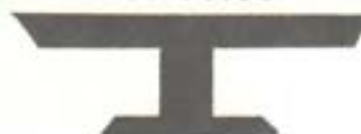




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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Practical Matters

The officers and trustees of B'nai Tikvah would like to spend all of our time devising and implementing new and innovative programs and activities for the Congregation.

We are very long on ideas to improve Jewish education, better youth programs, more activities for members of all ages and more interesting adult education courses. I could expand this representative list almost forever.

Unfortunately, we have a problem -- one you can help solve. We spend an inordinate amount of time discussing money (or the lack thereof) instead of ways to expand and improve our existing activities.

How can you help change that?

First: please pay your financial commitment in a timely fashion.

Second: participate in the supermarket scrip program. This fundraiser costs you nothing, but earns the synagogue 5% of your food expenditures! This program is essential to our financial well being. It will also reduce your dues!

Third: support B'nai Tikvah's fund raising activities; ask your friends and neighbors to join you!

Fourth: get involved. We need more volunteers for committees and future trustees and officers. Stop being a Jewish couch potato instead of just kvetching; help us! We want [and need] your ideas.

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Fifth: Take advantage of all we offer. Mens Club (starting October 4th), Sisterhood, Adult Education, Social Action, Fifties Plus, Couples Club, USY, Kadima, and so on.

If we are to become the Jewish Community Center and synagogue that we all want -- a place to pray as well as the nexus of Jewish life and experience in our community -- then we must have the means to do so.

Give us the means and we will be able to turn our collective energy and creativity towards all of the good things we all want and expect from our Synagogue and Jewish Community Center.

L'Shana Tovah,

Jack Mailman

UPCOMING AND ONGOING FUNDRAISING

L'Shana Tovah. I am hoping that everyone had a good New Year. I wanted to bring you up to date on the status of our fundraising activities.

The scrip program is in full swing. However, there appears to be limited participation. This is an easy way for people to assist the congregation by doing something they would do ordinarily: buy food. If for any reason you have a problem in buying scrip because of convenience, please contact me.

Our Tupperware party is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 15, at 8:00 pm at the synagogue. Bring your

friends, neighbors, relatives, for an evening of fun as well as an opportunity to win prizes. For more information call Laurie Holmes at 908-821-7418.

some of the other upcoming events are our Coupon Book and our Baseball Card Show. Additional information on these activities will be mentioned in the newsflyers as well as future issues of HaKol. However, we need your participation to make these events successful. If you can participate in any way, please call me or the committee chairperson. For the Coupon Book, either Susan Kleinman at 908-297-2562 or Joe Plotnick at 908-821-8794. For the Baseball Card Show, Alan Berger at 908-297-1387.

Again, let me wish all of you a happy and healthy new year.

Kenneth M. Salzinger
Vice President, Ways and Means

FOOD SCRIP/THE EDITORS' EXPERIENCE

Last year, we were confronted by a very insistent Jeff Schwartz on the virtues of using Food Scrip. Mark and I had previously discussed Scrip and decided not to participate in this program. We support the synagogue a great deal and felt very awkward going shopping with paper that looked to us like Food Stamps. (We have never actually seen government Food Stamps, but we think this is what they must look like.)

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SCRIP (continued)

But there was one problem. Jeff is a good friend of ours and if it meant that much to him, we would give it a try. So we humored him with a \$50.00 purchase of scrip for Foodtown.

It took us about a month to actually try these things. We would sub-consciously forget them whenever we went shopping. Then finally we tried them.

The scrip was simple. As easy as cash. The person at the check out counter did not say "oh no, not these things again," no one behind us snickered, and Mark and I realized how childish we had been.

Now, we use scrip whenever possible. It actually helps us since our bank has begun charging for the services of their handy cash cards. And with our son's diapers and baby food we go through more scrip than we ever thought possible. (Actually, if we spend any more money on groceries we might qualify for government Food Stamps.)

In any case, if you're someone who has resisted the scrip program, give it a try. And by the way, we are not the only organization trying to raise funds through a scrip program. A variety of institutions participate in this type of fundraiser because it is a winner for the organization, the individual and even the supermarket.

