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Rabbi Eligberg Is Officially Installed

by Bobbi Binder

It was a gathering of friends, family, local clergy, and rabbis from other areas. On February 25, 1996, Rabbi David Mark Eligberg was officially installed as Congregation B'nai Tikvah's rabbi. Over 200 people attended the installation which was followed by a reception consisting of assorted and truly delicious desserts that was catered by Classical Caterers. For me personally, it marked an end to the beginning, a time to move forward.



Rabbi Eligberg (pictured)
"Today the community celebrates its new rabbi, Today the congregation is filled with promise."

When I first learned last year that we would be in need of a new rabbi, I was filled with mixed emotions. I knew that the search would be long, difficult and would not necessarily lead us to the next rabbi of our synagogue. I took part in the search process whenever I had the opportunity. I attended the question and answer sessions that determined if we would ask a candidate back for Shabbat.

I attended the services that were lead by each candidate. I even had the opportunity to shmooze with each candidate after maariv services on the Saturday night that he or she was in town.

My family took an instant liking to Rabbi Eligberg from the start. Throughout the course of the past seven months my family has interacted with Rabbi Eligberg on various levels. We have come to him for advice, we sought his help with coordinating the family services which occur on Friday nights, we have shared Shabbat afternoon with him. He has become our Rabbi.

On February 25, our synagogue acknowledged his position officially, even though he has been working for three quarters of a year. Various people had the opportunity to speak (most even keeping

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Rabbi's Installation (continued)

it to three minutes). The Makelah performed and, since it wasn't Shabbat, were accompanied by the piano and cello, which was a special treat to all who were there. There was even a brief visit by Moshe Moosekovitz (although for some reason, he didn't have much to say!!) Although it was supposed to be a very serious and solemn occasion, "Master of Ceremonies" Alan Weg did manage to slip in a few jokes.

To you Rabbi Eligberg ...Welcome to B'nai Tikvah!

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Our registration for the 1996-97 school year has begun. We are also planning to offer Day Care for those children registered in a morning class. For additional information, call the nursery school office -297-0295.

The nursery school children & their families are invited to the April Family Shabbat service. The children will be singing a few songs.

Passover will be celebrated by all our classes with a class seder, appropriate songs, crafts & stories. The pre-Kindergarten classes always enjoy searching for the chometz, so that it can be burned.

Our spring Mommy & Me classes will begin after Passover. These classes meet once a week and are for children 18 months & up, with a designated adult.

This month the younger children will visit the library; while the 3-day school children will enjoy a train ride to New Brunswick and will lunch at Jerusalem Pizza. The pre-Kindergarten children will be going to the theater to see, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".

Our "Mommy Stay & Play Day" is almost finished, and Daddy will have his day on a Sunday in April.

Our thanks to congregant, Rachel Shaneson, for the school's hearing screening.

We are planning to celebrate Israel's 48th birthday at the end of the month with a birthday cake, songs, related crafts and stories about the country.

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Nursery School (continued)

OUT-OF-THE MOUTHS OF BABES:

During the discussion of Purim, the teacher told the class about the "mean" man, Haman. *Rachel* raised her hand & asked, "Is Haman Antiochus' brother? They were both mean!"

Ross was decorating his Mr. Bread, and glued the eyes under each other instead of next to each other. The teacher asked him if he wanted to move the eyes over, so they looked more like his eyes. He answered, "No, thanks. I want my Mr. Bread to look like Picasso. The teachers were extremely impressed with his art history knowledge until he informed them that Picasso was a character in "The Toy Story!"

Chelsea was selected to play the role of the "ema" (mother) during the class time which celebrates Shabbat. When she saw her mom she ran to her and shouted, "I was Shabbat today"!

When asked where the president lives, *Ellis* replied, "The outhouse"!

The teacher asked, "What does a carpenter do?" *David* replied, "He makes carpets"!

When discussing the presidents, the children were asked numerous questions. When asked, "What was the name of George Washington's horse?", *Brandon* answered, "Abe"!

When we were talking about Purim and the marriage of King Ahasureus and Esther, *Adam* said to *Keren*, "My parents aren't married. They are Jewish"!

