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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI WARMFLASH

TO: The Home Office
FROM: Rabbi Andrew Warmflash,
North/South Brunswick Sales Rep
RE: Current Sales Campaign

There is no question about it, our line has the competition beat. Torah really is the best merchandise.

Your entry level products are moving surprisingly well: Shabbat service attendance is up, the daily minyon seems solid, Adult Education classes and monthly Lunch & Learn continue to grow.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
COMMUNITY

I have dedicated my Presidency to increasing the sense of shared purpose and interest we generally refer to as a sense of community.

How do "we" actually accomplish this goal? You will note -- I said we not I. I dedicated my term of office but only we -- all of us together, can make it a reality.

The board and its committees can set up programs and functions but we cannot make you -- the congregation, participate in them or better still enjoy them in the company of friends and family.

We all want "the synagogue" to be there for us in time of need (sickness, divorce, loss of a spouse or other loved one, loss of a job, etc.) Are we there to make up a daily minyon so kaddish can be said for those in mourning? In time of happiness do you remember to share simchas & nachas with the synagogue community?

Do you invite the congregation to a kiddush or do you find a way to avoid inviting all those "people" who attend services? Do you make a donation to thank God for your good fortune...the money to be used to ease the pain of someone less fortunate?

Last High Holidays I invited you to attend services during the year. I wanted the opportunity to meet all of you in a less rushed atmosphere than is available on the Kol Nidre greeting line. Only some have taken me up on my offer (actually plea!)

Some of you drop your children off at Junior Congregation but do not stay for the regular service. What message are you sending your children? A family should (whenever possible) pray together. By showing them Judaism is important to you there is a better chance that Judaism will become important to them, and they will remember that when choosing a future spouse!

The other night a congregant stopped me in the building to complain how the synagogue let them down and did not really care about them. I asked what it was they needed and/or wanted? As it turns out, we have been addressing this congregants needs and I was able to provide a long list of programs and events that they could avail themselves to.

The last event happened just a few days ago and is the reason I wrote this article. The Rabbi, Cantor and Board of Trustees, and all the committees together cannot make us a community -- only the congregation together can do that!

Please participate*! It makes each of us richer as individuals and builds the community into a strong congregation.

-- Jack Mailman, President

* look through your congregational hand book to see what B'nai Tikvah has to offer.

Dear Friends,

Marc and I wish to extend our heartiest thanks to all those who attended the 11th annual dinner dance in our honor. It was indeed our privilege to share the joy with so many of you that evening. The dinner dance is always a fun time spent with our Synagogue family. With committee people like Nancy Kivor, Missy Kivor, Barbara Plotnick and Susan Kleinman to name a few, it's no wonder everyone had a good time.

In addition, Ken Salzinger and his committee and all those who solicited ads for the journal and those who took personal ads deserve our thanks as well. The journal, as always, looked wonderful and we are proud to be able to share in its glory. No one could pull off getting it done better than Richard Schiller and his merry band of collators. The evening was indeed enhanced by the beauty of the journal.

To all the speakers, the Rabbi, Jack Mailman and Gary Tinkel for saying such wonderful things about us, we thank you and boy were we blushing. It's too bad our mothers weren't there to kvell.

Again, our sincerest thanks for a job well done.

Love,
Gale and Marc Dillman




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PURIM

WOW! What a great Purim that was.

I would like to thank the entire cast for making the skits such a huge success. I would also like to thank the people behind the scenes who helped with the props & costumes. A BIG THANK YOU to the beer crew. The hospitality committee did a wonderful job with the food. The hamentashen were excellent. The cameraman did a terrific job (the video will be available in our library shortly.) The promotional flyer was super! The raffle brought in over \$300, thanks to our great ticket sellers.

An extra thank you to the Drs. Levin for their volunteering to organize this gala event; to Deborah Spigner for having to feed us and put up with Dov's and my weird sense of humor; to the great publicity from Beverly-Betty Koffler. A great many thanks to our director and head writer Nachum Dov, without whose help this undertaking would never have gotten off the ground.

And a special Yashar Koach to Sam for reading the whole Megillah!

Just a reminder. The Klezmer Band has already been booked for next Year's Purim celebration. Mark the date: February 24th, 1994!

-- Elliot Danto
Trustee, Ritual Committee Chair

DEAR EDITOR:

(contributor anonymous)

I'm writing this ditty
Please forgive if
it isn't witty
I just wanted to tell
of a night which went well
If you missed it,
it's really a pity

Now I know that
this sounds rather plain
Please believe me
that I am all sane
But I saw men in drag
(and not all of them sag)
just the laughter
has put me in pain

The "Not Ready
for Purim Players"
Entertained all of the payers
But when Elvis came out
The girls they did shout
Just like Bono,
he could have been Mayor!