Happy shopping!
Gigi Cohen

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Jr. Congregation started on September 19. The remaining schedule for this year is as follows:

October 17
October 31
November 7
November 21
December 5
December 19
January 16
January 30
February 6
February 20
March 6
March 20
April 3
April 17
May 1
May 15

Jr. Congregation is held from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm on these dates. Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

Parents, Grandparents and Friends have the opportunity to sponsor a Jr. Congregation Kiddush if they wish for \$20. 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 and Jr. Congregation pulpit on that Shabbat which the kiddush is sponsored. Please call Barry Safer (422-8543) before 9pm please or the Synagogue office for more information.

All parents should have received a Jr. Congregation Handbook outlining this year's program. If you still need a handbook call Barry or the Synagogue office.

SUKKOT HOSPITALITY PROJECT

Once again this year, the Synagogue is anxious to serve as a match-maker bringing together members who are building Sukkot at their homes with those who would like to be their guests. Hosts are expected to provide beverages while the guests bring fruit, cookies or cake.

To volunteer as either a host or a guest or to receive information on how to build a Sukkah of your own, complete the form below and return it to the synagogue office before Yom Kippur.

With best wishes for a sweet New Year.

Shalom,

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash

SUKKOT HOSPITALITY PROJECT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

_____ We plan to build a Sukkah this year and would be interested in having guests stop in for a visit.

_____ We will not be able to build our own Sukkah this year, but would enjoy visiting someone who has one.

_____ We are considering building a Sukkah, but are unsure how to do so, please contact us.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Erev Sukkot	October 11	5:00 pm
Sukkot 1st Day	October 12	10:00 am & 7:30 pm
Sukkot 2nd Day	October 13	10:00 am & 7:30 pm
Hoshanah Rabbah	October 18	9:30 am
Erev Shemini Atzeret	October 18	4:50 pm
Shemini Atzeret	October 19	10:00 am (Yizkor Recited)
Simchat Torah	October 20	10:00 am

Sukkot Dinner & Program Sunday, October 11

Join us at our 3rd annual Sukkot Dinner in our B'nai Tikvah Sukkah. Watch your mail for the topic currently being planned by the Adult Education Committee.

Special Simchat Torah Program Planned

We will be holding a gala simchat torah program on Monday, October 19 at 7:30 pm. The festivities continue on Tuesday at 10:00 am at which time, among other things, we will announce the winners of this year's B'nai Tikvah Dubious Achievement Awards.

SUKKOT

Sukkot is a joyous religious holiday highlighted by singing & dancing. The unique feature of the festival of Sukkot is the observance of the precept to dwell in the sukkah.

"Sukkah," meaning "tabernacles, booths, or temporary huts," refers to the temporary dwelling places used by the children of Israel in the desert during the 40 year period of their wandering following the exodus from Egypt.

During Sukkot, the sukkah is where one lives as much as possible in lieu of one's permanent home. In cold weather, at least one's meals are eaten in the sukkah.

The structure must have at least three walls. The fourth side may be left open and the walls may be of any material as long as they can be firmly fixed and not easily blown down.

The temporary quality of the sukkah is in the roof or ceiling. (Anything that grows from the ground qualifies as ...continued

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Sukkot (continued)

roofing material, as long as it is not subject to ritual impurity, which includes fruits.) More shade than sun should be provided by this temporary roof, and the sukkah should be decorated making it inviting and cheerful.

Another distinctive observance related to Sukkot is the precept to take the four species - a citron (etrog), a palm branch (lulav), a myrtle branch (arrava), and with them rejoice before the Lord.

During the special portion of the festival service known as Hoshanot, everyone in the synagogue with a lulav and etrog joins in a procession around the bimah.

Every day of Sukkot there is one such procession, while on the seventh day of Sukkot, (also known as Hoshana Rabbah), there are seven such processions. These processions around the bimah commemorate similar processions around the altar of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem during the festival of Sukkot.

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHA TORAH

The concluding eighth day of the Sukkot festival is not technically called Sukkot, but rather Shemini Atzeret (the eighth day of a Solemn Assembly.) It is independent of Sukkot.

Although its purpose is to conclude the festival of Sukkot, and it is commonly regarded as simply the final day of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret reflects none of the special observances related to Sukkot. The sages describe the reason for the eighth day in terms of the following parable:

God is like a king who invites all his children to a feast to last for just so many days; when the time comes for them to depart, he says to them: *"My children, I have a request to make of you. Stay yet another day, your departure is difficult for me."*

On this day, one takes leave of the sukkah and returns to his permanent dwelling, there to complete the festive week.