Joan Shames, Director

About Us

by Mili Rosloff

OKLAHOMA CITY - April 19, 1995. Said Dr. Eli Reshef, an Israeli physician at the hospital in Oklahoma City, "It was strange to phone Israel and talk about the wounded in Oklahoma City."

CZECH REPUBLIC - The infamous concentration camp at Terezin spurred great controversy when the placement of a cross on it became known. Now, Jews have replaced the cross with a large Star of David as a monument to the victims of Nazism.

ITALY - A Jewish community, Casale Monferrato, Italy, is celebrating its 400th birthday. The synagogue there was built in 1595, and has kept its autonomy through these many centuries. Despite having dwindled to only 25 members today, the group maintains a community center, a kosher kitchen, prayer halls, and meeting rooms.

ZIMBABWE - In 1971, in what was at that time called Salisbury, Rhodesia, 22 Jews founded a Hebrew congregation. They flourished, and at one time grew to 2500 members. Today they number 800 members.

MYANMAR - Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, now has only about eight Jewish families left, most of whom live outside the capital city of Rangoon. Obviously, there are rarely enough congregants for a minyon in what is their last synagogue. Jews first came to Burma in the 1800s, once numbering several thousands. Many, however, left during the Japanese occupation of Burma during World War II. More fled after the Burmese Army seized power in 1962.

About Us (continued)

HOLLAND - The oldest synagogue in what we now call the Netherlands, though still in use, was recently restored. Originally built in 1705, and only a minuscule 33 feet by 30 feet, it now serves a community of only 30 Jews.

IRAN - In Iran, Hamadan's tiny synagogue is the goal of the annual pilgrimage of Jews from Teheran, Isfahan, and Shiraz, who believe that Esther and Mordechai, our Purim heroes, are buried there. Hamadan was a major Jewish center from the 6th to the 19th centuries. During the middle ages, 40,000 Jews populated this town. Today, the numbers swell only at Purim.

MUNICH - In 1938, Rudolf Strauss passed his degree course but was expelled from Dresden University without his certificate because he was Jewish. Strauss invented the soldering technique still in use today for electronic printed circuits. Now, almost 60 years later, Strauss, who had fled the Nazis for his life, was awarded his certificate.

MOSCOW - The recently researched archives in Moscow have yielded a special gem - a recording of a 1949 Moscow concert by the late American singer, Paul Robeson. Restored, a CD is being released in the United States and Europe. Robeson's concert, held during the height of Stalinist anti-Jewish persecution, was a passionate appeal against anti-Semitism. He reportedly surprised and deeply moved the audience, as he sang in Yiddish.

For me, this Passover is truly in Jerusalem. May I wish you all "Next year In Jerusalem".

L' hitroat,
Mili Rosloff

Next Year In _____

by Gigi Cohen

Orlando?

Ok, so it's not Jerusalem. But we were planning to visit my sister and that's where she and her family live. And think of the similarities between the two cities. After all, it's hot; there are palm trees; and a tremendous amount of people there wear uniforms. You're right, the emblems on the uniforms are generally ears, but it's my rationalization and I'm allowing it.

Why do I rationalize? Because it's Passover. And for me, it is by far the toughest holiday of the year. (And that is after the cleaning is finished!) From my earliest seders, I remember tears. My parents assumed it was the wine I was allowed to sip. My sisters would argue it was my way of getting out of doing the dishes. I generally ended up in my room ... wondering the very same thing. Why was I crying? As a child, I never knew the answer. Looking back. I think it was disappointment that made me cry.

After all, I went to religious and Hebrew school. There, we learned what the holidays were about and how to celebrate them. With most of the Jewish holidays, this routine worked. I learned of Purim in the school and I celebrated Purim in the Synagogue, I learned about Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur in school, and I observed the High Holidays in the Synagogue.

But Passover is different. This was the first Jewish holiday I had learned about before I started school. And I can assure you that when the teacher explained that seder meant "order" I thought she was kidding.

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Passover in Orlando (continued)

Something must have gotten lost in the translation. Didn't all homes experience what I had experienced for years? The prayer went something like "Baruch Atah ... come on you can skip that." Certainly my teachers got it wrong. Seder, after all, must mean **chaos**.

Of course, there was that one Passover seder which was entirely peaceful. Just me and my second born son, he was about six hours old. "Dan's" kosher hospital delivery service catered. Joshua was content with nursing. It was quiet. There was order. Just the two of us, and the question of what do you tell a child who can not ask for himself.

