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The Voice of Congregation B'nai Tikvah

President's Message

By Mark Kasdin

In 1987, twelve-year-old Teresia Benedicta McCarthy was dying in a Boston hospital. The parents of this little girl, who were devout Roman Catholics, prayed to her namesake, the late Sister Teresia Benedicta, on the child's behalf. Their prayers were mercifully answered and young Teresia enjoyed a swift recovery.

The Vatican ruled that her dramatic medical comeback was a miracle. It was credited to her parents' prayers to Sister Teresia Benedicta. Because of this miracle, Sister Teresia Benedicta was declared eligible to become a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

With that decision, Sister Teresia becomes the first born Jew to become canonized in the 2000 year history of the Church. You see, Sister Teresia was originally Edith Stein, born to Jewish parents in Poland, shortly before the turn of the century. Later she converted to Catholicism and took the name Teresia Benedicta. Then, at the age of 40, she became a Carmelite nun. The Nazis eventually captured her, and Edith Stein, now Sister Teresia Benedicta, perished in the gas chambers at Auschwitz at the age of 50 in 1942.

In elevating Edith Stein to sainthood, the Vatican claimed that she had died in the Nazi death camps because she was a martyr to the Christian faith. The real reason is that, to the Nazis, Sister Teresia Benedicta, formerly Edith Stein, was still a Jew, because that's the way she was born. The Nazis considered her conversion to Catholicism to be

completely irrelevant. To them, one Jewish grandparent made one a Jew, and no action could alter that reality.

The recent death of Mother Teresa, the great humanitarian of Calcutta has focused our attention once again on sainthood. This frail Albanian-born Catholic sister had sacrificially devoted herself to the caring for the thousands of innocent victims of tragedy. She had selflessly ministered to those dying in the streets, to the hapless children of war, to the suffering victims of AIDS or leprosy, and to the condemned prisoners on death row. Since her demise a flood of requests have reached the Vatican to declare Mother Teresa a saint.

Attaining sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church is a very complicated and involved process. It usually takes approximately 50 years. Sometimes it takes much longer. For example, the famous martyr, Joan of Arc, became a saint 500 years after her tragic death.

In the Roman Catholic Church, a candidate for sainthood must have a miracle attributed to his or her intercession. That miracle, however, must have occurred after the candidate's death. A panel of medical experts and theologians must verify that the actual miracle took place. The Pope then beatifies the candidate.

Beatification is just the first step toward full canonization as a saint. This canonization can be accomplished, only if an additional miracle has occurred after the beatification. Only when this two-step process is completed does the Pope establish the candidate as a saint.

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President's Message (continued from front)

In this connection, we ask: Is it possible for a Jew to become a saint, without becoming a Roman Catholic first, as Edith Stein did? In an informal sense, certainly yes. Every generation has known Jewish men and women who have distinguished themselves for their exceptional piety and goodness.

However, there is no official Jewish religious body that declares such people as saints, nor is there any formal procedure of beatification and canonization. In other words, Jews can become saints by the unofficial consensus of the Jewish community, not by any religious decrees. In addition, such an extraordinary human being does not acquire a special title, like St. Anthony, St. Peter, or St. Mary.

To become a Jewish saint, there is an additional requirement besides selfless acts of caring and compassion. Even the most loving Jew cannot be regarded as a saint with only a meager knowledge of the Bible and Talmud. Jewish scholarship is a *sine qua non* of Jewish sainthood. For this reason the Rabbis assert: "Lo am ha-aretz hasid - An ignorant person cannot be a saint." (Avot 2:5) Good deeds must always be paired with Jewish learning. The modern expression, a gentleman and a scholar, to some extent, expresses this same two-fold ideal.

Furthermore, a Jewish person cannot campaign to become a saint. Sainthood can not be a self-conscious life's goal. For a Jew to strive for sainthood would demonstrate a gross lack of modesty and humility. The Jewish community awards the status of sainthood without any prompting on the candidate's part.

Judaism does not call upon us to become saints or to attain perfection. It only asks us to become good. For this reason, it presents us with a galaxy of very human Biblical personalities. Not one of them, even Moses, can be considered a saint. They were people who struggled with life's problems, who tried to make their lives superior to what they were; who strove, not always successfully, to increase their virtues and to minimize their faults. In other words, our goal, as Jews, is not to reach for sainthood. Rather, our task is to improve ourselves and to become better and nobler than we are at the present moment.

Happy Hanukkah!
Mark Kasdin

THE MAKING OF A MENSCH

By Dorothy Cohen

In preparing for the Tzedakah Fair many wonderful books, articles and information went past my desk. One article in particular stood out in my mind because it was not written by a Rabbi or Jewish scholar but rather by a psychologist! It spoke about the importance of teaching our children to be givers. As a parent, it really hit home. Below is an excerpt from Learning to Give, by Bruce A. Baldwin (USAir Magazine, December 1990).

During the course of development, every parent asks: "What are my children going to be like when they grow up?" Typically, they want their children to be successful in a career, have nice families and make enough money to enable them to live "the good life". Too often, however, what is missed is for children to grow up to be caring individuals.

Children are born inherently selfish and self-centered. The question for parents is whether their children will grow into adults with similar me-oriented attitudes. Thankfully, the self-centered focus of the 80's is changing. Sociologists have begun to call the 90's

the decade of caring and sharing. And it is parents, raising their children with healthier and more mature life values, who are making the difference.

For a child to grow into a well-rounded and emotionally healthy adult, it is critical that parents teach children to give unselfishly of themselves. The experience of giving during the course of development is extremely important for all children, and it is thus extremely important for all parents to provide all kinds of giving experiences for their kids.