I wanted to thank
all the Blokes
Who took time to provide
all the jokes
So much time and hard works
Has precious few perks
Just know that you
brightened us folks.

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THE PURIM CARNIVAL

Thank you to the many people who helped make the Purim Carnival an enjoyable success this year. It is important to note that the proceeds are split between the USY and KADIMA Youth Groups to help the children with the costs of their programs.

This year, thanks go to our congregants and friends for bringing their children (both in and out of costume); the USYers, Kadimaniks and their advisors for their organization and work on and at the carnival; the Youth Committee members who were there to lend a needed helping hand; Rebecca Safeer for being a sweet and patient one year old, greeting guests throughout the day while her mommy gave out tickets; the hot dog and knish folks who kept us so well fed we ran out of food, and of course "the big purple dinosaur."

If I missed anyone (it must have been the effects of the beer from the night before) my apologies and thanks!

-- Mark Cohen
Trustee, Youth Chair

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

I'd like to wish everyone a Kosher Pesach and hope that you all enjoy seder during the week of Pesach. We always look forward to this particular holiday because it means that spring is here. We clean and prepare and freshen up for the good weather to come.

Here at B'nai Tikvah Religious School we also look forward to Pesach: vacation rings in everyone's ears and seder in everyone's stomachs! The Alef and Bet classes will be having a model seder led by our Hey class. The Gimel and Dalet classes will be doing a different form of seder this year. We know that everyone will enjoy learning about Pesach and then having a very meaningful Pesach celebration at home.

We'd like to wish a Mazel Tov to Heidi Shamberg who had a baby girl named Ruth. We're happy to welcome her back to school.

Once again, Chag Sameach -- have a good Pesach holiday.

-- Vickie Amron
Religious School Principal

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Mazel Tov to the following Religious School Students who have worked hard this marking period. The Religious School would like to honor the following:

The Rabbi's List with Distinction:

Taryn Bradus -- Alef Class
David Gurney -- Alef Class
Jennell Weitz -- Alef Class

The Rabbi's List:

Scott Edley -- Alef Class
Jennifer Flax -- Alef Class
Lauren Marcus -- Alef Class
Jesse Olitzky -- Alef Class
Michael Sloan -- Alef Class
Rebecca Stoloff -- Alef Class

Alison Brams -- Bet Class
Shelly Calem -- Bet Class
Steven Halpern -- Bet Class

Richard Silverstein -- Hey Class
Fran Weinstein -- Hey Class
Steven Weiss -- Hey Class

Perfect Attendance:

Lauren Frumkin -- Alef Class

Elyse Abschutz -- Gimel Class
David Kaminker -- Gimel Class

Danielle Bradus -- Dalet Class
Lisa Kane -- Dalet Class

Once again, great job! Keep up the good work.

-- Vickie Amron, Religious School Director

NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Our ages may range from 2 1/2 to 5, but we will celebrate a 45th birthday in class -- the birthday of the State of Israel. In class, the children will bake, decorate & consume a birthday cake, see pictures and a video about Israel and produce related crafts. Some will even put their private messages in slots in our teacher-made Kotel (Western Wall.)

Passover will be celebrated by the children with a class seder, appropriate songs, crafts and the telling of the story of Passover. The chametz will be burned after the children search and find it.

A hearing screening was performed by congregant, Rachel Shaneson and we thank her for her devoted services. The nursery school appreciates and thanks Drs. Hinda Liebeskind and James Kelly, Optometrists from Lens 'n Eye, 1727 Route 27, Somerset, for administering an exceptionally thorough eye screening for our children.

Our raffle fundraiser will begin shortly with great prizes, such as \$500, \$300, and \$200 gift certificates to the Menlo Park Shopping Center.

Out-of-the Mouths of Babes:

Andrew's sweater was inside out and he was trying to fix it. The teacher asked him what he was doing to which he replied: "I'm putting it inside in."

The teacher asked Ross when he will be four years old. He very matter-of-factly replied: "On my next birthday!"

The teacher was working on pattern sequencing with the children. She asked Kyle to recite the pattern she pointed to on the board. When she pointed to the triangle, he said it was a hamentashen (after learning about Purim all week)!

