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RABBI'S MESSAGE

You probably have already heard that Rabbi Warmflash has accepted a position as Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Massachusetts. We are reprinting his and B'nai Tikvah president Jeff Schwartz's letters to the Congregation just in case you did not have a chance to read them.

March 12, 1995

Dear friends,

I am writing to inform you that I expect to leave B'nai Tikvah upon the completion of my current contract to accept the position of Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

My reasons for this decision are both personal and professional: Temple Emanuel is the largest Conservative synagogue in New England and one of the leading congregations in the country. Moreover, it is located in a vibrant Jewish community which will afford my children the opportunity to attend excellent Jewish Day schools through high school.

This has not been an easy decision for me to reach. I was the founding Rabbi of B'nai Tikvah, and have served in this community for nearly 17 happy, fulfill-

ing years. During that time, it has been my privilege to work closely with many wonderful people whose friendship has enriched my life and whose dedication to building our community has inspired me.

Though we expect to leave the community this summer, my family and I will always think of B'nai Tikvah as our home. We will deeply miss being here, and wish you all continued success in building a warm, caring community dedicated to the service of God and the highest values of the Jewish tradition.

Shalom,

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Congregant:

I am writing to you about a most important subject: the rabbinical leadership of B'nai Tikvah will change, in all likelihood, at the expiration of Rabbi Warmflash's current contract on July 31, 1995.

I have previously written to you by way of the congregation's biweekly newsletter to inform you about the status of Rabbi Warmflash's contract renewal. In that letter I passed along the results of the rabbinical performance survey and told you that we were awaiting the rabbi's reply to our invitation to commence negotiations for a contract renewal.

On January 9, 1995, Rabbi Warmflash accepted our invitation to negotiate; and I finalized my appointment of a three-person negotiating committee. Between late January and mid-February, our negotiating committee met with Rabbi Warmflash. It was reported back to me that the tenor of that meeting was cordial.

On February 28, 1995, the negotiating committee, other officers of the congregation, and I were summoned to the Rabbi's office and informed by him that he was suspending negotiations with Congregation B'nai Tikvah because he had become a leading contender for a rabbinical position with a large, prestigious congregation located in the suburbs of Boston, MA. He further informed us that he was likely to be offered the job; and in that event, the offer would be too good to turn down.

We have, therefore, begun the steps which are necessary to avail ourselves of the placement of a new rabbi through the Rabbinical Assembly/United Synagogue Joint Placement Committee. This means that we have informed the committee that B'nai Tikvah's pulpit is available commencing August 1st, and we have proceeded to complete a congregational questionnaire which is a prerequisite before a congregation is listed for rabbinical placement.

On March 7, 1995, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Regional Office of the United Synagogue, Rabbi Kenneth Tarlow, addressed a small gathering of synagogue leaders and "walked" us through the placement process, telling us what we could expect during the next few months. Rabbi Tarlow was quite reassuring, actually. He envisions

a multitude of qualified candidates applying to us. He told us that we are coming "into the market" at the height of the rabbinical placement season. He promised us that no matter how our rabbinical search unfolds, the United Synagogue will see to it that B'nai Tikvah has rabbinical coverage when the High Holidays roll around on September 25, 1995.

So, my friends, we find ourselves at a point of tremendous opportunity in our history. Rabbi Warmflash is moving on to a fantastic career opportunity; and we at B'nai Tikvah can use this change in our stewardship to redefine our mission and our goals in selecting new rabbinical leadership to carry us into the next century. I already see signs that the rabbinical search will galvanize and energize Congregation B'nai Tikvah like no other event in the recent history of our synagogue center.

Let me reassure you that your synagogue leadership remains, first of all, committed to you and to B'nai Tikvah, regardless of who occupies the pulpit. Your leaders are working harder than ever and they invite your participation now, more than ever, in the rabbinical search process. For further information about any of the foregoing, I urge you to phone me, the other officers, or your nearest trustee. Elliott Danto, whom I have appointed chairman of the Rabbinical Search Committee(s) — yes, there may be several — invites your questions, your comments, and your offers to volunteer to serve, as well.

For my part, I promise to ensure that B'nai Tikvah's operations continue as usual without interruption. I also promise to keep you informed about the progress of our rabbinical search as it unfolds. I'll write to you again very soon.

