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### -----PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-----

Although you should receive this edition of Hakol prior to the election of officers and trustees, Dr. Jack Mailman has invited me to "guest" this space in June. As you know, his column in May's Hakol was Jack's last as president of the congregation.

When I reflect upon Jack Mailman's tenure as president over the past two years, three words immediately come to mind—*dedication, accomplishment, and devotion.*

Jack's *dedication* to our synagogue/center is obvious to all. Whether you saw him in person on the grounds or spoke to him on the phone, Jack was accessible to everyone. Not a day went by over the past two years that Jack didn't call me on the phone to discuss synagogue business. If I happened in the synagogue office on a given day, it was likely that Jack had just been there or that he was expected to be there in a matter of hours.

In addition to all of the time which Jack devoted to the administration of B'nai Tikvah, he was similarly dedicated to the spiritual side of the institution. He regularly attended Shabbat and holiday services. Who can forget the relish he took in making the announcements at the end of each service, or the sparkle in his eyes as the congregation replied in unison, "Shabbat Shalom, Jack!"

President Jack Mailman attended our funerals, dropped in at our weddings, and "shebbed nachas" at our baby namings, brits, and b'nai mitzvot. Jack once told me that his mission as president was to be in touch with the congregation and to realize that sense of community for which we have striven since the founding of B'nai Tikvah by our predecessor congregations. Jack thought it was his duty to console mourners at every shiva minyon; and, unfortunately, he worked nearly full-time performing this role over the past two years.

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Jack Mailman's leonine dedication to B'nai Tikvah resulted in a long list of accomplishments of which he can be justifiably proud!

Under his direction, our synagogue family grew from 350 to 500 members.

Jack's High Holiday fundraising appeals met with huge success, setting new records.

The synagogue office was opened for the first time on Sunday mornings and the Sunday morning minyon became regular and dependable.

Under Jack's tutelage, and with his financial support, Shomrei Tikvah grew and became a recurring feature on the congregation's capital fundraising landscape.

With Jack as president, B'nai Tikvah has become a dynamo in Middlesex County Jewish Federation activities, in contrast to our prior status as "that new place in the southern end of the county".

President Jack Mailman is directly responsible for negotiating a major endowment to B'nai Tikvah which will accomplish two purposes--first, to beautify our sanctuary with two artistically significant tapestries and second, to place a major infusion of cash into the congregation's coffers.

Besides the foregoing examples of Jack Mailman's solid record of accomplishments during his two-year term as president of B'nai Tikvah, I would be remiss to leave out his accomplishments of a more personal

nature.

Despite his busy schedule and all of the time which he devoted to B'nai Tikvah, Jack also had to deal with several personal crises of his own as well as helping this writer get through personal and business problems.

Luckily, Jack's personal life has regained a solid footing. We all wish the best of luck to Jack and his lovely Barbara on the occasion of their forthcoming (August) marriage.

Jack Mailman was never too busy to lend a hand or to offer wise words of counsel to others in need. As president of the congregation, he proudly walked the halls of our synagogue/center interested in the lives of its members and always pondering on how B'nai Tikvah could best serve the needs of the congregational family.

Jack, you have succeeded as president more than you ever could have guessed! "Yashar Koach"--thank you from a grateful congregation, which has been changed for the better through your generosity, your dedication to service, your proud accomplishments, and your personal devotion to all!

Jeff Schwartz  
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-----NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES-----

A sad time - a time to say goodbye to our classmates and teachers or "Lehitraot", as we sing in Shalom Chaverim.

Our Spring fundraiser raffle drawing is planned for June 3rd. Our fantastic prizes include \$500, \$300, and \$200 gift certificates to any store or stores in Menlo Park shopping center, a valuable original signed cartoon wall picture of Woody Woodpecker, as well as other valuable prizes.

Our family picnic was postponed to June and will be offered to all our nursery school and Mommy & Me families.

A trip to Green Meadows Farm for the 3-day children is planned. The Pre-Kindergartners are looking forward to graduation, as they practice their medley of songs.

During the summer, if new people with young children move into your area, please tell them about the various programs being offered by our nursery school. Mommy & Me (18 months to 2 1/2 years), nursery (2 1/2 to 3 1/2), pre-kindergarten (4-5 years), extended lunch program, 2-day extended day for morning children and a mini summer day camp. A limited amount of spots are still available in some classes. In September we are adding a new 3 day afternoon Pre-Kindergarten class, which still has several openings. For more information, please call the nursery school office, 297-0295 or Joan Shames at home, 254-9192.

Out of the Mouths Of Babes:

One day the teacher asked some of the children if they knew where they lived. Craig responded confidently, "I live at home!"

It is a very difficult concept for young children to understand how we could celebrate the birthday of a country. For example: Upon learning that we were getting ready to celebrate Israel's birthday, Erica asked her mother, "Who is Israel's mommy?" Stephanie said to her mother, we had a birthday party for Israel today...but he wasn't there!"

