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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI** ***Shalah Manot***

**T**here are four mitzvot associated with the celebration of Purim: the reading of the megillah evening and morning, the distribution of tzedakah to the poor, a festival meal, and shalah manot (sending two gifts of food to a friend). Three of the four commandments are practiced at other times in the Jewish calendar year. Only shalah manot is unique to Purim.

Why did Esther and Mordechai decree shalah manot as a unique observance of Purim?

The answer lies within the context of the story itself. As the story in the megillah unfolds, we read about the Jews wining and dining at a lavish party, hosted by King Ahashverosh. Reading between the lines, commentators on the megillah point out that the level of Jewish religious commitment in Persia was so low that the Jews did not hesitate to feast in the court of a pagan king. As we follow the plot of the story, we encounter the appearance of Haman, who threatens to annihilate the Jewish people.

Following their miraculous deliverance from their arch-enemy Haman, we read

that the Jews are so thankful that they "kemu v'keblu," they "confirmed and took on themselves and their posterity the laws and commandments that they had confirmed and undertaken at Sinai long before." This reaffirmation of the laws and principles of Torah is expressed in shalah manot, sending two gifts of food to our friends.

According to Rabbi Akiva, the commandment to "love your neighbor as you love yourself" is the fundamental principle and essence of Torah. Therefore we reaffirm our commitment to the fundamental principles of the Torah that we had undertaken at Sinai long ago by sending shalah manot to our friends.

The concept of sending two types of food expresses the hope that love between human beings and commitment to the spiritual values of Jewish life will always double, blossom, and flourish.

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A trip to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital during March is planned for the Pre-K classes for their special children's program. A gift will be presented to the hospital for their playroom from the children. This was bought with the tzedakah money that was collected every Friday.

The nursery school thanks Drs. Kelly & Liebeskind of Lens n' Eye, Route 27, Somerset for their vision screening. Also, our speech pathologist will be screening the children recommended by their teacher.

If you are interested in registering your child for the next school year, and have not received registration materials, please contact the nursery school office immediately. Our priority registration began in February. We are planning to continue our day care program for 3 day and 5 day children who are registered in a morning class. These children will be under our supervision from 8:30 - 3:30.

### Out-Of The Mouths Of Babies

We were talking about the shapes of the moon. When showed the crescent moon

and asked what shape it was *Stephanie* said, "croaked!" ~~~ *Adam* said to his teacher, "I saw you in the store." *Alex* interrupted and said, "You were dreaming!" ~~~ **A child of the 90's...** The teacher told *Carlee* that she would like her address so she can write to her when she moves to Lebanon (in the Middle East). *Carlee* replied, "You can fax me a letter!" ~~~ *Justin* happily informed the class that "*Samantha* and I both like green, so we're getting married!" ~~~ *Ryan* attempted to walk out of the room by himself to go to the bathroom. The teacher brought him back and cautioned him never to leave the room without one of the teachers. He very matter-of-factly replied, "I don't need company!" ~~~ When the teacher was explaining to the class that quiet time means NO TALKING, *Rachel* piped up and said: "Then why are you talking?" *Jaclyn* quickly replied: "because she had to tell us to STOP talking!" ~~~ When looking at pictures of earmuffs, *Evan* & *Kira* called out: "look, earmuffs!"

*Joan Shames, Director*

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- March: 2nd & 16th
- April: 13 & 27
- May: 4 & 18

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\*\* 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 for \$15.

The Junior Congregation appreciates all of the sponsors who help make it possible to have special kiddushes and luncheons after their services. For anyone wishing to sponsor a kiddush this year, it's not too late. As noted above, you can honor a birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah or some other special occasion.

\*\* Two parent volunteers are needed for each Junior Congregation session to sit with us and watch our children lead Junior Congregation. Please let Barry Safeer know which date you are able to attend.

Please call Barry Safeer at 422-8543 anyday, except Shabbat, if you have questions or would like to sponsor a kiddush.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREES

Nearly ONE HUNDRED congregants joined Rabbi Eligberg on Sunday, February 4th, for B'nai Tikvah's "First Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder".

Tu B'Shevat, the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat, is described in the Mishnah as the New Year for trees, *Rosh Ha Shanah Le Ilanot*. The year is calculated from this date for matters relating to the tithing of fruit and other

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREES (CONT.)

ancient laws relating to agriculture in the Land of Israel. For example, fruit could not be eaten from a tree until that tree was four years old. Because it would be impractical to remember the date that each tree was planted, Tu B'Shevat was conveniently designated as the birthday for all trees. Today, Tu B'Shevat is commonly celebrated by the eating of fruits associated with Israel and the planting of trees in Israel.\*\*

Tu B'Shevat provides an ideal opportunity to acknowledge Judaism's concern for the environment and to attempt to thank Hashem for providing for us through the miracles of nature. Through our Seder, we endeavored to do just that. We read selections from a Tu B'Shevat Haggadah, compiled by the Rabbi. The selections emphasized our reliance on nature, the need for conservation, and the fact that the blessings of nature are Divine gifts. We sang songs related to the day, including the "classic" Willy the Wiggle Worm. Seder plates with flowers, assorted fruits, nuts and spices were placed on each table to highlight the themes of the day. These fruits were eaten, and the flowers and aromatic spices were sniffed. A fun and meaningful time was had by all!

Congratulations [and thank you] to Rabbi Eligberg and all who participated!

David Yucht  
Ritual Committee

\*\*To Be A Jew by Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin and The Jewish Catalog edited by Richard Siegel, Michael Strassfeld and Sharon Strassfeld were referred to in this paragraph.



**ABOUT US**  
by Mili Rosloff

**TOBACCO ADDICTS** - Some years ago, when workers in Israel's cigarette factories went on strike, making cigarettes impossible to find, widespread demonstrations and protest marches by desperately addicted Israelis forced an early settlement of the strike. However, due to anti-smoking campaigns, consumption of cigarettes has declined somewhat in Israel, ultra-Orthodox men are among the heaviest abusers, even considering their abstention every Sabbath. Nevertheless, warnings against the dangerous weed fell on deaf ears among Orthodox young men, until 12 Yeshiva students, some only 16 years old, died of lung cancer during only a two-month period. Yeshivot all over Israel are now actively participating in fighting this scourge. The campaign features the words of Wayne McLaren, known for many years as advertising's "Marlboro Man". Just prior to his death from lung cancer, McLaren told the world, "Tobacco will kill you, and I'm the living proof of it."

**HATE CRIMES** - An FBI report states that hate crimes reported to the police declined from 7,684 in 1993 to 5,852 in 1994. But, we also learn that the most frequent religious targets were Jews, who numbered 1,074 of the victims.

**GASTRONOMIC JEWS** - Without fear of contradiction, no one will deny that Jewish simchas always boast a laden table with delicious meichals. This was easily borne out with recent finds in retrieving old publications for our archives. Two interesting items appeared at the same time. One was a copy of Temple Beth Shalom's version of our "Hakol" -- a 1974 "Park Light" (the publication's name)

listing the sale of their Women's Group cookbook. Next on the pile was a 1980 "B'nai Tikvah News", featuring not only a recipe for latkes, but also a challah baking class to be conducted by Ephraim Botnick, and also (what else?) the sale of a new Sisterhood cookbook.