In the quiet and the solitude, on that first night of Passover, on the first day of my son's life, the answer struck me like a plague. And ever so softly I told him: "Well Joshua, enjoy it now, because after this year ... it's chaos!"

The following year Joshua proved he was listening. During one of our seders, he and his brother joined forces to recreate the flood using the salt water left near them --considering their combined age was less than five years, it was a remarkably creative use of the seder table.

So off we go to Orlando. To a seder that may or may not be exactly what I'd hoped for. But it's family. It's Passover. And if you're going to be talking {if not arguing} about your ancestors, it really is good to have your relatives around. And in Orlando, if the seders don't live up to my expectations, I know Shamu will. I hear he's "wailing."

Happenings at The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism *"Visit to our United Synagogue Affiliates In Cuba"*

Two years ago, The United Synagogue made a commitment to increase the level of service to our congregations. Providing service through field visits from Regional and Central personnel - both professional and lay- is one of our highest priorities.

Each congregational visit is important to us and we are often enriched at the same time as we contribute to the congregation. Our visit last week to our three congregations in Cuba was unique, and therefore we want to share some of our impressions.

There has been a Jewish presence in Cuba for almost a century. By the time of the Revolution in 1959, there were almost 15,000 Jews residing throughout the country. There were numerous synagogues and five Jewish schools. With the Revolution, the Jewish community was virtually decimated. Most Jews left the island. Many who stayed were forced - by psychological pressure, financial considerations or issues of security - to put their Jewish practice aside. A once thriving Jewish community nearly vanished. But, there was always a remnant who kept the Jewish spark ignited.

In 1992 the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) began its outreach work with the Cuban Jewish Community and helped Jews to identify through the presence of a resident director. In addition, they made it possible for regular visits (four to five times a year) of a Spanish speaking Conservative rabbi, Rabbi Shmuel

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Visit to Cuba (continued)

Szteinhendler. Through the efforts of the resident director and the commitment, patience and love of Rabbi Szteinhendler, the Jewish community has once again come alive, reopening their long shuttered synagogue buildings.

There are three congregations in Havana, two of them affiliated with The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Our visit began Sunday morning at the Patronato Synagogue, the largest of Cuba's congregations, which serves as host of the community religious school. There, with Ruth Ades who joined us for the trip, we saw more than 100 Jews of all ages gather together to learn Hebrew, Jewish history, Jewish life cycle and Jewish practice. There are no trained teachers. In fact, most teachers are only slightly more advanced than their students. Yet, the students are hungry to learn and their teachers hungry to teach. Teachers seek opportunities to read Jewish literature and absorb information to enrich their own lives, and to transmit to their students.

As we saw, most of the learning takes place in conditions that we would find unacceptable in our congregations. Some classes take place in a hallway/vestibule. Three classes were being held in the synagogue balcony and eight in the synagogue social hall. Because they want to learn, the students have made remarkable progress. Seven year olds are able to study at one table and their parents and grandparents are learning at a table on the other side of the room.

We also visited the Sephardic Synagogue in Havana which was founded in 1954

and currently has 97 members. They have recently rededicated their synagogue after years of having it occupied by the Cultural Ministry of the Cuban government. They are proud of their distinct traditions and seek ways to promote them as a Conservative congregation.

We flew to Santiago, Cuba - 650 miles from Havana - where a small congregation of 90 Jews re-established their synagogue as well. When Rabbi Szteinhendler first visited Santiago in 1993, the synagogue edifice that had been built in 1939 was owned by the government which had appropriated it after the Revolution. He helped the community reorganize. He gave them new hope. With United Synagogue's gift of a Torah last July, the Hatikvah Congregation repossessed their building and rededicated their synagogue.

Here, as in Havana, Rabbi Szteinhendler helps to train congregants to learn and continue the traditions of their ancestors. As we left the synagogue, we noticed a chart on the wall that would be the envy of most congregations. On the chart was a listing of various shabbat services and the responsibilities for particular roles from now until the end of August. For each service, a specific congregant had volunteered to perform the function. This congregation is committed to Jewish Living Now.

