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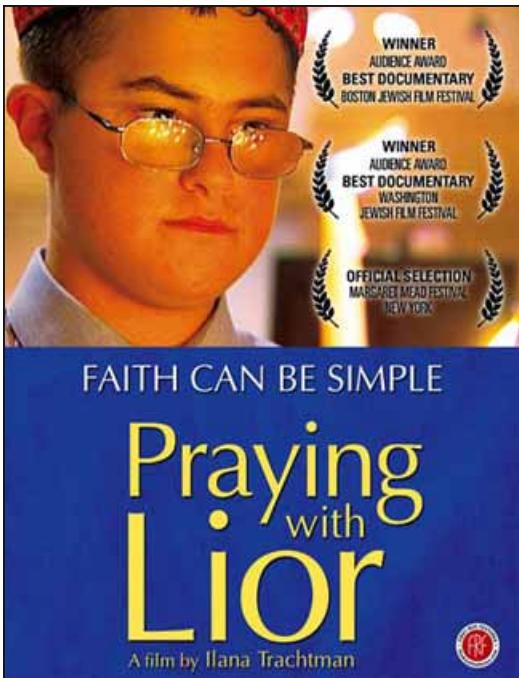
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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
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Saturday
March 8, 2008
8:00 pm

Come and see what is proving to be one of the best documentary films of the year. Every showing has received a standing ovation.

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(see page 9 for film synopsis)

Coming to
Temple Beth Shalom
in March/April 2008

March 6
Tkuma - The Modern State of Israel

March 7
Shabbat Across America

March 16
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Showcase

March 20
Purim/Megillah Reading

March 22
Purim Service & USY Carnival

April 6
Shopping at the Shuk

April 20
Community Seder



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8:30 pm Concert

Among those featured in this Gala Performance
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Cantor Shira Adler

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Written and Performed by

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**One Night Only -
Saturday, March 8, 8:00 pm**

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Enter the vibrant world of a Tel Aviv café minutes before a suicide bomber arrives. This provocative one-woman performance ends its NYC run to come to Westchester for one-night only. Alone, Iris Bahr masterfully fills the café with character after character (11 in total) conveying the full spectrum of perspectives comprising the fascinating Israeli psyche.

Iris Bahr, author and star, brings a fresh and unique insight to Israeli society from a woman who has lived and breathed it. A dual American/Israeli citizen, Bahr brings to us humor, poignant observations, gut-wrenching drama and the heart break of Israel's socio-political crises.



This program is not recommended for children under 16.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

www.artscenter.org, or call 914.251.6200.
Tickets can also be purchased at the Recital Hall Box Office.
Patrons - \$188 per ticket.
Reserved General Seating - \$54.

For more information on Hillels of Westchester, please visit
www.hillelsofwestchester.org

Message from Rabbi Kaley



Jcannot believe that Passover is only a month and a half away and that very soon spring will be upon us. *Pesach* constitutes for the Jewish People our opportunity to reflect upon the meaning and blessing of freedom.

The story of Passover is one of redemption. God heeded our cry, came to our aid, and rescued us from

a nation which sought not only to enslave us but to destroy us. Had God not intervened on our behalf, we would not be here today and the many contributions to humanity offered by Jews and Judaism throughout the ages would never have been realized.

Soon we will gather and tell our story of freedom at our Passover tables, as well as celebrate 60 years since the creation of the State of Israel. However, the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, continues to call publicly for

the annihilation of the State of Israel. We ignore his remarks at our own peril; when Mr. Ahmadinejad vows to "wipe Israel off the map" he refers to an intention to destroy our Homeland and to murder all who live within its borders. He threatens, in effect, a nuclear holocaust of the Jewish State just as his country aims to secure and develop nuclear technology for 'peaceful intentions.' Lest we imagine that we enjoy an amnesty from the Iranian dictatorship's genocidal plot, either as Jews who live far away from the Middle East or as Americans, we should note that the rhetoric of Iran's state-run media does not limit itself by any means to expressions of contempt and defamation of Jews in Israel alone.

