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CHAMETZ SALE

It's never too early to start thinking about Passover!

According to Jewish law, you are forbidden to even possess chametz (leavening) during Passover. This prohibition applies not only to food but to the dishes and pots used to cook & serve. Because discarding such materials may entail great financial loss, it is customary to sell such "non-disposable" chametz to a non-Jew (who has a house) prior to the Passover holiday.

If you would like the Cantor to serve as your agent for the sale of chametz this year, please complete the form below and return it with six dollars to the synagogue office, no later than APRIL 16.

I, _____, authorize Cantor Dov Goldberg to act as my agent to sell all chametz and all mixtures containing any amount whatsoever of chametz which is in my possession at:

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For the purpose of this agreement, chametz is considered to include, but not be limited to, leavened bread, cakes, biscuits crackers, cereal, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dry peas and dry beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients of flavors made from grain alcohol. A mixture of chametz is defined as any substance, edible or not, which contains or is joined to any chametz in any quantity whatsoever. I understand that the sale will take place at noon on Friday, April 17, 1992.

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B'NAI TIKVAH SUMMER CAMP

Back by popular demand for the eighth year, B'nai Tikvah of North & South Brunswick will continue its very successful non-sectarian summer camp program for toddlers and pre-schoolers. The camp was designed to meet the needs of young children in the area, in a creative, enjoyable, and supervised environment. At B'nai Tikvah, there is sensitive, loving supervision with appropriate activities in art, music, outdoor play, and special events. Its newly remodeled building provides a separate air-conditioned nursery school wing to facilitate the camp. The playground consists of swings, a climbing apparatus, a large sandbox, a slide, rocking horses, a club house and wading pools.

When the campers are indoors, they will enjoy participating in block building, housekeeping, arts and crafts, games, puzzles, singing and dancing and a snack. Every week the children participate in a special event. Some of the events from past summers have been Teddy Bear Day, Nature Day with a visit from Owl Haven animals, a peanut hunt, picnics, puppet shows, color war and a carnival.

The camp will commence June 29 and end August 21. Convenient hours in the mini camp are from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. You can choose any or all of the available four two-week sessions. A five day week program is also available for the toilet trained children between the ages of 2 1/2 to

post kindergarten. The camp is located at B'nai Tikvah. If you or your friends would like more information, please call Randy Katz at 238-2213, evenings.

A MESSAGE FROM RANDY SOLOMON Educational Director

Dear Parents,

We hope you have already mailed in your children's Religious School registration material for the next school year.

In addition to attendance at Religious School, a recent report entitled "Jewish Identity Formation in the Family" by Perry London, Dean of the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University, states:

"To raise children with strong Jewish identity, parents probably must learn how to address the following points (I think in descending order of importance):

- * First, the creation of visible ritual practice in the family;
- * Second, increasing familial preoccupation with Jewish things;
- * Third, extending family practice into Jewish community agencies -- synagogues, camps, and experience with Israel.

London recognizes, however, the multiple barriers that stand in parents' way. Personal and

(Randy Solomon's message,
continued)


work pressures on parents and competition with the surrounding culture and the secular school for the child's time and interest all play a part. Ignorance, too, or a feeling of not knowing what to do may also contribute. We must remember, however, that the home and one's personal life-style -- not the school or the synagogue -- is the core of Jewish Living.

We therefore encourage each family to make a conscious committed effort to increase the visibility of Jewish practice in their home and with their family. We also encourage children to go to Jewish camps, join Jewish youth groups, attend services with their families, and attend Religious School programs through high school.

This will help to ensure that Judaism as well as each individual child, will flourish and prosper.

Shalom,

Randy E. Solomon
Religious School Director



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NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

During March we looked forward

to our nursery school Shabbat. The children sang a medley of simple Shabbat songs as their proud parents beamed with pride. [Kvelled!] An Oneg Shabbat, in honor of our children, was sponsored by the nursery school. A gift from the nursery school was presented to the congregation.

