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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Last month's dedication of the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. leaves me with mixed feelings and emotions.

On the one hand, the museum is a remarkable tribute to the influence and respect the Jewish community has achieved in America. Where else, outside of Israel, could such a Jewish memorial have been erected on the national public square?

Moreover, there is obviously an enormous need for the museum. According to a recent Roper Poll, perhaps as much as 1/3 of the American people have significant doubts about the reality and extent of the Holocaust. The overwhelming collection of memorabilia which has been assembled -- from cattle cars and gas canisters to family photos and heirlooms -- make such denial impossible.

Still, there are aspects of the museum which leave me feeling uncomfortable. According to

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure and pride that I have accepted the nomination to be your President for another year.

I have been actively involved with B'nai Tikvah from its conception. Some of you probably wonder what would drive a person to dedicate himself to such a task for over 16 years.

I intend to answer that very question during my Yom Kippur appeal. (Yes, I have already started writing it!) The purpose of this article is to give you an idea of a day in the life of a synagogue president.

As I write this, it is the end of a long day at B'nai Tikvah. It is Sunday, May 16 1993. At 8:40 am I was selling scrip with VP Ken Salzinger and supervising the ebb and flow of temple activities with VP Jeff Schwartz and Cantor Goldberg.

At 9:45 am Rabbi Grossman

## RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

newspaper reports, the National Holocaust Museum is a state-of-the-art, high tech, user friendly environment. For example, as they enter, visitors are given the name of a victim similar to them in age and sex. As the visitor progresses through the museum he/she is able to access the unfolding story of that person's Holocaust experience on computer terminals. While such technological wizardry undoubtedly makes the Holocaust seem more real and personal; it also runs the risk of creating a fantasy environment, a sort of "Sesame Street of Death."

Even more troubling is the emphasis the museum apparently places on the role of Americans as liberators of the camps. The historical record clearly demonstrates that America did not become involved in World War II in order to save Jews from the Nazi death camps. On the contrary, President Roosevelt refused to authorize the bombing of rail lines to Auschwitz and other camps because he believed they were not strategic objectives.

The tragic fact is that the American response to the holocaust was more one of indifference and denial than of active response. To the extent that the museum seeks implicitly to rewrite this chapter in our history, it does all Americans a real disservice.

One last thought. I believe that, in the final analysis, the new Holocaust Museum must be measured on the basis of how it affects us. If it is simply

a monument to Jewish suffering, moving us to tears for the victims and gratitude to their liberators, it will have failed to reach its potential. Ideally, such as museum and monument most do more. It should change the way we think and the way we act. Challenging us to actively combat genocide and "ethnic cleansing"; transforming "never again" from a Jewish slogan into a binding national commitment.



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**A Day in the Life of the President** (of B'nai Tikvah) continued...

her lecture to the joint sisterhood and men's club. While she was lecturing, USY was washing cars in the parking lot. They raised (under the supervisor of the board's youth chairman, Mark Cohen) almost \$250 for charity.

At 10:30 am, Ken, Jeff and I supervised pick up & drop off of Hebrew school students and of course I sold scrip! (Mark suspended car washing during this time.)

Between 10:30 am and noon I weeded the flower beds in front of the synagogue and sprayed the concrete with round-up! I also consulted with Vickie Amron, Susie Rosenstock, Mark Kasdin and Gary Tinkel.

Once finished, Ken and I were again selling scrip and of course car washing was again suspended to allow for the safety of the children being picked up.

At 12:30 we were off to the picnic held at Reichler Park. Larry Cohen, Arthur Biderman, Gerry Edley, Barbara and I ran the kitchen! VP Bill Greenberg ran the whole show and a fine job he did. (Attend next year if you missed this event.)

Highlights -- tug of war between current President Mailman's team and past President Dillman's team! and Arthur Biderman on guitar!

You see, Sundays are exciting and event-filled at B'nai Tikvah. So, don't just sit at home at kvetch about your dues.

## GET INVOLVED!

You -- all of you, are welcome at our events. Better yet, join committees and help make the events even more successful.

I know I need some help, all the Vice Presidents need help, and the committees need help. We cannot provide all which we do without the active involvement and participation of our congregational family.

If the congregation reelects me, the goal of my second term is to make you feel a part of the community, not outsiders looking in, or turned away.