Shalom,
Jeffrey B. Schwartz

Coming Sunday, May 21

**B'nai Tikvah
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Watch for details!

YOM HASHOAH 1995

Light a Yellow Candle to Commemorate 50 Years of Freedom and to Continue the Fight Against Bias and Hatred.

Fifty years ago, Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, the Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Tikvah is again participating in the Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Program.

As the years pass, the memory of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. That's why we are encouraging every family within Congregation B'nai Tikvah to light just one Yellow Candle on the night of April 26, the 27th day of Nisan. The memory is important because the number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened gain strength. The lighting of the Yellow Candle increases the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuates our commitment to our people.

Yom Hashoah candles are a highly visible means of keeping the memory alive. Their color symbolizes the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, and their flame the warmth we should extend to our fellow human beings in order to make our world a better place to live.

The Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Tikvah will be distributing the Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle for the second year. Your generous donations last year ensured our continued participation in this worthwhile program. The excess funds have been set aside and earmarked as a contribution towards the erection of a Holocaust memorial within Congregation B'nai Tikvah. A committee is discussing the content and location of this memorial and has so far decided that it will center around a Rescue Torah. These were torahs hidden by Jews throughout Europe so as to not fall into Nazi hands. For years after World War II the Westminster Synagogue in London was able to obtain them. They have been made available, on a permanent loan basis, to synagogues throughout the world.

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Giftshop

Attend our upcoming mini-showcase on March 26 and splurge for this Passover! We have everything you need for the holidays including Seder plates, haggadot, beautiful matzah covers, saltwater and horseradish dishes, and much more. We will also be open April 2 and 9. Call Lynn Biderman at 297-6691 for more info.

Flash! The Giftshop now offers a 10% discount to Men's Club members as well as Sisterhood members.

Passover Wine, Cake and Flower Sale. This year we will provide delicious Kosher for Passover cakes and desserts from Schicks Bakery of Brooklyn. Just fill out order forms in the News flyer (for wine and flowers too!) Pick up of all orders will be at the synagogue. Questions? Call Jill Stone (Cake) at 214-1912 or Barbara Abramson (Wine & Flowers) at 254-6115.

Support Torah Fund

Torah Fund cards can now be purchased through GiGi Cohen (821-5917). All proceeds go to support The Jewish Theological Seminary, educator of Conservative Judaism's Rabbis, Cantors, and Teachers.

Family Shabbat Services

If you have young children, you won't want to miss our monthly Friday Family Shabbat Services. Geared specifically for kids 7 and under, it is a shortened and fun version of Kabbalat Shabbat, and features a cookies & juice kiddush. For more information or to sponsor a kiddush, call Lisa Seidman at 297-6950.

Passover News

This year Sisterhood is participating in Jewish Family Service's Holiday Food Basket. We accept donations of Kosher-for-Passover non-perishable food. This enable needy Jewish families to celebrate a traditional Passover. Watch for more on this in the News flyer or call Deborah Spigner at 545-8457.

Within our own community this year we will coordinate a Seder Hospitality Program. Because there will be no synagogue seder this year, Sisterhood will match anyone without a seder with a family happy to receive company. Watch for flyers on this or call Bobbi Binder at 274-2797.

Thank You!!!

We are now 109 members strong. B'nai Tikvah's Sisterhood has grown. We want to thank all our members for their support of, participation in, and attendance at our programs during this '94-'95 year. Among our many activities, we delivered challot and Shabbat candles to new synagogue members. If you are a new member and have not yet received our "welcome" delivery, you can look forward to a nice surprise in the coming months. And, if you have any questions regarding Sisterhood or Sisterhood membership, call our membership VP, Joyce Gerbman, 937-5114.

Our Citrus sale was a great success, thanks to all of you. We hope everyone who ordered, enjoyed not only the most delicious fresh oranges, grapefruits, tangelos, etc. but also the easy delivery right to your doorstep. Mmm! We are looking forward to next year already.

Students Seek Summer Jobs

Can you offer congregation high school or college students a summer job?

If you can, please call Sheila Hordon at 297-9023 or leave a message in the synagogue's College Committee mailbox. Be sure to include the type of position, date available, and salary, if any.

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 six-month period ended January 31, 1995.

As you examine the statement, you will notice that our expenses are close to budget expectations. We have narrowed the 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.