Registration has been going well. However, we still have some limited openings in our afternoon program for children 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 and our morning Pre-Kindergarten class.

We warmly welcome the following new congregants, who recently joined B'nai Tikvah synagogue. Each family has a child who will be in one of our nursery or Pre-K classes during the upcoming school year and will be entitled to a substantial monthly discount.

Samuel & Debra Morgenstern
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Fred & Debra Goldsmith

Purim was celebrated with costumes, homemade hamentaschen, a party and listening to the Megillah while rattling their handmade graggers.

We are looking for a permanent home for our adorable pet rabbit. He comes complete with cage, water bottle, food dish,

(Nursery School, continued)

etc., free to a loving home. If interested, call 297-0295 (nursery school office).

Our sincere thanks to congregant Rachel Shaneson for our hearing screening, and to Optometrists, Drs. Kelley & Liebeskind of Lens 'N Eye (1727 Route 27) in Somerset, for their eye screening service to the nursery.

A trip for the Pre-Kindergarten classes to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for their Child Life program occurred in March. Several gifts for the hospital playroom were presented by the children which was bought with tzedekah money which is collected every Friday.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES...

Seth proclaimed, "I want to be in Mrs. Winter's class until I'm 40!"

When several visiting mothers, interested in the forthcoming registration, appeared one day, Sara looked up and said: "Is there a party going on here?"

The children were asked what Abraham Lincoln grew up to be and Rebecca had no problem with the answer when she replied: "A man!"

When the teacher explained that the country we live in is called the United States of America, Matthew quickly corrected her and replied "I don't live in America, I live in New Jersey."

Joan Shames,
Director/Nursery School

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH B'nai Tikvah USY Chapter

HI! My name is Beth Greenberg and I am President of B'nai Tikvah USY. I'm writing to tell you about our upcoming events.

On April 2, we are having a hypnotist, on April 14, we are holding a scavenger hunt, and on April 26, we will be running our Annual CAR WASH fundraiser. (Rain Date -- May 10). If you have any questions or if you are interested in joining the chapter, please don't hesitate to call me at 422-0945 or our advisor, Barry Safeer at 422-8543 (before 9 pm please).

B'Shalom,
Beth Greenberg

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 10 am. We will have a speaker of interest and, of course, our customary lox and bagels. ALL invited.

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COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

Due to logistical complications we, unfortunately, will *NOT* be holding a community seder this year.

However, if you are able to host others who do not have a seder to go to, please let the office know of your availability. Likewise, if you would like to be at a seder but are unable to make your own arrangements, don't be shy, let the office know. There are a lot of people who would love to have more company.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee is happy to be able to bring you two wonderful events for the upcoming months.

On MAY 1 & 2 Rabbi Arthur Green will be our guest and leader for a Shabbaton entitled "SEEK MY FACE, SPEAK MY NAME: A Contemporary Jewish Theology."

And on SUNDAY, JUNE 7 we will be running a Shavuot Dinner.

We are looking forward to these events...and to seeing everyone there.

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

Upcoming events include:

Ron Becker, who has been researching the history of the "Synagogue in New Jersey" on a grant from Rutgers University, and probably has included B'nai Tikvah in his work, will be the speaker on April 28 th.

We look forward to our session on "Fifty Five/Alive Mature Driving" which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 29th and 30th.

A trip to Drumthwacket is planned for the warmer weather. It is beautiful and magnificent, and has a historical background. It is also the home of our Governor, Jim Florio.

For space availability at any of our upcoming events call Ann Cherson at 297-3575.

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GHOSTS OF SEDERS PAST

Gigi Cohen, contributor

Throughout my somewhat eclectic religious upbringing, there were few Jewish holidays or festivals which I knew of until I was in Hebrew School. And by then, those holidays held little intrigue, other than to go home and educate my parents as to what they were missing... (you may as well know that "testing" my parents was a favorite pass time of mine.)