There is much I left out of this report but I will continue to highlight all that B'nai Tikvah offers in future HaKols.

I will conclude by thanking all those trustees, VPs, committee heads and members as well as Rabbi Warmflash, Cantor Goldberg, and past president Gary Tinkel, for all their help in making my first year as President such as successful and joyous year.

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We would like to congratulate our Hey students on their completion of the Religious School curriculum. Their graduation ceremony took place on Wednesday, May 26 during the Shavuot evening service at 7:30pm. **Mazel Tov to:**

*Jamie Brokowsky  
Seth Dvorin  
Robyn Heller  
Glenn Kessler  
Ayelet Margolin  
Jeff Schlesinger  
Brian Schwartz  
Richard Silverstein  
Sarah Stoloff  
Gerri Trooskin  
Rachel Warren  
Andrew Waxman  
Fran Weinstein  
Steven Weiss*

We look forward to seeing you in our Chai School next year.

We would like to wish a special Yashar Koach to

*Joshua Krantz  
Jared Schwartz*

on their completion of Hebrew High School. They have worked hard and long and we are very proud of them both. They also graduated on May 26.

We wish you a very happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

**Vickie Lynn Amron**  
Religious School Director

## HEY TZEDAKAH

We'd like to congratulate the Hey Classes. As a culmination of their Tzedaka unit they each chose a Tzedakah and proceeded to have a fund raiser for MAZON (group which feeds the hungry) and Ethiopian Jewry. The carnival for MAZON raised \$164. The bake sale for helping resettle the Ethiopian Jews raised \$60. Mazel Tov and Yashar Koach to all of our Hey students.

*As a torch is not diminished though it kindles a million candles, so will he not lose who gives to a good cause.*

MIDRASH:Exodus Rabbah, 30:3

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## UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

USY has had a lot of exciting activities in the past month. On April 12, USY had a karioke night, and the winners of the lip-sync contest were Stacie Karp and Alison Bromley. The USY'ers also had a Holocaust program at which Mrs. Ilene Karp spoke. On May 16, the USY'ers had a car wash and the proceeds went to SATO.

On May 23 we went to New York City and visited the Soho Galleries. USY looks forward to their annual executive board installations on June 12 at B'nai Tikvah.



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## KADIMA -- HOT IDEAS

This year Kadima had a pleasant invasion of sixth graders. They took Kadima by storm. All of the activities were attended with great enthusiasm by everyone.

This spring, Kadima was filled with exciting new programs which included a chocolate seder (a choco-holic's dream) and name that video (look out MTV lovers.) And of course, how can anyone forget jackpot bingo in which 12 kids showed up in a snow storm.

Kadima will not be starting off the next year the same old way. Look for a flyer detailing a Kadima barbeque in early September.

Additionally, we will be distributing a monthly flyer in the mail to all paid Kadimaniks which will outline and give information on the month's activities.

We expect '93/'94 to be better than ever!

Finally, Kadima would like to thank all members of the youth committee and their chairperson (Mark Cohen) as well as all the parents who helped this year by driving to dances, carpooling to meetings and lending a hand during the Purim Carnival.

See you next fall!

-- KADIMA

MAZEL TOV !!!!!

Congratulations to Aryeh Warmflash who impressed us all by being a finalist in the National Bible Contest held on April 16 in New York City.

We're proud of you.

#### TISHA B'AV SERVICES

Monday, July 26 @ 8:30 pm:  
brief service with traditional  
reading of Aycha (Lamentations)

Tuesday, July 27 @ 7:30 pm:  
traditional mincha service  
(Tefillin are worn.)

*AYCHA (Lamentations) is the one book of the Torah that one is always reluctant to study; the one book that one always hopes will become obsolete. Yet those who grieve with Jerusalem will one day rejoice with her. In that spirit, we wept with Jeremiah and sought to delve deep into the thoughts with which he penned the tragedy-laden words of AYCHA.*

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Also, we are still offering headplates (at the top) and donation plaques (at the bottom) of each memorial board. Contact Jeff Schwartz at 297-6365 for more information.

#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The synagogue office will continue to be open on a daily basis during morning hours throughout the summer. The Rabbi will be on vacation for one month beginning June 25. Cantor Goldberg will be available to handle emergencies which arise while the Rabbi is away.



