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Our Mission

To foster a vibrant egalitarian Jewish community founded in the religious customs and traditions of Conservative Judaism; offering excellent Jewish education and community activities for all ages with commitment to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world.



WE NEED YOU!

By Kim Riemann

How many of you watch the television show Friends? Please, don't be afraid to admit it. I watch it regularly and I remember an episode, from last season I believe, where Joey, the struggling actor, tries to convince Phoebe, the good natured masseuse, that no good deed, or mitzvah as we like to call them, is ever done for purely unselfish reasons. Joey believed that the conductor of any mitzvah performed that act because she received something in return, even if that something was just the satisfaction and inner warmth she had obtained from knowing she had helped someone else. Phoebe disagreed and spent the rest of the episode performing Mitzvot in the attempt to prove that such acts could be unselfish.

You must be wondering by now why I bring this up. Maybe you are even wondering how the episode ended. Did the two characters decide that Mitzvot could be done with an unselfish heart or was every good deed done for selfish reasons? To be honest with you, I can't remember what was the conclusion to the story. But I can tell you this; I personally don't think it really matters. If someone performs a mitzvah for unselfish reasons - great and if someone receives something for performing a mitzvah, well, maybe even better! The important thing is that the mitzvah was performed.

So, how does this pertain to all of you? What, did you think, you could actually read this short blurb and there would be no hook at the end? Well, if you did, you were wrong. Everyday each one of us has the opportunity to perform a Mitzvah at our synagogue.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

By Ann Kanarek

Learning How To Give

Teaching our students about the mitzvah of giving is very exciting. This Jewish value of tzedakah involves the whole child, heart, mind, and body, and it's a wonderful concept to teach. At a young age, children have a need to believe that the world is fair and just, and giving tzedakah fits into their view of the world. The students learn that even a small amount of money can make a difference in the quality of someone's life.

This year, each class in our Religious School chose the organization that would be the recipient of their contributions. These choices were made after much exploration and discussion of various institutions in need of help. We had the great privilege ---z'chut--- to donate to the following organizations:

Alabama ACLU (to help Wayne and Susan Wills and their four children to move to Wisconsin), American Association for Ethiopian Jews, American Cancer Society, Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP), Juvenile Diabetes, Keren-Or, Kosovo Relief Fund, North-South Brunswick USY-Tikkun Olam, and others.

The Talmud says, "As tiny scales join to form a strong coat of mail, so little donations combine to form a total good." I am certain that the contributions our children make in their classrooms today will, indeed, help to ensure the continuation of our Jewish heritage tomorrow.

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to summer fun, swimming and camp. During these leisurely weeks, families can share many Jewish activities. Why not include a Friday evening service, a visit to the Temple Library, dinner at an Israeli restaurant or a trip to the Jewish Museum (1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street) to see the exhibit "Sigmund Freud: Conflict and Culture."

Another easy and fun way to add to your children's Jewish knowledge is to sit and watch videos together. A couple of new titles, "Hanna's War" and "Outside Chance of Maximillian Glick", are videos which can be rented. A few afternoon specials, "A Friendship in Vienna," "The Wave," "The World of Anne Frank," and "The Devil's Arithmetic," are available from the School Office. Don't forget to log on and browse the Jewish Internet for what's new and exciting. Check out a few interesting sites: Jewishfamily.com, JewishHome.com, Jewishculture.com, and lastly, JEWISHMUSIC.com. While checking the Jewish music scene on line, take a listen to musical composer and entertainer, Noah Budin, who will be performing for us at our Chanukah concert, scheduled for December 5.

And of course, you can always visit with your principal who would especially enjoy the sounds of young voices in the now quiet halls of the school. Stop by and visit; we can explore other summer options and activities, or just chat. Remember--there are a **F.E.W.** good ways to keep in touch with us--besides telephoning us at 297- 0295, you can **F**ax us at 297-2673, **E**-mail me at **BnaiTikvah@cs.com** or **W**alk-in. We'd love to see you or hear from you! We hope you have a fun, exciting, and interesting summer.