Joan Shames  
Director

-----FIFTY PLUS GROUP-----

The general membership meeting of the Fifty Plus Group was held on Tuesday, April 26. Light refreshments were served and by popular demand a penny auction was held. Surprise gifts were raffled off and few left empty handed.

In the absence of President Ann Cherson, the meeting was chaired by Sy Kramer and the auction bidding was orchestrated by Madeline Gaynor.

We held our trip to Boston on May 4 through 6 with several group members attending. We have scheduled a new trip for Wednesday, June 22. This will be a sightseeing cruise on The Spirit of Philadelphia, sailing

down the Delaware from Penns Landing. It will include a buffet lunch, and musical entertainment. After the cruise we will visit some historical sights on our own in Philadelphia, such as: The Liberty Bell, Philadelphia Mint, Independence Hall, Betsy Ross House, etc. For more information and to sign up call Sy Kramer at 297-3562.

The AARP 55 - A Live driver refresher course is being held May 9th and 10th in the synagogue library. The course is given by Gil Tunick and arranged through the diligent work of Ann Cherson and Estelle Bach. The fee is \$8 for a two day lecture course. Luncheon is moderately priced and also handled by Estelle Bach.

A special thanks is due here to Thelma Karas, Neysa Bibel, Ann Cherson and all the "human knitting machines" who lovingly and diligently knit all sorts of clothes, blankets, etc. for children in need via the Department of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

Finally our "paid-up" membership luncheon will be held on the 28th of June at noon. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Ames. The fee is \$6 per person. Please pay your membership dues of \$8.00 per person, per year and make your reservations early.

-----DON'T MISS THIS-----

This year's Israel Bond Tribute Breakfast, held on April 24, was the best attended ever! No doubt it had to do with the personal popularity of Judy and Mark Roller, our honorees. Attendees turned out to honor them, and also to use the occasion to show their respect and feelings by buying Israel Bonds.

The popular item of interest (no pun intended) was the Zero Coupon Bond. This competitive investment now pays a substantial 7 1/2% beginning May 1, 1994. Buy now and this rate is locked in to maturity. Invest \$3,157, and get a return of \$6,000 in ten years. Guaranteed by the State of Israel, it has never been late and never missed a payment.

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-----Congregant Corner-----

At the very last minute, our family decided to join the B'nai Tikvah bus trip to the Jewish Museum in New York. We were rewarded with a wonderful day!

The bus trip was a pleasure, and brunch at Ratner's Restaurant a delight. But the highlight was clearly the museum itself, which provides a glimpse of the richness of all aspects of Judaism--artistic, intellectual, spiritual, and just plain human.

Thought-provoking exhibits also address fundamental issues of contemporary Jewish life, highlighting the inevitable tension between maintenance of a separate Jewish identity and assimilation into an indifferent or hostile world.

Our children were not disappointed either, finding a separate section with hands-on exhibits, and a crafts area where they made their own kiddush cups, challah covers, and other ritual items.

This was a trip we probably would not have taken on our own, and we are grateful to the synagogue and the organizers for what proved to be a feast for both the body and soul. We look forward to more such events, and encourage everyone to participate and enjoy.

*Toby and Gary Ehrlich*

**Editor's Note:** We thank the above contributor for their article and encourage congregants to submit articles which reflect their experiences and perspectives on Jewish-related topics and lifestyles.

-----ABOUT US-----

ISRAEL BONDS: Wow! The congregation's turnout for the recent Israel Bond Tribute Breakfast honoring Mark and Judy Roller was a sell-out! Those of us who attended were treated to a marvelous speaker for this event; Dr. Michael Bar Zohar-- author, politician, teacher, former Knesset member, aide to Moshe Dayan, etc. etc.

An unpublicized bond purchase-- but a very, very meaningful one, was made by Steven Weiss (a recent Bar Mitzvah celebrant) and son of Janet and Michael Weiss. Steven, who attended the breakfast and has decided to use his Bar Mitzvah money gifts to purchase Israel Bonds, has no doubt that the bonds will provide a safe investment vehicle where his funds will earn interest. Moreover, as a new "adult" in the Jewish community, he has begun to satisfy his personal commitment and responsibility to the State of Israel by extending it a loan--a loan which will afford Israel to grow and become stronger. "Yashar koach", Steven!

Switzerland: Paul Grueninger, former police chief of St. Gallen, a Swiss canton, has just been "reinstated" after more than 50 years. He had been fired for helping more than 1,000 Jewish refugees flee to Switzerland to escape Nazi persecution. It took 25 years of effort by local supporters to secure "reinstatement" as a police official. Grueninger died in 1972, after losing his pension and his job. Just one more "story" of a humanitarian who risked all to save lives...