**MAITRE D'** - So, should we be surprised to read of the new Israeli annual guide bearing this name, listing restaurants in Israel that prove schwerma, hummous, falafel, or chicken soup with lokshen are not the only foods in Israel? The advertisement for this publication quotes Oscar Wilde, "I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best."

**GREAT BRITAIN** - The BBC recently aired an astounding program on the Holocaust. Frank Roberts, who was a wartime Foreign Office official, revealed in an interview on this program that the Holocaust may have been under-reported for fear of upsetting the Arab world. He admitted, "we wanted to keep the Middle East quiet. ... we had to be careful we didn't give the Arabs the impression that we'd suddenly turned into a pro-Jewish, pro-Zionist organization. What a bitter truth..."

**ENGLISH STUDIES** - Israeli kids are so anxious to learn English, which is already a compulsory subject in the Israeli schools, that last summer the English-speaking summer camps had to turn away thousands of applicants. Literally two kids had to be turned away for every one accepted. Volunteers and Diaspora communities generously helped with finances.

**ARABIC STUDIES** - Beginning next autumn, Arabic will be taught as a compulsory subject in all Israeli schools

## ABOUT US (CONTINUED)

up to the eleventh grade. Special instruction has been arranged for the mostly Israeli Arab teachers to prepare them for teaching in Jewish schools.

**TOURISM** - Once more, a record number of tourists visited Israel in 1993, representing a 1700 increase or better.

**JERUSALEM AT 3000** - With all sorts of celebrations and plans underway for Jerusalem's three thousandth anniversary, you might plan to participate. It's not too late to enjoy the experience and to add to your cherished memories.

L'hitraot,  
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## WHO'S JEWISH IN JOURNALISM by Irwin Weintraub

The following are questions about Jewish newspapers, publishers and journalists. How many can you identify?

- 1 The character called "Deep Throat" helped make this young Jewish journalist rich and famous. Name the real life reporter and the actor who played him on the screen.
- 2 What is the name of the major Israeli evening newspaper?
- 3 What is Israel's best-known English language newspaper.
- 4 During World War II, Joe Rosenthal, a Jewish photographer for the Associated Press, took a picture of some men on a mountaintop. The famous picture won a Pulitzer Prize. Who were the men, what were they doing, and where?
- 5 What is the name of Abraham Cahan's Yiddish newspaper which was the largest daily on New York's old East Side?
- 6 What was the name of that paper's advice column?
- 7 Around the turn of the century, a Jewish man from Tennessee built an ailing New York Times into an important newspaper. What was his name?
- 8 As a result of marriages, the ownership name of the newspaper changed and still appears in the paper. Name the family.
- 9 What is the name of the international news service founded by a German Jew?
- 10 Harry Golden became a household name in the 1950s as editor of a small newspaper and author of books covering collected items from the newspaper. Name the newspaper.
- 11 Who is the cigar smoking syndicated columnist who writes satires for the Washington establishment?
- 12 This Jewish journalist popularized the three-dot style and became a popular radio and television reporter.
- 13 Who was the controversial Jewish journalist known for his muckraking style of reporting.
- 14 Name the newspaper cartoonist who created shmoo.
- 15 A famous play and movie about the newspaper world was written by Charles MacArthur and a Jewish co-author. Name the play and the co-author.
- 16 What were the subjects that columnist Roger Caras wrote about?
- 17 What are the names of the identical twin sisters who write competing newspaper advice columns?
- 18 Who was the Jewish gossip columnist who wrote from his "den"?

**19** This newspaper publisher was a half-Jewish immigrant from Hungary. He was head of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the *New York World*. He endowed Columbia University's prestigious school of Journalism. However, he is best known for something else which recognizes achievements in journalism. Who is he and what is he known for.

**20** Walter Lippmann, was a noted political columnist, editor author and government advisor. He first was associated with *The New Republic* and the *New York World*. He later became associated with another newspaper which is now defunct. Name the newspaper.

**21** Name the woman journalist who became publisher of the *New York Post*.

Sources for "Who's Jewish...":  
 Carlinsky, Dan, *The Very Nice Jewish Quiz Book.*, New York, Bell Publishing Co., 1987.  
 Postal, Bernard and Lionnel Koppman. *Guess Who's Jewish in American History.* Second ed., New York, Shapolsky, 1986.



**Answers:**

1. The real life reporter was Carl Bernstein. Dustin Hoffman played him on the screen.
2. *Maariv*
3. *The Jerusalem Post*
4. They were U.S. Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima
5. *The Jewish Daily Forward (Forvertz)*
6. "Bintel Brief."
7. Adolph S. Ochs
8. Sulzberger
9. Reuters
10. *The Carolina Israelite*
11. Art Buchwald
12. Walter Winchell
13. I.F. Stone
14. Al Capp (born Caplin) who also created Li'l Abner and the folks at Dogpatch.
15. The play was called *The Front Page*. Co-author was Ben Hecht.
16. Roger Caras wrote about pets and wildlife.
17. Esther and Pauline Friedman, known as Ann Landers and Abigail ("Dear Abby") Van Buren.
18. Leonard Lyons (The Lyons Den).
19. Joseph Pulitzer who established the Pulitzer Prizes in his will.
20. The *New York Herald Tribune*.
21. Dorothy Schiff



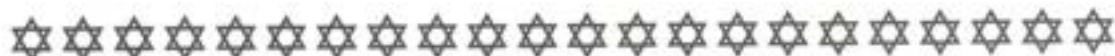


## CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

### PASSOVER, SCHEDULE OF SERVICES APRIL 1996

PESACH begins at sundown Wednesday, April 3

Services: Erev Pesach -- Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 pm  
Pesach -- Thursday, April 4, 9:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Pesach -- Friday, April 5, 9:30 am & 8:00 pm  
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## CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

### PASSOVER COMMUNITY SEDER

APRIL 4, 1996

at 6:30 pm

Where: at Congregation B'nai Tikvah

What: Seder, 2nd night of Pesach

When: Thursday, April 4th

KSVF: by March 21, 1996

COST: \$\$\$ to be determined

We are currently in the process of planning a community seder for the second night of Pesach.

Since so much planning goes into the preparation of such an event, we have set a March 21st deadline for reservations.

If you are interested in attending or helping in any way, please call Bobbi Binder at 274-2797, Larry Cohen at 821-4376 or the synagogue office at 297-0696.



### ≪Lunch & Learn Recipe≫

So many of you enjoyed the Indian Curried Egg Soup and asked for a copy of the recipe from our January Lunch & Learn, the best way to get this information to everyone was to publish.

#### INDIAN CURRIED EGG SOUP (Senegalese Soup) Dairy (McCall's Cooking School)

1/2 cup margarine	1-2 tbsps. Curry powder	4 egg yolks
1 cup chopped onions	2 tbsps. all-purpose flour	2 cups light cream or 1/2 & 1/2
1/2 cup chopped, peeled carrots	2 cans vegetable broth (10 oz)	1 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup chopped celery	1 1/2 cups water	1/2 cup canned flaked coconut (optional)
1 cup chopped, pared tart apples		

**SUBSTITUTION NOTES:** Use only 2 egg yolks and substitute egg-beaters to make up balance of liquid. Use vegetable bouillon if you cannot find vegetable broth. Dissolve amount needed to make 20 oz of liquid.