In Cuba, it is doubtful that in the near future there will be professional rabbinical or cantorial assistance. Yet the congregations are not satisfied to merely survive. Thus when the synagogues were re-established, members of the congregation began to learn to lead services, to read the Torah and to teach.

Visit to Cuba (continued)

For them it is, and will continue to be, an ongoing process.

In essence, an entire generation of Cuban Jews has been lost. There was little or no Jewish life or learning in Cuba between 1959 and 1992. Today, 65% of the nearly 2,000 Cuban Jews are under the age of 40. Both in Havana and Santiago, the congregations "show-cased" their youth. In Havana, 135 members of both congregations held a reception for us. In Santiago, 35 (40% of the community) came to welcome us. At both receptions, there was Israeli singing, mainly learned from tapes, and Israeli dancing learned from the occasional visitor and by studying video tapes. The feeling was warm. The enthusiasm, the gusto and the determination charged the atmosphere.

The most moving moments of both gatherings, however, were the two mincha services that were held. Gathered in the synagogue, we followed as a boy and girl in the Patranto Synagogue and two boys in the Hatikvah Synagogue led us in prayer. No, their Hebrew was not perfect, their voices were not trained, but it was clear that they were communicating with God. They are proud Jews, learning Jews, growing Jews. They were able to lead their congregation. Six months ago, this task would have been impossible for them. **But**, determination makes the impossible possible.

In our commitment to help our congregations thrive, we have begun to produce materials in Spanish. We were excited to bring to Cuba the transliteration of the entire Shabbat service in Spanish phonetics, five different volumes of The United Synagogue Tract Series on topics

ranging from Jewish law to Tzedakah, and a number of other pamphlets, all in Spanish. Their demonstrations of gratitude brought tears to our eyes. In the short time that we were there, a number of individuals commented on the pamphlets that they had already read and studied. During the services, some of the congregants excitedly prayed as they could follow the service in transliteration and were reciting the Hebrew words for the first time.

We shall continue to service our United Synagogue congregations and their congregants in Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico and other Spanish speaking communities. Additional pamphlets have already been translated and are awaiting printing. We anticipate continuing to publish in Spanish, works that we produce in English, when and where appropriate. In addition, we are looking for ways to provide for these congregations - at least on a short term basis - resident Spanish speaking individuals who will dedicate time to educate and inspire fellow Jews who have established religious roots and now are looking to nourish them.

If your congregation would like to provide modest funding to dedicate a particular publication or to subsidize an individual to provide outreach to the Cuban community, please contact us. If there are congregants who would undertake this mitzvah, we hope you will let us know.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is committed to fostering Jewish life - based upon our approach - wherever we are needed. We are proud of our efforts. We hope that you share that pride.

Schmooze With Rabbi Elligberg

If you haven't had the pleasure [and even if you have!] of meeting and talking with the Rabbi, here's your chance! Eat cake, drink coffee, and schmooze with the Rabbi. Join your neighbors and other congregants for a pleasant evening of congenial conversation at one of the following homes:

Nancy & Elliott Danto, Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm in Kendall Park (297-6175)

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Ruth & Bernie Adler, Monday, April 29 at 8 pm near Forrestal Village, (609-452-7315)

Meryl & Gordon Heit, Saturday, May 4 at 9 pm in Kendall Park (297-6284)

Gigi & Mark Cohen, Saturday, May 11 at 9 pm in North Brunswick (821-5917)

Bette & Steve Koffler, Thursday, May 30 at 8 pm in Monmouth Junction (329-6518)

Please **call the hosts** to RSVP and to get directions to their home.

Couples' Club

There are still two events in couples club this year. Both great opportunities to make new friends. May 5 (8 pm ~ Wine & Cheese) and July 7 (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.

North/South Brunswick U.S.Y Events

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 spicing event, bagel sale, and installation.

**A REMINDER :
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Just as we celebrated our freedom from slavery in Egypt thousands of years ago, the **Men's Club**, requests all members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah to remember the six million Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust over fifty years ago. The special **Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle** you have received in the mail should be lit on the evening of Monday, April 15, 27th day of Nisan, the anniversary of the liberation of Jews imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps. The act of kindling this flame and reading the enclosed meditation is a powerful way for us to bring home the lessons of the Holocaust.

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HAS IT BEEN 3,000 YEARS ALREADY?