Since it is on Shemini Atzeret that the annual Torah reading is completed, it has also become known as Simchat Torah "Rejoicing of the Torah." Simchat Torah is probably the most exuberantly celebrated festival of the year. It is marked by seven processions around the synagogue with all the scrolls of the Torah. As many people as possible are given an opportunity to carry a Torah scroll. It is customary on Simchat Torah for the children to be provided with special flags or banners, sometimes with miniature scrolls, and for them to join in the processions while singing religious songs, as well as dancing with the scrolls. The usual decorum that is associated with the solemn services is completely waived in the face of the celebration.

SUKKOT BLESSINGS

On entering the Sukkah, after reciting Kiddush or the blessings for bread or pastries, we add the *Berakha* . . .

Barukh Atah Adonai	ברוך אתה ה'
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam	אלהינו מלך העולם
Asher Kiddeshanu	אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו
Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu	לישב בסכה.
Layshayv Basukkah.	

We praise You, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
For You have made us holy through Your commandments
by bidding us dwell in the Sukkah.

Every family should own at least one *etrog* (citron) and *lulav* (palm branch). Every family member should be encouraged to recite the appropriate blessings once daily in the Synagogue, the Sukkah, or the home.

The ritual of *etrog-lulav* is performed while standing, *etrog* in the left hand, *lulav* in the right and held close together. (If left-handed the reverse applies.) The *etrog* is to be held with its *pitom*—the apex, a small, dark, flat-tipped point—pointing down, initially. The *Berakha* then recited is:

Barukh Atah Adonai	ברוך אתה ה'
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam	אלהינו מלך העולם
Asher Kiddeshanu Bemitzvotav	אשר קדשנו במצותיו
Vetzivanu Al Netilat Lulav.	וצונו על נטילת לולב.

We praise You, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
For You have made us holy through Your commandments
by bidding us raise up the lulav.

The *lulav* and *etrog*, held together, are then waved, or in Sephardic custom, pointed in all four directions and up and down. The *etrog* is then reversed, *pitom* up, and the waving is repeated.

Shehechyanu is recited when the *lulav* and *etrog* are used for the first time on the Holiday.

Sukkot greetings are "*Hag Samay'ah!*" (Happy Holiday!) or "*Mo'adim lesim'ah!*" to which the response is "*Hagim ucemanim lesason!*" (Holidays and Seasons for Rejoicing!).



Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive, unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of callousness, hatred, opportunism, falsehoods.

Abraham Joshua Heschel
God in Search of Man

The following selection from Ecclesiastes (3:1-8) is read on Shemini Atzeret:

Everything has its season, and there is a time for everything under the heaven.

A time to be born	and a time to die;
a time to plant	and a time to uproot the planted.
A time to kill	and a time to heal;
a time to wreck	and a time to build.
A time to weep	and a time to laugh;
a time to wail	and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones	and a time to gather stones;
a time to embrace	and a time to shun embraces.
A time to seek	and a time to lose;
a time to keep	and a time to discard.
A time to rend	and a time to mend;
a time to be silent	and a time to speak.
A time to love	and a time to hate;
a time for war	and a time for peace.

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A HIGH HOLIDAY CUSTOM

It is a Jewish "custom" to visit the graves of dear ones on the day(s) before Rosh Hashonah. Some communities extend it through the entire penitential period.

Graves should not be visited on Shabbat, festivals, and the intermediary days. Additionally, visiting graves on Rosh Chodesh and Purim is "discouraged," because of Judaism's emphasis on life. However, in some communities, individuals do visit cemeteries on these occasions.

Whenever you visit the cemetery, there are psalms that many find comfort in reciting (e.c., Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd...") However, it is not a requirement to recite any psalm and one may prefer to meditate silently, or find their own words to express their memories.

There is, however, an appropriate short prayer to be chanted before leaving the grave site. It is "Eil malei rachamim*" it begins "Exalted, compassionate God..." and requests eternal peace for the soul of the departed.

* From The Bond of Life, Edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow.

Eil Malei Rahamim



For male

אל קלא רחמים. שוכן בקרובים. המצא מטה ומונה תחת
כנפי השכינה. במעלות קדושים וטהורים כוהר הרקיע
קוהרים אהינשמת _____ בן _____ שנהלך לעולמו.
בנו צדן תהא מטהו. אגא. בעל הרחמים הסתירו בסתר
כנפיה לעולמים. וצדור בצדור החיים אהינשמתו. ה הוא
נחלתו. ונחה בשלום על מסבבו. ונאמר אמן.