Put margarine in a 4-qt heavy dutch oven. Heat over moderate heat until melted and hot. Add onions, carrots, celery, apples and 1/2 curry powder. Reduce heat to low and cook 20 min, stirring until ingredients are tender. Stir flour into mixture, using wooden spoon. Stir over low heat until mixture is bubbly and no traces of flour are left. Remove from heat. Using a potato masher, mash vegetables and apples right in dutch oven. Gradually stir in vegetable broth and 1 1/2 cups water. Return to heat and bring to a boil on high, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Reduce heat to low and cover dutch oven. Simmer for 45 min. Skim soup several times with metal spoon. (You can now run mixture through a sieve if you desire soup to be creamy.) Put egg yolks (or egg yolk/egg beater mixture) in medium sized bowl. Gradually add cream or 1/2 & 1/2, beating until eggs and cream are very well blended. Gradually pour cream mixture into soup in dutch oven, stirring soup constantly. Return soup to medium heat and cook, stirring constantly with wooden spoon, just until the soup thickens. Do not let the soup boil (the eggs will curdle). Stir in lemon juice and serve hot or refrigerate overnight and serve cold. Serve garnished with coconut (optional).

This is a great Shabbot soup for since it can be served cold. Also keep in mind for Passover.

Enjoy! Deborah Spigner

**→HELP HUNGRY JEWISH FAMILIES DURING PASSOVER←**

B'nai Tikvah's Sisterhood has been asked by Jewish Family Services to join in collecting and coordinating a Holiday Food Basket program to enable needy Jewish families in our community to enjoy a traditional Passover. Due to the problems in our economy and unemployment levels there are more families in crisis than ever before.

Last Pesach, Jewish Family Services distributed food baskets to 200 families and B'nai Tikvah helped!

**PLEASE HELP!** Beginning Sunday, March 3rd you will notice collection boxes in the Synagogue office and school wing. Please keep this program in mind when grocery shopping for Passover. Below is a list of food items needed. If you are coming to the Synagogue **REMEMBER** to bring something. If each of us brings just one item, think of all the unfortunate families we will be able to help feed.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Matzoh	Boxes	Matzo Meal	1 lb boxes
Sugar	1 lb bags	Gefilte Fish	Reg size jars
Horseradish	1 jar	Soup	Canned
Cookies		Candies	
Oil	Quart bottles	Macaroons	Canned
Jelly	Jars	Canned Vegetables	Cans
Fruit	Canned	Grape juice	bottles
Instant Coffee	4 oz or 6 oz jars	Tea Bags	Small boxes
Soda	Litre bottles		

Please make sure all of these items are kosher for Passover. No perishable items please.

**COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 24.**

If you are available and can help sort Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm or deliver baskets Sunday, March 31 9 am please contact Deborah Spigner (545-8457). Drop off, sorting and pick-up for delivery will be at Lake Vu Day Camp. Please call if you can volunteer here at B'nai Tikvah packing and delivering our collection to LakeVu. Thank you!







# PASSOVER FLOWERS

Everyone likes to decorate their homes and seder tables for Passover with flowers. Again this year **Just Because Florists** is giving Sisterhood a special opportunity for B'nai Tikvah's members to order beautiful floral table arrangements or loose cut flowers in a vase for yourself, relatives and friends.

Floral arrangements will be available for pick-up at the synagogue on **Monday April 1 & Tuesday April 2** between 6:00 and 8:00 PM.

Each arrangement will cost \$18.00. Please fill out the order form below and return it to the synagogue office or directly to Lori Sookerman, 153 Salem Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, by Monday, March 18, 1996. Please make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood. If you have any questions please feel free to give Lori a call at 940-1196.

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Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of loose cut arrangements in vase \_\_\_\_\_

# of floral table arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

Total Arrangements \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 each, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

## Sisterhood Wine Sale is Back

Order delicious kosher wine for your Passover Seder through Sisterhood. All wines must be pre-ordered by March 18, 1996. Your orders will be available for pick up (along with Passover cake and flower orders) on Monday April 1st & Tuesday April 2nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Complete the form below, make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood and return both to the Synagogue office, or directly to Debbie Golin, 1133 Livingston Ave. T/H # 15, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.  
 Questions? ... call Debbie at 545-2182.

WINES (All bottle sizes 750 ml.)	Price	Qty	Total
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Kedem Champagne - very dry	5.50		
Kedem Concord Grape - extra heavy	4.00		
Manischewitz Cream White - smooth sweet white	4.00		
Manischewitz Red - sweet red	4.00		
Chateau Chateauneuf - semi-dry white	10.00		
Royal 18 - mellow delicate - choose from four flavors below:			
Peach	6.00		
Rose	6.00		
White	6.00		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

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## PASSOVER CAKE

Once again the Sisterhood of B'nai Tikvah will be selling Kosher For Passover cake from Schick's Bakery in Brooklyn for the holiday. All cake must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by March 8th and will be available for pick-up at the synagogue on April 1 & 2 from 6-8 pm. To order cake, complete this form and send it with your check made payable to Sisterhood B'nai Tikvah to: Bryn Schain, 296 Constitution Circle, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

If you have any questions, please call Bryn at 846-6908.

# of pounds	ITEM	Price per lb.	TOTAL
	DIET CAKE-CARROT	8.25	
	FRUIT STRUDEL	8.00	
	PLAIN SPONGE	8.00	
	MARBLE SPONGE	8.00	
	APRICOT ROLL	8.00	
	SEVEN LAYER CAKE	9.25	
	JELLY ROLL (RASPBERRY)	8.00	
	CHOCOLATE ROLL	9.25	
	RAILROAD CAKE	8.00	
	RAINBOW MARZIPAN	8.00	
	CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES (6)	7.50	
	BON BONS	8.00	
	BIRTHDAY CAKE (8" round)	25.00	
Total Enclosed .....			

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## MEALS FOR PASSOVER WITH PIZZAZ

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All dishes will be sampled during preparation!

**NEED A RIDE?** If the weather is bad and you're afraid to drive; if your car is in the shop; if you want to attend our general meeting or the bazaar but can't get here - CALL US! Sisterhood will arrange a ride just for you. Call Joyce Gerbman (937-5114) or Bobbi Binder (274-2797).

Someone has a new baby? Forget Hallmark, go **TORAH FUND!** Call for a **Welcome to The World new baby card**. Cost: \$3.50 Call Gigi Cohen (821-5917). All funds are sent to The Jewish Theological Seminary.

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**Tupperware** makes a great gift idea any time of year - but **especially** in preparation for Passover. Replace those old bowls with Tupperware for the holiday kitchen! Call Laurie Holmes (821-7418) or Lisa Seidman (297-6950).

## **ANNUAL FASHION SHOW!**

Wednesday, March 20, 1996, 6:00 p.m.  
Food, entertainment, fashions & fun!

Comedian Jill Moray will perform and also present fashions from Lancaster Dress. Catering by Classical Caterers. \$38.00 per person.

For reservations & information call  
Jill Stone (214-1912) or  
Ellie Greenberg (297-6953).

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING, APRIL 21, 1996.  
PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED.





