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RABBI'S MESSAGE

What's in a name? The Talmud teaches: "Keshmah kach Hu." A phrase which implies that a person's name can provide a key to understanding their personality. This idea seems particularly meaningful with regard to "Israel," the name associated with the Jewish people since antiquity.

According to the Torah, the name Israel was first given to our ancestor Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, the first Jew. He didn't receive the name at birth but, rather, acquired it late in life, after struggling with an angel who had sought to destroy him. "No longer will your name be Jacob," the angel informed him "but Israel, for you have struggled with God and man and you have prevailed."

The lesson for us, Jacob's descendants who bear the name "Israel" is clear: To be a Jew is no easy thing. It means to struggle eternally with God and with man.

Our religion does not consist of easy answers to life's questions. It is not a force which pacifies people and encourages complacency. It teaches that it is our destiny to struggle with the world. It demands active engagement not passivity.

To be Israel means to struggle with God and man. What is the nature of these struggles? On the human side, the answer is clearest: To be a Jew means never to accept the status quo. If there remains one hungry person in the world, it is our job to feed him. If someone is sick, we are to care for them. If someone is oppressed, we are to fight for their freedom. If welfare doesn't work, we aren't

permitted to abandon the poor with the excuse that there have always been poor people and always will be. We are obligated to continue to struggle with the incredibly complex social problems of our day.

While some Eastern religions encourage political passivity, Judaism urges just the opposite. It demands of us that we involve ourselves in the political process, struggling to make society a better place.

But what does it mean to struggle with God? What does it mean to be part of a people which is commanded by God to struggle with him?

To be Israel means that we have a right and duty to question God. We are commanded to try and understand God's ways, and to struggle with the divine word. Passive

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acceptance of our own religion is not the Jewish way. Abraham challenged God, striving to understand God's justice. Generations of his descendents have done so ever since. Our relationship with God is meant to be alive and intimate. It is not a partnership of equals, but it is one which demands our active participation.

To be a Jew worthy of the name Israel means to be dissatisfied, but not unhappy. To struggle to make the world a better place and to understand God's ways. It entails an unwillingness to accept things as they are, and encourages us to strive to improve our relationship with God and work for the betterment of society.

It is true that each of us can only do a limited amount. We can only change the world a little bit. Nonetheless, it is our destiny to struggle with all of our energy to do what we can. In the words of the Talmud: "The work is not yours to complete, but neither are you free to desist from it."

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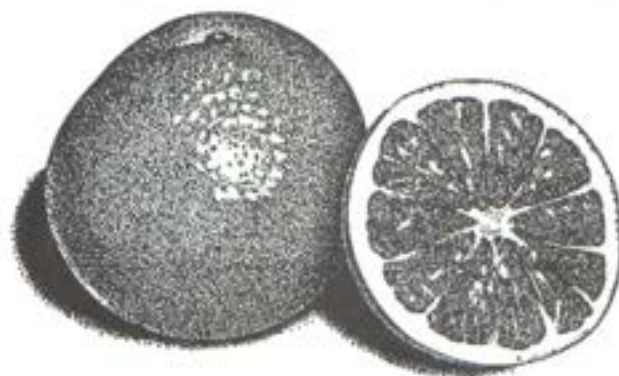
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Condolences to Paul Lehrer on the loss of his mother, Ethel Lehrer

Condolences to Bobbi Binder on the loss of her mother, Elaine Cohn

Condolences to Louis Flumen on the loss of his father, Irving Flumen

Condolences to Avigdor Ne'eman on the loss of his father, Moshe Wasserman

Condolences to Burton Bauman on the loss of his mother, Yetta Bauman

Condolences to Bryn Schain on the loss of her husband, Bill.