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace in
Your sheltering Presence, among the holy and the pure
who shine with the splendor of the firmament, to the
soul of our dear _____ who has gone to his eternal
home. Master of mercy, remember all his worthy deeds
in the land of the living. May his soul be bound up in
the bond of life. May his memory always inspire us to
attain dignity and holiness in life. May he rest in peace.
And let us say: Amen.

Personal meditation

Compassionate God, at this time of remembrance I
offer my prayers in behalf of _____. Keep his be-
loved soul in Your providential care. May his memory
and the goodness which he wrought in his life find
continuity in my life, and unto all eternity.

Personal thoughts may be added.

Amen.

Eil Malei Rahamim



For female

אל קלא רחמים. שוכן בקרובים. המצא מטה ומונה תחת
כנפי השכינה. במעלות קדושים וטהורים כוהר הרקיע
קוהרים אהינשמת _____ בת _____ שנהלכה
לעולמה. בנו צדן תהא מטהה. אגא. בעל הרחמים
הסתירה בסתר כנפיה לעולמים. וצדור בצדור החיים אהי-
נשמתה. ה הוא נחלתה. ונחה בשלום על מסבבה. ונאמר
אמן.

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Your sheltering Presence, among the holy and the pure
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Personal thoughts may be added.

Amen.

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He gives me repose in green meadows. He leads me beside the still waters. He revives my spirit. He guides me on the right path, for that is His nature. Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm, for You are with me. Your staff and Your rod comfort me. You prepare a banquet for me in the presence of my foes. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and kindness shall be my portion all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. What is the source of my help? The source of my help is the Lord, Creator of heaven and earth. He will not let you falter; your Guardian will not slumber. Surely the Guardian of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your protector, the Lord is your shelter at your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will guard you from all harm; He will preserve your soul. The Lord will guard your going and your coming, now and forevermore.

Psalm 121

REFLECTION

The earth inherits that which is mortal. But only the dust returns to the dust. The soul is not abandoned to the grave, the faithful do not suffer oblivion. For the Lord has shown us the way of life. He has planted eternity in our midst, granting us a share in His unending life. He surrounds us with lovingkindness, enabling us to cherish hopes and to perform good deeds which time cannot destroy. Goodness, love and faith endure from age to age, helping to hasten the kingdom of God in this world. He redeems our life from the grave. His ways are the source of our hope and our comfort.

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IN MEMORY OF A HUSBAND

Distressed with a sense of loss, yet sustained and comforted by wonderful memories. I now recall my beloved husband, _____, may he rest in peace. Love is strong as death, and the beauty and the meaning of our life together survive the grave. I am grateful for the gift of his life, of his love, and for the many blessings which we shared. May they continue to influence my life.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused him pain, and pray that my transgressions against him be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter his soul and sustain my life.

Add your own thoughts

May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. May his memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A WIFE

Distressed with a sense of loss, yet sustained and comforted by wonderful memories. I now recall my beloved wife, _____, may she rest in peace. Love is strong as death, and the beauty and the meaning of our life together survive the grave. I am grateful for the gift of her life, of her love, and for the many blessings which we shared. May they continue to influence my life.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused her pain, and pray that my transgressions against her be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter her soul and sustain my life.

Add your own thoughts

May her soul be bound up in the bond of life. May her memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A FATHER

I now recall my dear father, may he rest in peace. I am grateful for the gift of his life, and for the good memories which enable me to recall the blessings of his life. May the love and kindness with which he touched my life help me to share those qualities with others.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused him pain, and pray that my transgressions against him be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter his soul and sustain my life. May his virtues be reflected in my life.

Add your own thoughts

May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. May his memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A MOTHER

I now recall my dear mother, may she rest in peace. I am grateful for the gift of her life, and for the good memories which enable me to recall the blessings of her life. May the love and kindness with which she touched my life help me to share those qualities with others.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused her pain, and pray that my transgressions against her be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter her soul and sustain my life. May her virtues be reflected in my life.

Add your own thoughts

May her soul be bound up in the bond of life. May her memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A SON

I lovingly recall my dear son, _____, may he rest in peace, renewing the bond that binds my life with the memory of his life. Recalling how he enriched my life, I am grateful for the gift of his life, for its blessings which he enjoyed and for that which he accomplished. May I honor his memory by helping to perpetuate that which was good and meaningful for him.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused him pain, and pray that my transgressions against him be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter his soul and sustain my life.

