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## A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR GOLDBERG

It is the very nature of our public worship that a community comes together before God and chooses one of its membership to lead the service, to be the Shaliah Tzibur, literally "the emissary of the congregation." This raises the essential question of the role of the individual worshiper as against the role of the Shaliah Tzibur.

In antiquity, the Shaliah Tzibur was seen merely as a spokesman of the community before God. They may have wanted a worthy, eloquent and persuasive spokesman, but his role was still only to express the sentiments of the congregation. Each individual strongly reserved the right to speak directly to God on his or her own behalf.

Medieval Jews considered the Shaliah Tzibur to be the community's chosen negotiator, its intercessor before God. The perceived responsibility of the Shaliah Tzibur in the Middle Ages was thereby heightened. This outlook limited the role of the

individual worshiper.

The modern approach, reacting against this trend, has tended to move back toward the more ancient point of view. Rabbi Jack Riener had an insight into understanding the role of the Shaliah Tzibur and that of the congregation.

Rabbi Riener said that public prayer could be seen as a performance. Not, as we too often think, with the congregation being the audience, the Rabbi and Hazzan the actors, and the aliyah recipient as a guest "cameo" appearance. Rather, it is the congregation who are the performers, the ritual chairman is the producer, the Rabbi, the Executive Producer and the Shaliah Tzibur is the Director. They are all working with the prayerbook as their script. They are also actors in their own right, part of the congregation before God Himself who is the audience.

Our performance is not merely for God's simple entertainment. On the contrary, it is an attempt to convey our own  
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### President's Message

During the past few months, it seems that B'nai Tikvah has undergone an extraordinarily large number of changes over this time last year.

Our Educational Director and Hebrew School principal for the past 7 years, Randy Solomon, has decided not to renew her contract and will be leaving us at the end of the current school year. The School committee, along with the Cantor, have been interviewing candidates for this position, and by the time you read this article, a new Hebrew School principal will have probably been hired for the coming school year.

Based on our current Hebrew School enrollment for the coming year and their projection for the coming years, the Hebrew School Committee has informed the Synagogue Board that we will be experiencing a shortage of classroom space in the coming years.

Because of this, and the availability of a two classroom portable unit within North Brunswick, the Board of Directors decided to pursue acquiring the classrooms for our use. At a special Membership meeting held April 5, the membership voted to allow the expenditure of funds to purchase this unit at a auction to be held April 8th.

Other physical improvements that have taken place include the addition of carpeting in Synagogue entrance (installed and paid for by Classical

Caterers), the future installation of an upgraded alarm system within the building to secure and protect entrance to the building.

I am especially glad to report that our membership is at a all time high of 466 member families and our Nursery School enrollment is at a all time high.

However, all of this growth is not without its drawbacks. I have been told by many members that the Synagogue is losing its feeling of closeness; that when they came to services or various functions, they knew everybody there, and now they only recognize a few faces. Even I find this true and continually see faces that I don't recognize. But not recognizing everyone is not necessarily bad.

It shows that B'nai Tikvah is constantly growing and changing as families enter or leave the community. And we have seen a tremendous growth of young families joining, as evidenced by our Hebrew School growth. And as a Synagogue and Community Center, B'nai Tikvah must change to meet the needs of all our members...old & new.

As Rabbi Warmflash is fond of saying after Friday night services, go up to someone you don't know and introduce yourself.

If we follow his advice, we might begin to recognize more people.

Gary Tinkel  
President,  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah

(Cantor's Message, Continued)

profound and passionate message to our audience, to God.

The director and producer have their own perspective on how to deal with the script, how to make its message come alive in the most effective way. They can suggest and cajole the performers with their own views. But ultimately, it is every "actor," every worshiper -- individually and in concert with each other who determines the interpretation, every time an original creation, every time a unique message. We are all responsible for the final product, the congregational worship, its sincerity, tone and intensity. It is up to each as individuals and as a community. The Rabbi and Shaliah Tzibur can help us but they don't pray for us, only with us.