Learning to give unselfishly of oneself is difficult, because it flies in the face of the self-centered orientation of children. Yet parents who persistently guide the experiences of their children in the direction of personal giving are actually helping to create a kind and caring adult.

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Here are some suggestions:

- Insist on good manners. Teaching children manners is actually teaching children to have good relationships, as good relationships are impossible unless there is a capacity to give by putting others before yourself.
- Community volunteer work.
- School or scout projects (or synagogue projects).
- Being there for a friend.
- Personal projects.
- Giving for the common good of the family (i.e. chores).
- Acknowledging gifts and kindness. Insist children write thank-you notes, give thank you calls or a face-to-face "thank you".
- Buying or making presents for family members.
- Mandate sharing with siblings and friends.
- Parental modeling. Children believe what their parents do, not what they say.
- Value-focused discussions. Effective parents talk to their children about important life issues.

Notwithstanding the benefits to our communities, children who are learning to give of themselves are being helped to make their lives richer and more satisfying. Here's what they stand to gain:

- Better relationships
- Moral awareness
- Life skills
- Creating social responsibility
- Positive self-esteem
- Deep contentment

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During our recent Tzedakah Fair, many of you were kind enough to contribute pencils, pens, markers, calculators and other school supplies for Ethiopian immigrant children in Israel. A very generous congregant offered to ship supplies to Israel, at his own expense, as his contribution to this effort.

Usually, import duties are not imposed on charitable gifts or humanitarian aid. Unfortunately, according to the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, under Israeli customs regulations, full import duties are always charged. This makes shipping supplies prohibitively expensive.

However, tourists to Israel can bring in duffel bags of these items as part of their luggage, and representatives of NACOEJ will pick up the bags at major hotels.

If you or someone you know will be going to Israel and can deliver a duffel bag, please give me a call at 329-0284.

Thanks,
Abby Marcus

Simcha at Family Services

by Bobbi Binder

It occurred a few months ago, but it's never too late to spread the news about a simcha!! This past June, our very own Moshe-Moosekovitz and Malke Moosestein officially became "Mr. and Mrs." The ceremony, was witnessed by over 100 people (the majority under the age of 5). The ketubah was signed, the glass was broken, and everyone celebrated afterward with cake and juice. Of course, Moshe and Malke had a little help from Rabbi Eligberg, Mark Sherman and Dan Greenberg. For those of you who are still a little confused, Moshe and Malke are our resident puppets who come to visit our family services once a month. The two got married a few weeks before puppeteers Rabbi and Jodi Eligberg stood under their chuppah. This ceremony was a little more interactive than a regular Jewish wedding. The Rabbi asked the children many questions about a Jewish ceremony and a Jewish home. Since the wedding took place in June when Shabbat starts very late, we were able to hold the ceremony on Friday night. The press was invited, the wedding was both videotaped and photographed. The children all enjoyed themselves as did the many grown ups who attended without children to accompany them. The ceremony was followed by family services.

(Editors' note: Bobbi, and her husband Marc, run the Family Services once a month. Family services are a wonderfully interactive way to introduce Shabbat services to your toddler or early elementary school child. So come for the children and stay for yourselves.)

Holiday Sweets

By Gigi Cohen

Hanukkah is an angst-ridden time for Jewish parents in America. All the excitement of Christmas dwarfs the festival of Hanukkah. But for me as a child, there was no stress of difference during the winter. My Christian friends had trees and tinsel but I had these fabulous chocolate coins. Gelt! Who cared about silver tinsel? I got green money and chocolate money. What else could a nice Jewish child want?

Now Passover for me -- that was angst. Brought on annually by an Aunt who would buy me an Easter Basket! And annually, my parents would insist I keep it on the washing machine in the basement until Passover was over. "Why can't I have it?" I would ask. My parents would answer, because, it's not "kosher for Passover." In those days, it was inappropriate for a child my

age to argue with her parents. So the rebuttal of "but, we're not kosher" was out of the question.

So I kept my mouth shut and waited for Passover to end.

And what reminded me of this story at Hanukkah? Candy packaging -- it's not just for Easter anymore! So, walking down the seasonal aisle in Pathmark, which is filled with Christmas candies, my four year old, empathizing with my six year old's sentiment, still remarked to his brother: "forget it Isaac, we're Jewish, we don't celebrate Christmas."

And though it took 36 years and two children of my own, the Passovers of my childhood make sense. I now understand my parent's message. You see, the sweetness of the candy lasts only a minute. But if you ask enough questions, then the sweetness of Judaism can last a lifetime.

Synagogue Fun Day & Hanukkah Party

Date: December 25th

Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Place: Synagogue Social Hall

All are invited to join us for a day of Fun & Merriment. We're planning on having an **action packed day** for both Young & Old.

There will be **games, singing, & dancing**. We have special guests that will be performing for your entertainment. We are also planning a few special **surprises**.

We will have plenty of food & beverages and **potato latkes** galore.

So please **plan on being with us** on this fun filled day.

P.S. We need a few **volunteers** to help on the day of the party. If you would like to give us a hand, please call **Joel Gerbman** at 937-5114

SIMCHAT TORAH, 5758

By Aaron Rosloff

It was overwhelming, the love and the joy in that congregation as it circled around and sang and danced with the Torahs during their Simchat Torah celebration.

Mili and I, accompanied by our adult granddaughter and grandson had found our way to a Masorti (Conservative) synagogue in Haifa, in time for the evening service of Simchat Torah. Our daughter, Risa, a resident of Haifa, had called ahead to obtain the time and location. She was assured that we would be welcome to join the "balagan". And a welcoming balagan it was. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord", it says, and boy, we sure did.

The last time we were in Israel, April, 1996, I went to an Orthodox shul to say kaddish for my mother. It was successful only in that I managed to say kaddish at the right moment, but I was not able to follow the too rapid pace of the service. In fact sad to say, I was met with almost total indifference.