Mr. Ahmadinejad recently asked a large group of Iranian students and intellectuals, gathered at a conference in Teheran, to "imagine a world without the United States of America, because this could be achieved!"

Furthermore, daily, Israel continues to be barraged with missiles in the South of the country. The many cities near the Gaza Strip continue to struggle financially because more and more people are moving out of the area. Iran's and Hamas' aggressive intentions toward Israel, their despicable anti-Semitism, and their hatred for America, and every aspect of Western Society have long been known to us. However, the brazenness of the Iranian dictator's continued comments, the real possibility that the Iranians may soon gain the nuclear capability to act upon their intentions, and the fact that Hamas continues to represent the

Palestinian's majority should concern every Jew and every freedom-loving human being. All of the above demands, of each of us and all of us, that we consider how we might respond with constructive action.

This coming June, over 5,000 people, both Jewish and non-Jewish, will gather in Washington D.C. for AIPAC's Annual Policy Conference (AIPAC is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and is the most significant arm of the Pro-Israel Movement in the United States). For past two years I have been privileged to lead a group representing TBS at this most significant gathering and I am hoping that you will join me at the 2008 conference as well. As AIPAC's central focus is upon lobbying Congress to pass legislation that supports and protects the mutual interests of our country and the State of Israel, much of our time will be spent learning about the issues in plenary sessions and special briefings, all in preparation for our lobbying trip to Capitol Hill on the last afternoon of the conference.

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The great Jewish theologian, Martin Buber, wrote that "the world is in need of redemption, but the redemption must not be expected to happen as an act of sheer grace." We are not blessed with divine powers. We can neither turn sticks into snakes nor split seas into pathways to freedom. However, we can join together in large numbers, make our feelings known to our representatives and to the world, and help to influence, for the better, the decisions that our representatives make.

While we celebrate our freedom this Passover, let us lift our Kiddush cups in commitment to making a greater difference in the months ahead. As a Jewish community, let us become evermore a community committed to supporting and fulfilling our most sacred and far-reaching causes. This commitment is essential to the spiritual heritage of our People and it is today our most sacred calling. Our brothers and sisters in Israel are counting upon us to do our part, as they do theirs, on behalf of our own People and in service of the all humans who celebrate or yearn for freedom and security this Passover. We can make a difference! *Chag Sameach.*

~ Rabbi Joshua Kaley



President's Message



Just over two months ago, I had to write the most difficult letter I have ever written to all of you informing you of Rabbi Kalev's decision to explore other opportunities rather than renew his contract with us. What made it so hard was that I needed to remove all the emotions I was feeling at the time in order to present an even-keeled synopsis of the events as they occurred together with an optimistic view of the future for our community.

I am sure that many of you have shared with me that emotional roller coaster over these past two months, and I want you all to know that writing this article is much easier for me to do now than that letter was before. It's not that my feelings of sadness and disappointment have been minimized in any way. It's more that my spirits have been buoyed by the resilience and strength of this wonderful community and its unwavering determination to continue to move forward despite this bump in the road. The more I talk and listen to our congregants, the more convinced I am that this community has matured in every way possible.

It is said that one of the remarkable outcomes of, and potential reasons for, the Israelites' forty years of wandering in the desert was the need to transform slave mentality into a unified, confident nation. Through Moses' leadership, the Israelites learned to trust in themselves, and with this trust came the ability to not only defensively protect their loved ones, but also offensively conquer powerful adversaries. Basically, those 40 years taught the Israelites to walk on their own.

I look around and marvel at how we as a congregation have grown over the last several years under the leadership of Rabbi Kalev. Many times in the past I thought of our community as wandering in the desert, not knowing which direction it wanted to go. Now look at us! Lay led services are commonplace on Shabbat. Community participation in synagogue events is at an all-time high. Post B'nei Mitzvah involvement by our young adults and our USY is greater than ever. Our place in the worldwide

Jewish community has been established and its importance growing. Why has this happened? Because, we, like the Israelites, were taught to walk on our own.

For now, I can't really offer any more information than I did in my letter. We have an excellent and experienced search committee formed and ready for action. We have received a surprisingly good response to our posting, with interviews beginning at the end of February.