May God be gracious and merciful with us all.

Shalom,  
Cantor Dov Goldberg



#### A NOTE FROM RANDY SOLOMON Educational Director

To the entire B'nai Tikvah  
Congregation:

"Love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might. And these words which I command you this day, you shall take to heart. You shall diligently teach them to your children" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Rabbi Tarfon taught, "The day is short, the task is great. You are not obliged to finish the task, neither are you free to neglect it."

Why, you may ask, have I chosen to begin this article with these two quotes?

As commanded in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, it is incumbent upon each and every one of us to ensure the Jewish education of our children. To this end, I have chosen to give my children an intensive and extensive Jewish day school education.

My older daughter will be enrolled in kindergarten in the fall and will attend school from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, causing a conflict between the time I need to spend with my children and my work hours at B'nai Tikvah.

Therefore, it is with much thought and deep regret that I have given formal notice of the fact that I will not be able to return to my position as educational director of the Religious School for the next year.

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## Religious School (continued)

In keeping with the philosophy of Rabbi Tarfon, I feel that although the time is short and the task is great, we have accomplished a great deal for Jewish education at B'nai Tikvah. But since education is a never-ending process, this task is by no means finished.

I have truly enjoyed the six years I have worked here. During this time, I have had the pleasure of working for an with many fine people, including the children, their families, the Congregation, the Rabbi and Cantor, the school committee, and the school staff.

I will truly miss each and every one of you, as well as the work I did here. I will always be available to you and my successor for any information that might be needed or any other way that I may be of help.

My best wishes to the school and the Congregation for strength and success in the future.

Shalom,

Randy E. Solomon  
Educational Director

## NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE

Passover was celebrated by all the children with a class seder and the story of Passover, as well as appropriate songs and crafts. Cantor Goldberg burned the chametz for the Pre-K classes after the children searched and successfully found it.

Daddy's Stay & Play Day on Sunday is always a success for the children and their daddies.

Our raffle fundraiser will begin shortly with great prizes to be won. Trips for April - a train ride & lunch at Jerusalem Pizza for the younger set & a trip to the State Theater to see Sesame Street's "Silly Dancing" for the Pre-K classes, as well as a short tour of the post office.

### Out of the Mouths of Babes:

When asking the class the name of the beautiful girl King Ahasverous chose to be his wife, **Seth** looked around and said "Ashley!" ..... When asked how old he was during circle time, **Seth** replied, "I think I'm thinking!" ..... **Justin** said to his teacher, "What are you going to do when we go home?" She replied "Maybe I'll take a nap!" He very matter-of-factly replied: "But they don't have beds in school!" (Don't you remember thinking that your teachers lived in school?) ..... When the teacher asked **Sari** if she remembered what the special Purim noisemaker is called, she replied: "robber!"



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CONDOLENCES to:

Elayne Sichel on the loss of her mother, Ruth Jaffe.

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Fran Weinstein on the loss of her father, Leo Gorcey.

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YOUTH FUND

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Special thanks to the Nursery School Classes for donating the video tape "Benjamin and the Miracle of Hanukkah" to B'nai Tikvah's Jerry Yaros Memorial Video Library.