**NORTH/SOUTH BRUNSWICK U.S.Y.  
SPRING CALENDAR**

**March**

Sunday 3rd ~ Purim Carnival at  
B'nai Tikvah

Wednesday 13th ~Anti-Semitism  
Awareness Night (7:15pm - 9:15pm)  
open to entire Congregation of B'nai  
Tikvah

Saturday 16th ~ Regional SATO Dance  
and All-Nighter, Metuchen Sunday 17th

Tuesday 26th ~ Laser Tag with East  
Windsor Chapter at Laser Park. 48  
Everett Drive Building C. West Windsor  
(609) 935-1800.

Saturday 30th ~ Regional Semi-Formal  
Dance. Aberdeen

**April**

Thursday 18th ~ Roller skating (time to  
be determined) at Kendall Park Roller  
Rink. May invite East Brunswick and/or  
Somerset chapters to join.

Sunday 21st ~ Car Wash (9:45am -  
12:30pm) at B'nai Tikvah

Friday 26th ~Regional Spring  
Convention, Kutsher's Country Club,  
Monticello, NY. Ends Sunday 28th

Tuesday 30th ~ Scavenger Hunt  
(7:15pm - 8:45pm) at B'nai Tikvah

**May**

Wednesday 8th ~ USY Visit to Nursing  
Home (details coming soon)

Saturday 18th ~ Closing Dance, Mid  
Jersey USY, Colonia

Sunday 19th ~ Israeli Day Parade

Tuesday 21st ~ Human Bingo/Wacky  
Olympics with the 8th graders, (7:00pm  
9:00pm) at B'nai Tikvah

Other potential events include:  
professional sporing event. bagel sale,  
and installation.

Dear Congregants:

Why not honor or memorialize someone  
by making a donation to B'nai Tikvah's  
Youth Fund? Your contributions to this  
Fund will help our congregational  
children further their Jewish heritage.  
These dollars will enable our USYers  
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and events. The experiences they will  
encounter during these activities will  
compliment the successful youth  
programs at our Synagogue and  
encourage our youth to maintain  
Judaism as an important part of their  
life.

So, the next time you want to make a  
donation to one of B'nai Tikvah's many  
funds, please consider making it to the  
Youth Fund in order for our youth to be  
able to continue to experience and enjoy  
the many facets of Judaism.

Sincerely,,  
North/South Brunswick USY & Kadima

## FIFTY PLUS GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27 and 1 pm in the Synagogue Social Hall when our program will feature Dr. Art Shapiro of Rutgers University. He will present a history of the town of Roosevelt, NJ.

Back by popular demand is our theater part to the Forum Theater in Metuchen. We have reserved excellent seats for the show "Sophie, Todie, and Belle," a nostalgic musical celebrating the careers of Sophie Tucker, Todie Fields and Belle Barth. Join your friends and members for either Matinee on Wednesday, May 15 at a cost of \$18, or Sunday, May 19 at a cost of \$19. Reservations are going quickly and should be made as soon as possible by calling Ann (297-3575). Tickets must be paid for by April 5.

We have been invited to join South Brunswick AARP for the following events: A trip to Valley Forge including stops at several points of interest and buffet luncheon will take place on Wednesday, February 21 at a cost of \$24. The second trip is to "Lunch and Laughter" dinner theater in Somerville on Wednesday, March 27 and includes the show "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" at a cost of \$36. Reservations in advance must be made by calling Sy 297-3562.

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 remaining 1995-1996 calendar of events. We still have exciting activities planned. We hope you will join us in fun and friendship.

- **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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**ANOTHER VIEWPOINT**  
by Aaron Rosloff

One of the biggest synagogues that I have ever attended in America is in Houston, Texas. I had the honor of an aliya at a Bar Mitzvah there some ten or fifteen years ago, and the pleasure of hearing a woman chant for the first time in my life as she read from the Torah. While waiting for my turn to be called up, the gabbai told me that she was a convert.

Not only did the young woman read Torah flawlessly, but she had a voice like Judy Collins. This whole happening, the beautiful chanting and the fact that it was being done in front of a huge congregation to say the least, stirred my interest. I had to know more. After the service there was a nice oneg waiting and I watched to see where she would sit. I slid into the chair next to her and said "talk to me". Her first reaction was to look at me as though I were some kind of nut. (Who knows, she could be right.)

I complimented her on her knowledge and voice and explained that I had heard that she was a convert, and asked her if she would care to talk about what had led her toward conversion. Sensing my sincere interest, she was glad to comply, but like a coin, her story had two sides.

Her mother was a Baptist, and her father was a red-neck Anti-Semite. Not exactly the kind of background that one would expect to find in a candidate for conversion to Judaism. (Or, maybe it is.) She had put herself through college and become a high school French teacher. In the milieu of academia and education, she developed a number of friendships with Jewish teachers.

One of her friends, recognizing a liberal bent and open mindedness, placed her name on the synagogue mailing list. She attended some lectures, made more friends, and having an ear for languages, started attending Hebrew classes at night. As her knowledge of Hebrew increased she became interested in learning the trope, the musical notes that are used to read the Torah. Gradually, learning more and more about Judaism and Hebrew, she became interested in taking instruction, and finally converted.

Learning and practicing to chant Torah she became very proficient, and on one Sabbath morning was asked to read Torah at the service. The gabbai came up to her and told her that none of the regulars had appeared that morning and it would be up to her to do the Torah Service. Filled with intrepidation she went up to the bimah and chanted the weekly parsha and the haftorah. The beauty of her voice and her impeccable reading must have been a great moment in the life of that congregation. She was asked at once to become a regular Torah reader. What a beautiful story.

But here the story changes. The events to that moment touched my heart. But a dark thought crossed my mind and I asked her if she had developed a Jewish social life. Sadly, the reply was the one that I was afraid of. "No", she replied, "I am not the daughter-in-law that the Jewish mothers of the young professionals want for their sons."

I have had no further contact with her, and sometimes wonder how things have gone for this woman. Did she find a Jewish spouse, did she become embittered at not finding a niche for



## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT (CONT.)

herself in the Jewish community outside of the synagogue, or did she find herself in the unique position of having to marry a gentile after having become Jewish?

If so, what a waste it would have been to let this gem slip through our fingers. Life as a Jew is not always easy even for those of us who have been born into our religion. Sooner or later most of us will feel the sting of prejudice and anti-semitism. But having made the decision to become a Jew-by-Choice, and then to have to face anti-semitism without being fully accepted by the Jewish community, is a painful and bitter experience. It may lead to difficulty and problems between the new-Jew and his or her spouse that can destroy a family.

The Jewish religion teaches that a convert must be held dearer than the home born, and in good faith, we must reach out and cherish those few who have the strength and desire, and have put their belief in the Jewish people that they would be accepted as full partners in our ongoing history. These are people we must not take for granted. These are people who must be made to feel that the reward is worth the risk.

Our task is to overcome the distrust and our own awkwardness in trying to deal with what is to us so difficult to understand. Why, we may ask ourselves, when so many young Jewish people are choosing to marry outside the faith, would anyone want to marry in and want to convert to Judaism? Of course not all converts do so just to please their intended spouse. But there is a lingering suspicion that in some cases that is so.

We all know Kermit the frog's song, "It Isn't Easy Being Green". It resonates among Jews who often repeat the refrain, "it isn't easy being Jewish". So why would any Christian forsake the comfort of the Christian world of culture, status and business to face the prejudice, open or covert, that all Jews must deal with at some level?