Add your own thoughts

May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. May his memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A DAUGHTER

I lovingly recall my dear daughter, _____, may she rest in peace, renewing the bond that binds my life with the memory of her life. Recalling how she enriched my life, I am grateful for the gift of her life, for its blessings which she enjoyed, and for that which she accomplished. May I honor her memory by helping to perpetuate that which was good and meaningful in her life.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused her pain, and pray that my transgressions against her be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter her soul and sustain my life.

Add your own thoughts

May her soul be bound up in the bond of life. May her memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF OTHER MALE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

"The dust returns to the earth, whence it came, and the soul returns unto God who gave it."

I now recall the life of _____, may he rest in peace. Grateful for the blessings of that life, I hope and pray that his good qualities will have a lasting influence upon my life.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused him pain, and pray that my transgressions against him be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter his soul and sustain my life. May I help to perpetuate that which was good and meaningful to him. And may we in the land of the living learn to turn to each other always in lovingkindness.

Add your own thoughts

May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. May his memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A BROTHER

Time will not erase the good which I recall in the life of my dear brother, _____, may he rest in peace. I am grateful for the memories of the blessings in his life, and for those precious shared blessings which bound us together. May I help to perpetuate that which was good and meaningful for him.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused him pain and pray that my transgressions against him be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter his soul and sustain my life. May we in the land of the living learn to turn to each other always in lovingkindness.

Add your own thoughts

May his soul be bound up in the bond of life. May his memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF A SISTER

Time will not erase the good which I recall in the life of my dear sister, _____, may she rest in peace. I am grateful for the memories of the blessings in her life, and for those precious shared blessings which bound us together. May I help to perpetuate that which was good and meaningful in her life.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused her pain, and pray that my transgressions against her be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter her soul and sustain my life. May we in the land of the living learn to turn to each other always in understanding.

Add your own thoughts

May her soul be bound up in the bond of life. May her memory endure as a blessing. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF OTHER FEMALE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

"The dust returns to the earth, whence it came, and the soul returns unto God who gave it."

I now recall the life of _____, may she rest in peace. Grateful for the blessings of that life, I hope and pray that her good qualities will have a lasting influence upon my life.

With a contrite heart I repent of my thoughts or acts which may have caused her pain, and pray that my transgressions against her be pardoned.

May God's compassion shelter her soul and sustain my life. May I help to perpetuate that which was good and meaningful to her. And may we in the land of the living learn to turn to each other always in lovingkindness.

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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Friday	2	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday	3	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Sunday	4	10:00 am	Kick-Off Men's Club Meeting
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Saturday	24	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
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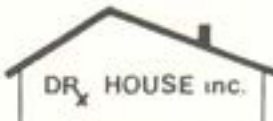
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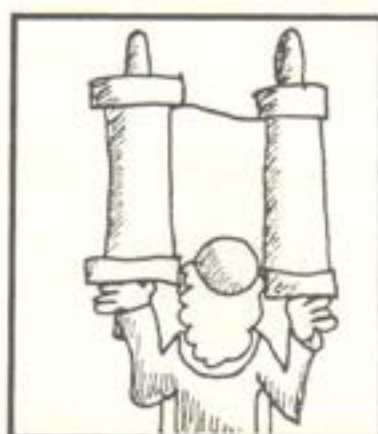
Put these parts of the Torah service in the right order. Write in the correct number.



- ^A Chanting the *brakhhah* after the Torah reading.



- ^B Taking the Torah out of the Ark



- ^C *Hagbahah*:
Lifting up the Torah so everyone can see.



- ^D Chanting the *brakhhah* before the Torah reading.



- ^E The *Hakafah*:
Walking around with the Torah.



- ^F Reading the Torah.

When we do most Jewish things, we usually only say one blessing either before or after. Both reading the Torah and eating have two *brakhot*. One is said before and one is said afterwards.

How is reading the Torah like eating? _____

Answers

4) 5) 2) 3) 1) 6) 7) 8) 9) 10) 11) 12) 13) 14)

The Lulav and Etrog

A Lulav is made up of 1 palm branch, 2 myrtle branches, and 3 willow branches. Which of these lulavim is correct?

Palm



Willow



Myrtle



FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

As of this writing, school has not yet begun. We anticipate school starting soon, along with the tears.