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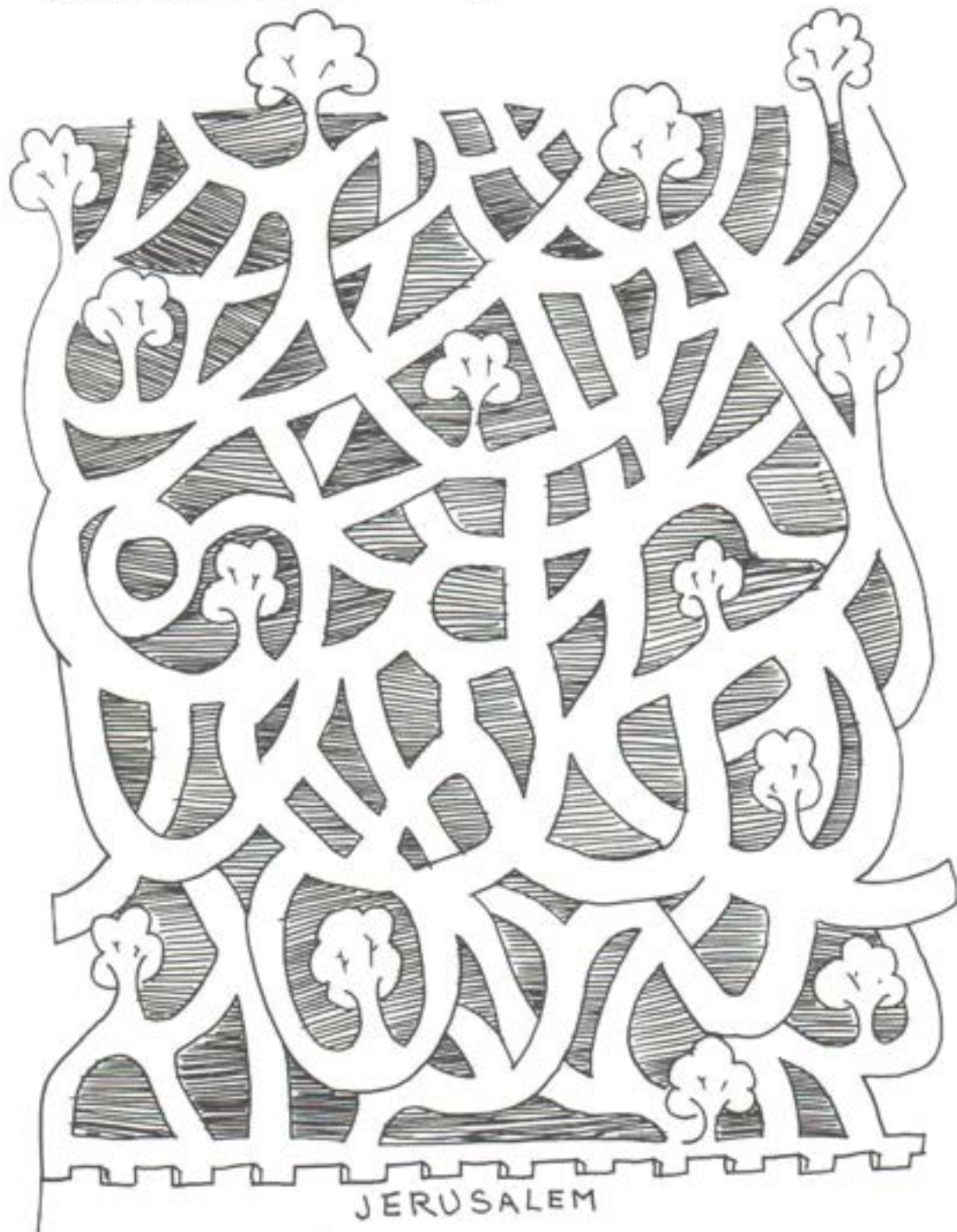




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Answer is in this Hakol!

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And, at our April 28th meeting (1:00 pm) Ron Becker will speak on the "HISTORY OF SYNAGOGUES IN NEW JERSEY." We hope he will include B'nai Tikvah and perhaps your congregation as well. Mr. Becker of Rutgers University, was given a grant to study the synagogues.

Just a reminder that on May 13th and 17th at the Forum Theater, "A Night in the Catskills" is almost sold out. We have a few additional tickets. Call for your reservation and send in your check.

Plan to be with us on Tuesday, May 26th at 12:30 pm for our fabulous luncheon. If you miss it, you are the loser. There will be food, delicious, good company and a little extra. Reservations must be made and payment received two weeks prior to May 26th. More to come in the near future.