This time our reception was open and gracious, and as happy as a "chance meeting" with close cousins. The siddur was our familiar Sim Shalom, and although the service was all in Hebrew, the pages were called in both Hebrew and English. No problem. "When they called for Cohanim for the first Hakafoth, I stepped up and was immediately placed at the head of the line. My joy was enhanced immeasurably by the obvious pleasure the congregants took in giving me, their guest, this honor.

My Israeli grandchildren, except for one year in a Hebrew day school in Boston, were raised on a secular moshav and a kibbutz in Israel and had never attended a Simchat Torah service. My granddaughter was too shy to join in, but my grandson could hardly wait for his turn to dance with a Torah, and dance he did. It was as though he had found a new family. He danced and sang and hoisted the Torah high in the air to the delight of our hosts.

Among them was the American Consul, Jonathan Friedland, whom we had the pleasure of meeting. A past president of the two hundred family congregation (a genial young man, tie-less and with his collar open) was fully involved in the activity without pretense. He was having a ball.

Some of the songs they sang, as they marched, were old and familiar from my childhood in the Talmud Torah I attended after school in the Bronx. Some were patriotic songs that the young men and women had learned in their years in the Israeli army. I could not help but reflect that despite the fact that their brand of Judaism is held in low regard by our more traditional co-religionists, it has not diminished their enthusiasm for Jewish life or patriotism for Israel.

For many years Mili and I have made small regular contributions to **Masorti**, the Israeli branch of Conservative Judaism. I am more certain than ever that Conservative Judaism is a wonderful and vibrant branch for the Jewish people.

B'nai Tikvah Fund Raising 1997-98 (5758)

From	Mark Roller, Vice President, Ways and Means
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Why Fund Raisers?	Fund Raising brings in money to operate B'nai Tikvah without raising dues. All fund raising efforts hold down dues.
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Types of fund raisers	<p>Passive fund raising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing, no solicitations, but we raise money every day• No direct appeal at a given time or place• Easy to participate - a "No Brainer"• No cost to the participant <p>Active, specific event fund raiser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually at a specific time or place• You get something and B'nai Tikvah gets something• B'nai Tikvah asks you to buy something, attend something or do something <p>Ongoing but generally associated with a holiday or event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Holiday appeal• Memorial plaques• Yom HaShoah Candles• Contributions to specific funds, <i>etc.</i>
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Passive Fund Raisers	<p>B'nai Tikvah Affinity Visa Card and Visa Gold Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You use the card for purchases or to pay B'nai Tikvah dues, tuition & scrip• B'nai Tikvah gets a commission• You get mileage dollars towards airline tickets or travel discounts<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any airline, no blackout periods• No annual fee, 13.9% APR interest, 30 day grace period on purchases• Currently with 13 participants our commissions are about \$100./month• Use The B'nai Tikvah card to pay B'nai Tikvah obligations rather than another credit card and the commissions offset some of the costs• Since replacements for any stolen or lost cards can take a long time to get, use the B'nai Tikvah card as a spare. Use it only for B'nai Tikvah payments and charges and we will all be way ahead! <p>Supermarket Scrip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available for Shoprite, Pathmark, Grand Union, Edwards, IGA and McCaffrey's coming soon<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use as cash in the supermarket that issued it• For every \$100 dollars of scrip you buy from B'nai Tikvah, we make \$5.• This year the first \$1120 of scrip you buy is applied to meet our one time Bar Mitzvah lesson assessment (we have an unusually large class this year and additional tutors are needed). Additional scrip purchases are a bonus.• You gotta eat! Why not support B'nai Tikvah by buying groceries with scrip! <p style="text-align: right;">... Continued on next page ...</p>
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B'nai Tikvah Fund Raising 1997-98 (5758), Continued

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Group bulk telephone time:

- B'nai Tikvah has a group setup to access low cost telephone time during peak business hours
 - Great competitive rates for small business and excellent service
 - Currently about 5 participants bring us \$60/month commissions
 - **If you own a small business, consider joining - lower rates for you bring B'nai Tikvah a commission (5% of billing).**
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Active, specific event fund raisers being planned or considered

- Art Auction planned for January 17, 1998. Chaired by Alan Kane
 - Goods and Service Auction, March 7, 1998. Chaired by Jeff Schwartz
 - Theater Party. April 4, 1998. New drama at McCarter Theater. Chaired by Ilene Karp
 - B'nai Tikvah Talent Show. Show us what you can do! Date to be announced. Chaired by Gary Tinkle and Allen Karp
 - Tennis and Racquetball evening. **If there is interest.** Chaired by Irwin Millinger
 - Craft Show/Hobby Day. Spring or Summer. Rent tables like a flea market. Chaired by Brad Nozick
 - Dinner Dance. Format to be decided (nominate someone to honor). **We need a chairperson**
 - Garage sale. A summer Sunday. Chaired by Bill Greenberg, we need a co-chair
 - Passover Candy Sale. Winter. Chaired by Susan and Michele Kleinman.
 - Entertainment books. Now. Chaired by Bill Greenberg
 - B'nai Tikvah community calendar. Recently completed. Chaired by Susan Kleinman
 - We are considering a sponsored 5/10km run. Date TBD. Chaired by Alan Wolff
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Potential new ongoing fund raiser

- Shabbat Tablecloth. Embroidery or needlepoint patchwork tablecloth for Oneg and Kiddush tables after Shabbat services. Embroidered napkins are prepared by members of the 50+ group to commemorate simchas or to memorialize friends or relatives and are patched into a tablecloth. Ann Rosenzweig chair.
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Questions or interest

If you have any questions or interest in any of these fundraisers please contact the appropriate chairperson or Mark Roller (297-7055). The chairperson's phone number is listed in the membership list.