We as Jews must place a greater premium on the values that Judaism has to offer to the world. When we take a closer look at the teachings of our religion, at the Jewish contributions to law, science, medicine and society in general, we begin to understand why some "thoughtful" non-Jews would want to become part of our great family. We offer more than chicken soup, and we must be more welcoming and less suspicious of those who wish to join us!

Reach out to the Jews-by-Choice and to those who may become Jews and make them feel at home. We need not proselytize, just smile and say welcome. And really mean it.

**Aaron Rosloff**

## AN OPPOSING VIEWPOINT

by Solomon Dinkevich

A recent "Viewpoint" in HaKol (written by Aaron Rosloff) prompted me to write this letter.

Mr. Rosloff writes: "God sent Moses and our ancestors into the desert for 40 years so that the generation that would settle in the land of Israel would have *no memories of slavery.*"

3,300 years and 90 generations (Moshe

## OPPOSING VIEW (CONTINUED)

represents the 26th generation, my grandchildren belong to the 116th generation) have already passed since Exodus, and yet, we still remember that we were slaves in Egypt. Religious Jews repeat every morning: "From Egypt You redeemed us, HASHEM, our God, and from the house of bondage you liberated us." Every spring all Jewish people religious and nonreligious celebrate Pesach and teach their children never to forget our past because *people who forget their history are condemned to repeat it.*

Followers of Israel's history know that it was only three years ago, when Shimon Peres conducted the negotiation with the PLO in secret from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, that "official" Israel held the view saying: (1) no negotiations with the PLO, (2) no Arab state in Judea and Samaria, (3) Israel will never leave the Golan, (4) Jerusalem is the capital of the state of Israel and its status will never be reconsidered. Many remember, two decades ago, when Golda Meir, then the head of "official" Israel, said: *"For peace we will give them peace."*

For myself, I believe and hope that as a result of the election coming in October, "official" Israel will make a big turn in the opposite direction trying to save what still can be saved.

The "occupied" lands were liberated during the Six Day War, June 5-10, 1967, during the unprovoked war against Israel started by four Arab countries: Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq. In May 1967, Nasser closed the Straits of Tiran, blocking Israel's shipping through the Gulf of Aqaba, ordering the UN to take the peace-keeping forces out of demilitarized Sinai. Nasser put 100,000 Egyptian troops in their place. He established a joint military command of Egypt, Syria and Jordan and declared: "We are going to totally exterminate the State of Israel for all time." Judea, Samaria, Gaza, and the Golan Heights were liberated during this war. On the third day, June 7, the Israel Defense Forces entered the

Old City (East Jerusalem of today) which was captured by Jordan nineteen years earlier during the War of Independence.

On May 5th, our synagogue will celebrate the 3000-year anniversary of Jerusalem. Three thousand years ago (2,865 years according to the tradition that follows Seder Olam, and 3,029 years, in accordance with some historians) King David moved the capital of the Jewish state from Hebron to Jerusalem. No need to say that it was not a result of a warm and peaceful agreement. According to the Bible, King David captured the city by force: his men went into the city through a water tunnel. At that time Jerusalem, the City of David, covered only a 12-acre strip at the south of the Old City, near the Dung Gate. King David made Jerusalem the symbol of the Jewish people, their heart and breath, the center of their spiritual and political aspiration because (1) it became the capital of the *united* Jewish state, (2) Jerusalem was chosen as the Holy Place for the Temple construction, and (3) King David moved the Holy Ark there.

In our time, Jerusalem was united on June 7, 1967. On July 30, 1980, the Knesset passed a law which I hope will last forever—that Jerusalem would be the capital of the State of Israel.

I would like to thank Mr. Rosloff for provoking me to write this letter. We are living during an extremely decisive moment in Jewish history. As an ordinary Jew I am concerned about what is going on in Israel and what the Middle East map will look like in the year 2000 / 5760. Throughout the entire world, Jewish people are divided on this issue. Some believe the "peace process" will bring real peace, others say that it is a process of self-destruction. While Mr. Rosloff sees the root of this division in his way, I see the problem stemming from the absence of historical memory. Here and in Israel, we forgot our history (ancient and modern) and our tradition. We have gone away from the culture of our grandparents, became less and less religious. One representative of today's



## OPPOSING VIEW (CONT.)

"official" Israel, Shulamit Alony, says: "I and the religious [Jews] are two different people." Yet we are silent, silent in the world, silent in the Synagogue.

There are many committees and clubs in our congregation. Let us form one more: the Committee of People Concerned about Israel. Let us invite professional speakers, like Mr. Malcolm Hoenlein, who gave a talk in our synagogue soon after Oslo-1 was signed on the White House lawn on September 13, 1993. Let us invite speakers from both camps. Exactly two years ago on January 28, 1994, we had a Friday Night Forum after Shabbat services which discussed Israel and the PLO. Mr. Paul Lehrer and I presented different views and a discussion followed. I believe he may agree to have a new discussion and I have a number of topics which I can suggest.

I know that there are people who are against any discussion. They believe that since we do not live in Israel we are out of danger and therefore cannot understand their problems. I disagree: let us ask ourselves what would happen to us and to our children if Israel, God forbid, were to cease to exist? Silence, which in this case equals indifference, has never helped to solve any problem. Remember what happened nearly sixty years ago when our parents were silent while a ship called "St. Luis" with 830 German Jews on board stood in New York harbor. I want to end my letter with the words that I heard about fifty years ago: *"Fear not your enemies, they can only kill you. Fear not your friends, they can only betray you. Fear indifferents, they do not kill or betray, but only with their silent agreement there exists murder and betrayal."*

Sincerely yours,  
**Solomon Dinkevich**

P.S. My disagreement with Mr. Rosloff's viewpoint is not personal. My passion, rather, is for Israel. It is why I took the time to write an opposing viewpoint.

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## The Four Parashiyot

**Shabbat Shekalim**, which takes place on the Shabbat before (or of) Rosh Chodesh Adar (Adar II during leap years)—February 17th, is the first of four special Shabbats before the festival of Pesach. It is called Shabbat *Shekalim* because we read (in a special Maftir reading) of the obligation to donate a half *shekel* for the maintenance of the Temple and was to remind the Israelites of this special yearly obligation. This obligation remains as important today as it did in antiquity.

**Shabbat Zachor**, which takes place on the Shabbat before Purim—March 2nd, is the second of four special Shabbats before the festival of Pesach. We read a special Maftir that commemorates the mitzvah to *r e m e m b e r (zachor)* and *e r a d i c a t e*, through good deeds, Amalek, the prototypical antisemites, said to be the forebear of the wicked Haman.

**Shabbat Parah**, which takes place on March 9th, is the third of four special Shabbats before the festival of Pesach. We read a special Maftir which discusses the red heifer (*Parah Adumah*), whose ashes were used in the purification ritual so that all could partake and share in the Pesach sacrifice.

**Shabbat Ha'Chodesh**, which takes place on the Shabbat before (or of) Rosh Chodesh Nisan—March 16th, is the last of the four special Shabbats before the festival of Pesach. We read a special Maftir which serves as an introduction to the Pesach season and which designates the month of Nisan, according to the Torah, as the "first" month.