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Sandy & Michael Sperber on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Elaine.

Gigi & Mark Cohen on the birth of their son, Joshua Samuel.

Robyn Heller on her Bat Mitzvah.

Andrew Waxman on his Bar Mitzvah.

Ayelet Margolin on her Bat Mitzvah.

*CONDOLENCES TO:*

Sydell Spinner on the loss of her mother, Esther Horowitz Silverman.

Ann Rosenzweig on the loss of her mother.

Liz Rosenfeld on the loss of her mother.

Amy Berger on the loss of her father, John Yourman.

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On May 2, Rabbi Warmflash spoke to Jewish Family Service's Chaim V'Tikvah group which seeks to address the spiritual need of Jews in 12-step recovery programs. The session was entitled "Honor Your Father and Mother: The Many Mixed Feelings That Are Often Involved."

On May 6, the Rabbi helped organize a special interfaith service in honor of the National Day of Prayer at the South Brunswick Senior Center. The service included the participation of other local clergy and was attended by more than 100 people.

### DON'T STRIKE OUT!!!

Don't be closed out. It's time to sign up for the B'nai Tikvah Couples bowling league for the '93-'94 season. Word has gotten out how much fun our league is and we've had to turn away people the past few years. Due to injuries this year (no, not on the lanes) there will be some openings.

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**SOUTH AFRICA** -- Eric Kovler, a Jew and founder as well as for many years President of the NAACP, established a fund providing for 12 Jewish and black physicians, as well as other health professionals, to assist in training South African blacks in the health care field in their country. They will work at the universities of Cape Town and Western Cape over the next few years.

**NEW JERSEY KOSHER** -- Despite a ruling of the New Jersey Supreme Court that enforcing kosher food regulations is unconstitutional, officials are still enforcing the rules. Upcoming in the near future, however, will be new rules in reenforcement, allowing consumers to make informed choices.

**NEW JERSEY YELED GADOL** -- Israeli Tomatoes? Governor Florio's trip to Israel may bear new, improved fruit. An agreement was signed during his visit to the Volcani Center of Agricultural Research, with an announced goal of developing and marketing superior produce suitable to our New Jersey climate. The tomatoes would be for export to Europe.

**DONATION OF TRANSPLANTABLE BODY ORGANS, A MITZVAH** -- A campaign has been launched to persuade the Israel public that donating organs after death is a religious obligation. Half a million pamphlets are being distributed encouraging this mitzvah. Contrary to widely held erroneous belief, Jewish religious leaders, as well as Muslim, Christian, etc. support this type of donation; gifts of life.

**WOMEN!** -- A husband and wife team of rabbis have become the Navy's first rabbinic chaplain team. They are stationed in the Orient. Rabbi Karen Soria is only the second female chaplain to serve on active duty, and the first to be stationed overseas, as well as the first assigned to a Marine unit.

**FAST FOOD FANS TAKE NOTE** -- Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Square attracts the old, the young, the brash, the professionals, you name it. Listening, one can hear a blend of tongues unequalled virtually anywhere. Hebrew, Anharic, Arabic, Russian, Yiddish, English, etc. But even more intriguing is the range of eateries, mostly American fast-food, which has taken the country by storm. The square boasts Wendy's, Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Carvel, Jack's Frozen Yogurt, and more. Soon, the long awaited golden arches are slated to be raised up high, too, and sure to be welcomed enthusiastically. But how? After all, milk shakes are taboo with meat!

**IDF TOLL** -- The Israeli military reports 149 fatalities in 1992, compared with 137 the

**ABOUT US (continued)**

previous year. All Israelis are subject to military duty and training after high school graduation, and service for reserve duty several weeks annually after their mandatory 2 to 3 years of service are completed. The post middle-aged purse and package inspectors at markets and department stores are often members of the reserve performing their annual tour of duty.

**IS NOTHING SACRED?** -- The Ninth Street Deli in Columbia, Missouri features a coupon for a cut price on its special, a bowl of homemade New England clam chowder, served with a bagel and cream cheese, plus a deli pickle...

L'hitraot,  
Mili Rosloff

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**CONGREGANT'S CORNER**

(Letters to the Editor are welcomed in any HaKol issue on any topic that is important to you. We will not "edit" anyone's letters unless their is an erroneous religious statement.)

