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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As President, I hear many complaints. Why does the synagogue not do this or some other thing on their agenda? Why won't the board of trustees or the Rabbi and President do what I feel the community needs...?

While many of the ideas and suggestions I hear are good ones, the responsibility can not fall only on the board of trustees, the President or the Rabbi. It is incumbent upon us all to pitch in and get involved. The leadership of our synagogue can only achieve success if everyone is involved.

Identifying a problem is easy. Try being part of the solution. Then you win and the community wins.

This message is best presented through one of our Shabbat Shalom comments on a well known Torah portion. (These comments are distributed at Shabbat services every week.) The comments are excerpted from an article by Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artzon, the torah portion is BO.

With our Young and our Old

Pharaoh and Moses are locked in a conflict of two opposing world views.

Pharaoh represents a civilization built upon an obsession with death; Moses advocates a religion whose followers "chose life." Pharaoh stands at the pinnacle of a society which is organized in a strict hierarchy -- a world in which everybody is assigned a place below someone else, all in the service of the state and its enormous aristocracy. In contrast, Moses and the Torah mark the beginning of a society dedicated to limited government and the rule of law under God.

The difference could not be more clear. The choices could not be more stark.

In this Torah reading, one more difference emerges -- a difference which sets the two worlds of values in radically opposing contexts.

Pharaoh makes an attempt to buy Moses' acquiescence to slavery. Moses has insisted that Pharaoh let his entire people go. Pharaoh realizes that such an action would end the slavery of Israel in Egypt. So he makes a counter offer: the men may go out to the wilderness to worship God, but the women and the children must remain in Egypt.

Pharaoh was speaking the normal language of politics, in which

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President's Message (continued)

opposing camps compromise in order to reach agreement. Neither side walks away completely satisfied, but each is able to claim some concession that allows him to retain what he wants -- Hebrew slaves -- while simultaneously permitting Moses to claim a significant victory. After all, he would be able to assert that Pharaoh has acceded to his demand to worship God in the wilderness.

The distinction between a good politician and a great one is the ability to know when a compromise is not appropriate.

Among his many talents, Moses was a great politician.

Moses knew that the one area one can never compromise is in the insistence to include all people. Pharaoh wanted to restrict worship to men, and Moses' reflection is immediate and total:

With our young and with our old, we will go; we will go with our sons and daughters...for we must observe the Lord's festival.

Judaism would not be simply the preserve of one caste, one sect or one gender. Old and young, male and female -- all of us together comprise God's people, and all of us together form the community of Israel.

None are excluded, all are to be welcome.

That spirit of inclusion started at the very beginning, in the heated arguments between Moses and Pharaoh. And from the very beginning Moses taught us that a Judaism that cannot make room for all Jews is no Judaism at all.

As we continue the journey initiated by our ancestors so long ago, it is well worth focusing on the adamant insistence of our first teacher, Moses: "With our young and with our old, we will go."

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

When you read this we will be through two thirds of our year. It is almost time for next year's registration. So, start thinking about after school activities and which days will work for you.

We enjoyed a lovely Purim Celebration and now our thoughts turn to Pesach. We will of course be experiencing Pesach in each grade. Every class will concentrate on some other aspect of the holiday. I wish you all a "Kosher Pesach" and hope that all of your families enjoy a Chag Sameach.

Report cards will be mailed home this month, so please look for them in your mail.

March 6 we look forward to a parent program with the Hey class, on March 13 the kindergarten children will be working "together" with their parents, on March 20 the Bet class will bring their parents in for a Pesach program. I look forward to meeting with all of you on the Sunday to which your children have been assigned.

Shalom V'Chag Sameach,
Vickie Lynn Amron

WE HAVE THE WINNERS!

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PASSOVER SERVICES 1994

Thu. March 24	7:00am	Siyum Service for the first born
Sat. March 26	6:15pm	Service for 1st evening of Passover
Sun. March 27	10:00am	Service for the 1st day of Passover
Sun. March 27	6:00pm	Service for 2nd evening of Passover
Mon. March 28	10:00am	Service for the 2nd day of Passover
Fri. April 1	8:00pm	Service for 7th evening of Passover
Sat. April 2	9:30am	Service for the 7th day of Passover
Sat. April 2	7:30pm	Service for 8th evening of Passover
Sun. April 3	9:30am	Service for the 8th day of Passover (Yizkor recited)

From Monday evening, March 28, through Friday morning, April 1, for the Intermediate Days of Passover, services will be held at their regular times.

NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Last month our registration for the 1994-95 school year began. If you didn't register yet, please call the nursery school office -- 297-0295 to see if we still have any openings. Priority registration and a liberal discount is afforded to all B'nai Tikvah members.

This month we are planning our annual Tot Shabbat, as well as a presentation by Dr. Dora Shapiro, one of our mommies.