*"When the month of  
Adar begins,  
our joy is increased."*

## PURIM & PESACH BRIEFS:

**T**a'anit Esther, or Fast of Esther, takes place on the 13th of Adar—Monday March 4th. It is one of the four minor fast days which commemorates the request by Esther for days of fasting and prayer as a result of the loss of life associated with saving the Jews from Haman's plot. As is typical of other minor fast days, the fast begins at sunrise and ends at sunset. [As a side note, the other three minor fast days are: **Tenth of Tevet**, which marks the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians, which led to the destruction of the first Temple. **Seventeenth of Tammuz**, which marks the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem during the Babylonian siege. **Fast of Gedaliah**, which is observed on the third of Tishre, the day following Rosh Hashanah, commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah, who was appointed Governor of the Jews by Nebuchadnezzar. His death marked the end of any remnant of Jewish sovereignty and led to the further dispersal of the Jewish people.]

**S**ale of Chametz: any chametz not consumed, burned or otherwise disposed of prior to Pesach must be sold to a non-Jew, who will own it during Pesach. In order to insure compliance with the details of the law, we appoint a rabbi as our agent for the sale so that it may be carried out properly. This is typically done the week prior to Pesach. At the latest, all chametz must be disposed of or sold early on the morning of **Erev Pesach, Wednesday April 3rd**. On that day, one is permitted to eat and possess chametz only through the first third of daylight hours (approximately 10 A.M.). Accordingly, it is up through that 10 A.M. window that we burn any remaining chametz in the household, including that which was "searched for" (Bedikat Chametz) the evening before Pesach—**Tuesday April 2nd**.

**T**a'anit B'Chorim, or Fast of the Firstborn, applies to the firstborn of either a mother or father. The fast is held on **Erev Pesach—Wednesday April 3rd**. It is customary after the shacharit (morning) service to participate in a *siyyum* or completion of study of a tractate of rabbinic literature. Following the *siyyum*, there is a *seudat mitzvah*, a meal accompanying the performance of a mitzvah, here the completion of study. All firstborn in attendance are then permitted to eat. After the completion of study and before the meal, *Kaddish d'rabbanan* is recited.

### **P**reparation For Yom Tov and Eruv Tavshilin

Care must be taken in the preparation of food for the sederim (plural of seder). Generally, one can cook on *Yom Tov* only for that day. Therefore, all food for **both** sederim should be prepared **before** the beginning of the first seder. Additionally, cooking is absolutely forbidden on Shabbat. Thus, when Yom Tov occurs on *Erev Shabbat* (this year Thursday and Friday, April 4th and 5th respectively) we make an *Eruv Tavshilin* which provides the ability to prepare food on Yom Tov for Shabbat. At least two forms of food are prepared and set aside (for consumption on Shabbat) **before** the onset of Yom Tov and the special blessing and permission paragraph are recited on page 716 of Siddur Sim Shalom.



**Candles** are lit before Yom Tov (Erev Pesach) begins--**Wednesday evening, April 3rd**, with the blessing for "Yom Tov" and "Shehecheyanu". At the end of the first day of Yom Tov, the candles are lit on the night of **Thursday, April 4th** with the recitation of the same blessings as the first night. Candles should not be lit nor the second seder commenced until the conclusion of the first day of Yom Tov upon the appearance of the stars, at least 25 minutes after sunset.

**SEVENTH & EIGHTH "DAYS "OF PESACH  
(WEDNESDAY APRIL 10 & THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH)**

**Meals:** There are festive meals on each night of the final two days of Pesach as well as after the Shacharit service each morning. At each meal *Kiddush* is recited and *Motzi* is made over matzah.

**Evening Meals:** In the evenings we recite the evening Festival Kiddush (pages 742-745 of Siddur Sim Shalom) with the appropriate insertion for Pesach. **Omit** the blessing Shehecheyanu both evenings.

**Afternoon Meals:** The "morning" Kiddush is shorter, consisting of the biblical verse beginning *Vayidaber Moshe* "Thus Moses declared" [Lev. 23:44] followed by the blessing *Borei peri ha'gafen* (pages 746-747 of Siddur Sim Shalom).

**Birkat Ha'mazon:** After the meals, include *Ya'aleh V'yavo* "Our God and God of our ancestors" (pages 762-763 in Siddur Sim Shalom) in Birkat Ha'mazon as well as the *Ha'rachaman* for Festivals.

**Candles:** On the seventh and eighth night candles are lit with the blessing for Yom Tov.

**Omit** Shehecheyanu on both evenings. On the eighth night of Pesach--the night of **April 10th**, candles should not be lit until the appearance of the stars, at least 25 minutes after sunset.

Chag Sameach,  
Mark Cohen

[All of the above was compiled from various sources. Key sources include: Luach: 5756 by The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The Rabbinical Assembly, The Jewish Holidays by Michael Strassfeld, A Guide To Jewish Religious Practice by Rabbi Isaac Klein, and To Be A Jew by Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin]

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**YOM HASHOAH 1996**  
**LIGHT A YELLOW CANDLE TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO PERISHED**

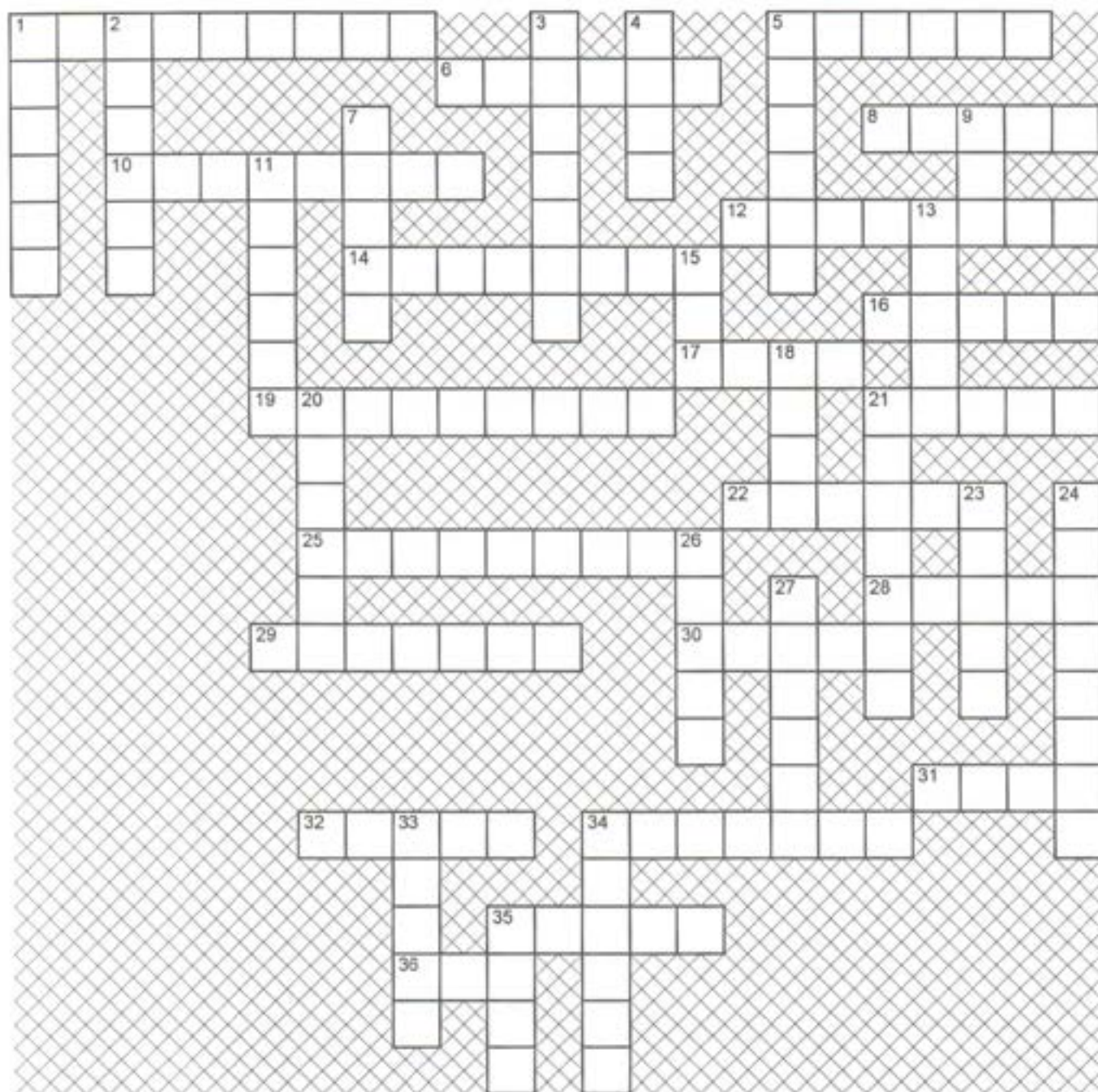
It's been more than fifty years since Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, the **Men's' Club of Congregation B'nai Tikvah** is again 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 15, 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 third year in a row. Your generous donations last year ensured our continued participation in this worthwhile program. The excess funds were used to aid in the erection of the Holocaust memorial within Congregation B'nai Tikvah. This year the funds will be earmarked as a donation to the "**ANNE FRANK IN THE WORLD: 1929-1945**" exhibit coming to South Brunswick.