Nursery School News

Submitted by Fran Pearlson, Director

Our nursery school is now preparing for the forthcoming school year. We will be opening on Monday, September 13, 1999. However, the week before we will invite all our students to a "Meet and Greet" at which time the children will see their new classrooms, meet their new teachers and have some fun with their new friends.

We are proud to announce that our extended day enrichment programs will be offered again this year. There will be a wonderful variety of classes to choose from. These will include "Passport to Fun" where children will travel to different countries and cook many tasty dishes. "Little Bookworms" will introduce the children to different types of literature as well as create special crafts and treats. "Kaleidoscope Kids" will be introducing our children to a potpourri of art materials and special crafts. We will continue with Curiosity Club where our budding scientists will perform several interesting science experiments. In this age of technology we will also offer our Computer Tots Program. At the JCC our fun in learning never ends!

Don't forget our fabulous Mommy and Me Programs. This year we will be offering classes for Moms and Tots starting at age 12-18 months. Our Mommy and Me classes will be for toddlers 18 months and up. In addition, we will be offering "The Toddler Fun Club" for children age 27 months and up. Registration for these classes will begin in August. Register early as these classes fill up quickly.

Spread the word about our terrific programs...Limited space is still available in a few of our classes!



We Need You continued from page 1

How you ask? **VOLUNTEER!**

Ouch, that hurt didn't it? For many of us, the thought of volunteering our precious time can hurt more than volunteering our dollars. But, both are needed for us to have a thriving, active Jewish Community Center. For now, I'm letting someone else worry about the money. I am writing to implore all of you to get involved. I'm not talking about hundreds of hours a year or even four hours a month. I'm talking about a couple of hours here and there to maybe sit on the youth committee and voice your opinions about the direction of our youth groups. I'm talking about an hour a month to bring food and clothing to local shelters. I'm talking about maybe a couple of hours a year to help set up chairs for the high holidays. You can get involved in hundreds of ways and we have dozens of committees through which you can participate. Pick up the phone and call either Mitch Frumkin (732) 297-5069 or Marv Eisenstein at our Synagogue Office (732) 297-0696. Let them know which areas you are interested in helping. Whether your motivation is selfish or unselfish does not matter. What matters is the Mitzvot you perform. Think about it!

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HOW CAN I ORDER SCRIP?

1. Call the synagogue office at (732) 297-0696. If you get the answering machine, do not hang-up. Press #5 to leave a message. Or,
2. Call a committee person; a full list of committee members is below.
3. Purchase at your favorite B'nai Tikvah organizational meeting (coming in the future).

No matter which method you select, just let someone know which store and the amount of scrip you want to buy. If you get an answering machine (at the synagogue office or a committee persons), leave your name, telephone number and your address.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY SCRIP ORDER?

Someone from the scrip committee will contact you to make personal arrangements.

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N/S Brunswick USY News

Summer 1999

1999-2000

Executive Board Installed

Have You Heard?

North/South Brunswick USY was named the 1998-1999 Chapter of the Year for the entire Hagalil Region. The award was presented at the Regional Spring Convention at Kutshers Country Club on April 25th. The chapter is now eligible to enter the competition for International Chapter of the Year that will be awarded at USY's international Convention in December.

USYers said goodbye to the seniors and the 1998-1999 North/South Brunswick USY Executive Board during the June 10th installation and slide show. A hearty Yasher Koach goes to our outgoing board. You're leaving hard shoes to fill.

Also during the ceremonies, the 1999-2000 Board was installed. Under the leadership of Jesse Olitzky, this board will bring our chapter into the next millenium.

Here is your 1999-2000 Executive Board:
President: *Jesse Olitzky*

Executive/Israel VP: *Rachel Kane*
Religious/Education VP: *Shoshi Glazer*
Social Actions/Tikun Olam VP: *Amy Schneider*
Membership/Programming VP: *Lenny Naar*
Communications VP: *Jennifer Samelson*
Recording Secretary: *Elyse Abschutz*
Treasurer: *Amy Stein*
Freshman Representative: *Erin Marx*
Historian: *Steven Halpern*

Good Luck to Our Seniors

Good luck to our graduating Seniors: Chad Austein; Jacob Kaminker; Lisa Kane; Erica Kaufman; Ryan Leo; Audra Lifson; Avi Olitzky; Amy Schwartz; and Aaron Stein.