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Lenny & Rhonda Cohen in memory of Elaine Cohn, mother of Bobbi Binder

Marci & Martin Kaminker in memory of Elaine Cohn, mother of Bobbi Binder

Anita Zangwill in honor of Seymour Levine's continued good health

Carole & Bob Turkheimer in thanks for their children & grandchildren

Judith Lemeshow in memory of Yetta Bauman, mother of Burton Bauman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Carolyn & Elliot Lawrence for a speedy recovery & complete return to good health for Lexi Miller

David & Dorothy Naiburg in honor of Lara & Jeffrey's marriage

Alan & Nina Wolff in honor of Amy Beth Wolff's Bat Mitzvah

Stu Sandman

Steve & Naomi Rosenberg in memory of the mother of Joel Geller

William & Mary Axelrod

Ethel Weintraub in memory of Pauline Lichtenstein

Paul & Phyllis Lehrer in memory of Ethel Lehrer

Rabbi David Klatzker & Randy S. Katz in memory of Elaine Cohn, mother of Bobbi Binder

Marvin Schwartz in memory of Roslyn Schwartz

Cantor's Special Fund

Iris & Ross Gottlieb in honor of the birth of Ilana Yael, daughter of Cantor Dov & Eve Goldberg

Alan & Nina Wolff in honor of Amy Beth Wolff's Bat Mitzvah

The Derech Mishpucha Havurah in appreciation of Cantor Goldberg's Help and Guidance

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Ilene Karp in memory of her grandmother, Rachel Ladime

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Stephen, Bette, Jordanna Koffler in memory of Regina Kindman

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Aaron & Mildred Rosloff in honor of the wedding of Millie & David Kutliroff's grandson

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Been to Israel Lately? The early months of 1994 saw an increase in tourism of over 7% since the previous year (figures of the later months of 1994 not available at printing time). In Eilat, on the Red Sea, 170,000 are already expected this winter, 25% more than last year.

Health Mystery. University of California scientists researching eye diseases have strongly recommended further studies to determine why Jews have more cataracts than the general population.

Portugal. In 1497, forced conversion to Catholicism by the Inquisition caused the Jews of Belmonte, Portugal to clandestinely observe Jewish worship. Like many other Crypto-Jews, the 200-member community is now returning to their Jewish roots, aided by an Israeli rabbi.

Azerbaijan (Look for it on a map). Records show that Jewish life in this land dates back at least to the 12th century, with the arrival of Persian Jews. Now, 46% of Azerbaijan's Jewish population has emigrated to Israel, and driven by religious and political unrest, are continuing to do so at the rate of 500 or more each month.

Switzerland. This Swiss Central Bank has finally abolished a regulation imposing a "risk insurance" charge on Swiss banks which give credit to or deposit in Israeli banks.

Washington, DC. More than two million people have visited the United States Holocaust Museum in its first year, far exceeding initial expectations. Sixty-two percent of the visitors were not Jewish, with most making the trip to Washington specifically for this purpose. According to many written comments in the visitors' books, most find this educational as well as emotional. An unforgettable learning experience.

Land of Misconceptions—Israel. Sam Orbaum, an Israeli author, strongly warns that you go prepared. He says it is *not* a Jewish state because it is the only place on Earth where the bagel is not a Jewish food. He says that even if you somehow manage to find a piece of lox, the bagels are baked by Arabs. No Sunday brunch, he mourns, because Sunday in Israel is Just Monday one day early. There is no corned beef, no rye bread, and no dill pickles. Elsewhere, Sam tells us, a Jew is a Jew but not a fanatic about it until someone calls him a Jew, which is then antisemitism. But, as we

know, there is one place on earth where every Jew knows he can go and be a Jew without being called one. In Israel, he's an American, a Russian, a Moroccan — what he came to Israel not to be.... so you are hereby warned.



Bagel Saga Continued. As faithful readers are aware, the bagel lore is endless. We just heard of an ex-GI, who during action in Korea, was hit three times by enemy bullets. Miraculously, each bullet struck one of the bagels which his mother had sent him, and which he carried sentimentally in his uniform pocket. Saved his life. Now, we have been told, if you know where to look, like ancient Oriental literature, or ancient Chinese philosophy, we can consider the *hole* of the bagel.