A puppet show about the handicapped was enjoyed by the Pre-Kindergartners last month.

Passover will be celebrated by all our classes with a class seder, appropriate songs, crafts and stories. The Pre-Kindergarten classes always enjoy searching for the chometz so that it can be burned.

We will begin our Spring Mommy & Me classes after Passover. If we have enough interested people for a new 18 month - 24 month (as of April) class, we will add an additional class. B'nai Tikvah members have priority for this class if they register on time.

OUT-OF-THE-MOUTHS OF BABES:

When the teacher was discussing "J" words with the children, one child said "junk" begins with the letter "J". Rachel quickly exclaimed that is not something you should do when you drive! (We think she meant "drunk!") When discussing the migration of birds to warmer climates, the usual response is that the birds go to Florida for the winter -- not so for Matthew who told us that he thinks they go to St. Thomas -- sounds good to us!

Joan Shames, Director

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

The weather was a miserable and hazardous for members to attend the January meeting. We hope the March 22nd meeting weather will be "spring like."

Sy Kramer wishes responses to two trips planned for the end of May.

1) The Catskills -- 5 days, 4 nights, about \$300.00.

2) Boston -- 3 days, 2 nights includes some meals, admissions, hotel and transportation \$200. Call Sy 297-3562.

3) United Synagogue Seniors Conclave -- Thursday May 12, 1994. Jewish Center of West Orange. Lunch, Jewish Study, musical entertainment, discussions of contemporary issues. Cost \$10.00 Call Ann 297-3575.

Please respond promptly so that plans may be finalized. All trips must be planned well in advance. More to come!

GOOD & WELFARE

Many thanks to Betty Stark who has been the coordinator of wishes from our synagogue members for years. She has resigned her important duties to Renee Grodman who has been working with her and will continue on this important job. If you would like to send a donation to the synagogue on someone's behalf and have a card sent to the person being remembered, **contact Renee Grodman at 329-6059**. If you have time to help Renee send cards and coordinate messages please contact her as well.

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When the campers are indoors, they will enjoy participating in block building, housekeeping, arts and crafts, games and puzzles, singing and dancing and a snack. Our weekly activities for this summer include a whole language thematic program with a special event at the end of each week. Some of the events from past summers have been Teddy Bear Day, Nature Day with a visit from Owl Haven animals, Barney Day, professional storyteller with group participation, a Peanut Hunt, Circus Day with a visit from Bubbles the magician, picnics, puppet shows, Cowpoke Day, Native American Day and Carnival.

The camp will commence June 27 and end, August 19. 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. This five day program is available for toilet trained children between the ages of 2 1/2 to post kindergarten. A new third group has been added to accommodate 2 1/2 year olds with a ratio not exceeding one adult to five children. An extended day lunch program on Monday and Wednesday from 12:30 - 1:30 has been added to our program. For more information call Randy Katz-Eisen at (908) 238-2213, evenings.

ABOUT US

An army of Schindlers? The movie has inspired a flood of information about other Jewish rescuers who risked life and limb or worse to save Jews during the Holocaust. For example, Hitler's allies, the Italians, had many government officials and "biggies" who successfully delayed, plotted, or practiced all sorts of strategies that saved most of the Italian Jews. And we all know of the heroically successful rescue and evacuation of the Danish Jews, as well as others.

Halva Nagila -- Famed entertainer Harry Belafonte relates that wherever he performs worldwide he is requested to sing this song, which is such an integral part of his repertory today. He is fascinated by the response of his audiences, where even in Japan, 8,000 Japanese in an audience will enthusiastically join him in singing this song. A secret weapon, perhaps, instead of armaments?

ABOUT US (continued)

BURMA (or Myanmar, as it is now called) -- Before World War II, the Jewish community here numbered about 2200. Most of this Jewish population had arrived in mid-19th Century from Baghdad, Teheran, or India. They founded a day school, two synagogues, a Zionist organization, and at one time, the Mayor of Rangoon was Jewish. Just before the Japanese invaded in 1942, the Jews fled for England or Australia. Only a few hundred returned after the war. Since then, intermarriage and emigration have reduced the group to only 20 including three families, five women in Bassein, and a few Jews in Taunggyi. But there is little contact with the latter. Nevertheless, two brothers in Rangoon still manage the Synagogue Trust that supports an income to maintain the cemetery and the Musmeah Yeshua Synagogue, built in 1857. For holidays, the Israeli embassy helps make up a minyan. The Israeli ambassador presided over a recent bar mitzva ceremony, and the Joint sends \$2,000 yearly. Will this community survive?

Congo -- Israel's Hadassah Hospital has sent a team to Brazzaville, Congo, to treat 300 Africans blinded by cataracts or glaucoma. This is the first visit by an Israeli medical delegation since the Congo severed diplomatic ties over 20 years ago.