We will be learning about Rosh Hashonah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The children will eat apples and honey, make decorations for the Sukkah, and consume their snack there. They will shake the lulav and smell the sweet etrog. All will be encouraged to attend Simchat Torah services at B'nai Tikvah.

A trip to a turkey farm in October is planned for most of the children. Our photographer will be taking class and individual pictures, as well as the delightful candid shots that decorate the school wing.

The Fall Mommy & Me session is scheduled and the pre-school lunch program will begin shortly.

Joan Shames
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There have been a number of individuals requesting a Sunday morning minyon, explaining that because of the location of their offices they are unable to make minyon on Thursday mornings. As a trial we will be having a special Shacharit service on **Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 am.** If you can not attend on this particular date but are interested in future Sunday morning services, please let Mark Cohen (821-5917) know.

Additionally, we will dedicate a few minutes before the service to the learning and/or relearning the practice of "laying" tefillin. If you prefer, preliminary "lessons" can be arranged, contact Mark at the above number. (Those who are skilled in "laying" tefillin, we can use your expertise at the service to show others.)

All are welcome (including women) to this service which will last approximately 45 minutes. Coffee and bagels will follow.

Please bring your own tefillin if you have them as the synagogue has a very limited number of sets to lend. If you have an extra pair we'll probably be able to use them, so please bring them along.

Remember, tefillin, like other Jewish objects are meant to be used, not "viewed."!

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Irv and Estelle Bach did a presentation on the "History of the town of Roosevelt" at our August meeting. They discussed Roosevelt's origin, social and governing body. "It was a great place to grow up in and their children were born and bred in the town."

Tuesday, October 27th, Rabbi Warmflash will speak on "The 1992 Elections in Israel." We look forward with great interest for an eye view of the situation in Israel.

Tuesday, November 24th, Cantor Dov Goldberg will address our group and an Ethnic Luncheon will be served. A donation and reservation is requested.

Tuesday, December 22nd will be a Chanukah Celebration.

Future meetings and special events will be presented to our members at our meetings. Friends and guests of Fifty Plus Group are welcome. For information, please call Ann Cherson at 297-3575.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

USY opened the new year with two exciting events. First, we went to Great Adventure. We had over 25 people attend this opening event. The next weekend we had fun climbing trees and picking apples. One of our upcoming events include a hayride on October 24th with four other chapters from around the state. We'll also be having a hypnotist, bake night, craft night and our award winning annual shul-in. USY is open to all Jewish high

schoolers. Come on down and try us out!! Call Stacey at 297-6916 or Jessica at 297-4169 or the Synagogue office for more information.

There Are No Strangers, Only Friends We Haven't Met!

MEN'S CLUB

On Sunday, October 4th, the first "new" Men's Club meeting will take place. Please come and show your support for this important arm of the community center. If you have any questions please contact Bill Greenberg (297-6953), Marc Binder (274-2797), or Alan Berger (297-1387.)

CALLING ALL PUSHKAS

Each year around the High Holidays we collect all the B'nai Tikvah Tzedakah Fund Pushkas and allocate the money collected for the new year.

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Midrash Sifre Numbers 78

Throughout the world Jews have heard the sound of the Shofar of Freedom.

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a vision of Judaism in which Jewish law is founded upon the principles of Jewish ethics and morality

a vision of Judaism founded upon the precepts "Love your neighbor" (Lev. 19:18) and "Love the stranger" (Lev. 19:34)

The new hour for Israel is now and the Masorti Movement has the people, the institutions and the resolve to best respond to it.

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A High Holy Day message from Rabbi Ismar Schorsch

Yet another dark chapter has been added to the unfinished saga of human savagery. Surely, the God who taught Jonah of his love for the children and animals of Nineveh must have once again been driven to regret the creation of humankind when He viewed the relentless razing of Sarajevo by Serbian nationalists.

It is against the horror of such obliterating passion that we Jews raise our voices during the High Holy Days. In the amidah of every single service, we pray for the redeeming moment when fear of God will humble human arrogance and humanity "will become a single assembly to do Your will with a perfect heart."

The achievement of world peace will take another touch of the divine, a refashioning of human nature, a perfecting of the heart. At its core, the High Holy Day liturgy resonates with muted messianism.