*So advantage is had
From whatever is there,
But usefulness rises
From whatever is not.*

So, enjoy!

l'hitroat,
Mili Rosloff

CONGREGATION BOARD MINUTES

Summary of Minutes: November 7, 1994

Board Members Present: Asnis, Biderman, Binder, Cohen, Danto, Dillman, Greenberg, Heit, Hirsch, Kane, Kasdin, Koffler, Mailman, Roller, Rosenzweig, Rosloff, Salzinger, Pres. Schwartz, Spigner, Spinner, Rabbi Warmflash, Weiss. Visitors: J. Stone, A. Rosloff.

Old Business

Refinancing Mortgage — Cohen. Awaiting commitment letter from bank.

Safam Concert — Danto. Netted \$2300.50.

Vice Presidents/Committee Reports

Administration — Kane. Contractor is delivering and installing new heat exchanger. Synagogue has purchased salt spreader and salt in preparation for winter. Seek part-time custodian because Toussiant now works 7 days/week. Newly hired secretary starts on November 14; Wendy Sleppin now Synagogue Administrator.

Treasurer — Dillman. Slow in collection of dues and tuition. Sales of cemetery plots up. Shortage of \$25,000.

Membership — Roller. Hakol published bimonthly. The Hanukkah party will be Dec. 3 at 6:30 PM. Attended Synagogue Outreach program with Rabbi for intermarried couples and parents of intermarried. With the help of Spinner, completed a grant application for \$4000 to Jewish Theological Seminary to support outreach program. Received 2 new member applications this month.

School and Youth — Kasdin. Synagogue's new secretary to also work in Religious School. Student enrollment at 198, a record high. Increased enrollment in high school. Since Cantor Goldberg also trains bar/bat mitzvah and Bet class has 60 students, should consider how this will affect Cantor's schedule. School books now kept in classrooms so that they can be reused. Kadima sponsored mystery bus ride. 14 signed up for Kadima dance. USY not well attended, only 9 out of a possible 76. None wanted to attend International Conference in East Brunswick.

Fundraising — Danto. Klezmer concert scheduled for February 26; Rock and Roll concert April 1. Met with Jewish Federation for first capital fundraising meeting.

Greenberg, Chair of Garage Sale Committee, hold organizational meeting Dec. 1.

Financial Secretary — Binder. Schwartz, Tinkel, and Binder reviewed all undocumented financial arrangements. Now only 9 not documented.

Nursery School — Weiss. Enrollment is up. Mrs. Shames requested computer. Tinkel researching request.

Men's club — Hirsch. Reported on programs described elsewhere in HaKol.

Sisterhood — Spigner. Family Shabbat on Nov. 18, at 7 PM. Gift shop Showcase successful. Sisterhood citrus fruit sale next event. Have 100 paid-up members; Reported on programs described elsewhere in HaKol. Torah fund for Jewish Theological Seminary going well. Pres. Schwartz thanked Sisterhood for inclusion and sense of community.

Ritual — Cohen. Subcommittee formed to hold brief monthly Saturday evening services at Franklin Convalescent Center. Ritual Committee wants to continue regular minyan even when shiva minyans are held elsewhere. Also considering a Saturday evening minyan. Looking for volunteer to coordinate community Passover Seder. Torah for Tots program being reviewed. Danto investigating relocating sukkah. No Hanukkah display planned for North Brunswick's Diversity Park.

Israeli Bonds — A. Rosloff. Up to \$86,000. Also researching insurance coverage for scrip program.

Audit — Binder. Auditors still working. No completion date projected.

Catering — Mailman. Committees planning events must first consult Catering Committee and Synagogue calendar to determine availability of dates. People planning Friday night dinner at Synagogue will only receive setup for exact number of people expected. Committee reviewing proposal from caterer about expansion. United Synagogue asked Mailman to serve on Finance Committee.