Tourism To Israel -- 1993 was the best year ever, with almost 2 million visitors to Israel, an increase of 10% over the previous year. If you have not

gone recently, or ever, don't forget Rabbi Warmflash will be leading a group in late June.

3,000 Birthday Candles -- 1996 will be the year of the Atlanta Olympics, the next US presidential election, and the 3,000th birthday of King David's city, Jerusalem. A year long party is planned, so watch for details.

"Chelm" Story -- A so called sage, from Chelm, where else? told us the following: "The rich who have plenty of money buy on credit. The poor who haven't a copper have to pay cash. Isn't it common sense it should be the other way: the rich to pay cash and the poor to get credit? But what if a merchant who gives credit to the poor becomes a poor man himself? Well, then he'll be able to buy on credit."

L'hitroat,
Mili Rosloff

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January 24, 1994

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
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Dear Rabbi Warmflash:

Thank you for hosting "Chaunkah Park". As you know, more than 600 families attended the event. Your synagogue offered an atmosphere of beauty, warmth and acceptance to the families who participated.

The success of the event demonstrated that there is a need for community-wide Jewish events. Those who attended felt part of the greater Jewish community. Everyone in your synagogue can feel proud of performing a major service to the community. We had the cooperation of your board, staff, school, volunteers and the caterer. Your board also contributed funding to the event. Ken Salzinger has contributed substantially to our sub-committee from the beginning. His work along with that of the Congregation B'nai Tikvah community helped to make the day such a huge success.

Hopefully, this event will be the beginning of a Middlesex Jewish Community tradition.

Shalom,

Linda Benish
Sub-Committee Chair

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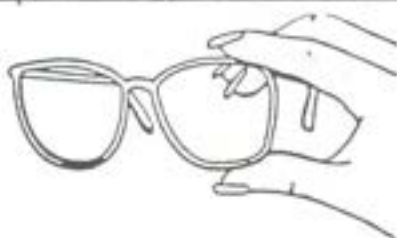
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THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS CREATES A CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE HOLOCAUST

Stating "There is a great need for a meaningful instrument to sensitize people in our community to the lessons of the Holocaust," Mark Roller, President of the Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, has adopted the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™.

The candle is modeled after the traditional Jewish memorial candle which is lit during a period of mourning and on the anniversary of the death of a family member. It is made with yellow wax and bears a special label which depicts a Jewish star and a strand of barbed wire reminiscent of the death camps and the yellow armbands which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi period.

The candles will be lit this year on the evening of April 7, as people throughout the world begin a day of commemoration of the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The Ritual Committee is planning a service for the evening of April 7, to coincide with this program.

Arthur Cederbaum, Chairman of this year's program, noted that the Yellow Candle has been embraced as a powerful symbol by many families in our community, by Conservative, Reform, Orthodox and Reconstructionist congregations, by college campuses, church groups and military bases, and by public, private and religious schools.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program was conceived in 1981

when 400 families in one congregation lit candles, and its use has grown each year since. In 1993, over 126,000 families remembered those individuals killed in the Holocaust by lighting a Yellow Candle in homes, synagogues or at community commemorations.

A special meditation recited at the Yellow Candle's lighting reminds us not to "forget the lives of the men, women and children who are symbolized by this flame."

William I. Wolff -- Author will be reading his original work at B'nai Tikvah on April 8*****

William I. Wolff will be reading an original poem "Might Still Be Alive" on April 8 at B'nai Tikvah in honor of Holocaust Memorial Week. The poem traces anti-Semitism from the birth of Jesus (Christ) up to and through the Holocaust, and concludes with the death of Adolph Eichmann.

Bill, the son of Nina and Alan Wolff, is a senior English major at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He is a winner of The Daniel Shocket Prize in Creative Writing for the student who demonstrates the greatest promise or ability in writing. He has also won The Academy of American Poets' Prize for the best group of poems by a Union Undergraduate (of which "Might Still Be Alive" was included). His career plans include an MFA in Creative Writing and a PhD in Literature with the final goal of becoming a professor of English.

Time of reading to be announced.

Belated Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow congregant Alan Brown for being our guest speaker in January. Your presentation on how to get media coverage on small business accomplishments is greatly appreciated.

Special Note

Dear Friends,

This month a special Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle will be delivered to your home. We ask you to please join with other members of our congregation on the evening of April 7, 1994, in placing the Yellow Candle in your window. Then light it in memory of all the victims of the Holocaust and as a reminder that if the Holocaust is forgotten, it can happen again.



Future Activities

Meeting March 6, 1994

In co-sponsorship with the Sisterhood we will be having wine and cheese tasting. The wine samples will all be from Kedem.

April 17, 1994

We will be participating in the half century commemoration of the formation of the Jewish Farmers Community Center.

Special Event April 10, 1994

For the second year in a row we are coordinating a trip to see the:

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