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	\$185,295	\$195,240
Contributions, voluntary	33,298	36,000
School fees	45,849	57,300
Aux. organization contributions	12,988	12,300
Caterer	37,488	32,900
Fundraising & other revenue	37,678	28,900
Total income	\$352,596	362,640
Expenses		
Ritual & clergy	\$83,222	\$83,278
School	56,155	56,969
Programs & activities	11,143	11,735
Facilities	136,316	126,499
Administration	38,644	41,750
Total expenses	\$325,480	\$320,231
Excess revenues over expenses	\$27,116	\$42,409

Do You Have Our Roots?

The archivists at Rutgers University are collecting memorabilia of our early years as members of Congregation Shari Sholom, Temple Beth Shalom (Kendall Park Jewish Community Center) and the congregation at Hidden Lake. Items will be properly preserved, and eventually made available for historians, archivists, and generations to come. The archives will include newsletters, souvenir items, and memorabilia. It is an exciting concept, and many of us have already donated items for this purpose. But we need *your help*.

If you or anyone else you know has old clippings, etc., to donate, please bring them to Congregation B'nai Tikvah, or call Mili Rosloff, 297-2233. Time is important, if we are to save these items before they crumble away to dust.

CHAMETZ SALE

According to Jewish law, it is forbidden to even possess hametz (leavening) during Passover. This prohibition applies not only to food, but to the dishes and pots used to cook and serve it. Because discarding such materials may entail great financial loss, it is customary to sell such "non-disposable" hametz to a non-Jew (who has no obligation to remove the leaven from his house) prior to the Passover holiday.

If you would like Rabbi Warmflash to serve as your agent for the sale of chametz this year, please complete the form below and return it with \$7 to the synagogue office no later than April 12.

I, _____, authorize Rabbi Andrew Warmflash to act as my agent to sell all chametz and all mixtures containing any amount whatsoever of chametz which is in my possession at (address) _____, _____, NJ.

For the purpose of this agreement, chametz is considered to include, but not be limited to, leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee substances derived from cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, dry peas, and dry beans, and all liquids which contain ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. A mixture of chametz is defined as any substance, edible or not, which contains or is joined to any chametz in any quantity whatsoever.

I understand that the sale will take place before noon on Friday, April 14, 1995.

PASSOVER SERVICES 1995

Friday, April 14	7:00 am	Siyum Service for the first born
Friday, April 14	5:30 pm	Service for first evening of Passover
Saturday, April 15	10:00 am	Service for first day of Passover
Saturday, April 15	5:30 pm	Service for second evening of Passover
Sunday, April 16	10:00 am	Service for second day of Passover
Thursday, April 20	7:30 pm	Service for seventh evening of Passover
Friday, April 21	9:30 am	Service for seventh day of Passover
Friday, April 21	8:00 pm	Service for eighth evening of Passover
Saturday, April 22	9:30 am	Service for eighth day of Passover (Yizkor recited)

During the intermediate days of Passover (the evening of Sunday, April 16, through the morning of Thursday, April 20), services will be held at their usual times.



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B'nai Tikvah recently received a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. The will be used to finance outreach efforts aimed at interfaith couples. Here is a copy of the letter awarding the grant.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County

January 17, 1995

Dear Rabbi Warmflash:

The Federation's Officers, Board of Directors, and the Outreach Commission are pleased to award you, during this first year, a grant for your outreach program.

Your grant will be for a twelve month period. There will be another grant cycle in the late spring of 1995 to mesh with our fiscal year. For those who are being awarded a grant now, we will consider a half-grant for the winter/spring/early summer part of 1996. This grant is for February 1 to the end of January, 1996.

For your Project "Kayruv", we award you the sum of \$3,000.

Again, congratulations! We view your program with great favor. We wish you every success. We will write in the late spring regarding resubmittal and with instructions on how we will evaluate your program.

We are delighted that you applied. Mazel tov!

Sincerely,

Justin Footerman
Outreach Commission
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NURSERY

Last month our registration for the 1995-1996 school year began. If you didn't register yet, please call the nursery school office at 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. Purim will be celebrated with costumes, baking hamentaschen and making groggers to be used during the telling of the Purim megillah. All the students are encouraged to attend Purim services at B'nai Tikvah.

Also planned during this month is Father's Stay and Play Day, a puppet show about the handicapped, and a trip to the post office for the Pre-Kindergartners.