Weekends during the month of March will be busy hosting prospective candidates at the synagogue. I hope that you all will support our committee by welcoming these candidates and getting to know them by asking questions that are important to you. At the end, we want you to express your opinions to the committee. We all need to be part of the process.

In the midst of all the searching and interviewing, I want to remind everyone that the next three months at the synagogue are so jammed packed with events that we won't even know that there is life beyond Temple Beth Shalom. In addition to our normal Purim and Passover celebrations and the beginning of the B'nei Mitzvah season, two events deserve our special attention. First, on March 8 at 8 pm, TBS has been chosen as one of a select number of synagogues around the country to show the premiere of the powerful film, "Praying for Lior". Please do not miss this award winning film! Secondly, our "Israel at 60" celebrations begin in March and run all the way through June. Rabbi Kalev and a wonderful committee have planned a series of events and projects that will allow every member of our community to participate in and celebrate with the State of Israel as it turns 60 years old in May. Check your local listings for times and places.

I want to thank you all for your support and for helping bring my focus back onto the bright future of this great community.

Chag Purim and Zeesen Pesach!!

Ron

~ Ron Arsham



Shabbat Shalom

שבת שלום

TBS Shabbat Services

Regular Shabbat Services

Friday Evenings	8:15 pm
Early Evening Service -	
third Friday of each month ~	
March 21	6:15 pm
April 18	6:15 pm

Saturday Mornings	9:30 am
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Shabbat Across America

March 7	Service @ 6:15 pm
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Junior Congregation

March 15	10:30 am
April 12	10:30 am

Tot Shabbat

March 21	7:00 pm
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Family Services

March 7	7:45 pm
April 5	10:00 am

Dalet Class Lunch & Learn

Lunch & discussion with Rabbi Kavlev
following services
April 5

Shabbat Candle Lighting

MARCH

7	5:35 pm
14	6:34 pm
21	6:51 pm
28	6:58 pm

APRIL

4	7:06 pm
11	7:13 pm
18	7:21 pm
25	7:28 pm

Join Us For Kiddush

The Houslanger Family,
and Wendy & Joel Greenberg,
will host a Kiddush luncheon on
Saturday, March 15

*Kiddush follows the Saturday
morning service - all are welcome.*



 Purim Mishloach Manot family packages can be picked up at the temple beginning March 19 (one per family please!). Each child will receive their own package during Hebrew School.

Celebrating Simchas!

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of
Emily Sanders-DeMott,

Jill Sanders-DeMott & Dennis DeMott will host an Oneg on Friday, April 11, and a Kiddush on Saturday, April 12



In Honor of the Wedding of

Cantor Shira Adler and Richard Schectman

an Auf Ruf will be held on Saturday, April 12.



Shabbat Trivia

Each week Rabbi Kavlev shares a trivia question at Shabbat services. The first person to call his voice mail after Shabbat with the correct answer wins a prize!

The competition is fierce so make sure to call in as soon as Shabbat has ended.

What town in Canaan preceded Jerusalem as the main religious center for the Jewish people? – **Shiloh** – Miriam Yekutiel

Which Jewish industrialist was known as the “Henry Ford of France”? – **Andre Gustave Citroen** – David Freundlich

Which famous synagogue has a stained-glass window created by Tiffany? – **Shearith Israel in NYC** – Nobody

Which Jewish songwriter composed “Over the Rainbow...?” – **Harold Arlen** – Ron Arsham

Who was the Jewish Grand Prix driver from South Africa who won the world championship in 1979? – **Jody Scheckter** - Nobody



PURIM MEGILLAH READING

Thursday, March 20, 7:15 pm

Join us for our traditional Megillah Reading and adult celebration with Rabbi Kavlev. Surprises in store for both children and adults.

Refreshments, costume contests and even adult games.
A fun family event.

PURIM SERVICE & ANNUAL USY CARNIVAL

Saturday, March 22, 7:30 pm

The Purim festivities begin with a service and costume parade! Then the procession leads to the awesome USY Purim Carnival with games and surprises for all. Be sure to bring a few dollars to purchase tickets for the Carnival games.

