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A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

The December Dilemma

This time of year presents many of us with a problem. Jewish children ask us questions such as "Why can't we have a Christmas tree?" or "Why don't we have a Santa Claus?"

First, we must acknowledge that a problem exists. We Jews are a minority in a Christian society. Christian values do filter into public areas and secular arenas. Towns display Christmas decorations and stores are filled with Christmas music. Jews, especially our children, often feel left out, isolated, lonely and frustrated. These feelings are real and must be acknowledged before we can develop an effective response. Parents can begin by saying "I know you wish you could have a Christmas tree, but Christmas is a Christian holiday and we are Jewish." It is important to note that while Christmas is not ours it is very meaningful to Christians.

Second, we can point out to our children the positive values Christmas reflects. For example, gift giving, when it includes the needy or disadvantaged, teaches sensitivity to the needs of others.

However, as universal as some of these values are and as secular as Christmas often is, we must remember it is still a Christian holy day, not a Jewish one. The evergreen Christmas tree symbolizes the everlasting life and divinity of Jesus; the wreath is a representation of the crown of thorns worn by Jesus on the cross; and the red holly berries is a sign of the blood of Jesus.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Antiochus was far from satisfied with his unexpected capture of (Jerusalem), the loot, and the long death roll. Unable to control his passions and remembering what the siege had cost him, he tried to force the Jews to break their ancient Law by leaving their babies uncircumcised and sacrificing swine on the altar. Meeting with a blank refusal he (sent Bacchides to) execute the leading recusants...

Mattathias, son of Asamoneus, a priest from the village of Modein, raised a tiny force consisting of his five sons and himself, and killed Bacchides with cleavers. Fearing the strength of the garrison he fled to the hills for the time being, but when many of the common people joined him he regained confidence, came down again, gave battle, defeated Antiochus' generals and chased them out of Judea. By that success he achieved supremacy, and in gratitude for his expulsion of the foreigners his countrymen gladly accepted his rule, which on his decease he left to Judas, the oldest of his sons.

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THE DECEMBER DILEMMA (CONTINUED)

The next step in developing a Jewish strategy for Christmas is using the opportunity to teach Jewish children what belongs to them and what does not. Help them build a sense of who they are and who they are not, and cultivate a strong sense of Jewish identity. Christmas is an occasion to learn where Judaism differs from Christianity.

Most importantly, Jewish parents must emphasize Jewish values and traditions throughout the year by teaching positive Jewish rites and rituals on a regular basis. A young child who dances with the Torah on Simchat Torah or dresses in costume on Purim does not miss participating in Christmas festivities. The child who helps decorate the Succah or sings the prayers on Shabbat does not miss decorating the tree or caroling.

To solve the December dilemma is a twelve month project...the most effective Jewish strategy for Christmas is simply to be Jewish all year long. Christmas presents us with a difficult challenge but provides an even greater opportunity to teach Jewish children about Judaism.

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

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The highlight of December is always Chanukah when the pace of activity reaches its peak. The smell of potato latkes frying in oil permeates the air. Bonabini, the clown, will entertain them while a gourmet lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are served. The children will participate in a grab bag exchange and receive a dreidel and small gift from the school. The story of brave Judah Maccabee and the miracle of the oil will be told several times and songs about Chanukah sung. Gifts and cards will be made by the children for their parents.

We will begin our nursery school registration for the 1995-96 school year in a month or two. If your child is presently enrolled in a nursery class, he/she will automatically receive the registration. If you know any interested people, please have them call the school to be placed on our waiting list to receive the information on time. The nursery school office number is 297-0295. B'nai Tikvah members have priority, if registering on time, and receive a discount.

Out-of-the-mouths of babes

When Joshua found a play lemon in the plastic refrigerator, he called out, "Look, an etrog!"

Joshua said to his teacher, "Do you know what? My mommy was very frustrated because I didn't behave today!"

The class was discussing the fact that God is everywhere. Ross explained to his class, "...maybe everywhere, but not in Florida!"

The teacher reminded the assistant teacher to bring in the traffic cones, which prompted Joshua to ask, "Why? Are we having ice cream for snack tomorrow?"