Jerusalem 3000 celebrations are almost upon us. A great number of exciting and educational events have been planned for your enjoyment. There are activities for everybody - all designed to increase our Jewish sense of community and allow us to learn more about Jerusalem.

The following are highlights of some of the programs:

- 1** Contests have been organized in writing, art and photography. Rules, deadlines and entry forms are available at the synagogue office. Winning essays will be published in the Jewish Star.
- 2** The Federation has organized a number of lectures at various locations throughout the county. The speaker will be Rabbi Hilsenrath, Rabbi Emeritus of the Highland Park Conservative Temple.
 - a. Already held - The History of Jerusalem, at the Highland Park Conservative Synagogue.
 - b. Jerusalem in Jewish Religion and Jerusalem as a Symbol, at the East Brunswick Jewish Center on the evening of Monday, April 22.
 - c. Jerusalem, Its History and Significance, at the Monroe Township Jewish Center, on the evening of Tuesday, April 30.
- 3** On May 19th, the Federation's Community Exhibition and Concert will be held at the Rutgers University Athletic Center. The main program of entertainment, music and addresses will begin in the late afternoon and end after sundown. Food and drink will be served

and there will be fireworks in the evening. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for Seniors and children. Consider being a patron of this event. Patrons are those who donate \$100 per person or \$175 a couple. They will receive the best reserved seats on May 19th, as well as other awards.

- 4** A Jerusalem 3000 Scroll is being created in Jerusalem. Inscribe your name and those of your family and friends on the Scroll and receive an exclusive, numbered certificate for each inscription. Forms are available at the synagogue office.
- 5** The exciting "Jerusalem for a Day" event will be held at our synagogue on May 5th from 1-4 in the afternoon. The entire synagogue will be transformed into different parts of Jerusalem. All groups will be participating and it will be a truly fun and exciting time.

We are planning food, a dance presentation, exhibits, a movie and more. We're still open for more ideas and participation. The event, with the exception of the raffle, is open to the general public.

We are also looking for videos, pictures, memoirs and other items concerning Jerusalem, as well as stories relating to Jerusalem. If you have such items, or stories, please leave them in an envelope at the synagogue office to the attention of Jerusalem 3000.
- 6** A raffle will have as the prize: 2 round-trip tickets to Israel with accommodations, for November 17-26th. Price for each raffle ticket is \$18. Watch the mail for more information.
- 7** Many other regular educational activities

Jerusalem 3,000 (continued)

will revolve around Jerusalem during this time. The rabbi will have a lunch and learn on the subject, the havurot will be discussing the significance of Jerusalem and the Hebrew School will have lessons geared to the topic. Please follow the newsletter for more information.

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Another Viewpoint

by Aaron Rosloff

The State of Israel was founded by ethnic Jews from many places, for all Jews, religious or otherwise. Israel became a home and a refuge for any Jew who had no place else to go and for those of us who chose to make aliyah for religious, idealistic, business or personal reasons.

In any religious debate one can quote chapter and verse from Torah, Gemora, Mishna or other sources of Jewish learning to make an argument for or against the peace process -- now an endangered species. Before the creation of Israel, Jews could protest but we had no real power.

Today, Israel is the strongest military power in the Middle East. Jordan is no longer afraid of Syria or Iraq because Israel is now Jordan's protector. The suicide bombers of Hamas are a small group of "die hards". Desperate dreamers unable to accept the facts on the ground. These are people not so different from those in America who bomb office buildings or set fires in subways, or like the nuts who release poison gas in Japanese subways.

These people must be rooted out and separated from society, but they are only a threat to peace if we permit them to be so. Calling off the peace process because of terrorist acts is precisely what they are aiming for. They win! If we go back to the days of the Intifada, then they have indeed won and Israel will be the loser. Why do I presume to say we? Because almost half of my direct progeny live in Israel and they are willing to accept the risks for peace.

If Israel returns to once again becoming an occupying power, (regardless of whether they have a religious or moral or military right) the drain on Israel's resources will be greater than ever. The Palestinian Arabs will be more frustrated than ever. They have finally seen the dawn of a real political life and an opportunity to manage their own affairs. It would not be realistic to expect them again to accept the status of an occupied people. We will look back on the Intifada as the good old days.