This is a wonderful celebration so bring the entire family!

Hebrew School Students -- Come to the Purim Carnival on Saturday night and you are excused from Hebrew School on Sunday morning, March 23!





PASSOVER 5768



**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US HERE, AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM,
FOR ALL OF OUR PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS!**

<i>Thursday, April 17, 2008 - 7:30 AM</i>	<i>Shacharit & Ta'anit B'khiorim</i>	<i>Morning Service & Study for First Born</i>
<i>Sunday, April 20, 2008 - 9:30 AM</i>	<i>1st Day Passover Shacharit Service</i>	<i>1st Day Passover Morning Services</i>
<i>Sunday, April 20, 2008 - 6:00 PM</i>	<i>TBS Community 2nd Night Passover Seder</i>	<i>Please RSVP to the Front Office</i>
<i>Monday, April 21, 2008 - 9:30 AM</i>	<i>2nd Day Passover Shacharit Service</i>	<i>2nd Day Passover Morning Services</i>
<i>Friday, April 25, 2008 - 8:15 PM</i>	<i>7th Day Passover Ma'ariv Service</i>	<i>7th Day Passover Evening Services</i>
<i>Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 9:30 AM</i>	<i>7th Day Passover Shacharit Service</i>	<i>7th Day Passover Morning Services</i>
<i>Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 8:15 PM</i>	<i>8th Day Ma'ariv Service</i>	<i>8th Day Passover Evening Services</i>
<i>Sunday, April 27, 2008 - 9:30 AM</i>	<i>8th Day Passover Shacharit & Yizkor Service</i>	<i>8th Day Passover Morning & Memorial Service</i>

Bedikat Hametz (The Search For *Hametz*) should be performed Thursday, April 17th in the evening.

For members of our community to be able to recite the Mourner's *Kaddish*, we need a *minyan*. Please make every effort to attend services & *Yizkor* during Passover.

**WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER NIGHTS?
BECAUSE WE GET TO BE WITH OUR FRIENDS AT TBS!**



Temple Beth Shalom



שטר הרשותה

If possible, all hametz - food not acceptable during Passover, or materials containing such unacceptable food - should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please complete the form and return it to the synagogue office no later than April 14, 2008.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY MAKE AND APPOINT RABBI JOSHUA KALEV, MY TRUE AND LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN MY PLACE AND STEAD, FOR ME AND IN MY NAME AND IN MY BEHALF, TO SELL ALL HAMETZ OWNED AND POSSESSED BY ME, KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY, AS STATED IN THE TORAH AND DEFINED BY THE SAGES OF ISRAEL (E.G., HAMETZ; HASHASH HAMETZ - SUSPECT HAMETZ; AND ALL KINDS OF TA'AROVET HAMETZ - HAMETZ MIXTURES); ALSO, HAMETZ THAT TENDS TO HARDEN AND TO ADHERE TO THE SURFACE OF PANS, POTS OR OTHER COOKING OR EATING UTENSILS, OF WHASOEVER NATURE, AND TO LEASE ALL PLACES WHEREIN THE AFOREMENTIONED HAMETZ OWNED OR POSSESSED BY ME MAY BE FOUND, ESPECIALLY IN THE PREMISES LOCATED AT _____ (MY ADDRESS). RABBI KALEV HAS THE FULL AUTHORITY AND POWER TO SELL SAID HAMETZ AND TO LEASE SAID PLACE OR PLACES WHEREIN SAID HAMETZ MAY BE FOUND, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DISCRETION DICTATES. RABBI KALEV HAS THE FULL POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN OR APPOINT A SUBSTITUTE OR SUBSTITUTES TO ACT IN MY BEHALF WITH ALL THE SAME POWERS AND AUTHORITY THAT I HAVE INVESTED IN THE RABBI, AND I DO HEREBY RATIFY AND CONFIRM THAT RABBI KALEV OR A RABBINIC SUBSTITUTE LAWFULLY DOES OR CAUSES TO BE DONE BY VIRTUE OF THESE PRESENTS.