Joan Shames, Director

PRESIDENT'S NOTE, CONTINUED

As Judas did not expect Antiochus to take this lying down, he not only marshalled the available Jewish forces but took the bold step of allying himself with Rome. When (Antiochus) Epiphanes again invaded the country he counter-attacked vigorously and drove him back; then striking while the iron was hot, he hurled himself against the garrison of the City, which had not yet been dislodged, threw the troops out of the Upper City, and shut them into the lower—the part of the town called the Citadel. Then taking possession of the Temple he cleansed the whole area and walled it round, ordered a new set of ceremonial vessels to be fashioned and brought into the Sanctuary as the old ones were defiled, built another altar, and resumed the sacrifices. No sooner was Jerusalem once more the Holy City than Antiochus died, leaving as heir—both to his throne and to his hatred of the Jews—his son Antiochus.*

—Flavius Josephus, *Belium Judaicum* (The Jewish War), Book 1, Chapter 1, circa 70 C.E.

Thus, Flavius Josephus described the events surrounding the miracle of Chanukah from a perspective much closer in time to the actual events than our own. Although Flavius Josephus wrote his histories for and from the Roman point of view, and, consequently, was considered a traitor by most Jewish authorities, I think you will agree that the foregoing account of Chanukah is generally consistent with the stories which have been handed down to us by the Rabbis and our own Hebrew School instructors. There is one major difference, however. Flavius Josephus' action-packed version of the story makes no reference to the miracle of the oil!

If the miracle of the oil did not actually take place, would the events underlying Chanukah still be considered miraculous? Absolutely and resoundingly yes! The story of Chanukah is miraculous in the sense that the Jews of the time, the Hasmoneans, or Maccabees, who were so heavily outnumbered by the Hellenized Syrians, prevailed and expelled the troops of Antiochus Epiphanes from the Land as well as from the Temple Mount. Then, once the Temple was purified the ancient sacrificial system was resumed; and Israel could once again serve God.

In our own time, the miracle of Chanukah comes to my mind in the context of two recent historical events. During those dark years of the Holocaust between 1939 and 1945, the 300 million citizens of Europe waged war against the 12 million Jews of

Europe. Although 6 million perished, the remaining 6 million (mainly in Russia) survived; and the fascist regimes of Europe and their anti-Semitic sympathizers and adherents across the Continent were utterly destroyed. In the aftermath of the war the rest of the world attempted to expiate its collective guilt concerning the horrendous experience of Europe's Jews by supporting and enacting the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine for the first time in twenty centuries. This was nothing short of miraculous!

Even more recently, who can forget the stunning victory of the Israeli Defense Forces in June of 1967? With 40 million hostile Arabs surrounding beleaguered Israel, and Arab troops amassing at her borders, tiny Israel launched a preemptive strike resulting in a stunning six day victory which crippled the Arabs' war-making ability (for six years), increased Israel's security by tripling her land mass, and gave Israel and world Jewry access to the Western Wall of the Herodian Temple. That was a miracle, too!

Perhaps, just maybe, 200 years from now Jews all over the world will celebrate a six day festival which falls in May or June and culminates in Yom Yerushalayim, commemorating the miraculous victory of Israel over foes who dramatically outnumbered and outgunned her. Maybe the Jews of the 23rd secular century will recount stories of how Israel's petroleum lasted for six days when the tiny oil-dependent state's supplies should have lasted for no more than a day or two or three of protracted battle. Who knows? Oil fable or not, it will not matter. The miracle of Jewish survival and final victory over the oppressor speaks for itself.

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by Aaron Rosloff

We rose at 5 am to watch the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, and witnessed the unbelievable, the unimaginable. Who would have dared to suggest even a year ago, the king of Jordan and his queen, exchanging kisses with Leah Rabin? And eulogies being given by Hussein and Mubarak? A thought too silly even to be entertained by serious people, was played out before us and the entire world.

Poor God. Every looney who commits mass murder or who tries his hand at assassination says that God told him to do it. God doesn't spread hate. His commandment is "Thou shalt not commit murder." Hate is spread by the mouths and minds of men. To be politically correct, I should say men and women, but mostly men. Men with shrill cries of "traitor" and "murderer" and "hang the Nazi."