Short of such intervention, the machzor intones the ultimate worth of every person. Each has her or his moment before the divine bench. One's race, religion, or nationality makes no difference. Everyone is worthy of God's undivided attention; what counts is how we behave, not who we are or where we belong.

That expression of divine respect and compassion for the individual offers the ultimate model for human intercourse.

The High Holy Days are about the supreme value of all the descendants of Adam and Eve. If we could only internalize that ideal, there would be no more Sarajevos.

Visit the Seminary Sukkah

If you will be in New York during Sukkot, make the Seminary Sukkah your "home away from hotel." The Seminary cafeteria offers two meals a day and special arrangements can be made for Shabbat. Contact the Office of Student Life 212-678-8838 for details.

Even if you don't want to eat there, visit the beautifully decorated Sukkah, arguably the largest in New York, if not North America.

Russian librarians tour Seminary

Librarians from the Judaica section of the Russian State University (formerly the Lenin Library) used the Jewish Theological Seminary as their "home base" this summer as they toured some of the most impressive and extensive collections of Judaica in the United States. Topping the list was the Seminary's own Library, which has the largest collection of scholarly books on Judaica in the Diaspora and is arguably rivalled only by the Hebrew University Library in Jerusalem. The visit was made possible by the Ofek Institute in Cleveland in exchange for access to the Russian State University's Judaica resources through microfilm, a concept which was virtually unheard of in the former Soviet Union.

Seminary Briefs Continued...

Seminary link-up with Harvard Press

A new series of scholarly books on Jewish themes has been launched by the Jewish Theological Seminary. The books are being distributed to stores and libraries by Harvard University Press. Since its founding in 1886, the Seminary has pioneered the scholarly publication of Judaica and Hebraica in the United States.

The link-up with Harvard brings a new and important dimension to the Seminary's publication program, says Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the Seminary chancellor. "Harvard's association with the Seminary in this venture is a tribute to the scholarship we produce here," he says.

Back by popular demand

Last year's conference of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators at the Jewish Theological Seminary was so popular, a second conference was held in June. The week-long conference of intense Torah study, discussion and support was under the direction of Vice Chancellor Rabbi William Lebeau and again attracted participants from across North America. Among the topics were the synagogue administrator and personal piety; the relationship of the synagogue administrator with United Synagogue; and problems in the contemporary Jewish family.

Sepharad exhibition at Seminary

When in New York, visit the new Sepharad exhibit being sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary's Friends of the Library. The multi-tiered exhibition, "Text and Context: The Development and Dissemination of Medieval Sephardic Culture," traces the development of the Jewish experience in Spain and its dissemination throughout the world. Among the 60 items on display are rare Spanish bibles, liturgical works, scientific treatises and rabbinic texts, all from the Seminary's own vast collection. The exhibition runs from Oct. 28-Feb. 5 on the second and fifth floors of the Seminary Library. For information contact Ricki Weiner, 212-678-8962.

Conservative Jewry panel submits position paper to GOP, Democrats

For the first time ever, a commission representing the nation's 1.2 million Conservative Jews has submitted a platform statement to the two major U.S. political parties. The statement was submitted to the platform panels by the Public Policy Commission of the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism.

The council, chaired by the chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, includes lay and professional leadership from the Rabbinical Assembly, United Synagogue, Women's League and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Among the topics addressed in the statement were abortion, the environment, education needs, national health care, religious freedom, poverty and foreign affairs, especially as regards to Israel.

"There is an unfinished agenda before us," the commission told both parties in the statement's preamble: "le-takken olam be-malkhut shaddai - to mend and improve the world under God's Kingship."

"We are increasingly concerned about the fabric of American society," the statement said. "The growing gaps between the 'haves' and 'have nots,' those who are able to partake in the multiple riches of our society and those who cannot, present a serious threat to America's social and political well-being. If these growing gaps continue to widen, we fear that America will become beset with conflict and unrest which in turn provides fertile soil for 'scapegoating' and racism."

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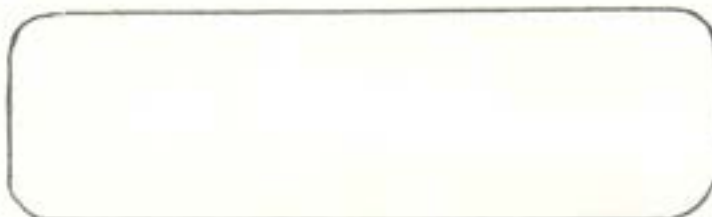
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