During March the school is planning to have the children's vision and hearing screened. In addition, the youngest group will be visiting the South Brunswick library while the 3-day classes will be going on a train trip culminating with a pizza lunch at Jerusalem Pizza in Highland Park. Our Pre-Kindergartners are scheduled for an all-day trip to the New Jersey State Museum in Paramus.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

When the teacher was trying to get the class to think of words that begin with letter "V", she asked them what Mommy does with the flowers that Daddy gives her. Erica replied, "She puts them into the garbage."

Mrs. Winter, Justin's teacher, was doing the calendar with the children. She then asked Justin a question about it. His reply was, "Mrs. Winter, do you know what I'm doing right now? I'm thinking."



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CONGREGATION BOARD MINUTES

Summary of Minutes: January 9, 1995

Members Present: Asnis, Biderman, Cohen, Danto, Dillman, Edley, Goldin, Greenberg, Heit, Kasdin, Roller, Rosenzweig, Rosloff, Salzinger, Pres. Schwartz, Spigner, Rabbi Warmflash, Weiss. **Guests:** A. Rosloff, I. Millinger, G. Tinkel

Mortgage — I. Millinger. Bank needs commitment fee in advance to close on mortgage.

Motion — Kane: Empower the appropriate officers to execute refinancing of B'nai Tikvah building. Golden seconded. Passed unanimously.

Ombudsman — I. Millinger. Issues needing follow-up: Mailman and Tinkel were to form a new catering committee. Check utility bills because we may be entitled to increased reimbursement from caterer. A board member to sit on the bima during Saturday services. A plastic runner to protect carpet underneath table during onegs and kiddushes is not being used. S. Kleinman formed committee to explore ways of honoring people during the year. All committee chairs should keep notes of committee meetings and give to secretary.

Dues Collection — Tinkel. As of Dec. 24, 1994, \$20,932 owed in outstanding school tuition. 38 families have paid nothing this year. 46 families paid only 1/4. Letters sent to 38 families saying that we will remove children from School this Sunday; received money from most. 46 families received letters saying children won't be eligible to register unless accounts are paid. Suggests having families use credit cards for Hebrew school tuition. Also needs help with families whose children are to be removed from Hebrew school for nonpayment. Pres. Schwartz will tell families who have not paid to bring checks when they bring their children. Most new families are on special arrangements. They use most services. We must budget carefully.

Pres. Schwartz said Kane to chair budget committee; appointed Tinkel to chair new committee to explore methods for families to pay dues and tuition owed.

Insurance & Safety — A. Rosloff. Safety issues need more attention. Board members are personally liable in

event of a loss in excess of the amount of insurance carried by the Synagogue. Greatest concern is with strollers or carriages in sanctuary. Suggests placing sign above tallis rack forbidding strollers during services. Pres. Schwartz appointed committee to look into safety and report at next board meeting (Cohen, Kane, Rabbi Warmflash, A. Rosloff).

Motion—Edley: signs to go up immediately. No second.

Old Business

Asnis. Discussed 1993 tax changes and how to handle charitable contributions. Pres. Schwartz said that next billing statement will include list of all trackable donations. Billing done through one office. Tinkel said to keep Hebrew school payments separate because value is received, hence payments are not tax-deductible. Pres. Schwartz appointed tax compliance committee to ensure Synagogue complies with new tax regulations.

Pres. Schwartz. Named committee to conduct rabbinical contract negotiations (Kane, Danto, and Goldin; Mailman will serve as consultant to committee, but will not be involved directly).

New Business

Rosenzweig. Makela will consider performing at bar/bat mitzvahs in return for donation to defray expenses. Note put into bar/bat mitzvah packets.

Pres. Schwartz. Designate \$5000 of Rabbi's salary as a non-taxable allocation for furnishings. Passed 12-4-0.

Reports

Administration — Kane. New custodian hired to work when Toussaint is off. Taking bids for stripping and waxing school wing floors and carpets in hallway, offices, and nursery school. Helping W. Sleppin get up to speed as Synagogue administrator. She will consult Dillman before making purchases. Mailman took care of painting school wing. Locks installed on various kitchen cabinets to separate milk, meat, and parve.

Treasurer — Dillman. Dues and school revenues are

short. Under budget in postage. \$43,523 in checking and money market accounts.