Fifty Plus Group

The Fifty Plus Group continues to meet once a month on Tuesday afternoon in the social hall of B'nai Tikvah. Our annual holiday party is planned for Tuesday, December 23, 1997 at 12:30 p.m. It will include a catered dinner by our own Classical Caterers. We are subsidizing the cost so members may attend for \$5.00. Guests are welcome for \$10.00 each. Reservations are a must by December 15. Please call Linda at 247-9792 or Madeline at 297-4240.

Future plans include two theater parties to the Forum Theater in Metuchen. Discounted tickets are available for the musical *Pumpboys & Dinette* on Wednesday December 10 and Sunday December 14. Tickets are also available for the comedy *Enter Laughing* for the Wednesday, March 4 and Sunday March 8. All shows listed are matinees. For tickets please call Ann at 297-3575.

Our January meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 27 at 1pm in the social hall and guests are invited. For further information about the group please call Madeline at 297-4240.

In Case of Emergency

To notify the Board of Directors, if an emergency occurs on a weekend, when the synagogue office is closed, please call Phyllis Rosen at (732) 940-1300.

New Nursery School Programs

Our Nursery School is offering a new class of Mommy & Me (18 months & up) and One Step Up (27 months and older). The start of the 10 week winter session is in January.

Our Nursery School is also planning to offer a 2 day afternoon class for children 2 ½ - 3 years old. This would be a new nursery school class.

If interested in either of these programs please call the nursery school office at 297-0295.

Openings are available in some of the existing nursery and pre-K classes. Call the nursery school at 297-0295 for additional information.

Membership & Activities Report

By Joe Plotnick,
VP - Activities

Good news on the Membership front. Our synagogue membership is growing. For the current year we have added over 26 new families. We are now a congregation that's rapidly approaching 500 families.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members and hope that you become involved with the various synagogue activities.

Referral Plan

In an effort to keep our synagogue growing and being a viable Jewish community, we need the help of all of our existing members to spread the word about the benefits of joining our congregation.

As part of our membership recruitment activities we have put a plan in place to encourage congregants to help with the recruitment of new members.

Here's how the plan works. If an existing congregant refers a new applicant to the synagogue and they ultimately become a dues paying member, then the referring member will receive a credit of \$75 toward their current dues.

For more information about synagogue membership please call the synagogue office at 297-0696 or Joe Plotnick at 821-8794.

Nursery School Notes

By Joan Shames, Nursery School Director

School started in September, along with some tears and lots of learning about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The children ate apples and honey, made decorations and consumed their snack in the Sukkah, when possible. They shook the lulav and smelled the sweet etrog as well as heard the shofar being blown. All were encouraged to attend Simchat Torah services at B'nai Tikvah. Rabbi Elligberg introduced his famous puppets in an appropriate holiday show for many of the classes.

All the classes, except the youngest group, visited Giamarese Farm for a hayride and to see how vegetables grow.

Our photographer took beautiful individual and group pictures, as well as the delightful candid shots decorating the hall in the school wing. Back-to-school night brought many mommies and daddies to our school to meet the teachers, learn about the program and do an art project for their youngster.

Units devoted to Shabbat, Election Day, Fall season and Thanksgiving were presented to the children. A Thanksgiving feast was prepared and consumed by the young set who worked hard cooking and baking their food. The South Brunswick Fire Department entertained and taught the Pre-K class with their fire truck robot.

The children will be celebrating Chanukah with a clown/magician, Jimbo, entertaining them, luncheon, stories, gift from the school, songs and grab bag.

The Winter Mommy & Me (children 18 months and up) program and One Step Up (27 months and up) will begin in January. If interested, please call the school (297-0295).

Out-Of-The-Mouths Of Babes:

- The teacher was working with the children on a Weekly Reader about the fall. She pointed to a picture of a man

and a boy raking leaves and asked Ashley what was going on in the picture. She replied, very matter-of-factly, "Oh, they're leafing!"

- One child asked Daniel (a recent brother of twins), "is your Mommy going to have a baby like my Aunt Sharon?" Daniel had no problem replying: "My mommy has enough babies!"
- The teacher asked the class, "What's the weather like today?" Madelyn answered, "It's soggy outside!"
- When discussing the importance of the Torah and laws, the teacher asked, "What is the law?" Hannah replied, "No messing with people's hair!"
- When the teacher asked the class for a number that begins with the sound of "F", Corey shouted out, "Free!"
- Marissa told the teacher, "My grandmother goes to the same Temple as you." The teacher replied, "How nice... what's your grandmother's name?" Marissa answered: "Bubbe!"
- Jennifer told her teacher that she went to two special places last weekend: Great Adventure and the Vegetarian. Her teacher asked what the Vegetarian was and Jennifer replied, "You know, the place where you see the stars and the planets!" (We wonder if they serve great tofu there!)
- As soon as the teacher set up the snack, Vivek announced to the class, "Dinner is being served!"
- When Kim said, "Butterflies Go to Jail", her teacher asked why and Kim replied, "They fly away too much!"
- When Alexandra was doing a worksheet with her teacher, she was complimented and asked how she got so smart. She very matter-of-factly replied, "because I go to school!"

Girl Scouts Work Towards Lehavah ("Flame") Award by Bobbi Binder

This year I am serving on the Central New Jersey Woman's League branch board of Sisterhood as their community service representative. I would like to let you know about one project that I am currently working on with a group of Girl Scouts. Some of them are synagogue members, a few are not, and a couple of the girls are from interfaith marriages. I tell you this last point because I recently met with a group of the second graders to begin working with them to earn their Lehavah Award (Lehavah means light or flame). The group consisted of one girl who is a regular at our synagogue, one girl who belongs to another synagogue and one who had been in a synagogue only once, when she met with Rabbi Eligberg this past spring.