Feb 19, 1996

## Across

1. Before the Hebrews were enslaved, their livelihood was \_\_\_\_\_ and herdsman.
5. The Hebrew name of the 'section' in the haggadah which recounts the story of the Exodus and explains the seder symbols.
6. The Hebrew name for the symbol of seasonal rebirth of the earth, usually a green vegetable.
8. According to a Midrash, Moses was 80 years old when he returned to \_\_\_\_\_ as the leader of the Hebrews.
10. The Hebrew name of one of the most popular songs—'it would have been enough' which progressively illustrates how God, in His love for us, raised us from an enslaved people to a free nation...a nation who would receive God's Law.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_, which means 'narrative', contains the rituals, stories, Psalms, and prayers extolling God's greatness. It is used on Pesach to conduct the reenactment of the Exodus at home.

14. An item sought by all children; the dessert of the seder meal, and symbolic of the Paschal Lamb.
16. The name of Moses' brother, who was the High Priest.
17. The name of the river in which Moses was drawn as an infant by Pharaoh's daughter.
19. The act of \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizes the posture of kings and free people everywhere. It is done at various times during the seder.
21. The Hebrews called Pharaoh's daughter \_\_\_\_\_ or Bithia which means a 'daughter of God' because she saved Moses.
22. The name of Moses' sister, who was ranked with her brothers as one of the liberators of ancient Israel.
25. At the conclusion of the seder all participants exclaim, 'Next Year in \_\_\_\_\_!'
28. The Hebrew name for the symbol representing the offering, usually a roasted bone. Its literal meaning is 'arm'; recalling God's outstretched arm and miraculous acts which redeemed us.



29. The Hebrew word for leavened food products which must be removed from the home and not eaten during Pesach.
30. The name of the most important prayer in Jewish liturgy, whose third passage makes reference to the Exodus, an event that is a mitzvah to recall twice daily.
31. Five cups of \_\_\_\_\_ are used in the seder, each representing a different milestone or level of freedom.
32. The Pesach festival is observed for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
34. The King of Egypt, believed to be an Egyptian god.
35. The Hebrew word 'seder' means \_\_\_\_\_.
36. Pesach is deemed to be a '\_\_\_ Tov' holiday. It is one of the three agricultural festivals known as Pilgrimage Holidays or in Hebrew: Shalosh Regalim.

**Down**

1. Pesach is celebrated in the season of \_\_\_\_\_, referred to as 'Aviv' in Hebrew.
2. The second book of the 'Five Books of Moses,' referred to as Shemot in Hebrew.
3. Pesach is sometimes referred to as the 'Feast of \_\_\_\_\_'.
4. Karpas is dipped into \_\_\_\_\_ water, recalling slavery's tears and the Temple offerings.
5. According to Halacha (Jewish Law), we are required to eat \_\_\_\_\_ only on the first night of Pesach. For the rest of Pesach, other forms of UNLEAVENED foods may be eaten.
7. Pesach begins in the Hebrew month of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The Hebrew word for 'hand' is \_\_\_\_\_. 'With a mighty hand has God redeemed us.'
11. A memorial service which is recited on Pesach. The root of this word means 'to remember'.
13. After Moses slew the Egyptian taskmaster, he resided in Midian which is located at the Gulf of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Joshua was the son of \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Moses and his siblings belonged to the Tribe of \_\_\_\_\_.
20. A famous prophet who will proclaim the long awaited Messiah and the redemption that will bring enduring peace to the world. The fifth cup of wine belongs to him.
21. The Hebrew name for the symbol which represents the festival offering in The Temple. Usually a roasted egg.
23. The Hebrew name for the symbol representing the bitterness of servitude. It can be found on the seder plate.
24. A mixture of chopped nuts, apples, wine and spices used to represent the mortar which we were forced to make as slaves.
26. The greatest prophet of the Jewish People whose name was derived from 'Meshithu' meaning: 'crawled from the water'.
27. The name of Moses' father-in-law, who resided in Midian. For those religious school drop-outs try this clue: \_\_\_\_\_ Tuil.
33. Chad \_\_\_\_\_ or 'one kid, just one kid' is sung at the end of the seder.
34. The Jewish ceremony for first born male children which originated on the first day of the Exodus is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ Ha-Ben (Exodus 13.2)
35. An \_\_\_\_\_, which is one sheaf of wheat, begins to be 'counted' on the second night of Pesach and continues for exactly 49 days to the festival of Shavuot.

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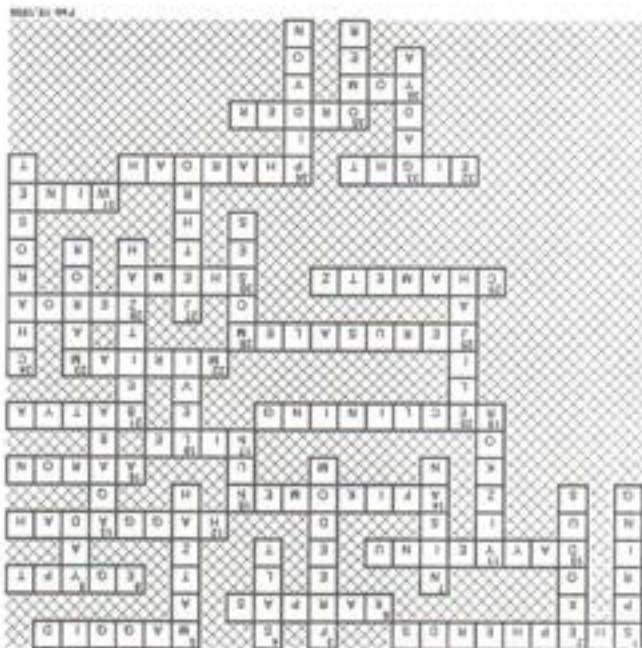


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Books, records, tapes, children's clothing (clean please), appliances, toys, furniture, computer hardware and software, household items, sporting goods, office supplies, objects d'art etc.