A patriot spends his life fighting to protect his country from physical and political destruction and then fights to bring peace, and the call him traitor. Who is the "traitor" whose murder brought out the kings and queens and princes and prime ministers and foreign ministers and presidents from around the world? He knew he was in danger, but he would not hide. He wished to lead his people into the promised land. A land of peace, at peace with its neighbors.

We witnessed the drama of a long procession of world figures speaking of the virtues and the hopes of Yitzhak Rabin for his country. The formalities were to be followed by a private interment for the immediate family and friends. But the entire assembly followed to the gravesite, and the kings and presidents and figures from all over the world, elbowed each other to be near the grave. Just like any of us. Their instinctive activity added a humanizing touch to the last moments of the actual burial. Like a large family come together to share a sad event. Of all the many changes that this event brings to mind, there are two that stand out: Rabin is gone and the murderer will rot in jail. But, with God's help, the peace process will not cease, and will continue on to fruition. Amen.

NOVEMBER STORM

by Gigi Cohen

From a deep, Sabbath sleep
I heard the thunder
From the window
Saw the rain
Voices seep through the glass
Unknown faces
Soaked in anguish

Minutes pass, maybe hours
From the window
still rain
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- January: 6th & 20th
- February: 3rd & 17th
- March: 2nd & 16th
- April: 13 & 27
- May: 4 & 18

Booklets are available which explain all procedures and policies for Junior Congregation. Below are three highlights.

1. Please send in \$3.00 with your child when they attend Hebrew School, to cover our special kiddushes and luncheons. In lieu of the \$3.00 you may wish to sponsor a Junior Congregation kiddush.

2. Two parent volunteers are needed for each Junior Congregation date to sit with us and watch our children lead Junior Congregation. Please let me know what date you are available.

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USY ACTIVITIES

December 6 USY Rap with the Rabbi and Moishe. Plus Service preparation at B'nai Tikvah. 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm.

December 13 USY Pre-Chanukah Party and Service preparation at B'nai Tikvah. 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm (note extended length.)

December 15 USY Friday Night Service at B'nai Tikvah. 8:00 pm.

December 16 USY Regional Membership Program. Temple Beth O'r, Clark, NJ.

December 21-28 USY International Convention, Toronto, Canada.

YOUTH NEWS by Craig & Candace Botnick United Synagogue Youth Advisors

You Can't Participate Unless You Participate

It has long been felt that the programs for the youth sponsored by Congregation B'nai Tikvah are a real highlight of our community. We have much to be proud of as we watch our youth become involved and committed Jewish members of this area. But they can't participate unless they participate! Strange as that sentence may seem, what it means is that in order to be part of things going on here, our kids must be members of the youth groups we provide for them.

Until this month we have been sending notices of events to every young person in the congregation to let them know of our programs. But the practicality of this makes it difficult to continue unless our young people affiliate with our USY group.

We may still be waiting to hear from you. Parents - sign your youngster up for USY and then they can make the choice about what events really are of interest to them. Bowling, billiards, regional dances, and basketball games are some of the choices they will have, but we have to have them as members of USY to participate.

North/South Brunswick USY (9th through 12th grades) is a very special place in our community. Our teens network throughout the region, meeting kids at a variety of events...even the "Sports 'N' Games" coming this winter.

To join our USY group send your child's name, address, school, birthdate, phone # and the appropriate check (\$25/year payable to North/South Brunswick USY) and we will do the rest. We'll call, cajole and talk to him/her. If you have any questions call us at (908) 940-8463.

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A reminder that all Fifty Plus members are invited to participate in Congregation B'nai Tikvah's services and programs. Looking ahead to January, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 1996 at 1 pm. Guests are welcome to join us for our program and light refreshments. For further information please call Madeline at 297-4240.

COUPLES CLUB

Are you looking to make new friends? The B'nai Tikvah couples club proudly presents the 1995-1996 calendar of events. We have exciting activities planned. We hope you will join us in fun and friendship.