I thought that I would be able to sit with these girls, go through their booklets and call it a day. It soon became obvious that two of the girls did not know what a mezuzah was (we walked around my house and looked at mine), what the Shema was or who Abraham was. I taught the girls the Shema. Then I told them that they should try to say it every night before going to bed. I suggested to them, that when we meet together in a few weeks, they tell me how it made them feel. I also went over this with each girl's mother as a way to reinforce the lesson. The girls were all very enthusiastic about our session. The one girl who knew the least, asked her mother if they could go out that day, buy a mezzuzah, and put it right up. We decided that it was a great idea, but maybe it would be more fun to do after she had earned her award. Personally, I found this to be a very fulfilling experience.

We are scheduled to meet a few more times to discuss the Ten Commandments and the Jewish Holidays. Afterwards, all the girls (there are 3rd and 4th graders involved in this program also) will meet with the Rabbi one more time. Some time this winter we will have a pinning ceremony on a Friday night to acknowledge these girls and what they have learned about Judaism.

A Revitalized Men's Club Sees Membership Soar

Continuing last year's trend, this year's attendance at the Sunday morning meetings has increased. This is due to a number of factors: the meeting topics have been interesting, the food has been good and the social intercourse, provocative and scintillating.

In October, we visited the BSS Hindu Temple in Edison. This was an experience that was unusual and interesting. November's meeting hosted a speaker from the Israeli Consulate in New York. We have had programs ranging from Jewish Genealogy to hypnosis and look forward to many more successful and inspiring meetings.

The Men's Club cooked for the USY Pancake Breakfast on November 1st. Toques off to Alan Kane, Ed Hirsch, Mark Roller, Jerry Edley, Harold Schneider and Norm Politziner.

Special thanks are due to a number of individuals. Ed Hirsch, who has been a driving force for the past two years. Mike Zell, who picks up our bagels. Alan Kane, our mailman and Joe Grodman, our Treasurer. Additional thanks go to Dave Kutliroff, Aaron Rossloff, Jerry Edley, Mark Roller, Joel Gerbman, Jay Scheuer, Art Cederbaum, Bill Greenberg and many more who have helped us plan, make phone calls, slice onions and bagels and support our Men's Club.

Membership dues are \$25. We welcome all of you to join and meet with us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00 am for bagels and lox. \$3.00 for all you can eat is a real bargain. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please call Norm Politziner, President at 828-7945.

Sisterhood Connection ...

- December's meeting is on **Wednesday, December 17th 8:00pm 10:00pm**

Sisterhood's Hanukkah Party

Try some delicious Latkas

Share some of your favorite Hanukkah Stories and Momentous

Participate in a Recipe Exchange

Contribute to our "Holiday Gift Baskets" for the needy

Dairy will be served

Sisterhood Reminders

- Don't forget to save your receipt from **Gallery Cleaners** - they are giving back to B'nai Tikvah a portion of the profits.
- Need a fun gift for the whole family, How about a "COOKIE BASKET" from Cleaver Cookie Corp. Call them direct at 1 (800) 237-8443 tell them you are from B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood Group 611 or call Nancy Asher-Shultz 297-1932 for more information.
- Pasta, Pasta, Pasta, a perfect food for any occasion. Use it in soups, as a salad or as a main dish. Many shapes to choose from. Call Nancy Asher-Shultz 297-1932 for more info.

The **gift shop** will be open **9am – 12 pm** on the following Dates:

December 7

December 14

December 21

If you need a special appointment call Bev Alameda 438-0693

Don't forget to **order your Florida Citrus**. See separate flyer or call Phyllis Safeer 422-8543

Please mark Monday, January 19th on your calendars. We are in the middle of planning a very exciting meeting. More details to follow.

**Sisterhood Shabbat is Saturday, January 17 and we are
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Sisterhood is now planning for their annual Sisterhood Shabbat, which is scheduled for Saturday January 17th. We need people to help prepare the lunch, and participate in the services.

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An Affair (without Men)

to Remember

The Sisterhood of B'nai Tikvah just held their annual paid up membership dinner. Over 70 women enjoyed a hot buffet dinner prepared by our own Classical Caterers. A one-woman musical review by Ruth Kaye entitled "My Grandmother, My Mother, and Me" followed the delicious dinner. Mrs. Kaye's show was a wonderful blend of stories, music, and singing about the history of her Jewish family. Everyone who attended the dinner and show had a great time. Sisterhood also congratulates the 5 winners of the Chinese Auction baskets. This is one of Sisterhood's yearly events and we hope to see you next year at the paid up membership dinner.



HOLOCAUST CLAIMS PROCESSING OFFICE

Individuals with claims to Holocaust related assets, insurance policies, and possible accounts at Swiss banks can now receive assistance at the following toll-free number:

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KADIMA REPORTS

By Michele Kleinman

Kadima has been going extremely well this year. We have a record membership right now of 43 paid members with more applications being distributed each day.

We kicked off the year with an ice cream social. In September, we went mini-golfing and had a turn out of over 25 members. We took a bus with Kadima chapters from Somerset and Highland Park to our opening dance in Lakewood. Our chapter had 15 members attend.

Chapter elections were held October 30th. Our executive board for the '97 - '98 year is as follows:

Jesse Olitsky	President
Ian Schwartz	Vice President
Genna Leebaw	Recording Secretary
Marva Grossman	Corresponding Secretary
Hannah Ehrlich	Historian

On November 1st we attended a regional dance at Temple Beth-El in Somerset. This month our new board will be leading the November 10th meeting at B'nai Tikvah and on Thursday, November 20th we will be going to the Kendall Park Roller Rink. Sign-ups for the regional Kadima Day on January 18th are being held. Our chapter has been allotted 15 spaces. Kadima Day is a day of volunteering with a dinner dance held that night. It will take place in Marlboro. Also, applications for the winter Shabbaton in Aberdeen are hanging on the Kadima bulletin board for those Kadima members who would like to attend.