Rabbi — Officially resigned from North Brunswick diversity display committee. Researched whether Holocaust Torah can be displayed rather than buried. Although law indicates it must be buried, Holocaust was unprecedented event. Consequently, will allow display. Recom-

mends that memorial be planned and created before acquiring Torah. Agreed to mentor new rabbinical class at Jewish Theological Seminary. Interfaith Thanksgiving service at synagogue this year. Seeks volunteer to chair social action committee. Will continue outreach effort to intermarried couples and parents of intermarrieds regardless of whether grant application is approved. Hebrew High School — 24 attended Rabbi's breakfast. Students studying Hebrew as a language as well as ethics. Credits the increase to an attractive program, interested students, and incentive of a trip to Israel when program is completed.

President's Report — Board members to call congregants to update membership data base.

MOTION: That the board allocate \$1000 from the Torah fund to purchase a computer for the Cantor's use as was promised him for administrative duties fulfilled while Rabbi was on sabbatical. Passed 20-0-1.

Avi Olitsky sent thank you note for bar mitzvah gift.

NOTE: All Congregants are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Board of Directors. Call the Synagogue Office for the date of the next meeting.

Summary of Minutes: December 5, 1994

Members Present: Asnis, Binder, Cohen, Danto, Dillman, Goldin, Greenberg, Heit, Hirsch, Kane, Kasdin, Koffler, Mailman, Roller, Rosenzweig, Rosloff, Salzinger, Pres. Schwartz, Spigner, Spinner, Rabbi Warmflash, Weiss. Guests: Kutliroff, A. Rosenzweig, A. Rosloff

New Business

Cemetery — Kutliroff. 11 graves unsold. 195 plots unreserved in Synagogue cemetery. 400 plots remain in untouched section. What should we do with these?

MOTION: Mailman moved that the 400 plot section be divided into 4 strips. One strip allocated for sale; remainder reserved for the congregation. Goldin seconded. Passed: 13-0-3.

Rabbi's Contract — Koffler. 189 survey responses received; 12 unsigned were not counted. Results of renewal survey were: 85% wanted to enter into negotiations. (136, yes; 16, no opinion; 26, no)

MOTION: Koffler moved that based on the congregation's response to the survey, the board enter into negotiations for contract renewal with the Rabbi. Seconded. Passed: 15-0-4.

Pres. Schwartz to draft letter inviting Rabbi to enter into contract negotiations and to appoint negotiating committee.

Pres. Schwartz asked board to address membership status of elderly parent(s) living in adult children's homes and of adult unmarried children living in parent's home. Board agreed: covered by existing policy.

MOTION: Roller moved that board permit nonmember post-B'nai Mitzvah students to attend our Hebrew High School or other post-graduate programs if they pay the real costs incurred by congregation for the program and are excluded from the free-trip-to-Israel program. Weiss seconded. Passed: 15-0-2.

Old Business:

Refinancing — Cohen. Received commitment letter from bank. Rate will float until papers are signed. Passed matter on to Pres. Schwartz, who will sign and fax papers to bank. Schwartz asked I. Millinger to represent Synagogue. Board thanked Cohen for efforts.

Rosloff said synagogue liability only covers transporting children by bus. When transported by private car, driver's insurance is responsible.

MOTION: Goldin moved that board reaffirm its policy that meetings start no earlier than 7:45 PM so that minyans can be attended wherever possible. Passed: 13-0-5.

Vice President/Committee Reports

Administration — Kane. Budget committee to publish financial summary quarterly. Now establishing process for drafting next year's budget. Cost synagogue 1.9% to 2% for congregants to pay dues by credit card; can buy or rent a point-of-sales terminal. Mailman relieving Edley of responsibility for painting School wing. Toussaint now off on

Tuesdays.

Past President — Mailman. Signed agreement with United Synagogue to pay \$791.61 each month to cover dues arrearage. Can obtain for free 2 large yartzheit boards from disbanded congregation. Boards hold 360 places (180 already filled). Sleppin is now liaison for calendar scheduling with caterer. Caterer to repair emergency lights.