We ask that the items be clean, in saleable and/or working condition. Since we have neither the facilities to store or transport donated items we are requesting that all items donated be brought to the synagogue in the two weeks prior to the sale. Dates and times for drop-off will be publicized in future announcements.

Contact Bill Greenberg (297-6953) if you have any question regarding items you wish to donate or if you are able to spend a couple of hours helping with the sale.

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Throughout the years, our camp has maintained the highest standards with the most qualified and caring staff of counselors, and an innovative program designed specifically for young children. Randy Eisen, the Director, is a veteran teacher in nursery and elementary education, holding a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education. Throughout her career, she has given her students the warmth and understanding needed for tackling new and difficult situations.

Nancy Danto, one of our head counselors, has been teaching at B'nai Shalom (East Brunswick) for the past sixteen years and has worked at the camp for the past six years. Her gift in fine arts is evident by the creative and unique projects the children have enjoyed over the years. Our other counselors take an active part in camp activities and stress positive interaction with the children. This atmosphere has made camp a fun place for even the most shy and homesick child.

Each camper is provided with the opportunity for a summer of personal growth and physical development. Our stimulating program provides multi-faceted experiences in arts and crafts, music, wading pools, playground, games, special events, and dynamic new themes presented each week. Some of the events from past summers have been:

Teddy Bear Day, Nature Day with a visit from Owl Haven animals, Barney Day, Circus Day with a visit from Bubbles the Clown, Cowpoke Day, Native American Day, and African Festival Day.

Our camp will commence July 1 and end August 23. Convenient hours 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, and an extended day lunch program from 12:30 to 1:30 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday is also available. The five day program is open to children between the ages of 2 ½ to 5 ½ (post - kindergarten). The camp is located at B'nai Tikvah. For more information call Randy Eisen at (908) 238-2213.

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B'nai Tikvah is beginning to gear up for the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations planned for this spring.

A number of social and educational activities are being planned to inform the congregation about Israel, and Jerusalem in particular. Look for interesting guest speakers, programs for school children and a day-long transformation of the synagogue building into "Jerusalem for a day" on May 5th. All of the Temple's various groups are participating, and we look forward to a great time.

In addition to our local celebrations, the Federation is planning an extensive itinerary culminating in a community exhibition and concert to be held on May 19th.

For students there will be essay, art, photography and exhibition contests with prizes. Adults can participate in an essay contest. Entry forms will be sent home with the children from Hebrew School. Additional information about the contests, as well as entry forms can be obtained by contacting the synagogue office.

Persons who are interested in lending a hand with the planning of our Jerusalem 3000 celebrations can call Nurit Brown at 297-0594.



## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SYNAGOGUE DUES BILLS?

The synagogue's financial secretary has resigned. Therefore, effective immediately and pending the appointment of another financial secretary, please direct all of your **questions about billing** to an Executive Officer of the Board or call the synagogue office.

### Highlights of the Board of Directors Meetings

*January 18, 1996*

- Automatic phone-dialing machine has been installed in the office, but not yet ready for use.
- Both sanctuary tapestries will be dedicated on March 30 (Shabbat Hagadol).
- \$6,000 pledged this year for capital fund-raising.
- Anonymous donor pledged to cover any shortfall in this year's fund-raising budget.
- Art Auction planned for March 16
- Preparations for summer camp have begun.
- Marc Binder resigned as Financial Secretary
- Two USY members went to International Convention in Toronto. Advisors attended workshops at the Meadowlands.
- 26 families still owe Religious School tuition, and children will be excluded if tuition is not paid by February 4th.
- "Trip to Israel Scholarship Fund" has a donor who has committed \$50,000 (countywide) to subsidize scholarships.

- ° Cantor Goldberg is resigning as Religious School Director at the expiration of his contract in June, 1996. Search for his successor has begun.
- ° "Pushka Fund" distributed. Annual Congregational Picnic scheduled for June 9. Contributors of "Holocaust Torah Fund" received letter for tax purposes.
- ° "Chanukah Park" not well attended. Discussion by Federation to designate B'nai Tikvah as permanent site for future "Chanukah Parks". Next one to be on December 8, 1996.
- ° Rabbi and Ritual Committee planning to videotape services to be used by hospitals, etc.
- ° Marty Abschutz was chosen as Trustee to complete Bill Greenberg's unexpired term.
- ° Congregants who gave donations of \$75 or more should receive letters for tax purposes.

*February 5, 1996*

- ° Rabbi's D'var Torah focused on the importance of listening to both sides of an issue and recognizing the validity of another's opinion.
- ° Program Committee is looking for volunteers [contact Mark Roller].
- ° Junior Congregation program under review by a joint committee of representatives of Ritual and Religious School Committees. Motion approved to accept joint committee's plan.
- ° Motion defeated to accept Ritual Committee's updated guidelines with respect to synagogue decorum.
- ° Motion approved to continue Nursery School day-care program for next year.
- ° Synagogue's corporate tax return [New Jersey] sent in late. Motion approved that Jeff Schwartz be named

registered agent so that state corporate return is handled appropriately.

- ° Treasurer's Report -- good financial shape.
- ° No action taken on caterer's request to install an awning above synagogue front door.
- \* Tax statements included with Dues statements, mailed on time. Search continues for a financial secretary. Refer questions about bills to synagogue office of executive board member.
- ° Fundraising budget to be met by anonymous philanthropist. Expect \$5K-\$6K profit from "Scrip Program" this year. Elliot Danto chairing Passover Candy sale. Bill Greenberg chairing Garage Sale on June 23. Telephone Calling Cards available through A. Kane.
- ° Completed United Synagogue application to begin search for School Director. 90% of Hebrew School tuition collected to date. Jewish Federation will present "Passport to Israel" program at a future board meeting.
- ° Give Marc Dillman all committee budget requests in preparation for next years annual budget preparation.
- ° Approved motion to establish committee to address issue of availability and use of synagogue membership list.
- ° Dmitri Markov, interpreter at Nuremberg Trials, sponsored by Men's Club to speak at Yom HaShoah program. Money raised through Yellow Candle program to be donated to Anne Frank Exhibit.
- ° Due to "Chanukah Park's" poorly attended, Jewish Federation has narrowed the field in looking for a permanent home for this event. Possibly alternate between B'nai Shalom in East Brunswick and B'nai Tikvah.
- ° Rabbi seeking financing [\$25,000] for Bikkur Holim video tape of services for people in hospitals.





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### 👉 The Synagogue Board Needs Feedback 👈

So how are we doing? While we are proud of our Synagogue and its programs, we are always looking for ways to improve. Help us identify areas in which we can do even better. Call any Board member with your suggestions.

Bette Koffler, Board Trustee

### **Business on Shabbat**

Just a reminder that no synagogue business is to be conducted on Shabbat. Please do not call any of the group or congregational representatives for any reason on Friday late afternoons or Saturdays.

### *Daily Minyon Schedule*

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