The Gift of Life Made Easy

Congregation B'nai Tikvah will run its annual **Blood Donor Drive Sunday, January 11th**, at the Synagogue. The drive will start at 11am and continue until 3pm. Persons ages 18 through 65 are eligible to donate blood. 17-Year olds must have written parental permission, 66-through-75-year olds need written doctor's permission on if they've not been regular donors.

Blood Donors must be in good general health and weigh at least 110-lbs. It's advisable to have eaten before donating, and an ID with the donor's signature is necessary. Advance reservations aren't needed and the entire donation process takes about an hour.

We're shooting for that magic number of 50-pints again, because blood supplies are always in extremely short supply following the holidays. Please join us and be part of the gift-of-life-gang!

If you'd like to assist in making our drive a success, we can use some workers for registration and refreshments. For further information, or to volunteer, contact Marty Engel at 297-3198.

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HANUKKAH IN AMERICA

The traditional celebration includes playing dreidel, giving Hanukkah gelt (money), lighting the menorah, and saying special prayers. Before Jews came to America, toys and other presents were not given on Hanukkah. But in the past 100 years in the United States, the pressures of the Christmas season began to bring about changes in Jewish observance of Hanukkah. The importance of Hanukkah increased in the eyes of Jewish children, parents, and schools. While Christians have Christmas trees, some Jews began to have Hanukkah bushes. Thus, the observance of a 2,000 year-old holiday changes when practiced in a new place, America.

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Agree | Somewhat
Agree | Somewhat
Disagree | Strongly
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know |
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| 1. It is okay to sing non-religious Christmas songs in public school so long as Hanukkah songs are also included. | | | | | |
| 2. No Christmas or Hanukkah songs should be sung in public school. | | | | | |
| 3. Hanukkah songs should not be included in public school, although it is okay to sing Christmas songs. | | | | | |
| 4. It is okay for public schools and other public buildings to display Christmas trees. | | | | | |
| 5. It is okay for Jews to have Christmas trees. | | | | | |
| 6. It is okay for Jewish holiday to change to fit a new kind of place. I think the way Hanukkah has changed in American is good. | | | | | |
| 7. It is okay for Jewish holiday to change to fit a new home. However, I do not like the way Hanukkah has changed in America. | | | | | |
| 8. It is not okay for Jewish holiday to change to fit a new home. | | | | | |

THE STORY OF HANUKKAH – IN BRIEF

Reprinted From Bureau of Jewish Education Booklet,
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After the return of the Jews from their exile in Babylon, they succeeded in re-establishing themselves in Palestine under the wise leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah. Under the rule of the Persians and later the invincible Greeks led by Alexander the Great, the Jews were permitted to live in peace and happiness although subject to foreign rule. When Alexander died, his empire was divided and Palestine became a part of the kingdom of Syria.

About the year 175 B.C.E., a new king, Antiochus Epiphanes, ascended the throne of Syria and, urged on by Hellenized Jews, attempted to force the Jews of Palestine to abandon their religion and language, to accept the Greek idols and Greek language instead. When the Jewish people resisted, Syrian soldiers were sent to enforce the king's orders, even venturing into the Temple in Jerusalem to setup idols and to offer up pagan sacrifices on the sacred altar. Resistance brought martyrdom to many Jews,

including the aged sage Eliezer, who was killed when he refused to eat swine meat; and the Jewish woman Hannah who lost her seven sons rather than urge them to bow down to Greek Idols.

Open revolt against this savagery began in the town Modin when an old priest named Mattiyahu and his five sons broke up an attempt to enforce idol sacrifices; with the slogan "Whoever is for the Lord, follow me!", scattered the king's soldiers and then fled to the hills. Around this family of Maccabees grew up a company of fearless patriotic men who waged guerrilla warfare from the caves in the mountains. When the aged Mattathias died, leaving leadership to his son

Judah Maccabee, warfare was taken into the open in a series of successful battles, culminating with the great victory of Emmaus. The Syrian armies were routed. Right had won out against brute might. The powerful kingdom of Syria had to recognize the independence of the little state of Judea. The walls of the city of Jerusalem were repaired, the holy Temple was cleansed and rededicated to the worship of God, and peace and order were restored to the land.

The story is told that at the rededication of the Temple, no pure oil could be found with which to light the great seven-branched Menorah. At last a little cruse of holy oil was found in the corner of the Temple. Miraculously this oil burned eight days instead of the short time expected. To remember the brave Maccabean family, their heroic struggle for freedom against tyranny, the festival of Hanukkah (dedication) is celebrated on the 25th day of the Hebrew month Kislev and candles are lit for eight days.

Hanukkah

Reprinted from Siddur Sim Shalom.

Hanukkah commemorates a war against tyranny and oppression, a war for independence and most especially for religious freedom. Maccabees fought for their people's liberty against a brutal foreign regime. Against tremendous odds, they prevailed. So long as anywhere on earth Jews or any people are persecuted, this dimension of Hanukkah's truth remains passionately valid and urgent.

There is another aspect of Hanukkah too. The Hasmonean uprising was also a civil war, an inner struggle. Hellenism has subtly, insidiously subverted

some of the best minds and souls of the Jewish people. It seduced them into assimilation, into a heedless of deliberate betrayal of self and people and God. It meant exchanging the gold of Jewish spirituality -- ethics and law, for the tinsel of alien arts, philosophy and sports -- a slavish and self-hating imitation of a foreign culture and foreign values. Hanukkah embodies victory over Hellenism, a rejection of assimilation, a joyous reaffirmation of the authentic, timeless truths of Torah. Overcoming the inner as well as the external enemy, cleansing the polluted sanctuary, rekindling the extinguished lights is a very, almost miraculous endeavor. It must be accomplished anew in every age.