Ritual — Cohen. Thanked Danto for conducting Minha/Maariv service on Saturday afternoons.

Liaison — Salzinger. Regional meeting and Federation Dinner at Short Hills Caterers. Was invited to join Federation Inreach and Outreach Committee. More congregations submitted proposals for outreach grants than money available.

House & Grounds — Edley. Recommends that synagogue switch to low bidder, ALT Contractors, for HVAC. Still needs to have electrician check sanctuary lights before deciding among 6 lighting recommendations made by consultant. Pres. Schwartz asked matter be resolved by next meeting. Edley to contact Don Marsalis about roof leak. Committee to decide how to salt ice patches before Toussaint comes in.

Nursery School — Weiss. Mrs. Shames to report on possibility of having an all-day nursery school.

School & Youth — Kasdin. We rank #9 out of 45 in terms of regional Kadima membership. MADD representative to talk to USYers. USY to sell bagels on Super Bowl Sunday. Met with Kane, M. Schwartz, and USY advisor to stress importance of attendance and programming. Disappointed that no B'nai Tikvah USYers attended International USY Conference. Will be no written contracts with advisors. Conflict between Kadima meetings and Chai school class to be addressed at next meeting of School Committee. Classrooms were painted. Began summer camp planning.

Fundraising — Danto. — Passover candy sale concluding January 29. Klezmer concert Feb. 26. Reception honoring Tinkel March 12. Rock & Roll concert April 1.

Membership — Roller. Congregational meeting Jan. 22. All VPs will give reports. Reconstituting social action committee, which will meet soon. Holocaust Torah committee needs chair. Pres. Schwartz looking into this. Heit helped create full-page notice on volunteer campaign in newsflyer. New member brunch February/March.

Sisterhood — Spigner. Sisterhood delivered hallot and candles to 6 new member families. Joint meeting with

Men's Club in Jan. well attended. 84 people at New Year's Eve party. Purim basket fundraiser with new pricing begins soon. Feb. meeting is aerobics demonstration. Presented \$1000 check to Synagogue. Pres. Schwartz thanked Spigner for kiddushes, especially new pricing.

50 Plus Group — M. Rosloff. Donated \$400 to Synagogue. Ann Cherson requested that members receive both Hakol and newsflyer.

Israel bonds — A. Rosloff. Honoring Jack Mailman jointly with Men's club on May 7. Synagogue at around \$90,000 for Israel bonds.

Adult Ed — Goldin. Shabbaton Feb. 10-11 with Dr. Jack Werthiemer on trends in contemporary Judaism. Holocaust Museum bus trip Mar 5. Retreat at Fellowship Farm on Apr. 28-30. Brief courses this spring organized around particular themes and taught by congregants. Topics: crafts, cooking, music, bible study.

Rabbi's Report. D'var Torah on this week's parsha (leaving Egypt). Six families attended first official meeting of parents of children in interfaith marriages. Group named New Beginnings meets next month. Steve Levin collecting winter coats for needy. Was asked by St. Peter's Hospital to create videotape of Friday night service for patients. Judy Molnar to fund this.

Pres. Schwartz. Executive Committee and entire board will be involved in negotiations at appropriate time.

Meeting adjourned 10:24pm. Committee to look into safety and report at next board meeting.



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CONGREGATION BOARD MINUTES

Summary of Minutes: February 6, 1995

Members Present: Asnis, Biderman, Binder, Cohen, Danto, Dillman, Goldin, Greenberg, Heit, Koffler, Mailman, Roller, S. Rosenzweig, M. Rosloff, Salzinger, Pres. Schwartz, Spigner, Rabbi Warmflash, Weiss. **Guests:** A. Rosloff, G. Tinkel, A. Rosensweig

Old Business

Motion: Kane moved that Board approve process of evaluating and exploring the need to increase the size of the synagogue physical facility pursuant to a recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee. Seconded: Weiss. Passed: 9-2-1.

A. Rosloff will investigate higher coverage under umbrella policy for synagogue and explain and summarize various policies.