-- Joan Shames
Director, Nursery School

B'NAI TIKVAH SUMMER CAMP

Back by popular demand for the ninth year, B'nai Tikvah of North and 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 North and South Brunswick 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 temple provides a separate air-conditioned nursery school wing to facilitate the camp. Our fenced in playground consists of swings, climbing apparatuses, 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,
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B'nai Tikvah Summer Camp (cont)

games and 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), professional storyteller with group participation, a Peanut Hunt, a Magician, Picnics, Puppet Shows, Color War and a Carnival.

The camp will commence July 6th and end August 27. Convenient hours in the mini camp are from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and the choice of 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 on Route 1 and Finnegan's Lane. For more information call Randy Katz-Eisen at 238-2213, evenings.

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

change of plans**

May's luncheon and meeting will not be held (but a regular May meeting will be planned. Please keep Posted. On Tuesday, June 22 we will have the rescheduled luncheon which will feature **Mark Levy**. He will entertain us by singing Jewish music.

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A redemption value of \$60,000 was pledged, with a number of bonds paid for on the spot. The big seller, as has been the case recently, was the \$6000 zero coupon bond. These bonds, paying about 6.6% interest, mature in December 2001. As of the date of this writing, at the end of February, 1993, the investment is only \$3384 per bond. The investment amount changes each quarter as the time period to maturity gets shorter.

Being Chairperson of Israel Bonds was for many years a thankless and often discouraging job. These last few years, however, have been very rewarding for Mili and myself, as we have seen our congregation maturing, not only with more grey hair (we could do without that!) but in a change of outlook and assumption of social responsibility. Not only Israel Bonds and UJA, but our own in-house programs; Social Action, Tzedaka boxes, food collection and distribution, Job Network Exchange and Outreach.

One hand for me and one hand for my ship, as the saying goes. That's maturity, and I'm proud to be one of you.

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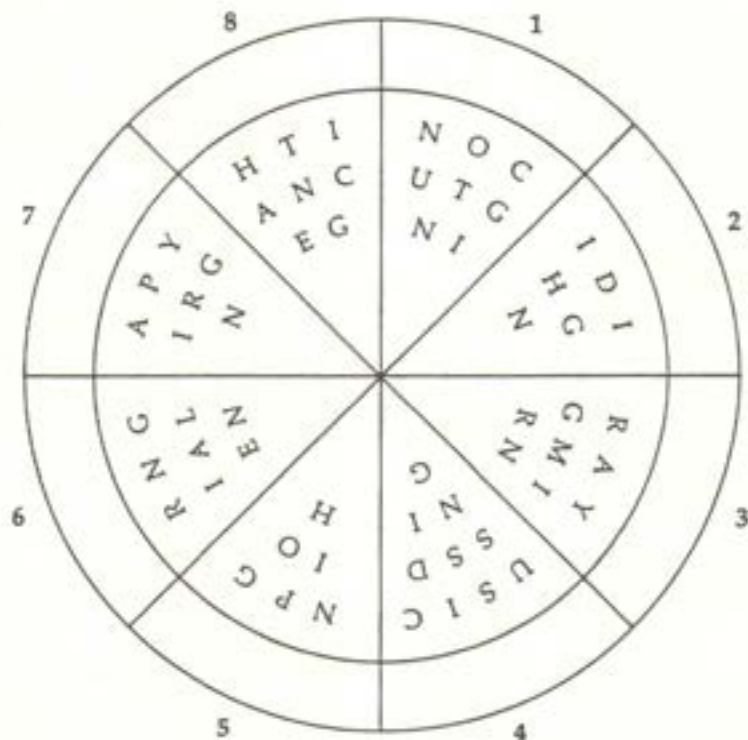
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THE OMER ACTIVITY WHEEL*

During the time of Omer, Jews have taken part in a wide variety of activities. Unscramble the letters between the spokes of the Omer Activity Wheel. Then you will discover some of these activities that we do, both during the time of Omer and on Lag ba-Omer itself. Write the name of each activity in the space above. (Hint: all the words end in *ing*.)

Take the third letter from #1; the fourth letter from #2; the seventh letter from #3; the first letter from #4; the second letter from #5; the second letter from #6; the third letter from #7; and the first and fourth letter from #8. Unscramble these letters to reveal one of the most important activities in Jewish life—an activity that has played an essential role in our survival as a people and as a religion.