Because of the visible progress made in the peace process, Israel has made important breakthroughs in the Middle East, Europe and Asia. Israel's standing as a pariah nation has been vacated, and her citizens' standard of living has been raised to the level of Western European levels.

The people of Israel and we Jews in the Diaspora (and indeed many non-Jews) are deeply wounded and mourn for the innocent lives lost by the horror of the bombings. But, we must not allow the terror attacks to throw the process off track. The ordinary Palestinian also wants peace. He needs it to feed his family.

We must continue to support Israel both morally and financially and to encourage her leaders to continue to seek the path of peace, and to defeat the efforts of the Hamas and its terror tactics aimed at destroying the peace effort.

Root out the mongers of terror and isolate them.

**PURSUE PEACE, PURSUE PEACE,
PURSUE PEACE.**

Observance

(a work in progress)

by Gigi Cohen

I came upon a forest
It was thick and brown and green
It might be best to stay outside
But the colors must be seen

I took a step ... a small one
No courage did it take
I knew the grey outside the wood
To grey, I could return
But since I was already in
I'd see what I could learn

So once again I took a step
And then I took another
Each step I took I learned a shade
Each leaf I held had wonder

I learned a trick, along the way
I'll share it with you few
Move the leaves from underfoot
The path just waits for you

I thought I would have left by now
In fact, where is that grey?
How long have I been wandering?
And have I gone a way?

To call this trek a journey
Well, that might be quite a stretch
I simply stumble watchfully
And weekly stop to rest.

Fifty Plus Group

Several events are being planned in addition to our monthly meetings. A reminder that reservations are going fast for the theater party to the Forum Theater in Metuchen for the show *Sophie, Todie and Belle*. Matinee tickets are available for Wednesday, May 15 or Sunday, May 19. Please call Ann at 297-3575 as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

We have been invited to join AARP of South Brunswick on Tuesday, April 16 on a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic city. The trip will include the show *Wahoo Baby* at a cost of \$13 with a return of \$10 in coin. Truly a bargain! And the bus will leave from B'nai Tikvah at 9am. Call Sy 297-3562 for this reservation.

Our trip on Sunday, June 2 to New York to see the smash hit comedy *Grandma Sylvia's Funeral* will include a kosher mitzvah meal of bagels, spreads, dips and beverage. We leave B'nai Tikvah's parking lot at 11:15 am for the 1 pm matinee at The Soho Playhouse. Cost for the show, mitzvah meal included, and bus will be \$50. Call Sy at 297-3562. All congregation members and friends are invited but early reservations are a must!

See you at our next meeting, Tuesday, March 26 at 1 pm in the Social Hall. For further information about the group, please call Madeline at 297-4240.

GARAGE SALE PLANNED FOR JUNE-- DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Wondering what to do with items that are still in good condition and too good to throw out? Save them for B'nai Tikvah's garage sale planned for June 23rd. Items to consider:

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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A life caught between two worlds

By **CINDA BECKER**
HEALTH WRITER

Dr. Steven Levin has co-opted a storage closet at St. John's Health Center. He's spent a large part of his Monday morning there, and it's where he can be found writing medical charts during the rushed moments between a marathon schedule of appointments.

Even though he obviously needs an office, Levin is apologetic about using this small, cramped space. In his mind it more aptly belongs to the clinic's crucial and hard-won inventory of medications, which are stocked on the floor-to-ceiling shelves lining the walls.

The pills, ointments, pain relievers, antacids and antibiotics are the lifeblood of Levin's fam-

AT WORK WITH Clinic Doctor

ily practice: His scientific diagnosis is meaningless to his patients unless he can also give them free access to the medication.

"Medicine is not that complicated," shrugs Levin.

Levin is the best doctor money can't buy. His patients are never given a medical bill, be-

cause it isn't worth the clinic's time and expense to price a service that will never be reimbursed by either private or public health insurance. St. John's almost exclusively serves those neglected by the complicated system of health care in this country — in short, the working poor.

Levin, 36, travels each day between two very different worlds. He lives in a comfortable kosher home in suburban Kendall Park with his psychologist wife and three sons. He works in a clinic funded by Catholic Charities in a run-down New Brunswick neighborhood shared by a shelter, a soup kitchen and a

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largely immigrant population.