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The museum has been open for only a short period of time, but the survey indicated that the museum and its curators are on the right track insofar as fulfilling the expectations of its visitors. 26% of the visitors had come from out of town, many for thousands of miles to see the museum. 95% of Jewish visitors voted for the experience rating of "extremely favorable", as did Catholics; whereas 92% of the Protestant visitors who were surveyed, voted their experience as "extremely favorable".

Historical Tidbit: The cornerstone of the famed George Washington Monument, the obelisk, contains a rare document. Responsibility for the inclusion of this document belongs to Naphtali Phillips, a Jew, who was a reporter for the "American Advertiser" at the time of Washington's Farewell Address. He sensed it would be of some importance for posterity, and kept the very first copy as it rolled off the press of the "Advertiser" in Philadelphia.

Half a century later, when New York City proposed a monument to our first president, Naphtali offered his memento, which was placed in the cornerstone. The New York

memorial was never completed, but when the present landmark obelisk in Washington was eventually built, New York State presented its cornerstone, and it is part of that well-known structure to this day.

Philips, a deeply religious Jew, and a clerk and trustee of his synagogue for many years, always took a vigorous interest in political affairs. To this day, he remains the only layman whose funeral was held in the vestibule of Shearith Israel.

More On Bagels: We are told that in Chicago, the Simon Brothers Bakery created--imagine--the "fortune bagel". Yes, indeed, each bagel boasts a "fortune" a la the Chinese fortune cookie, which, of course, no longer contains a prediction... The fortune bagel's enclosure is in both Hebrew and English. So, nu, what comes next, quotations from the Talmud?

L'hitraot,  
Mili Rosloff

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**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1994 EDITION OF HAKOL, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, IS FRIDAY, JULY 22nd. This is due to Rosh Hashanah which begins Monday evening, September 5th.**

Dear Fellow Congregant,

The Men's Club invites all Temple families to participate in our first community Jewish New Year's Card. All members will receive the card with individual wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year from all the listed families.

Rosh Hashanah is very early this year, it's never on time. So before you become too involved with summer vacation plans, please take a moment to fill out the tear-off slip and mail it with a check for \$10, payable to "Congregation B'nai Tikvah Men's Club".

Some examples of how you may wish to be listed are:

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### WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES

Sisterhood plans to publish a brand new cookbook and needs exciting, low fat, delicious, kosher recipes. If you have a tried and true favorite, send it to Sisterhood c/o Synagogue Office.

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If Your Children came home from Hebrew School on Sun., May 15, raving about a Shevuot surprise, thank Bonnie Stevens of Sisterhood. Her committee sponsored a Shevuot celebration featuring songs and Shevuot French Toast. Here is the recipe if you would like to try it at home:

12 slices of challah, 6 slices of american cheese, 4 eggs, 1 tsp. va-

nilla extract, 1/2 tsp. salt,  
brown sugar, cinnamon, 2-1/2 c milk

Grease or spray lasagna tin with non-stick spray. Beat eggs, salt, vanilla, and milk. Set aside. Arrange 6 slices challah (or as many as fit) in bottom of tin. Place slices of cheese on top. Place remaining challah on top of cheese. Pour egg mixture over challah and cheese. Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon and brown sugar. Cover and refrigerate 2-24 hours. Bake at 350°F uncovered for 1 hour or until top is lightly toasted. Serve with pancake syrup, powdered sugar, or jelly.

By the way, this works with egg substitute, skim or lowfat milk, and low fat cheese. Enjoy!

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Hope you enjoyed the Fashion Show as much as we did. Our thanks to Jill Stone and her committee (Lisa Seidman and Ellie Greenberg) for another fabulous event. Wonderful Fashions! Great Food! (and those models were something else!)

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Spring is all around us and summer is closer than most of us (who are thinking about getting into swimsuits) would like.

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Leslie & Martin Schlesinger in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jeffrey.

Nancy & Barry Kivor in honor of their future son-in-law, Philip Fisch.

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Dear Nana: Can you tell me where the Mikvaot are located in this area. My husband and I just moved to Central Jersey and we'd like to observe this important mitzvah. New to NJ.

*Dear New: There are two mikvaot in Middlesex County. They are Park Mikvah, 112 S 1st St., Highland Park, 249-2411; and Young Israel of East Brunswick 195 Dunham's Corner Rd., East Brunswick, 254-1860. If any of my readers are interested in learning more about this mitzvah, I suggest they turn to the chapter on Mikvah in The Jewish Catalog. If you have further questions, ask Rabbi Warmflash.*

Dear Nana: I thought you'd like this little chuckle. I was in the car with my grandchildren, listening to a cassette tape (not compact disc) when a song came on, "Everybody's Got a Little God in them." The following conversation was overheard from the backseat. "Well, what do you think that means?" said my granddaughter. "I know what it means," answered my grandson. "It means when you are little, you only have a little bit of God. As you grow up you get more God. And when you are all grown up you are full of God." At my age, I figure I'm overflowing. Grandma

*Dear Grandma: Thanks for making my day. If it's true, then my cup runneth over too. Nana.*

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