We hope all of you had a Happy Passover with Delightful Company at your Seder!

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### **USY NEWS**

Hi everyone!

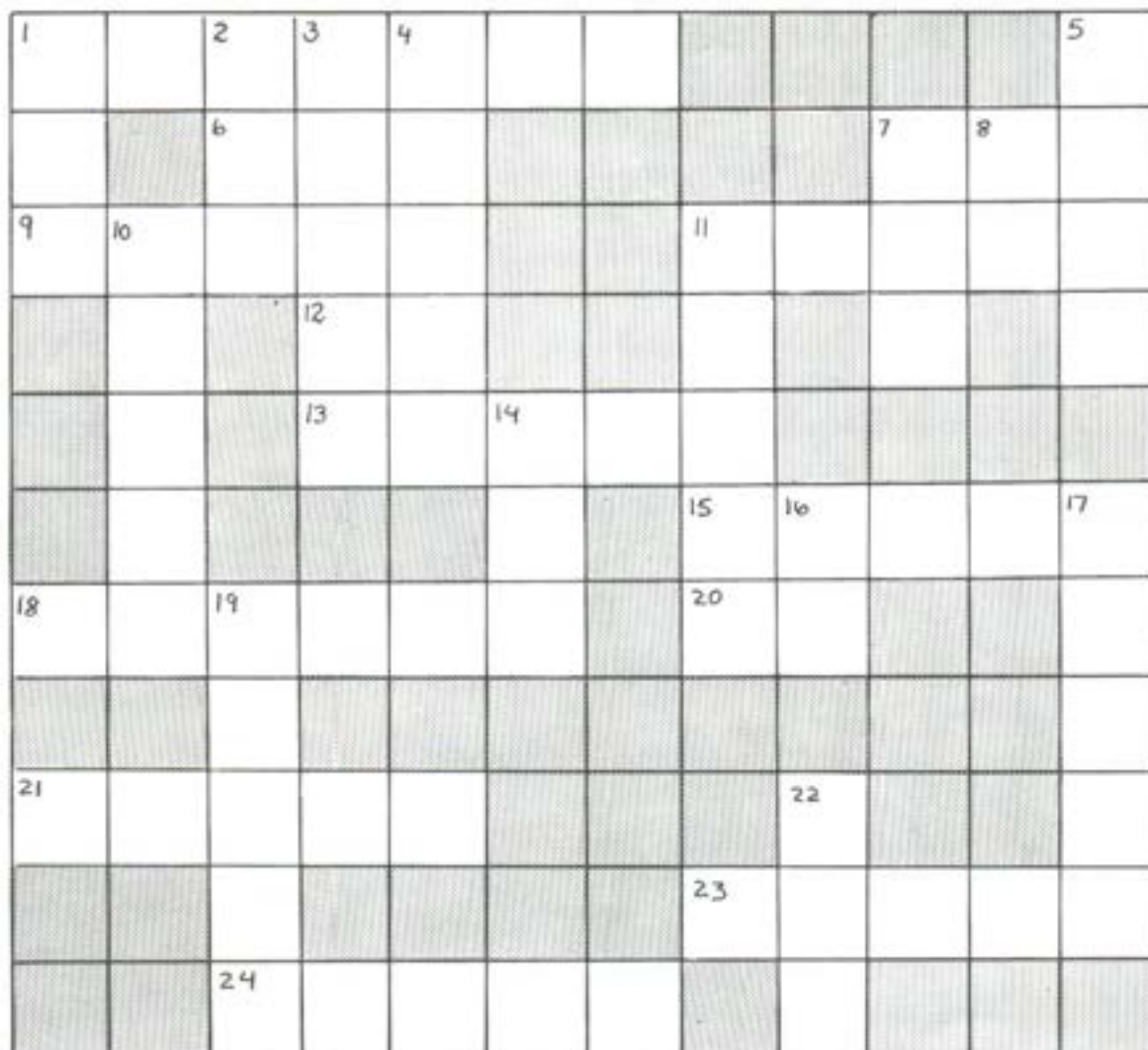
Spring is here (finally!) I know you all have spring fever and may not feel like going to USY events because you'd rather be outside. **Don't fret!** You can do both. On May 6, we are going miniature golfing and in June we are having a picnic. In addition to these events, on May 20th are our USY Board elections. If you would like an application, please call me (Beth) at 422-0945. Come out and vote for next year's USY board.