The mark you have left on the chapter and the region will last a lifetime. May you cherish the memories and friendships you've made in USY.

Don't Miss Out on the Fun

1999-2000 promises to be an amazing year. The chapter has many fun and exciting activities planned. You also do not want to miss all of the regional dances, and conventions.

Membership applications for 1999-2000 are

available at B'nai Tikvah, on our web site (<http://come.to/NorthSouthUSY>) or by contacting the chapter's advisors, Candace and Craig, at 940-8463.

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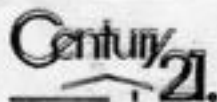
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AN INTRODUCTION TO TISHA B'AV

Submitted by Jacqueline Master

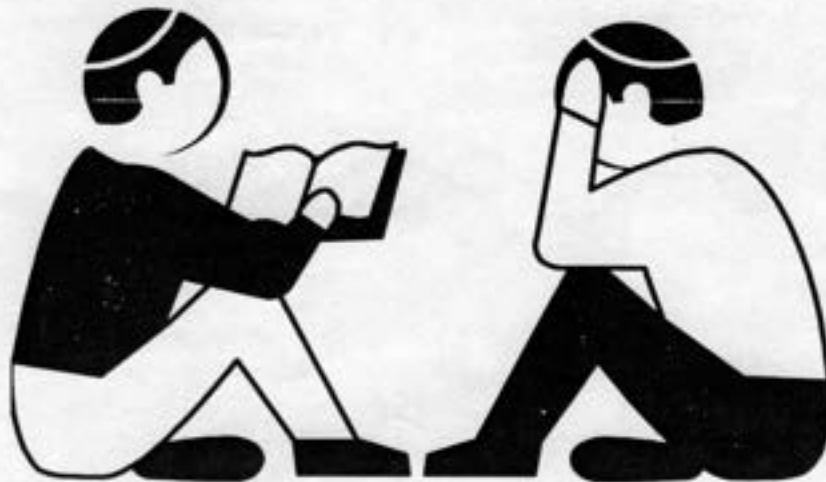
Tisha b'Av, or the ninth of Av is a fast day commemorating numerous tragedies in our history. It commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temples. It also commemorates the day that G-d decreed after the Exodus, that our ancestors had to wander for 40 years in the desert before entering the land of Israel. In addition it marks the fall of Betar, the end of the Bar Kochba revolt, as well as the plowing under of the city of Jerusalem.

A three-week period of mourning that began on the 17th of Tammuz, a minor fast day (sunup to sundown), ends with the fast of Tisha b'Av. The 17th of Tammuz has its own list of tragedies. It is the date on which Moses broke the tablets at Mt. Sinai. The daily offerings in the first Temple were suspended. The walls of Jerusalem were infiltrated prior to the destruction of the second Temple. A Roman general burned a Torah scroll, and Jewish traitors erected an idol in the Temple.

During this time of mourning, no weddings may take place and one is not supposed to buy new things, listen to music, or celebrate a simchah. During the last nine days, some people refrain from meat and wine, and others refrain from shaving.

The fast of Tisha b'Av is a full day fast, from sundown to sundown. It is traditional for the congregation to sit on the floor or on low stools as the book of Lamentations is read by candlelight. No leather is worn. No tallit or tefillin are worn, and all adornments are removed from the synagogue. On Tisha b'Av only passages relating to the destruction of the Temple can be studied.

According to the Talmud, these fast days will be rededicated as days of rejoicing after the future redemption of Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple.