Chanukah Puzzle
by Mark Cohen

P	H	E	L	L	E	N	I	S	M	O	D	I	N	R	P	T	A
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O	E	E	E	G	A	E	U	G	N	T	E	C	Y	I	D	M	H
R	R	S	H	T	A	D	E	E	T	A	P	G	R	R	R	E	C
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S	I	A	M	U	Q	S	D	C	G	O	E	G	V	E	J	J	D
M	T	L	O	U	F	U	Y	O	H	C	M	Q	E	T	Q	H	A
U	M	Z	N	N	K	G	X	R	D	A	G	X	L	H	V	S	G
B	Z	D	E	D	I	C	A	T	I	O	N	P	S	P	G	H	Q
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H	F	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	O	H	D	H	A	S	W
C	A	P	O	C	R	Y	P	H	A	H	I	T	O	Y	D	H	N

Word List

Antiochus
Apocrypha
Chanukiah
Dedication
Dreidel
Eight
Festival
Freedom
Gelt
Greeks
Hallel

Hammer
Hasmonean
Hellenism
Jerusalem
Judah
Kislev
Latke
Maccabee
Martyrdom
Mattathias
Menorah
Modin
Nerot

Nes
Oil
Psalm
Shamash
Shehecheyanu
Sufganiyot
Syrians
Tzedakah
Urim
Zemirot

Future Mobiles!

As your family lights the Hanukkiyah, take the time to dedicate each night's candle to improving the FUTURE of your Jewish identity! For example, on the first night of Hanukkah, after lighting and blessing the candle, talk to each other about ways you can enhance the future of your Jewish education. On the second night, discuss things you can do to make a brighter future for your synagogue; the third night - your family, and so on throughout the holidays.

Each family member should make a personal pledge. Share your resolutions for the future and rededicate yourselves to their fulfillment!

Here is a nifty way to represent each family member's pledges while decorating your home for Hanukkah. Create FUTUREMOBILES!

Here is how:

Pre-cut eight candle shapes for each family member. Using construction paper or cardboard, have each family member write his/her dedication nightly and then hang with paperclips as attachments to a central wire coathanger covered in foil or tinsel. Add a "candle" nightly to this dynamic decor and you will be future-bound to a new family tradition.

Unlike the Biblical holidays (except for Purim) the days of Hanukkah are not considered sacred time in which work is prohibited. One custom, which has developed and achieved currency, is that work not be done while the Hanukkah lights are burning (about 1/2 hour). This is an excellent opportunity for families to share many activities such as singing Hanukkah songs (Maoz Tzur, Hanayrot Halaloo, Al hanissim), playing games, or simply discussing aspects of the holiday and their modern implications.

Suggested Topics for discussion:

1. Is the fight of the Maccabees for religious freedom only an event in past history, or does every generation have to wage the same battle? How can we do that today? Is this a dangerous?
2. Even though Hanukkah has nothing to do with Christmas, should there be public (i.e. municipal) hannukiyot to parallel public Christmas trees? Should both festivals be commemorated in public schools?
3. How can Jews survive in a non-Jewish world?
4. How should we relate to the celebration of religious holidays by our non-Jewish neighbors?
5. Should a person ever be expected to compromise religious principles?

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR HANUKKAH

Cut/Make paper dreidels, snowflakes, and menorah decorations * Collect "Katowes" (arithmetics, Linguistic and philosophical riddles) to play on Hanukkah. They are played for the stimulation and cleverness, for they all have the same number: 44 representing the number of candles lit during the eight nights of Hanukkah. * Make potato Latkes

HOME SERVICE FOR HANUKKAH

Hanukkah begins on Tuesday evening December 23

WHEN: The time for lighting the candles is as soon as possible after sunset (or as soon thereafter when the family is gathered). However, on Friday night the Hanukkah candles must be kindled before lighting the Shabbat candles. Therefore on the FRIDAY night of Hanukkah, December 26 the candles must be lit by 4:20 p.m. On Saturday night, the Hanukkah candles are lit after the Sabbath has concluded (no earlier than 5:20 p.m.).

WHERE: The Hanukkah Menorah is traditionally placed in a prominent spot (a window) where those who pass by the house may see them. We publicly proclaim the miracle and the message of this joyous holiday.

HOW: 1) The candles (or wicks) are arranged in the Hanukkah menorah from the right end to the left end (facing you). On the first evening, one candle is placed on the far right of the holder (as well as the extra candle, the "shammash" which is used to kindle the candles).

2. The candles are kindled from left to right, so that the newly added candle is lit first. (On the second evening the second candle from the right end of the Hanukkah menorah is kindled first). An additional candle is added for each day of the holiday.

WHAT: On the first night three blessings are said. On all other evenings, only the first two blessings are recited. The blessings in Hebrew may be found in Siddur Sim Shalom, page 243.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with his Mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Baruch ata adonai, elohenu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu bemitzvotot vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

Baruch ata adonai, elohenu melech ha-olam, she-asa nisim la-avotsenu bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.

On the first night only:

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Baruch ata adonai, elohenu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu, v'key'manu, v'heegecyanu, lazmon ha-zeh.

HANUKKAH GIFT GIVING

The traditional gift for Hanukkah was gelt, shiny coins. Gift giving was modest; more elaborate gift exchange took place on Purim. As a result of the influence in living in a commercialized Christmas-oriented culture, Hanukkah presents have become more elaborate. As a result of the increased emphasis on presents, the religious significance of Hanukkah has become obscure for many American Jews.