AND TO THIS I HEREBY AFFIX MY SIGNATURE ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, IN THE YEAR _____.

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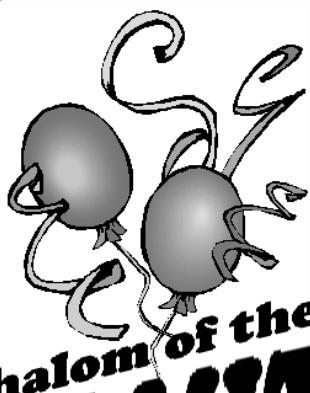
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Calendar

March

Adar I-Adar II

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am
2 Hebrew School, 9am-noon Men's Club Breakfast – Getting Your House in Order, 9:30 am SCRIP ORDERS DUE	3 "From Death to Burial," 7:30 pm	4 Executive Bd. Mtg, 6:30 pm Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	5 Hebrew School, 4:15 pm Shabbat Service class, 7-8 pm	6 USY Executive Board mtg, 6:30 pm TKUMA - The Modern State of Israel, 7:30 pm	7 Hey Class Family Service, 6:15 pm Shabbat Across America following service	8 Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am *PRAYING WITH LIOR, TBS movie @ 8 pm
9 Hebrew school, 9am-noon 2nd Congregation Mtg, 7 pm	10 House & Grounds mtg, 7:30 pm	11 Sisterhood mtg, 7:30 pm Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	12 Hebrew School, 4:15 pm Shabbat service class, 7-8 pm	13 Board mtg, 7 pm	14 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 8:15 pm	15 Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am Jr. Congregation, 10:30 am Havdalah in Pajamas, 7 pm
PANIM/WASHINGTON TRIP WITH POST-HEY						
16 Aleph Family Education, 9am- noon BAR/BAT MITZVAH SHOWCASE SCRIP ORDERS DUE	17	18 Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	19 Hebrew School, 4:15 pm Shabbat service class, 7-8 pm	20 Purim/Megillah Reading 7:15 pm 	21 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15 pm Tot Shabbat, 7 pm	22 Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am USY Purim Carnival, 7:30 pm
23	24	25	26 Hebrew School, 4:15 pm Shabbat service class, 7-8 pm	27 TBS Book Club, 7 pm	28	29
30 SCRIP ORDERS DUE	31	Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm			USY SPRING KINNUS	

 **A Closer Look - Praying with Lior**
An engrossing, wrenching and tender documentary film, PRAYING WITH LIOR introduces Lior Liebling, also called "the little rebbe." Lior has Down syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. Is he a "spiritual genius" as many around him say? Or simply the vessel that contains everyone's unfulfilled wishes and expectations? Lior — whose name means "my light" — lost his mother at age six, and her words and spirit hover over the film. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he's also a

burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony different characters provides a window into life spent "praying with Lior." The movie poses difficult questions such as what is "disability" and who really talks to God? Told with intimacy and humor, PRAYING WITH LIOR is a family story, a triumph story, a grief story, a divinely-inspired story.



Calendar

Temple Beth Shalom

April

Adar II-Nisan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	2 Shabbat service class, 7-8 pm	3 TKUMA - The Modern State of Israel, 7:30 pm	4 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 8:15 pm	5 Family Morning Service, 10 am Dalet Class lunch & Learn following service USY Shabbaton
6 Hebrew School, 9 am-noon Mishpachah, 11 am Shop the Shuk, 10:30am-noon Israeli lunch -12 pm Westchester Israel Celebration in Hartsdale, 1pm	7 House & Grounds mtg, 7 pm	8 Executive Board mtg, 6:30 pm Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	9 Hebrew School, 4:15 pm Shabbat service class, 7-8 pm	10 Sisterhood mtg, A Taste of Passover, 7 pm	11 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 8:15 pm	12 Bat Mitzvah of Emily Sanders De-Mott Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am Jr. Congregation, 10:30 am USY Shabbaton
13 Hebrew School, 9 am-noon Men's Club mtg, 9:30 am Danbury Passover Learning, 4-6 pm SCRIP ORDERS DUE	14	15	16 Hebrew School, 4:15 pm	17 Shacharit Service, 7:30 am <u>TBS Office closed</u> USY/Temple Cleaning, 5-7 pm Board meeting, 7 pm	18 TBS Office closed Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 6:15 pm	19 Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 am  PESACH/FIRST SEDER
20 NO HEBREW SCHOOL Shacharit service, 9:30 am Community Seder, 6 pm 	21 TBS Office Closed Shacharit service, 9:30 am	22 Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	23 NO HEBREW SCHOOL	24 TKUMA - The Modern State of Israel, 7:30 pm	25 Ma'ariv Service, 8:15 pm	26 Shacharit Service, 9:30 am Ma'ariv Service, 8:15 pm
27 NO HEBREW SCHOOL Shacharit & Yizkor Service, 9:30 am	28	29 Book of the Prophets class, 7:30 pm	30			