In any case, there were two 'holiday seasons' where Judaism played a major roll in my home. The first was the High Holidays, when my parents closed their dry cleaning stores, or had others running them. We all went to shul and when my mother and sisters fasted, my father and I feasted (I being too small to fast, my father hating to see me eat alone -- we took our annual sojourn to an ice cream parlor on Liberty Avenue.)

The second holiday season (and it was a close second), was Passover. I still wonder what made Pesach so important to my parents. What, out of all the Jewish holidays and festivals brought them to their feet and made them quite observant for this holiday.

Let me illustrate. From the beginning of my memory, every year at this time we would search for the "chametz" throughout our Queens home. Since I was not the best of cleaners, I was assigned the important task of uncovering crumbs in our living room. After being told to pay special attention to the couch, I felt particularly useful.

Then we'd take out everything in the refrigerator and throw away all the 'traif'. It is at these times in my history, when I received small (but important) lessons in kashrut. After all, we would have to throw out all the bacon, the ham and other cold cuts, along with any leavened products. Anything that cast doubt, was cast into the basement. So, cans of food, and the non-perishables would go down the stairs along with the annual Easter Baskets which my mothers' (Jewish!) sister insisted on bringing us each year. To my parents credit, my two sisters and I had to wait until after Passover ended to even touch these baskets...no matter how the holidays fell out on a secular calendar.

Following all of our preparation, my father would go to an Orthodox Rabbi in Brooklyn, and pay him to be our agent in selling the chametz. Apparently, he only trusted an Orthodox Rabbi to do this as he continued the practice while we were full dues paying members in a reform congregation on Long Island.

Then came the seder preparation. I read our Maxwell House Special Edition Haggadahs to my mother to make sure she got everything correct on our seder plate.

I learned the four questions, and taunted my sisters with which one of us was the wise child, the wicked child, etc. (Being the youngest, I was usually able to start a fight without actually being in it.)

(continued...)

(Seders Past, continued)

Of course, it was the seder itself, the culmination of all our preparation which caused the greatest arguments in our home. It was always around the second cup of wine, when invariably, someone would say ... "can we eat now?". Understand, our seder table traditionally had non-Jewish guests...they never asked this question. Our gentile visitors were always fascinated and seemed to enjoy taking turns as we went around the table reading the story of "DeMille's Ten Commandments."

It was my family members, who waited long enough for this meal. Who waited long enough and were ready to find out once and for all if my mother's matzo balls would be soft, hard or perfect this year.

Perhaps it was that enormous scholarly document (our Haggadah) which Maxwell House put so much effort into, that caused such incredible hunger pangs amongst my family members. In fairness to this coffee company, even when we used a better Haggadah with commentary and decent English, we spent the evening in passionate discourse on what can be eliminated.

My argument was always: "if we didn't fight, we'd be able to get through the entire Haggadah in less time than all the debating took.

Today, as my husband and I experience each holiday for the first time as parents, we are forced to evaluate our own pasts. We struggle to shed what is negative to us and

remember the positive aspects of our individual upbringings.

As I look back on my past Passover holidays, I realize that rather than being the "wise" child, I was in fact the "simple" (ok, perhaps the "evil") child. After all, having more than two Jews at a table and not debating, is almost unheard of.

And the lessons I learned at Passover time were far more extensive than the story of Exodus. It was a week of exploration for my entire family. It was learning rudimentary kashrut; it was the realization that we pray and praise God in our homes, not just in the Synagogue; it was the sharing of our heritage and our traditions with family and friends. But, most of all, it was sitting down at the seder table and discussing -- no -- fighting, about what Judaism requires. And it was learning how each of us will take the same sentence, and interpret it in our own unique way.

It may have taken me three decades and my own child to really seek the affikomen. I'm not saying my search is over. It's just that I've begun to look again and I'm enjoying the hunt!

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Class for students of all ages (8-88). (Students not Bar or Bat Mitzvah by the High Holidays will be permitted to blow only the T'Kiah G'dolah during the main service.)

