20% of all people who have taken the Graduate Record Exams. Their mean grade point average is 3.33 (about a B-); 25% attended Ivy League schools.

"The fact that we continue to attract students to rabbinical studies whose academic records afford them many other options is strong testimony to the vitality of Conservative Judaism and the Seminary," says Rabbi Tucker.

There also are two concert-caliber pianists at the Rabbinical School, as well as many international students, including one student from Germany, one from the United Kingdom, one from Switzerland, one from Chile and three from Mexico. Three of these international students were awarded prestigious European fellowships.

Seminary audience hears Rep. Kangel say Black-Jewish ties remain strong

"You can be Jewish and still be racist, you can be black and still be anti-Semitic...." Rep. Charles E. Kangel (D-N.Y.) told students, professors and staff of the Jewish Theological Seminary in a speech he delivered there on October 21.

Nevertheless, Kangel said, much of the recent tensions between the two groups has been caused by the media, which focus on the outrageous comments of extremists whom they have unilaterally dubbed group spokesmen.

A member of Congress for 21 years, Kangel says that if there does exist tension between blacks and Jews, it is not evident on Capitol Hill, where the Black Caucus and the unofficial caucus of Jewish members of Congress more often than not work hand in hand.

The Genesis Project on Videotape

"Shalom America," a fledgling "Jewish television network," will broadcast The Genesis Project, a systematic study of portions of the book of Genesis, to its cable customers beginning in January.

The project is currently being broadcast on Dimension Cable in Providence, R.I. and is a collaborative venture of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Providence, the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Dimension Cable of Rhode Island.

The series of half-hour segments allows viewers to study the book of Genesis at home using teaching techniques and curriculum developed by the Melton Research Center.

Copies of the tapes, teacher training seminars, and curricular materials designed for use with the tapes are available through the Melton Center, (212) 678-0211.

Chancellor returns to father's 'pulpit'

"There is a lot of irony in the pace and vagaries of history," says Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who recently returned to Hanover to participate in its 750th anniversary.

Rabbi Schorsch was born in Hanover in 1935. In December 1938, he and his family escaped the city and Germany in the wake of the infamous anti-Semitic rampage on the night of Nov. 9-10, known as Kristallnacht, or "the night of broken glass."

Departing Hanover, especially under those conditions, had not been an easy decision for the chancellor's father, Rabbi Emil Schorsch, who as rabbi of Hanover's historic synagogue was also leader of the Jewish community.

"Until then, he had always resisted the idea of leaving his flock unattended," Rabbi Schorsch said of his late father.

The chancellor spoke in Hanover on October 29. He used the occasion to remind his listeners of Kristallnacht, the 53rd anniversary was only 12 days away.

"The magnitude of the Holocaust has come to obscure the depravity of Kristallnacht...." he said. "Yet the event is worthy of commemoration, because it showed for all to see the inherent extremity of the Nazi revolution. An ideology ready to torch synagogues would be undeterred by genocide."

Moscow Update

Mikhail Krutikov arrived at the Jewish Theological Seminary on October 13 to pursue a doctorate in Jewish Literature. He is the first student from Russia to come as part of an exchange with Moscow's Russian State University of the Humanities.

Under the exchange, Dr. David Fishman went to Moscow to launch a historic Jewish studies program at the university on behalf of the Seminary and the YIVO Center for Jewish Research.

That program already has exceeded everyone's hopes. Instead of 15 students, there are now about 50, necessitating day and evening sessions.

There have been a few ironies. Fishman, for example, spent a frantic few days trying to learn how to say "lard" in Finnish. The non-kosher animal fat is used in breads sold in the U.S.S.R. -- including at the Western-style Finnish supermarket near the university. Fishman needed to know what the word was so he could avoid products that contain it.

Another irony: The Jewish studies program is being housed in the plush facilities once served as a school for high Communist Party officials.

Recent and rare acquisitions at Seminary Library

A Haggadah printed in a displaced persons camp in Germany in 1947...an autographed copy of Eliezer Ben Yehuda's "Eretz Yis'rael" printed in 1883...a Hebrew math book from 1737 Constantinople...the rules and regulations of the Ashkenazi Synagogue in Padua, Italy, 1883.

These are just some of the new acquisitions on display through December at the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary. One reviewer said the exhibit "sets an imaginative spirit soaring. These rare objects are displayed on the first and fifth floors of the Library, and is on view Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:02 PM, and Friday until 3:00 PM.