Sisterhood Sizzles

Congratulations to our new board members:

President-Joyce Gerbman
Administrative VP-Libbie Marx
Programming VP-Melissa Fisch
Membership VP-Phyllis Safeer
Fundraising VP-Bobbi Binder, Brenda Sherman
Education VP-Lori Sookerman
Financial Secretary-Lisa Seidman
Treasurer-Nancy Kivor
Corresponding Secretary-Gale Dillman
Recording Secretary-Marci Finkelstein
Past President-Ellie Greenberg

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Hospitality-Shelly Wistreich, Linda Saffer
School & Youth-Nancy Zankel
Israeli Affairs-Cheryl Asnis
Historian-Beth Statman
New Member Coordinator-Ellie Greenberg

Thank you very much to all our past board members. You have worked very hard and your dedication is extremely appreciated. We look forward to another fabulous year with new, exciting programs, fun, worthwhile fundraisers and interesting educational meetings. Have a wonderful, safe summer and we look forward to seeing our sisterhood members in the fall.

Notes & Stuff

- ❖ Please continue to collect your Gallery Cleaners receipts. By forwarding your yellow copy to Shelly Talmud at 1 Point of Woods Dr. North Brunswick, Sisterhood will receive 10% of the bill. Any questions call Shelly at 297-3112.
- ❖ Why go out to Hallmark when you can call Sandra and she can send a torah fund card. Please give her a call at 940-8744 and for \$3.50, a card can be sent for any occasion or just to let someone know that you are thinking of him or her.
- ❖ Leagrams are a way to send a personalized telegram for any occasion. If you are interested in sending a Leagram call Debby @ 422-7907 and for \$3.00, she will send your message.
- ❖ The monthly children's service is held the third Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat following this service can call Lisa Seidman at 297-6950.
- ❖ If you would like to make a purchase from the gift shop over the summer, we would be happy to arrange an appointment for you. Please call Deborah Spigner-545-8457 or Theresa Samtur 821-8163.
- ❖ Invited to a Barbecue this summer? How about giving a cookbook to the hosts for a unique gift idea. Call Lisa Seidman at 297-6950 or Issnj@aol.com.

From Our President...

Dear Friends,

Did you ever stop to take the time to think of what the properties of a rubber band are? Think about it. It is flexible, stretchable and when used properly they hold and bind things together.

These attributes of the very simple rubber band are what make a sisterhood organization

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successful. We are a community of women bound together to do more than each could do alone. We are a group of women trying to "stretch" our all to few seconds, minutes and hours into our day, to meet the many demands put upon us. We are a gathering of women whose flexibility is ever so important in order to meet the many challenges of our changing environments, our communities and the Jewish people throughout the world. Before I go on and challenge you all to "stretch" your seconds, minutes and hours a little more, I want to flashback and review the great year that the B'nai Tikvah sisterhood had in 1998-1999.

With 140 members on our roster, we reached an all time membership high. Through our monthly meetings and special events, we were able to offer opportunities for social gatherings and religious growth. From a food critic to recipe swaps to dancing the day away Israeli style, this year proved to be a fun and enjoyable year for all who were involved. Our paid up membership dinner in November was a wonderful social evening that included a delicious dinner and live entertainment. Other events included sisterhood Shabbat, a women's Seder and reviewing movies with themes that the Jewish people face in our everyday lives. Of course, who could ever forget listening to the representative from the Shoah foundation, sharing the experience she had interviewing survivors of the holocaust. This successful, educational and enjoyable year ended on the runway when sisterhood models came out for the 1999 Fashion Show; a night which proved to be extremely fun for all.

The accomplishments of the past year have inspired me to better meet the challenges that face sisterhood going into the 21st Century. I am 100% committed to stretching my seconds, minutes and hours so that I may meet the goals and objectives of the B'nai Tikvah sisterhood.