B'shalom,  
Beth Greenberg



# HOLIDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers are in this Hakul!



## ACROSS

- Chanukah lights.
- Gold or silver.
- Ten commandments were on \_\_\_\_\_ tablets.
- The holiday of Esther and Mordecai.
- Tu B'Shevat is the New Year for \_\_\_\_\_.
- The opposite of yes.
- Passover song: "Who \_\_\_\_\_ One?"
- Purim villain.
- Israeli fruit.
- The eleventh Hebrew month.
- Citron.
- Hebrew month of Shavuot.
- Companion of 21 across.

## DOWN

- Wine mug.
- Rhymes with "4."
- What we do with four cups of wine on Passover.
- Israeli fruit.
- Opposite of found.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments.
- You and I.
- Opposite of over.
- The fast day in Av.
- Passover song: "Who Knows \_\_\_\_\_?"
- Same as 20 across.
- The Hebrew month for Passover.
- The English month for Passover.
- Chanukah fuel for lights.

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY**

Friday	1	8:00 pm	Aleph Services. Guest Speaker/ Shabbaton. Rabbi Arthur Green: "Seek My Face, Speak My Name: A Contemporary Jewish Theology," author.
Saturday	2	9:30 am	Shabbat Services / Rabbi Arthur Green, Shabbaton Leader.
		10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
Sunday	3	am	Daled Parent Program
Monday	4	8:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday	6	pm	USY Event (miniature golfing)
Thursday	7	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Kadima Election (youth lounge)
Friday	8	8:00 pm	Kindergarten @ Shabbat Services
Saturday	9	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Wednesday	13	pm	Sisterhood Event (social hall)
		pm	Fifty Plus: Theatre Night @ Forum
Friday	15	8:00 pm	1st Grade @ Shabbat Services
Saturday	16	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
		10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
Sunday	17	am	Men's Club Meeting (social hall)
		pm	Fifty Plus: Theatre Night @ Forum
Monday	18	pm	Sisterhood Board Meeting
Tuesday	19	pm	<b>Congregational Meeting &amp; Elections</b>
Wednesday	20	6:30 pm	Sisterhood Fashion Show (social hall)
		pm	USY Elections
Friday	22	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	23	9:30 am	Shabbat Services



Tuesday	26	12:30 pm	Fifty Plus Luncheon (social hall)
Wednesday	27	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Kadima
Friday	29	8:00 pm	2nd Grade Promotion @ Shabbat Services
Saturday	30	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
		10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Junior Congregation
Sunday	31		Last Day of Regular Religious School Classes

### June

Friday	5	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	6	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Sunday	7		Hei & High School Closing Service
	7	pm	Shavuot Dinner / Adult Education

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### DAILY MINYON SCHEDULE

Thursday Mornings: 7:00 am  
 Sunday - Thursday Evenings: 7:30 pm

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### Shabbat Candle Lighting Times (nyc)

May	1	6:33 pm
	8	6:40 pm
	15	6:47 pm
	22	6:53 pm
	29	6:59 pm
June	5	7:04 pm
	12	7:08 pm

### SHABBAT

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

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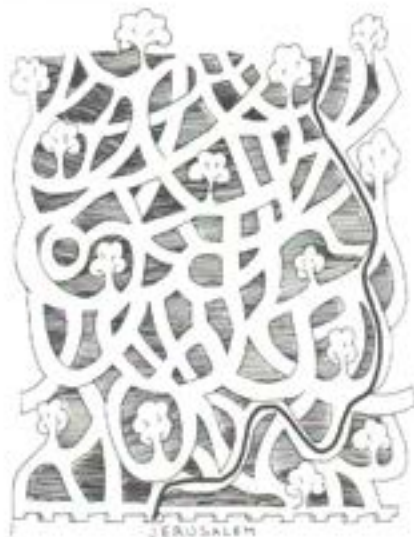
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**BLOWING THE SHOFAR**

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.