New Business — None

Reports

Administration — Kane. Received cost proposal to add new bronze table to the memorial board. Discrepancy exists between the number of plaques sold and income. Schwartz to ask Sleppin for list of unpaid plaques. Kane to meet with Sleppin every two weeks and has asked her to record facility problems and repairs. Anticipates problems with roof repairs; biggest problems in roof over sanctuary. Safety Committee outlined safety precautions and procedures. Will hold fire drills in religious school and place a safety evacuation card in sanctuary pews. A limited number of strollers only permitted at far side of sanctuary by plaques [Rosloff: no strollers or carriages should be allowed in sanctuary.] Rabbi will check on wheelchair placement. Paint curb yellow in circular driveway.

Dues Payment — Tinkel. Will get input from religious school committee and report results at next board meeting.

Catering Committee — Mailman. Committee consisting of Weiss, Tinkel, Biderman, and Mailman has been

meeting since September. Dillman asked committee to check utility bills. Increases in per person and room usage charges received from caterer. Calendar conflicts resolved since Sleppin assumed Administrator duties. Caterer wants to install additional pew in sanctuary and an awning in front of building. Caterer suggests ansel system, which is a fire suppression system, be installed in synagogue kitchen as safety measure.

Motion: Mailman moved that board accept caterers proposed awning plan. Seconded: Salzinger Defeated: 0-15-2

Motion: Mailman moved that board install an ansel system for fire suppression in synagogue kitchen, not to exceed \$1000. Seconded: Danto Passed: 15-0-2

Ritual — Cohen. Shiva chairs now available with funds donated by Crabiell Funeral Home. Acquisition at I. Millinger's request. Sisterhood creating project to match people with seders.

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Nursery School — Weiss. Nursery increased tuition slightly.

Motion: Mailman moved [amended by Heit] that Cantor Goldberg's children attend nursery school tuition-free. Passed: 14-0-3.

Membership — Roller. Synagogue picnic at Reichler Park, May 21. New Member brunch, March 26. Received no response to community-building campaign. Thanked Greenberg and former congregant Jeremiah Evans, who donated money in memory of his wife, for the Hanukkah parties.

Israel bonds — A. Rosloff. Honoring Jack Mailman jointly with Men's club on May 7. Interest rates rose to 8.25% on zeros and 8.4% on \$25,000.

Financial Secretary — Binder. New statements list entire year's activity for IRS compliance. Future newsflyer note to explain IRS deduction policy. 309 dues paying equivalents, \$14,000 in school tuition still outstanding (\$7000 is owed by 8 families).

Liaison — Salzinger. Congregation awarded 2-year \$3000 grant by Jewish Federation; however, if funds not used in first year, second year funding is canceled. Rabbi and President must be Federation members.

Rabbi's Report. North Brunswick schools changed spring vacation to one week before Passover. They won't change again this year, but are committed to consult with synagogue in future. Asked for oversight committee on grants. Second sketch of sanctuary wall hanging arrived today. Committee will approve or disapprove soon and resolve issues of cost. Probably be completed by September.

President's Report. Congregation has been sued over a slip and fall accident. Turned papers over to A. Rosloff. Outreach committee needs volunteers for a hospitality committee to welcome new members. Thanked Mailman for arranging and paying for painting of school wing. Board thanked Mailman.

Meeting adjourned 10:55pm.

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Tuesday, May 23, at noon. Installation of Officers. Catered luncheon, reservations a must. Rabbi Robert Rubin of United Synagogue Seniors will present a slide show on Jerusalem with background music.

Tuesday, June 27. Program to be announced.

Forum Theater

Two by Two. A musical hit with music by Richard Rodgers, book by Peter Stone, and lyrics by Martin Chamin. Sunday, April 2 (\$18, matinee).

Kiss the Bride. This world premiere comedy by John Wooten features a wedding, reception, scheming groom, bumbling bad guys, and audiences rolling down the aisles with laughter. Wednesday, May 17 (\$16) and Sunday, May 21 (\$18, matinee).

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March. Atlantic City. Additional information as soon as confirmed.

Friday, March 24. *Will Rogers Follies* at the Evergreen Playhouse in Mountainside, NJ. There's still some room to make reservations. Cost is \$41 per person.

April 11. Tour of the Culinary Institute of America. Full course meal and tour of Roosevelt and Vanderbilt Estates. Sold Out.