Liaison — Salzinger. Koffler said that B'nai Shalom, B'nai Tikvah, and Etz Chaim were represented at Hanukkah Park held at B'nai Shalom. Lack of publicity/participation result of dissolving Federation Outreach Committee and firing committee chair.

School — Kasdin. Hebrew school enrollment near 200. Committee formed to finance Hebrew High School trip to Israel. Investigating reported lack of enthusiasm from Hebrew High Schoolers. Trying to revitalize PTO. 38 attended last Kadima event. Kane and Kasdin to meet with USY advisor.

Ritual — Cohen. Starting monthly minyans at nursing home. Will encourage USYers to participate. Concerned by lack of USY participation at regional events. Re-established mincha/maariv service on Saturdays. 45 kids at last junior congregation. Pleased with the way B. Safeer is meeting contractual commitments. On Jan. 15, Shabbat Shira, will have Lunch & Sing.

Nursery School — Weiss. 1 teacher leaving; duties filled by current teachers. Still working on computer purchase.

Fundraising — Danto. Klezmer concert Feb. 26, 1995, 2 PM at B'nai Tikvah. Oldies Concert, April 1, 1995.

Membership — Roller. Hanukkah party well attended. Outreach program continues; Spinner wrote \$3000 grant request to Federation; Rabbi has informal commitment from M. Shapiro of Federation. Trying to find individuals to chair Social Action and Holocaust Torah committees. 6 members resigned last month; most did not want to pay dues. Revising statement on 2 hour per ye. volunteer commitment.

Men's Club — Hirsch. Reported on programs appearing elsewhere in HaKol. Attended meeting of 30 other Subregional Men's Clubs to arrange joint meetings and fundraising. Group to meet every other month. Men's club president from 4 congregations will post our flyers.

Scrip, Financial Secretary — Binder. Presented scrip and financial secretary reports.

Sisterhood — Spigner. Reported on programs discussed elsewhere in HaKol.

Fifty Plus Group — Rosloff. Reported on programs discussed elsewhere in HaKol. Now have 75 members. More trips planned jointly with other senior citizen groups.

Treasurer — Dillman. Presented income statement. Behind in collection of school tuition and dues. Checking and Money market accounts have \$34,081; owe \$37,245 to various funds.

Rabbi's Report — Going to North Carolina to install colleague. May get rabbinical student as 6-month intern at no cost through the JTS mentor program; intern could work with havurah, youth groups, etc. Invited with other clergy to North Brunswick High School to talk about dating and marriage in Jewish tradition. May do similar program in South Brunswick.

Pres. Schwartz — midyear congregational meeting, Jan 22, following 7:30 minyan.

Rosloff suggested Koffler provide synopsis of minutes for Hakol.

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- Be another form of tzedeka (We won't ask you for money, we promise!)
- Create a sense of community
- Hold down Synagogue expenses (and your dues)
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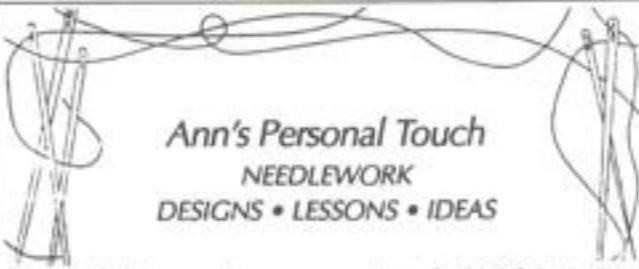
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- Help build the Synagogue sukkah
- Write an article for Hakol (or sell some advertising space)
- Plan events - picnic, Purim skits or carnival, Chanukah party, etc.
- Sell scrip
- Help the office or school with mailings
- Join a committee - Fund Raising, School, Social Action, Torah Lishma Adult Education, House and Grounds, Ritual, Chevra Nachema (preparing a house for shiva), Membership, Bikkur Cholim (Visit the Sick), etc.
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- Work with youth groups to plan and organize activities
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- Join the Board, Sisterhood, or Men's Club and become active in those organizations
- Anything that *you* think could help the Synagogue or Jewish Community

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GUESS WHO'S JEWISH IN SHOW BUSINESS

The column on the left is a list of Jewish show business personalities from the past and present. Match the personalities on the left with their real names in the column on the right.