- January 14 7:00 pm Tentative Date for Israeli Dancing
- February 9 TBD Shabbat Dinner at B'nai Tikvah
- March 30 TBD Progressive Dinner
- May 5 8:00 pm Wine & Cheese
- July 7 TBD Family Bar-B-Que.

For more information about joining the Couples Club please contact Shelly Talmud, Group Coordinator, at 297-3112, or Ken Wistreich, Treasurer, at 422-4273.

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ABOUT Us
by Mili Rosloff

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MAZON, A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER. This worthy organization reminds us that when we fast at Yom Kippur, or celebrate a simcha and then donate a percentage to their funds, we show we remember those who suffer from involuntary fasting, as do so many hungry people. Although Mazon has existed for not quite a decade, this year alone over \$800,000 in grants has already been announced, and by the end of 1995, an astounding \$10 million will have been allocated to food banks, anti-hunger coalitions and developmental projects. Beneficiaries range from the 50,000 Florida school children, who are supplied with meals during the summer months, when school meals are not offered, to the literally dozens of pantries and charitable agencies in all of our 50 states.

DER YIDDISHER VULCAN. "Beam me up, Shloymie" has become Leonard (Mr. Spock) Nimoy's latest phrase, now that he is the host of the new National Public Radio series, "Jewish Short Stories from Eastern Europe and Beyond". The series features hour-long readings (tapes are available too) with stars such as Walter Matthau, Lauren Bacall, Elliot Gould etc. doing the readings. The tales we hear are by Sholem Aleichem, (hence, "Shloymie", of course), I.B. Singer, Philip Roth, and other distinguished authors. Most of us are familiar with "Spock's" hand sign for the Vulcan greeting on Star Trek. It is accompanied by the greeting, "Live long and prosper". You should know this is the traditional split-fingered gesture for the priestly blessing in the synagogue, and is Nimoy's contribution to the character of the Vulcan.

YITZHAK RABIN, 1922-1995. What can be added to this sad event? We who truly felt we were one people have been profoundly wounded, as we bid an untimely farewell to the man who exemplified the proud voice of Israel. He was the right man at the right time for all who seek peace, and this giant among men truly sowed the seeds of reconciliation. May his memory be a blessing for all of us and for all of Israel. Shalom. Shalom.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

By Aaron Rosloff

A.M. Rosenthal had it right in the New York Times when he said that Farrakhan needs anti-semitism as a junkie needs the needle. There is a feeling among some Jews that we should give dialogue with Farrakhan a chance. That is exactly what he would like.

Farrakhan is not some poor misguided juvenile who needs new direction, who needs someone to point out to him that he is hurting the feelings of innocent people. He is a dedicated power seeker who knows exactly what he is doing. Meeting with him would only prove to him that his methods are working and that his Hitlerish diatribes will get him the power and prestige that his twisted and brutish personality needs.

The ego of people like him is never assuaged by thoughtful discussion. To them it only proves that they were right to make unmeetable demands and to demonize others. If Jewish leaders meet with Farrakhan, he will use this as further proof that he can get away with spreading his hate and anti-semitism while Catholics, Jews, blacks and whites and all people of good will, tremble and hope for an occasional good word from him.

Dealing with the likes of Farrakhan is like feeding your lunch to a shark to make him go away. He will only come back for more and more. The only way to deal with a sociopathic mind like his is to fight him. I'll quote from Rosenthal again, "Now is the time for Jews to fight as did the blacks: with all the strength - votes, money, political clout, boycotts, lobbies, all instruments of conviction and power."

Martin Luther King fought to integrate black Americans into society and economy. Louis Farrakhan seeks to create an American apartheid to give him his own constituency. We must separate him from the vast majority of Afro Americans who are simply trying to get by from day to day. America must prove its case not by kow toing to a racist hater, but by showing our non-white population that there is equal opportunity for all our citizens regardless of religion or color, and thereby stripping Farrakhan of his audience.

History has proven over and over again; you

cannot fight people like him with good will. Like the shark, he'll just gobble it up and come back for more.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 7

The Tenth Annual B'nai Tikvah Blood Donor Drive will take place on Sunday, January 7th, 1996 - from 11 am to 3 pm - at the synagogue. With the television on to continue feeding your football frenzy while you donate. Spend a little of your Sunday being part of this most important mitzvah. We've set a goal of fifty pints and we hope all of you will make the effort to come down and Give-The-Gift-Of-Life

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Dinner? Hot buffet dinner and dessert.