A Closer Look

FOUR MORE SONS, FOUR MORE QUESTIONS

Freedom is the central theme of the Passover seder. It echoes and re-echoes throughout the *Haggadah*. On this Passover, Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz, Guy Hever, Gilad Shalit, Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser are not free. They remain captive, their fates unknown. Our hearts ache for them and for their families, and on their behalf we add four additional questions to our Seder tonight.

1. *Why are these sons different from all other sons?*
2. *Why are these prisoners different from other prisoners?*
3. *Why are these hostages different from other hostages?*
4. *Why do we raise the issue of these Israeli soldiers who are "missing-in-action" on Passover?*

Just as we have done throughout our history, so too, today we must come to the aid of fellow Jews. We dedicate this Seder to Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz and Guy Hever. We will continue to work toward their release from captivity, and, if our voices are strong enough, perhaps next year we will not have to repeat these extra four questions.

For the answers to these questions, and more information, visit www.azm.org/seder



CAN YOU FIGURE IT OUT - WHO STOLE THE AFIKOMEN?

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY SEDER &
MYSTERY NIGHT WITH YOUR TBS FRIENDS!

TBS 2ND NIGHT COMMUNITY SEDER

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008 AT 6 PM

Join the Rabbis Kalev for a seder experience you won't forget.

Together we will sing, laugh and try to figure out
"WHO STOLE THE AFIKOMEN?"

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TBS MEMBERS:

ADULTS - \$40.00

CHILDREN (5-13 YRS.) - \$20.00

YOUNG-INS (UNDER 5 YRS.) - FREE

RSVP by Friday, April 11; 845.628.6133



The Jewish Federation and the Council of Jewish Professionals

Present the third annual Academy of Jewish Learning.
This year's theme:

"Why is this afternoon different from other afternoons?"
"Because on this afternoon we learn about esoteric and interesting aspects about Pesach."

Sunday, April 13, 2008
4:00—6:30 pm

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The Jewish Federation Inc., a prominent institution serving Northern Fairfield, Southern Litchfield, and Putnam Counties, integrates philanthropy, volunteerism, Israel advocacy, and social action to build a vibrant, collaborative, Jewish community.

Please complete the form below to send or fax to the Jewish Federation. Please check no more than one course per session.

4:00 - 5:00 pm

- () **Rabbi Leah Cohen** - "A Woman's Touch: Bringing the Female Voice to the Seder"
- () **Rabbi Jon Haddon, Cantor Penny Kessler** - "Opening the Haggadah: A Journey Through Liturgy and Song"
- () **Rabbi Cliff Librach** - "The Incident at Bnei Brak: The Five Rabbis"

5:00 - 5:30 pm - Break, Refreshments, Etc.