ANSWER KEY: 1. COUNTING 2. HIDING 3. MARRYING
 4. DISCUSSING 5. HOPING 6. LEARNING
 7. PRAYING 8. TEACHING; EDUCATION

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH CALENDAR


APRIL

Friday	2	6:02 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Time Shabbat Services
Saturday	3	9:30 am 10:15 am - 12:15 pm	Shabbat Services Junior Congregation
Monday	5	7:00 am 6:00 pm	Fast of the Firstborn Hebrew School Closed Siyum Service for the first born Passover Evening Service First Passover Seder
Tuesday	6	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Hebrew School Closed Passover Services Passover Services Second Passover Seder Begin Counting Omer
Wednesday	7	10:00 am	Hebrew School Closed Second Day Passover Passover Services
Thursday	8		Hebrew School Closed
Friday	9	6:09 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Time Shabbat Services/Family Service
Saturday	10	9:30 am	Shabbat Services
Sunday	11	7:30 pm	Hebrew School Closed Passover Services
Monday	12	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Seventh Day Passover Hebrew School Closed Passover Services Passover Services
Tuesday	13	9:30 am	Eighth Day Passover Passover Services (YIZKOR RECITED) Hebrew School Closed
Wednesday	14	7:30 - 9:00 pm	Kadima Meeting/Youth Lounge
Thursday	15	7:00 - 10:00 pm	U.S.Y. Meeting
Friday	16	6:17 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Time Shabbat Services

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH CALENDAR


APRIL

Saturday	17	9:30 am 10-:15 am - 12:15 pm	Shabbat Services Junior Congregation
Sunday	18	am	Yom Hashoah Men's Club/Kiddush Room
Wednesday	21	pm	Sisterhood/Social Hall
Friday	23	6:24 pm 8:00 pm	Shabbat Candle Lighting Time Shabbat Services
Saturday	24	9:30 am	Shabbat Services (Dalet Services/Lunch)
Sunday	25		Yom Hazikaron
Monday	26		Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Tuesday	27	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Fifty Plus Meeting/Library Kadima/Youth Lounge
Thursday	29	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	USY/Library
Friday	30	6:31 pm	WEEKEND RETREAT Shabbat Candle Lighting Time





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ABOUT US

IT TOOK 137 YEARS -- The updated reference book of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, will at long last be using Jewish sources in their book. Among the quotes will be those of Norman Mailer, Philip Roth, Leonard Bernstein, Mel Brooks, and the Talmud.

AND, AT LAST -- Israel and Egypt have signed an agreement calling for an exchange of expertise and scientific research on desert cultivation, modern irrigation methods, and methods of improving export of agricultural products. Hurrah!

WATCH FOR THIS -- The PBS series, The American Experience will be airing a 90 minute documentary this year, "America and the Holocaust," which will focus on stories of Jews who tried to save their relatives from the Nazis. It is expected this film will dispel the myth that no one knew about death camps until after World War II.

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE -- Franz Werfer, the author, wrote the book in 1940 after escaping from the Nazis, who ignored his talents because he was a Jew. A Berlin library will hold an exhibition of the playwright and author's life, career, and work this spring.

RED-DEAD -- The Haifa Technion has completed plans for a series of hydroelectric power stations that would be driven by Red Sea water through a long canal to the Dead Sea. These stations would supply the same amount of electricity as conventional power stations,
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and would produce desalinated water for half of the present cost. The Italian government has expressed interest in helping to fund the digging of the canal, estimated at \$2 Billion.

KOSHER HIGH -- Anyone for mountain climbing or skiing in the Swiss Alps? A new snack bar under Rabbinic Supervision is now available for travelers to the Jungfrau-Joch plateau at the halfway railway station, 6,000 feet up!

KOSHERLAND -- Disneyland, California, now offers linguine, chicken, and salisbury steak prepared following kosher dietary laws, at several amusement park restaurants. 24 hours notice is required, however.

MORE BLOOPERS BY BIG KIDS -- (More from teachers of Bible Studies, gleaned from 8th grade through college level.) "One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites." "Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went upon Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments."

A BIE GEZUNT -- The NY Times front page recently featured a page one headline that started off with "oy Gevalt!" Judge Tauro of Boston, in another story is described as the "tzadik" of the case, who talked "taklis" because of "chuzpah" by opposing counsel, who were using what was

described as "nareskaytn" and therefore it all resulted in "kvetching" and "khazeray." So, nu? Is Yiddish dead?

LETTERS FROM SOMALIA -- Rabbi Joel Newman is the only Jewish chaplain with American forces in somalia. He is 36, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and writes to the director of the JWB Jewish Chaplain's Council, when time permits. A sample, December 24: "All I hear wherever I go is, 'I can't believe a rabbi is here' -- but neither can my wife. As I mentioned, numbers grow weekly in Sabbath attendance...We've hung a chapel sign, an eternal light, built an ark out of boxes and a place for a small torah. We call it Beth Yona, named after my wife."