The class schedule will be Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:00 pm.

There will also be a class trip to the lower East Side on Sunday, September 6. Will have a walking tour, lunch at Ratner's and purchase the Shofars. Guests of students and all synagogue members are also invited to join us.

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		8:00 pm	Board/Constitution Meeting
Thursday	2	7:00 - 9:00 pm	USY EVENT (Youth Lounge)
Friday	3	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services/Gimel Class
Saturday	4	9:30 am	Sisterhood Shabbat Services and Luncheon
		10:15 - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
Sunday	5	8:30 - 12 noon	Sisterhood Giftshop is Open
		7:45 pm	Congregational Meeting
Monday	6	8:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday	8	TBA	Kadima Meeting/ (off premises)
Thursday	9	5:00 - 7:30 pm	Sisterhood Giftshop is Open
Friday	10	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	11	9:30 am	Shabbat Services -- Daled Class Luncheon
		8:30 pm	Couples Club @ Catch a Rising Star
Sunday	12	8:30 - 12 noon	Sisterhood Giftshop is Open
Monday	13	8:00 pm	Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting (off premises)
		5:00 - 9:00 pm	Sisterhood Giftshop is Open
Tuesday	14		USY Event

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times:

April 03	6:03 pm
10	6:11 pm
17*	6:18 pm
24	6:25 pm

* First Seder

Friday	17	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	18	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Friday	24	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	25	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
		10:15 - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
Sunday	26	9:00 - 12 noon	USY Car Wash Fundraiser
		9:30 - 12 noon	Sisterhood General Meeting
		10:00 am	Men's Club Meeting
		TBA	Synagogue Garage Sale
Tuesday	28	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Fifty Plus Group Meeting
		TBA	Yom Hashoah Commemoration
Wednesday	29	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Fifty Plus / 55-Alive Mature Driving Class
Thursday	30	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Fifty Plus / 55-Alive Mature Driving Class
		7:30 - 9:30 pm	Kadima Meeting / (youth lounge)

MAY

Friday	1	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services (Shabbaton with Rabbi Arthur Green: "Seek My Face, Speak My Name: A Contemporary Jewish Theology," author.
Saturday	2	9:30 am	Shabbat Services

SHABBAT

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

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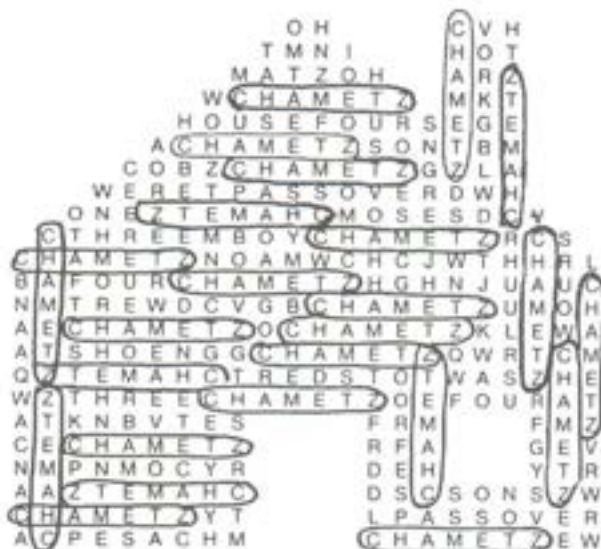
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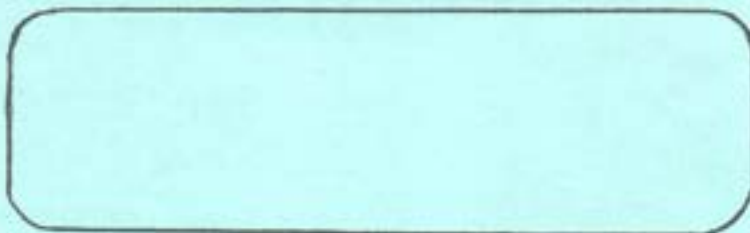


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