**Re: Dr. Mailman's "President's Message" in the April HaKol.** One paragraph, referring to Shabbat services, bears repeating, and I quote -- "Some of you drop off your children 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."  
**CONGREGANT'S CORNER (continued)**

Yes, what message are you sending your children? Its quite clear.

It's really not important to attend Shabbat morning services. Simultaneously that parent thwarts the work and efforts of our Hebrew School teachers to effectively inculcate Torah and Judaism in the mind of the child. Is it possible that these parents are not aware that a young persons lack of commitment to Judaism too often leads to intermarriage. Don't they really care?

Its not for me to tell someone what to do. However, I would ask the question: what do you do between 9:30 am and 12 noon, after you've dropped off your child? Is that really more important than the Shabbat morning service?

-- Herb Feldman

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Rabbi Andrew Warmflash  
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Dear Rabbi Warmflash:

On behalf of Jewish Family Service, I would like to thank Congregation B'nai Tikvah for their generous donation to our Food Pantry. This year over 350 people benefited from our Passover Food project.

Again, thank you for making this program possible.

Yours truly,

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The Commission on Social Action and Public Policy is pleased to announce the publication of "Judaism and Health Care Reform." The goal of the piece is to provide a Jewish dimension to the discussion currently taking place on this issue in the United States. The position paper includes the 1991 United Synagogue resolution on universal health care, relevant concepts and sources in Jewish law, Jewish texts on the distribution of scarce medical resources, suggestions for congregational involvement in the debate on health care reform, as well as a listing of available resources within both the Jewish and general community. For further information, contact Sarrae G. Crane, ext. 2207.

The USCJ Databank Committee respectfully requests that if your congregation has not yet sent back its completed **Congregational Database Questionnaire**, please do so immediately! Don't miss out on the opportunity to benefit from helpful information regarding personnel placement, programming, and education, to name just a few areas covered by the survey. Only participating congregations will receive a summary report. If you need an additional copy of the survey form, please contact Martin Kunoff, ext. 2402.

The **Education Department** is currently preparing the next issues of "Your Child" and "Tov L'Horot." Watch out for these exciting publications, which will feature articles on independence and separation as well as a summer reading list. This issue of "Tov L'Horot" is devoted to the teaching of Hebrew and includes a module lesson. The Department's Family Pages, "Dapim Lamishpahah" are appearing in synagogue bulletins and school newsletters around the country. Registration is now under way for two Solomon Schechter Day School teacher training programs, to take place this spring and summer.

Summer program planning is well under way in the **Youth Department**. There has been a tremendous growth of interest in our Eastern European Pilgrimage and Poland Seminar, with over 30 participants slated for Eastern Europe, and 124 for the Poland trip (for which we received some 164 applications!). NATIV 12 is doing well on kibbutz and celebrated Pesach in *Eretz Yisrael*. USY High '94, which will take place January 30 - March 25, has already received its first applicant, and over 60 USYers have requested more information regarding this eight-week high school program in Israel. "Israel Month" is only a short week away, and as Shalom Orzach, the central staff *shaliach*, says: "Think Israel. Think Iyar. Iyar is Israel Month."

Special student subscription rates are now available from 37 Jewish publications, thanks to our **KOACH College Outreach Department**. Students need to identify themselves as being college students affiliated with The United Synagogue in order to qualify. A listing of the publications was printed in the most recent issue of "KOACH on Campus," our campus newsletter. To receive a copy, contact the Department of College Outreach, ext. 2514.

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To submit articles:

\*\* We welcome all written contributions from congregants of B'nai Tikvah. Any submissions which the editors find inappropriate, will be turned over to the Rabbi and/or President for final approval.

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

\*\* THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAKOL WILL BE THE HIGH HOLIDAY ISSUE SO WE ARE EXPECTING A GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL FOR THAT MONTH. PLEASE HAVE YOUR ARTICLES IN ON TIME SO THAT WE CAN HAVE IT PRINTED AND IN THE CONGREGATION'S HANDS ON TIME.

Issue: September  
Deadline: August 1, 1993!

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|---|---------|
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| Saturday (Shabbat) Morning                  | 9:30 am |
| Sunday Mornings                             | 9:15 am |
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