5:30 - 6:30 pm

- () **Rabbi Nelly Altenberger** - "The Matzah War: The Spirituality of Passover"
- () **Rabbi Joshua Kalev** - "The Four Sons," A Journey through Art
- () **Rabbi Norman Koch** - "Why Tell the Story"

Names of Attendees:

RSVP to Norman Greenstein@ the Jewish Federation via phone or fax
Phone: 203.792.6353, Fax: 203.748.5099





Limud ~ Adult Education



The TBS Men's Club and Plaza Jewish Chapel Present
~GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER~
Planning Ahead for Difficult Times
Sunday, March 2, 2008
9:30 am

Family members faced with the loss of a loved one should not have to make difficult decisions concerning where the funeral will be held, who will officiate, where burial will occur, the content of an obituary, or the wishes of the deceased with respect to all of these questions. A great deal of time, money and emotional distress can be saved by planning ahead. Most importantly, the stressful question "Are we doing the right thing?" need not arise, if the wishes of the deceased are known. Answering that question at a time of emotional stress often leads to unnecessary spending. Planning ahead leads to true peace of mind. This is your chance to learn more and ask important questions!

FROM DEATH TO BURIAL:

The World of Chevra Kaddisha

Monday, March 3, 2008

7:30 pm



Come and learn about the practices of Jewish burial. From the moment that the body is taken by the Chevra Kaddisha to the time it is placed in the ground, Rabbi Kalev will go over the many rituals and laws surrounding this difficult time in life. A video will be screened showing the process of preparing the body for burial - *please use discretion when bringing children to this class!*



The Book of Prophets ~ the class continues with Miriam Yekutiel
 Class meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm
 March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 22, 29 (No class April 15)

This ongoing class will study and discuss sections of Nevi'im, the prophetic section of the Jewish Bible. The class will consider the historical setting as well as the classical and modern commentaries. Learn about the separation of the kingdom of Israel, the response to the Jewish priestly system, and the values and wisdom of the Judges. Each student is required to bring or purchase "The JPS Tanakh."

No prior experience or knowledge required!

TBS Book Club - What We're Reading



THOSE WHO SAVE US, by Jenna Blum

Join us for a discussion of this powerful book on
Thursday, March 27, 7:00 pm

For fifty years, Anna Schlemmer has refused to talk about her life in Germany during World War II. Her daughter, Trudy, was only three when she and her mother were liberated by an American soldier and went to live with him in Minnesota. Trudy's sole evidence of the past is an old photograph: a family portrait showing Anna, Trudy, and a Nazi officer, the Obersturmführer of Buchenwald.

Driven by the guilt of her heritage, Trudy, now a professor of German history, begins investigating the past and finally uncovers the heartbreaking truth of her mother's life.



Combining a passionate, doomed love story, a vivid evocation of life during the war, and a poignant mother-daughter drama, Those Who Save Us is a profound exploration of what we endure to survive and the legacy of shame.

JENNA BLUM is of German and Jewish descent. She worked for Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation for four years, interviewing Holocaust survivors. She currently teaches at Boston University and runs fiction workshops for Grub Street Writers.

Learn to Follow the Shabbat Service

with Marilyn Arsham
 Wednesday, March 5, 12, 26,
 April 2 & 9, 7-8 pm

Prayer is as much a community event as an individual's spiritual journey. Some liturgy can only be recited in the presence of a *minyan* (ten 'adults' in Jewish terms), while others can be done privately. The goal of this class is to review the order, melody and choreography of the Hebrew segments of our Shabbat morning service, beginning with the simplest to the more complex. Each class is comprised of a modified mock service; as participants learn a part, they will lead that segment.

Prayers, on the most part, were compiled as a spiritual guide for the reader, not as an absolute formula. The history of a prayer, its derivation and its meaning are beyond the scope of this class. Participants are encouraged to read the translation on their own and determine for themselves how the prayer speaks or does not speak for them.

Knowledge of Hebrew is strongly recommended, but not required. CDs will be available for practice, and transliteration can be provided upon request.



WHAT'S A "PILPUL"?

Marlene and I thank all of you for making our gathering on February 10th such a success. There is such a wonderful chemistry among all of us that keeps dear Temple Beth Shalom going: There are long timers who say "Beis SHOI lom;" there are terrific Torah readers; musicians who sing; kids who lead services; educators; coordinators; accountants; let's not forget the lawyers; talmud scholars.... We are complete in all regards and are a cohesive community which keeps growing in health and good spirit.