United Way Contributed By Sheila F. Hordon

Did you know that the forerunner of the United Way was established by a Jewish woman named Frances Wisebart Jacobs? Mrs. Jacobs was a native of Kentucky who traveled to Colorado in a covered wagon during the silver mining boom in the 1860s. There, her husband operated a clothing store and she became the president of the Hebrew Benevolent Ladies Aid Society, which raised emergency relief funds for destitute fortune seekers.

In 1887, she worked with four clergymen. They were Rabbi William S. Friedman, Dean H. Martyn Hart, Monsignor William J. O'Ryan, and Reverend Myron Reed, all of whom helped to create the first united fund-raising campaign for health and welfare agencies. This was the precursor of today's 2,300 plus local United Ways.

Mrs. Jacobs later died from an illness contracted while visiting an indigent family, but her efforts helped to alleviate suffering in the United States for the next one hundred years!

WHAT IS A SHOMER TIKVAH?

A Shomer (Shomrei, plural) Tikvah is an exceptional individual who exemplifies generosity and commitment to Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

A Shomer Tikvah is an individual who will safeguard our continuing existence as the Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick and is an individual who will help propel our congregation into the next century as a major force in the Central Jersey Jewish Community.

SHOMREI TIKVAH (i.e. Guardians of Hope) is an exciting new capital fundraising idea whose time has come! Funds raised through our annual Shomrei Tikvah campaign will be used to preserve, embellish and expand our physical plant.

As our facility ages, we must provide a capital reserve fund dedicated to building repairs. Unfortunately, this is an area which has been sorely neglected in the past. If we don't provide for future repairs today; we may have to assess the membership when repairs become necessary. By planning for the future we can ease the financial burden on the majority of our membership and we can face our next expansion (which cannot be postponed more than a handful of years due to our continuously growing membership) with substantial seed money.

If you have been blessed with financial security and material success...If you believe in doing more for your Jewish community than is minimally required...If you love B'nai Tikvah and understand that some must give more to the synagogue because they are able to...

Then you are a candidate for membership in SHOMREI TIKVAH! All it takes is \$1,000 above and beyond your current synagogue obligations. The size of the donation may exclude some, however we will all benefit from a successful campaign.

Please join us for Shomrei Tikvah's 1992 premiere event at the home of George and Helen Segal on February 2, 1992. To get Shomrei Tikvah off to a strong start, George and Helen have kindly agreed to host a reception in their home followed by a tour of George's studio.

All we need to complete this event is your participation! Watch your mailbox for more information about this upcoming prestigious event.

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B'nai Tikvah's passive fundraisers (SUPERMARKET SCRIP and the AT&T's DISCOUNT CALLING PLAN) are off to a fine start this year. The response to the AT&T Calling Plan has been enthusiastic, but many more of you may still be interested in signing up. If you have put off completing your enrollment form, please take five minutes to fill it out and return it to me in the self-addressed envelope provided for your convenience! You can save money on your long-distance phone bill and help B'nai Tikvah at the same time.

According to my projections, which seem accurate, these two fundraisers will have added \$6,000 to our treasury by the end of our current fiscal year (July 31, 1992). SUPERMARKET SCRIP is sold at both Hebrew School dismissals on Sunday and at most Synagogue events. If you would like more information about these easy ways to give to your synagogue please call me at 297-6365.

As for our recent active fundraisers, our November Art Auction was a fundraising success bringing in over \$1,000 for our Synagogue. Many thanks to ALL the volunteers whose efforts

helped make this fundraiser a success.

Our December bus trip to Atlantic City was a financial success (at least for the synagogue).