Class size, however, is limited to ten people.

Instructors: Dr. Jack Mailman & Rabbi Andrew Warmflash



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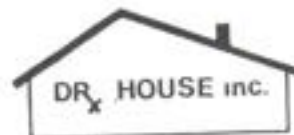
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## ABOUT US

*OLYMPIC DREAMS OF GOLD:* The countdown to Barcelona has begun, and thanks to the influx of new Russian immigrant athletes, Israel has high hopes of winning its first medal. Though memories haunt many of us when we recall the tragic Munich massacre of 20 years ago, (when 11 Israeli athletes were murdered at the Olympics), Israel Scene magazine reports optimism. Judo champion Yael Arad, a Tel Aviv University student, who recently captured the gold medal in February in

the French competition, has helped spotlight the sport, and it is felt she justifies the expectations of her coach and manager. Israel is expected to compete in track and field events, windsurfing, tennis, weightlifting, swimming, shooting and fencing.

**HEAD COUNT:** According to Hebrew University in Jerusalem, we Jews today represent only .25 of humanity, or one Jew for every 406 people on earth. Prior to World War II, Jews counted up to about 18 million. Today, the current total is 13.8 million (including one million unidentified Jews in the former Soviet Union.)

**KOSHER PAYS OFF:** According to a recent study by Dannon Yogurt, which recently received official kosher certification, the number of Jewish households now using their product increased 32% after the certification. This adds as much as \$2 million annually to the company's revenues.

**CAMPUS HATE:** Did you graduate or attend Northwestern, Cornell, Duke the University of Michigan or RUTGERS? Their campus newspapers recently printed full-page advertisements that claim the Holocaust never happened. This, despite protests from faculty and students. Perhaps it is time for alumni and supporters to add their protests as well.

**HAVA NAGILA:** Eighty years ago, a 12 year old in Jerusalem, Moshe Nathanson, wrote the words to this joyous song. As part of an 80th anniversary celebration, Cantor Feinberg of Long Island, who has written a

book about Nathanson, is undertaking an 80 - concert tour in his honor. Cantor Feinberg was one of Nathanson's students.

**REDESIGNING THE CAMEL:** A familiar supposition is the claim that the camel, so ungainly, had to have been designed by a committee. After all, just look at it! Confirming this possibility is the news that a Ben-Gurion University expert has disclosed that Saudi Arabian scientists had secretly visited Israel during the past year for a learned consultation on improving the camel. The Saudis were interested in improving milk production and in breeding faster camels for racing...a popular sport in the Gulf.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JEWISH:** In a small shopping strip in an affluent Washington, D.C. suburb, a refugee from foreign persecution runs a successful kosher restaurant. The proud owner, Hoa Sin Ung, a Chinese, is the proprietor of the Kosher Chinese restaurant, which he has named "Moshe Dragon." Ung, 29, grew up in Cambodia and Vietnam, escaping to this country a few years after Saigon was captured. His restaurant boasts an enormous red Chinese happiness symbol on one wall, and a framed replica of Israel's Declaration of Independence, in Hebrew, on another. Asked why a kosher restaurant, Ung replies, "D.C. didn't have a kosher restaurant."

**CAN YOU BELIEVE:** Russian officials recently visited Israel to study Israeli moshavim (smallholder

settlements) firsthand. They are planning to apply the moshav concept as a replacement for the collective settlements of the Soviet Union. Some things come full cycle, yes?

*Shalom and l'hitraot,  
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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

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

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

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