We have had a steady 10% growth in membership over the past three years and I do not see why we can not double that output. I am committed to a 20% increase in membership bringing us to a 168 strong. I am committed to opening our board meetings to all members to come and contribute their insights and experiences on the ways sisterhood can accomplish our goals and meet the challenges we have in front of us. Some other areas I would like to address during my presidency is spreading the word of the Torah Fund and it's importance, growing our beautiful gift shop and expanding the brand new sisterhood cookbook with wonderful recipes from Bubbe's Kitchen to yours. But I can't do it alone. I challenge you to "stretch" with me. Help us deliver challahs to new B'nai Tikvah members welcoming them to the Jewish community. Help us with our fundraisers: Purim Baskets; Chanukah Bazaar; Our flowers, wine and cake sale for the high holidays and Passover. Send someone a nice Shabbat dinner that sisterhood arranges on a monthly basis. Help us create new programs. Sponsor or begin a new event. "Stretch" yourself with me and help make the B'nai Tikvah sisterhood the strongest chapter of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

The members of the sisterhood board who are stepping down from their position have given countless hours and have shown their commitment to the success of sisterhood. For that, I say "Thank you." I must give a very special thank you to Ellie Greenberg, my co-president this past year. I must honestly say that you proved that there is no "I" in team. It has been an honor and a privilege working side by side with you. I look forward to working with this new dedicated group of women that are being installed this evening as members of the sisterhood board. I am looking forward to "stretching" with you so that we may make B'nai Tikvah sisterhood a success going into the new millennium!

Sincerely,

Joyce Gerbman

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Lauren and Larry Brody on the birth of their son Justin.

Barbara and Richard Fisherman on the birth of their son Craig.

Sylvia and Terry Katz on the birth of their daughter Marissa.

Moshe and Malka Moosekowitz on the birth of their daughter Miryam



50 Plus Group

The following officers of the Fifty Plus Group have been elected for the year 1999-2000:

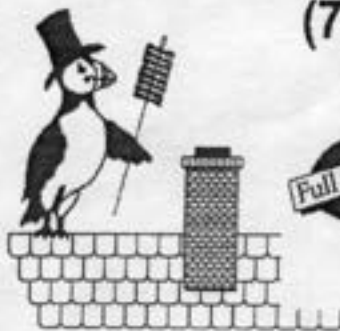
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Corresponding Secretary	Neysa Bibel
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Thank you,

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

ILLNESS

In case of illness and/ or hospitalization, please notify the synagogue office at 297-0696 or, if an EMERGENCY, Rabbi Eligberg at 940-1973.

DEATH

1. Even before making funeral arrangements notify Rabbi Eligberg at the synagogue office at 297-0696 or directly at home 940-1973. Rabbi Eligberg will assist you in arranging for an appropriate funeral.

2. In the event that you cannot reach the Rabbi, contact the Jewish funeral home and begin to make your arrangements. PLEASE, do not finalize the funeral time until Rabbi Eligberg has been contacted.

It is appropriate to contact Rabbi Eligberg whenever tragedy or trauma occurs. Please contact him irrespective of the hour at 940-1973. On Shabbat and Yom Tov, the Rabbi does not use the telephone. Therefore, you can convey information to him on these days at the synagogue during scheduled service times, by calling him immediately after Shabbat or Yom Tov, or by sending someone to his residence. The Rabbi lives at:
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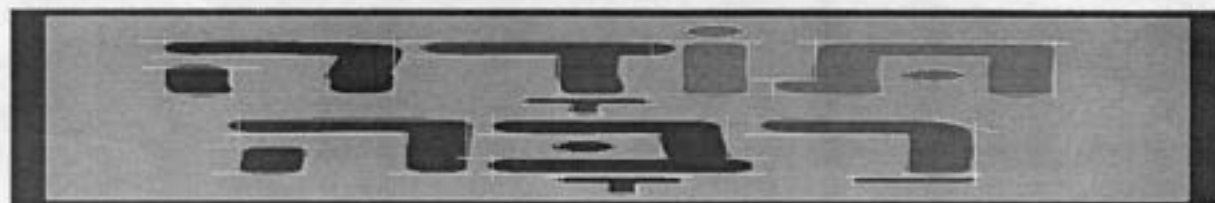
TISHA B'AV PUZZLE

By Jackie Master

Find the words listed below, pertaining to the holiday of Tisha b'Av, in the puzzle. They can be found forward or backward, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Have Fun!