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Woody Allen | a. Erich Weiss |
| 2. Lauren Bacall | b. Judith Tuvim |
| 3. Jack Benny | c. Jerome Silberman |
| 4. Joan Blondell | d. Shirley Schrift |
| 5. Cyd Charisse | e. Fanny Rose |
| 6. Kirk Douglas | f. Betty Jane Perske |
| 7. Paulette Goddard | g. Marcia Peiser |
| 8. Elliott Gould | h. Michael Orowitz |
| 9. Joel Grey | i. Jill Oppenheim |
| 10. Judy Holiday | j. Joan Molinsky |
| 11. Harry Houdini | k. Laszlo Lowenstein |
| 12. Danny Kaye | l. Joseph Levitch |
| 13. Michael Landon | m. Ivo Levi |
| 14. Jerry Lewis | n. Pauline Marion Levee |
| 15. Peter Lorre | o. Benjamin Kubelsky |
| 16. Yves Montand | p. Allen Stewart Koningsberg |
| 17. Lily Palmer | q. David Kominsky |
| 18. Joan Rivers | r. Joel Katz |
| 19. Edward G. Robinson | s. Simone Kaminker |
| 20. Dinah Shore | t. Elliott Goldstein |
| 21. Simone Signoret | u. Emanuel Goldenberg |
| 22. Jill St. John | v. Tula Ellice Finklea |
| 23. Sophie Tucker | w. Issure Danielovitch-Demsky |
| 24. Gene Wilder | x. Rosebud Blustein |
| 25. Shelly Winters | y. Sophie Abruzza |

Answers:

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1-p | 2-f | 3-o | 4-x | 5-v | 6-w | 7-n | 8-t | 9-r |
| 10-b | 11-a | 12-q | 13-h | 14-l | 15-k | 16-m | 17-g | 18-j |
| 19-u | 20-e | 21-s | 22-i | 23-y | 24-c | 25-d | | |

Name Eleven Famous Jewish Songwriters

Irving Berlin	Jerome Kern
George Gershwin	Frank Loesser
Ira Gershwin	Arthur Lowe
Oscar Hammerstein	Richard Rodgers
Larry Hart	Arthur Schwartz
Sammy Kahn	

Name Eight Famous Jewish Singers

Eddie Fisher	Georgia Gibbs
Billy Joel	Steve Lawrence
Barry Manilow	Tony Martin
Bette Midler	Barbra Streisand

Source: Chetkin, Len. *Guess Who's Jewish (You'll Never Guess)*.

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NURSERY

Nursery school registration for the 1995-96 school year will begin soon. Members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah have priority, if registered according to our schedule, and are granted a tuition discount every month. If interested, please call the school at 297-0295 between 9 AM and 11:30 AM to place your name on our mailing list in order to receive the application on time. We accept children for our state licensed half-day nursery school program starting at 2 1/2 years of age, as of September 1995. All our Head Teachers are state certified.

Our winter session of *Mommy & Me* and *One Step Up* started in January. We are all back from vacation and eager to learn about health and safety. Our plans for the month include a program on handwashing by Middlesex County Health Department, as well as palm printing for identification for the older children by the Sheriff's Department.

Please don't forget to send back the day care survey.

The highlight of December is always Chanukah when the pace of activity reaches its peak. The smell of potato latkes frying in oil permeated the air. Bonabini, the clown, entertained the children and a gourmet lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches was served. The children participated in a grab bag exchange and also received a dreidel and small gift from the school. The story of brave Judah Maccabee and the miracle of the oil was told several times and songs about Chanukah were sung. Gifts and cards were made by the children for their parents.