The contrast is not lost on Levin, who says his desire to work with an underserved population runs as deep and long as his desire to be a physician. So thanks to "one of those moments of fate," he says, six years ago — after graduating from Brown University, Emory University School of Medicine, and a family practice residency and fellowship — he became the clinic's first full-time medical director.

"I went to another country here in New Brunswick," Levin says.

In its battle against poverty and disease, the clinic staff, which includes four overworked nurses, must bridge cultural differences. More than half of the patients are Latino and speak only Spanish. Many of them grew up in countries where antibiotics are sold over the counter. There is a high occurrence of diabetes and hypertension in the patient population. The clinic also serves 75 patients with HIV.

Levin, who learned fluent Spanish on the job, never underestimates the complicated medical system he captains on behalf of his patients. He says it is impersonal barriers — not people — that are often keeping the clinic's patients from good basic health-care. For example, until he figured out the problem and found a solution, the simple omission of a Social Security number kept many of his patients from being referred to specialists at the medical school.

"It's again an issue of institutions in

fear of institutions," he says.

This particular Monday, while a pediatrics clinic is being held at the health center, Levin tries to spend his appointment-free morning studying patients' lab reports and assessing the stock of medications in the storage closet he now calls his office.

Patients are hooked up with their medicine in one of three ways. Levin works with pharmaceutical companies who offer "patient in need" programs for people with chronic illnesses. A large number of free samples also make their way to the storage closet. Thirdly, the clinic uses its cash donations to pay an ongoing tab at a local drug store or to purchase large quantities of frequently used medicines that are kept on hand.

As a result of this system, nearly every patient this afternoon will leave St. John's with the costly medicine they will need to get better.

Anticipating a lot of walk-ins who have come down with ailments over the weekend, Levin likes to schedule only half of his Monday afternoon appointments in advance. So after lunching on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches — his whole family is vegetarian — he begins to see the first patients of the day. The medical charts continue to pile up throughout the afternoon in his plastic slot in the clinic corridor.

Few patients come to Levin with just one simple complaint. His first patient of the afternoon is a 24-year-old Hispanic woman who has back pains, stomach pains and a vaginal discharge that particularly concerns her. A tuberculosis test during a previous visit also showed she had been exposed to the bacteria, so she



TANYA BREEN/Staff Photographer

● Dr. Steven Levin of St. John's Clinic fills a prescription for a patient in his office, which is also used as a storage closet for medications.

was on a six-month regimen of antibiotics for that.

For the next several hours, he sees 10 different patients, with complaints ranging from stomachaches to infectious diseases. There is the 11-year-old English-speaking boy whose Spanish-speaking father already gave him two doses of a prescriptive antibiotic for a sore throat and stuffy nose. There is the tired-looking woman who says she is having an asthma attack after snorting her-

oin. There is the 41-year-old native of Peru who is feeling pretty good, considering he has AIDS.

At about 3:30, Levin takes a sip of water, washes his hands and takes off his argyle sweater. At 4:14 his wife, who staggers her work schedule with him, beeps to confirm that he will be able to pick up Benji at day care.

Levin spends the second half of his afternoon discussing the high blood pressure medicine Cardiam with a 56-year-old British native who suffers from chronic hypertension and is having abdominal complaints. He pops his head in a nurse's examining room to say hello to an 18-year-old patient who recently had open heart surgery arranged by the clinic.

Another "walk-in" is a 3-year-old boy who has scabs the size of nickels covering his legs. Levin says it is the skin disease impetigo, but notices the boy hasn't said much during the examination. He questions the mother, who says in her native Spanish that she's wondered about her son's 10-word vocabulary. Levin checks a rash on the back of the mother's neck, gives her liquid medication for the boy's impetigo and suggests she schedule an appointment for a complete work-up to see why the boy is not yet talking.

After the clinic's 5 p.m. closing, Levin scans tomorrow's schedule: an 18-year-old girl whom he last examined when she was 12, and a visit to a home-bound AIDS patient in East Brunswick Township that he's afraid he'll miss. (He doesn't.)

By the time he turns out the lights and locks the front door, it is 6 o'clock. Monday is one of his early nights.



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On the Job: Dr. Steven Levin of St. John's clinic in New Brunswick speaks with the mother of a 3-year-old boy, who has sores on his legs and face.

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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

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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.

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