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| BAR KOCHBA | FAST | MOURNING |
| BETAR | FIRST TEMPLE | MT SINAI |
| CANDLELIGHT | JERUSALEM | SECOND TEMPLE |
| DESERT | LAMENTATIONS | SEVENTEEN TAMMUZ |
| DESTRUCTION | MOSES | TISHA B'AV |



This being the last issue of my first year as Editor of the HaKol I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those people who made my job so much easier. Thank you Ann Kanarek, Jackie Master, Fran Pearson, Candy and Craig Botnick, Michelle Kleinman and Lisa Seidman for constantly having interesting and timely contributions. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed articles throughout the year, unfortunately I don't think I have space for all of you here but you know who you are. Lastly, I would like to thank all of you, who stopped me in the halls of the synagogue, in the parking lot and sent e-mails to express your praise of our work. It really made this year worthwhile. I look forward to another exciting year. Thanks again and keep those story contributions coming!

Sincerely
Kim Riemann

SUKKOT - NO KIDDING!

Submitted by Rabbi David Eligberg

Sukkah Building

Once there was a man who wanted to build a Sukkah. He went to see his rabbi and knocked on the door. The Rabbi, who was studying Talmud at the time, looked up from his book. "Come in," he said.

"Rabbi," said the man, "forgive me for disturbing you. But I want to build a Sukkah, and I don't know where to begin. Can you help me out?"

"This is a most auspicious question," replied the rabbi. "For at this very moment I am sitting here studying Masechet Sukkah, the tractate of the Talmud that deals with Sukkot. And here, right on this page, Rabbi Yohanan has a long statement about how to build a Sukkah. Here, take a copy of this folio page. Go home, follow these directions carefully, and you will have a beautiful Sukkah, and a wonderful place to celebrate the festival with your family."

The man was delighted. He took home the book, propped it up on a rock, and began reading: "Do this for four cubits, do that for six cubits...." Two days later the man had completed his Sukkah. He gathered his family together so that they could hang the beautiful decorations that had been prepared. After hanging the first string of fruit, the Sukkah began to wobble. The man and his family rushed out just as the Sukkah fell to the ground.

Frantic, the man returned to the Rabbi. "Rabbi," he said in a quivering voice, "I followed the instructions and do you know what happened? As I was putting up the decorations, the Sukkah fell down!"

The Rabbi looked up from his Talmud. "What do you think the Talmud is-the daily newspaper? No! The Talmud is a holy book and it must be studied carefully. Obviously, you were rushing. Here's what you should do. Get a friend to read you every direction as you go along, and you

should say each direction back to him, just to be safe and completely certain that you are following the directions exactly. Now go and build your Sukkah."

The man went right to work. This time it took over a week to build the Sukkah, as his friend read every direction and he repeated it back to him. Once again he gathered his family together so that they could hang the beautiful decorations that had been prepared. Once again after hanging the first string of fruit, the Sukkah began to wobble. Once again the man and his family rushed out just as the Sukkah fell to the ground.

Even more frantic, since Sukkot was almost upon them, the man raced to the Rabbi's house. "Rabbi, again it happened," the man shouted. "I carefully followed all of Rabbi Yohanan's directions. Why is it that every time I put up the Sukkah it fell down?"

The Rabbi studied the appropriate page of the Talmud for a few moments. "Wait a minute," he finally said. "Rashi asks the same question!"

Sukkah Building Seminar

Wednesday, August 4, at 7:00 PM

The Rabbi will hold a Sukkah building class at which different Sukkah plans will be available, as well as information regarding Sukkah building kits and pre-fabricated models.

Don't be caught in the same situation as the family in the story above when Sukkot rolls around this year. Summer is a great time to work on your Sukkah and prepare your decorations. The period around the High Holy Days is always a frenetic one for all of us so get a jump on things, especially if you are a first time Sukkah builder. Working out the flaws during the summer will make for a more enjoyable and successful pre-festival experience.

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