TuB'shvat will be celebrated by arranging to have trees planted in Israel in honor of the children. In addition, the children will sample different fruits that grow in Israel.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Jake told his teacher, "I brought my lunch box today so I can have dinner in school."

Justin said to his teacher upon seeing his picture on the bulletin board in the hall, "That's my picture. Do you remember me?"

When the class was talking about Election Day, the teacher trying to reinforce what they learned, said, "What is the holiday called?" Michael replied, "Correction Day!"

The teacher asked Jake if he has made any new friends in school yet. He quickly replied, "Yes, my sister, Andie!" (Jake and Andie are twins in the same class)

Jacob was pretending to clean one day. While holding the dustpan and whisk broom he was overheard saying he was tired of being the maid around here (can't imagine where he could have heard that).

After putting on his Indian necklace, Adam said, "Wow, this is really nice. I never knew that I could make something so nice!"

Craig was talking to his teacher and said that his daddy's name begins with the letter D. When the teacher asked what his daddy's name is, he responded, D-A-D-D-Y!"

Joan Shames, Director

Sara Goldstein, an alumni of our nursery school wrote the following composition, which her mother shared with us.

Something I Treasure

My treasure is green with a brown trunk. It is in the playground of my old school at B'nai Tikvah. In 1990, for graduation me and my family went to plant my tree. We buried it in a hole in the school yard. When I go to Temple and see my treasure, it brings back memories.

I remember when I fingerpainted with chocolate pudding. I remember the Purim party. I remember my first trip on the train. I remember when it was Mommy-stay-and-play day. I remember Daddy coming on Daddy's day. I remember the trip to the hospital of my birthplace. I remember the love of my teachers. I was very proud at my graduation.

The tree has grown a lot just like me! It will always be there forever. My heart remembers every moment!"

FULL-DAY CARE SURVEY

Although B'nai Tikvah-sponsored full-day care is only a *possibility* in the future (when additional building takes place), please indicate if you would have any interest in it.

A day care center would include provisions for early arrival and late care to accommodate working parents. The child, if he/she is 2-1/2 to 5, would be included in our morning nursery school, eat lunch in school, and have rest time in the afternoon.

Please return this survey if you are interested. It can be placed in the nursery school box in the main office or mailed to the JCC of North & South Brunswick Nursery School, 1001 Finnigans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

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LAST WORDS ON SAFAM...

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BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Trustees is charged with the responsibility of managing the synagogue's finances. Based on past experience, we realize that most of our members are unaware of the synagogue's financial status until they are asked to vote on the annual budget. The Board believes that it is important to keep the lines of communication open by providing financial status information on an ongoing basis. The following summary revenue and expense statement is for the four-month period ended November 30, 1994.

As you examine the statement, you will notice that our expenses are close to budget expectations, but there is a significant difference between budgeted income and revenues actually received. This difference is not due to reductions in membership, school registrations, or budget errors. It is the result of slow dues and tuition remittances by our members. The excess of revenues over expenses of \$16,726 is not sufficient to carry our operations through to the next dues billing cycle.

In the future, the Budget Committee will publish quarterly revenue and expense statements in Hakol, with a brief explanation of our financial status.

	Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget
Revenue		
Membership fees, required	\$123,307	\$148,907
Contributions, voluntary	15,860	18,667
School fees	26,196	39,500
Aux. organization contributions	6,988	6,300
Caterer	26,140	23,100
Fundraising & other revenue	29,717	26,500
Total income	\$228,208	262,974
Expenses		
Ritual & clergy	\$56,962	\$57,052
School	37,770	37,928
Programs & activities	5,506	7,006
Facilities	85,015	85,460
Administration	26,229	27,676
Total expenses	\$211,482	\$215,122
Excess revenues over expenses	\$16,726	\$48,852

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Congregation B'nai Tikvah extends a special welcome to our new members as of 1994:

Arthur & Janice Baer

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Helene Epstein

Melissa & Phil Fisch

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HAVURAH

Our Havurah program is booming! We are off and running with fantastic programs. Some of the programs that the different groups have planned are:

1. Discussion of antisemitism in the workplace
2. Discussion from the Biblical text "honor your Mother and Father"
3. Attending a Bris of one family's son
4. Family Havdalah
5. Picnics
6. Growing up Jewish in Middlesex County
7. An evening of Jewish Art

The list goes on and on...