January 24: "A funny irony that has become well known is how the Jewish Chaplain is 'caring' for the Muslim service people by distributing Korans and some kosher meals." January 28: "I took another group of 17 to our 'mitzvah project' orphanage feeding center. Again, it depicts very clearly what and why we are here. The small treats we leave go a long way in such a miserable life. The Saudis were there this time, so, with "tablets" blazing, I walked up to them and gave them a friendly "Salem Alaykum" and a handshake and a smile."

L'hitroat,
Mili Rosloff.

PASSOVER THOUGHTS

Passover has always been a time of introspection for us. Some of you may recall the article we wrote last year about childhood and how it shapes adulthood.

This year, we thought more about the responsibilities incumbent on Jewish adults; one of which is to teach our children the story of our slavery and to experience the Exodus, as if we ourselves are being freed from Egyptian bondage.

As we recline around the seder table, reciting the Pesach story to our children, we imitate the actions of the wealthy who lived during Greco-Roman times. We "imitate" the wealthy to invoke questions from our children and to symbolize that we are now a free people.

But there is an irony which exists today. Although we are centuries away from our forefathers in Egypt, we have become slaves to our wealth (possessions). We often dedicate much more time to our jobs than we do to our families or community; we spend endless hours researching what type of car to buy or which prestigious camp to send our kids to; we exhaust our bank accounts to purchase the nicest home we can (or actually can't) afford, then we run up credit card debt to fill our homes with furniture and fineries, only to work even harder to maintain our lifestyles. And with the "American Dream" becoming a nightmare to attain, we are frustrated when the fruits of our labor are somewhat sour.

I am not suggesting that it is a sin to be able to afford the "finer things in life." My father was fond of saying "rich or poor it's good to have money." But if all we strive for in our lives, is to be able to imitate (or become) the wealthy, then how far have we come?

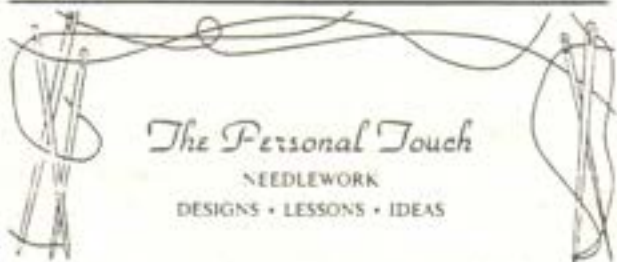
Hillel, in Sayings of the Fathers (Pirke Avot) ,I:14, says it best: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now -- when?"

When God brought us out of bondage He imposed upon the Jewish Community the dual rewards/responsibilities to give charity (tzedakah), to be kind to strangers, and to follow Torah.

It is these mitzvot that help us avoid falling slave to our possessions and at the same time allow us to "honor and glorify our God, and the God of our fathers, who brought us out of Egypt and gave us His commandments".

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy Pesach!

-- Gigi & Mark Cohen



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February 17, 1993

SHALOM!

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County is proud to announce two community-wide events planned for the spring:

* The annual Yom Hashoah remembrance honoring Holocaust survivors and the memory of those lost. This year we will commemorate Jewish heroism on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw uprising on Monday evening, April 19, 1993.

* Yom Haatzmaut - Israeli Independence Day. Israel's 45th birthday marks a milestone and the entry into a new and challenging era. This year we also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the re-unification of Jerusalem. Please note this date change: The Yom Haatzmaut celebration in song and dance will take place on Tuesday evening, May 18th, 1993.

* The Monroe Township Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial observance will take place on Sunday, April 18th, at 1:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Applegarth School, Applegarth Road, Monroe Township. The program this year is entitled: "Italian Refuge -- Rescue of Jews During the Holocaust", and the scheduled speaker is Professor Andrea Grover, a Professor at N.Y.U.

Please join us in making these important dates significant and meaningful for our entire community and note them on your personal and organizational calendars. We welcome your support and encourage participation in planning and implementing these programs.

If you or a representative would like to be involved, please call Gabriela Sadote, the Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council or her assistants, Lee and Lillian at the Federation offices - 985-1234.

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** We appreciate any ideas from readers which may enhance this publication.

** All submissions for the summer issue of HaKol must be in the HaKol box (located in the Synagogue office) by:

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Friday (Shabbat) Evening	8:00 pm
Saturday (Shabbat) Morning	9:30 am
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