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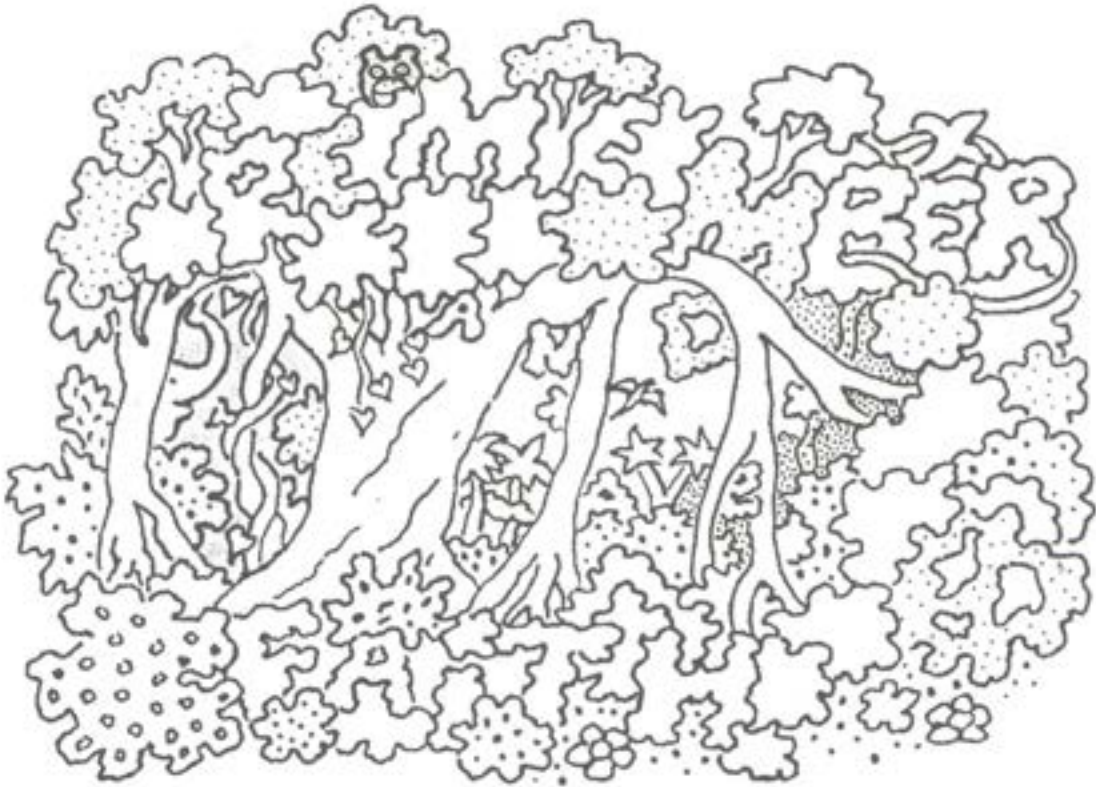
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AMONG THE LEAVES*

Among the trees in the forest below is a four-word statement that sums up one of Tu bi-Shevat's most important messages. Look closely and see if you can find it. Color in the drawing so that the message stands out.



What is the message? _____

How does the message relate to Tu bi-Shevat?

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FIND THE INSIDERS*

In each of the statements below, one fact is false and the other facts are all true. Circle the letters before each fact that you think is true.

1. In biblical times, (a) the Land of Israel was rich and fertile (b) trees had great practical value (c) trees enjoyed a special place of honor in our ancestors' view of the world (d) farmers were able to figure out a tree's exact date of birth.
2. In Judaism, trees (a) are symbols of life (b) are objects of worship (c) have been used to mark the events of birth and marriage (d) proclaim a belief in the future.
3. Tu bi-Shevat (a) is considered the birthday, or the New Year, of all trees (b) has no special laws of observance (c) was all but forgotten during the 2000 years when there was no State of Israel (d) celebrates the connection between Jews throughout the world and the Land of Israel.
4. In modern Israel, trees (a) have helped rebuild the land (b) have, in many instances, been planted by the contributions of Jews from other countries (c) are a way of remembering historical events (d) are generally ignored by the younger generation.
5. From the story of the old man planting the carob tree, we learn that (a) rich people feel far less obligation to the future than do poor people (b) we have received much from those who came before us (c) we owe much to those who come after us (d) sometimes, it takes many years for things that we work at to have any real results.

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Among The Leaves The message among the trees is REMEMBER AND HAVE FAITH.



Moses and the Drowning Egyptians

ATTENTION OLDIES FANS

Remember that night you fell in love? Beneath the stars above? Was it a lovely summer night? Remember then?

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THE HAKOL THAT WASN'T

Due to technical difficulties, the December HaKol was cancelled. There is a new computer in place and we hope to be back on schedule with all HaKol deadlines the first week of the preceding publishing month. (i.e. The first week in January is the deadline for the February HaKol.)

Note to our advertisers: Our publishing schedule will be extended to July (summer edition) to compensate for the December issue.

This is a compilation of both December and January's articles. We appreciate the contributions by congregants and welcome comments. Our thanks to Gary Tinkel for helping us get "on-line".

-- Mark & Gigi Cohen
Editors



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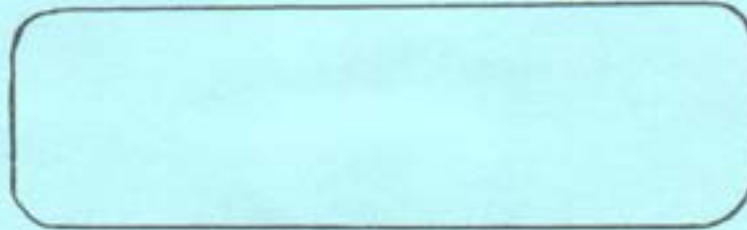
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