For some families what to do about gifts has become a major concern. I would like to suggest some "presents" of mind ... gift-giving suggestions this year that will link past and present to make an even brighter Jewish future. Each of these gift ideas is based on FUTURE POWER. They are gifts with significance today which will be appreciated even more tomorrow!

GIFTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Assemble a family photo album. * Buy Israel Bonds. * Start a family scrapbook. * Expand a Jewish record, tape or book library.
- Take a formal family portrait. * Parents: Tape an oral family history as a living legacy for the future. * Start a coin or stamp collection.
- Open a Hanukkah Savings Account for a future trip to Israel.
- Create a family heirloom by presenting your child(ren) with his/her own Hanukkiyah

HANUKKAH FUN

Who am I? Find the right answer below.

1. I am the extra candle used to light the Menorah. ()
2. I am the village where the revolt against the Syrians began. ()
3. I am the mother or seven sons who showed their great courage. ()
4. I am the father of Judah Maccabee. ()
5. I am the Hebrew month in which Hanukkah falls. ()
6. I was found in the ruined temple. ()
7. I am a Jew who initiated Greek culture and Greek ways of life. ()
8. I am a prayer recited during Hanukkah. ()
9. I carry the message of "A great miracle happened there." ()
10. I am a well-known Hanukkah song. ()

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| a) dreidel | f) Modin |
| b) Mattathias | g) Hannah |
| c) Shammash | h) Hellenist |
| d) Al Hanisim | i) Jug of Oil |
| e) Maoz-Tzur | j) Kislev |

WHAT DOESN'T BELONG?

Cross out the word in each line that doesn't belong.

1. Antiochus	Egyptian	King	Epiplanes
2. Mattathias	Hasmonean	General	Priest
3. Hannah	Simon	Judah	Eliezer
4. Zeus	God	Temple	Greek
5. Egypt	Syria	Palestine	Jerusalem
6. dreidel	gelt	latkes	grogger
7. candle	menorah	oil	miracle
8. Jerusalem	Modin	Antiochus	Mordecai
9. dreidel	Al Hanisim	Rock of Ages	Kol Nidre
10. Kislev	Haggadah	Hanukkah	dedication

HOW DO WE CELEBRATE HANUKKAH?

Check off customs and activities that are appropriate for the Hanukkah holiday?

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Light menorah - _____ | sing "Rock of Ages" _____ |
| give gifts _____ | receive "gelt" _____ |
| read Megillah _____ | read about Maccabees _____ |
| eat latkes _____ | eat hamantaschen _____ |
| march with Torah _____ | visit relatives and friends _____ |
| blow shofar _____ | fast _____ |
| play dreidel _____ | celebrate eight days _____ |
| have Seder _____ | glory in freedom of religion _____ |

ARE YOU IN THE SANDWICH GENERATION?

Jewish Family Services Offers A Place To Discuss Caring for Aging Parents

Modern medicine has enabled Americans to live longer, but it has not guaranteed that the quality of their lives will be sustained. Medical problems and lack of mobility have produced a segment of society whose members are isolated, lonely, and in some cases, frightened. "My widowed mother, well into her eighties, lives alone. I, myself, am in my mid-sixties, and barely have time to visit my own grown children and grandchildren. I feel pulled in all directions." As the life span of Americans increases and the old live longer, many middle-aged persons -- from their fifties to their sixties -- find themselves becoming the sole caregivers to their very aged parents. The strain of day-to-day concern and of feelings of guilt, that not enough is being done, may exact a heavy emotional and financial toll.

"My dad retired in his mid-sixties, still in good health. Now he spends his day watching TV. He seems to be growing more and more restless and disinterested in things around him. More recently, he's been showing signs of grumpiness. For some retirees in later years, shrinkage from life is an unfortunate reality. In these situations, boredom, fear of dependency, and insecurity may have damaging physical and mental consequences.

"My husband and I both work and have two very young children in day care facilities. We barely have time for ourselves and our children, much less for our parents."

The demand upon the "sandwich generation" -- parents looking after their growing offspring as well as their own

aging parents -- are many. There is little time for family recreation -- and complicating this situation in our highly mobile society in which family members no longer live down the street, but downstate or across the continent. How can families, who are doing their best to care, do so effectively? What help is available to them? How can we help our elderly remain essential members of our family? Our goal should be not merely to prolong the lives of our aging mothers and fathers, but to help them live richer, more meaningful lives.

Families can show they care by offering community-based care in the house or residency in a nursing home when it is required. Hot meals brought into the home, visits by social workers, nurses, or physical therapists; a little housekeeping help -- these services can be the difference of making it possible for a person to remain at home. There are also volunteer groups to assist older people, especially to reach the isolated or homebound aged.

Most difficult to face is seeing an impaired parent we once knew as strong become debilitated. Not all of us are prepared to face this without help.

Jewish Family Services offers a place for adult children to discuss issues related to their aging parents. For more information or to make an appointment, call any of our offices: East Brunswick, 732-257-4100; Concordia, 609-395-7979; Highland Park, 732-257-4100.

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A reminder for those of you who do not observe Shabbat. Many of the congregants of B'nai Tikvah do observe, so please be considerate. Hold off from conducting synagogue business between Friday afternoon and Saturday evening.

Daily Schedule of Services

Sunday	Shacharit	9:00 am
Sunday	Mincha/Maariv	7:30 pm
Monday - Wednesday	Mincha/Maariv	7:30 pm
Thursday	Shacharit	7:00 am
Thursday	Mincha/Maariv	7:30 pm
Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 pm
Saturday	Shacharit	9:30 am
Saturday	Mincha/Maariv	call office on Friday am

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