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American Righteous Gentile. In 1940 and 1941, Varian Fry, an American working in France, helped save 4,000 Jews from the Nazis. His efforts only ceased when he was finally forced to return back home. Now, Fry is the first American citizen awarded the title "Righteous Among the Gentiles" by Yad Vashem, Israel's national holocaust memorial. Fry aided the Emergency Rescue Committee in saving Jews who were about to be turned over to the Nazis by French collaborationists among the French authorities.

Boise, Idaho. This small community of about 100 Jewish families dating back to 1895, has just hired Rabbi Daniel Fink to lead their congregation, their first rabbi.

Denver, Colorado. Golda Meir once wrote that the house she lived in while attending high school in Denver in 1913-1914, was a "turning point" because her "real education" began there and culminated in the shaping of a Jewish homeland. That house is now becoming the Golda Meir Center for Political Leadership, a museum and conference center.

Tokyo. Packed audiences have been toe-tapping with the 16 Japanese performers in a Japanese Yiddish-style Klezmer band. The group plays and sings Yiddish lyrics, which most do not understand, plus Hasidic music, etc.

Stamps. For years, as our U.S. Post Office issued stamps honoring rock stars, etc., the Jewish War Veterans organization has been lobbying and writing letters to our congressmen. At long last, the U.S. Senate has passed a measure unanimously endorsing the issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the 1996 centennial of the Jewish War Veterans. How many Americans are aware of the fact that the Jewish War Veterans is the oldest active veterans group in the country?

Taxes. Yes, even in Israel. In 1994, Israel taxes reached 41.2 percent. Israel has reached fourth place now, exceeded only by Switzerland, Belgium, and Denmark in its tax burden.

Barbados. The Jewish community here, founded in 1628,

boasts two synagogues, a cemetery, and a cheder. Now they are seeking children's books to form a children's library.

Caribbean Congress. This is being planned to unite the many isolated tiny Jewish groups in the region, estimated to total about 4,000. Trinidad, Tobago, and St. Lucia have only one or two Jews, Puerto Rico several thousand, Jamaica several hundred, and the Bahamas, about 100.

Zimbabwe Jews. A total of about 963 Jews live in this country, 600 in Harare, 344 in Bulawayo, and 15 elsewhere in the country.

Jordan. We enjoyed King Hussein's reply when told of Syria's President Asad's objections to the accord with Israel. As the King put it, "It's none of his business, with all due respect".

Yiddish Lives On. About 50 universities worldwide now offer courses in the language, including the University of California at Berkeley.

And. Don't forget the National Yiddish Book Center, which is shortly to break ground for its permanent home. The Center is running its very first seminar weekend in March at Mt. Holyoke, and is fond of sending out a little "mamaloshen" in each piece of correspondence. For instance, in signing up participants for the seminar, each attendee was asked to describe their own proficiency in the language. "A bissell", a soch or, gomisht..."

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The Bar Mitzvah of Temple Beth Shalom, Kendall Park Jewish Community Center, was celebrated recently at the Holiday Inn. Chairman of the occasion was Mrs. Alvin Bazel.

Some of the original charter members who were present to recall many growing pains were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Goldwasser, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Turchin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Chapnick, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Malakoff, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Starr.

These are the families that saw the congregation grow from four families to its present size, from holding services and religious school in private homes and the Franklin Park Firehouse to its own building at 9 Stanworth Road.

The hard-working presidents of those fruitful years were Neil Goldwasser and Israel Turchin. They were followed by equally dedicated presidents: Sidney Smith, Jerry Fagen, Aaron Rosloff, Jack Stein, Leo Runyon, Dan Alper, Ben Glickman, Norman Schiff, Bernard Black and the present president Mel Dashevsky.



Temple Beth Shalom, Kendall Park, Congregation presidents: back row, left to right: Norman Schiff, Jack Stein, Sidney Smith, Aaron Rosloff, Izzie Turchin; front, left to right, Leo Runyon, Ben Glickman, Bernie Black, Mel Dash-evsky (present president), Neil Goldwasser.



Temple Beth Shalom, Kendall Park, Women's Group presidents: standing, left to right: Mrs. Norman Shapiro, Mrs. Leo Runyon, Mrs. Loufs De Sena, Mrs. Harry Rosenfeld; seated, left to right, Mrs. Alvin Bazel, chairman and present Women's Group president, Mrs. Mike Shapiro.

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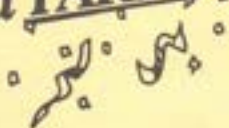
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