You too can be a part of our dynamic growing Havurah system. *We are currently forming new groups.* If you are interested please call: Janice Saks at 422-6659 or contact the synagogue office.

KADIMA

The past few months have been very exciting in Kadima. In September, we had an ice cream party and went roller skating. In October, we held two dances, Jack Pot Bingo, and a Mystery Bus Ride. The "mystery" was a hayride in Pennsylvania. Most Kadimanicks seemed to have a great time.

In November we went to Sports-n-Stuff in East Brunswick, and played 50 Bits and Pieces (a video game put together by Melissa and Phil). In December we took part in a dance in Manalapan, a Hanukkah party, and an arts & crafts night.

We've had a terrific first half of the year and we look forward to having an even better one to come. For more info, please call Melissa Fisch at 438-0393 or Amy Schwartz at 297-6365.

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And please, don't give me: "My friends don't belong." Bring them along. Or: "I belong to another youth group." That's cool—join us too and broaden your social horizons. Or: "I came once and didn't like the activity." Tell us what you like and we'll let you help plan it!

We're here for you. Please call Barry Safeer, USY Advisor (before 9 PM please) at 422-8543 or Erica Brams, Chapter President at 422-7279 if you have any questions.

USY Membership Application

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Address _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Squad | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Actions | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |

Please list 3 programs which you would be interested in attending:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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8. Another person to confer with about what to wear
7. Someone to sit with on a bus
6. They might bring gum
5. Someone to take a trip to the bathroom with
4. Car pooling
3. The more the merrier
2. Someone to house with at conventions
1. To show them how cool USY is

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

The Chanukah celebration was very enjoyable; traditional food and Muriel Levinson's musical presentation was extremely well received. Thanks Muriel.

Last year ended with a Gala New Year Celebration and the Highland Park Rockettes entertaining; a number of the Rockettes are Fifty Plus Group members.

February 28th will be a Mini Luncheon and our "Fun Auction" which we usually enjoy at the Chanukah Celebration.

Other programs to look forward to are more Mini Luncheons, PSE&G "Gold Club Workshop", May Gala Luncheon, and much, much more.

Just received a notice from the Forum Theatre: Gary & Janice Waldman in *Paved With Gold*, a new English/Yiddish musical adapted from such hit Mlotek/Rosenfeld musicals as, *Those Were the Days*, *On Second Avenue* and *The Golden Land*.

For more information, call Ann Cherson 297-3575.

TRIPS WITH SY KRAMER

The Will Rogers Follies. Wednesday, March 22. Theater and lunch at the Evergreen Dinner Theater Playhouse at Mountain Lakes, NJ. About half the spaces are already taken, so call if you want to join us. Cost per person is \$41.

The Culinary Institute of America. Tuesday, April 11. Full-course haute cuisine lunch. Tour of the School, Roosevelt and Vanderbilt Estates. We have already

booked most of the available seats, so if you want to join us, make your reservations now. The cost per person is \$47.

Call Sy Kramer at 297-3562 for additional information.



JUNIOR CONGREGATION



Upcoming Junior Congregation Dates: January 28, February 11, February 25.

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Volunteers Needed. We still need parent volunteers for all dates in February & March. Come stay warm with us and watch your children lead Congregation.

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HaKol comes out in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Please have your submission in 6 weeks in advance.

We're open to your suggestions to improve *HaKol*. If you see errors, please let us know.

Synagogue Business on Shabbat

Just a reminder that no synagogue business of any kind is to be conducted on Shabbat. Please do not call synagogue officers or representatives with questions about programs, finances, etc. on Shabbat.

Daily Minyon Schedule

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