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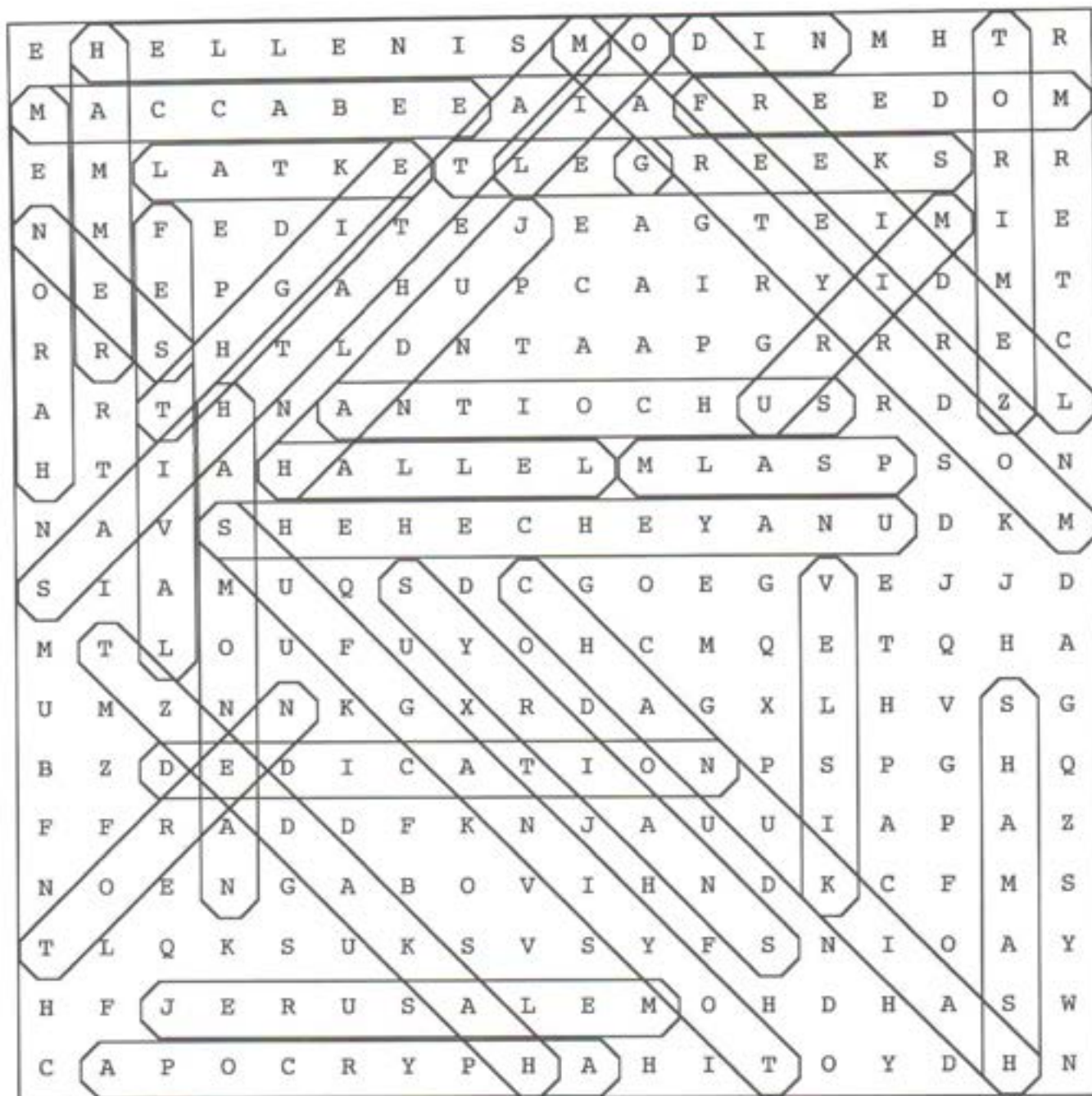
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