So a Sunday like last (at our home on February 10) is just a little icing on the cake

— a time for us to be together at a home, informally and enjoy. The conversations after the film "Creation of the Universe," were incredibly informed and lively. We should keep the venue and schedule another event very soon. I would like to suggest a little structural format for our discussions. We do it in a roundtable fashion, with refreshments, and we have a subject, like the one which arose last week: "Where Do We Find G-d In All This Astronomical Science?" Then we open the matter for discussion and everyone gets his or her say many times over, far into the afternoon, evening or next day, until the topic or we are exhausted. This has a heritage in Judaic tradition. It is called a "pilpul." The Western / American version is the "Chautauqua," which was named after the County or tribe in New York State. There is actually a group called the Chautauqua Society, that does this for fun, or a living.

I suggest we view the films *Pi* (an Israeli made as in calculating the circumference of a circle), *What the Bleep *#?%\$ Do We Know?* or

FIRST ROUND MARCH 18 OR 19	SECOND ROUND MARCH 20 OR 21	REB MARCH 22 OR 23	FINALS MARCH 23 OR 24	SECOND ROUND MARCH 20 OR 21	FIRST ROUND MARCH 18 OR 19
Kentucky			ITS BACK FOR 2008 - CAN SOMEONE BEAT THE FELDMANS?	Duke	Duke
Florida A&M	16	UAB	Opening Round March 16	Seton Hall	Alabama St.
Washington	8	UAB	FINAL FOUR	Illinois	Arizona
UAB	9		ST. LOUIS	Illinois	Murray St.
Providence	5	Pacific	Atlanta	Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Pacific	12	Kansas	TEXAS NATIONAL	ETSU	North Carolina
Kansas	4	Kansas	San Antonio	North Carolina	Air Force
IL-Chicago	13		April 5	Texas	Texas
Boston Coll.	6	Boston Coll.	UConn	Xavier	Xavier
Utah	11		St. Joe's	Miss. St.	Louisville
Georgia Tech	3	Georgia Tech	St. Joe's	Miss. St.	Monmouth
Northern Iowa	14		Georgia Tech	Stanford	
Michigan St.	7	Nevada	Manhattan	TX-San Antonio	
Nevada	10		Wake Forest	Alabama	
Gonzaga	2	Gonzaga	VCU	Syracuse	
Valparaiso	15		Wisconsin	BYU	
			Richmond	Maryland	
			Pitt	Vanderbilt	
			Central FL	N.C. State	
			Memphis	DePaul	
			South Carolina	Dayton	
			OK State	UCConn	
			E. Wash.	UCConn	

DON'T MISS THE TEMPLE BETH SHALOM NCAA TZEDAKAH POOL

Gain bragging rights for the year!

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\$5.00 PER ENTRY

BRACKETS ANNOUNCED - SUNDAY, MARCH 16

PICKS DUE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

PLAY BEGINS - THURSDAY, MARCH 20

DOWNLOAD THE BRACKETS BEGINNING ON 3/16 FROM WWW.TBSMAHOPAC.ORG

&

FAX OR E-MAIL YOUR COMPLETED BRACKETS PAGE TO TBS BY 3/19!

Copenhagen (a Pulitzer winning play and great film), or any others which you might like, to give us a topic. Or, we do not have to have a film. We can just free style. I just need a few people to call us, pick a date and get the ball rolling. This should be great fun!

Shalom,

Allen and Marlene



Photos, above:
Joel and Wendy Greenberg;
left: Steve Bettman, Allan & Marlene Hochberg, Patti Bettman, Ron Arsham.

The movies mentioned in this article are available through the Mid-Hudson and Westchester Library systems.

Schmoozing with the Sisterhood



A Message from your Sisterhood

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2008 Calendar

Mar 11	Sisterhood Meeting	7:30 pm
Mar 29	Kosher Iron Chef	TBD
Apr 10	Taste Of Passover	7 pm
May 8	Sisterhood Meeting	7:30 pm
May 11	Anything But Bagels	11am
May 18	Torah Fund	1 pm
June 12	Sisterhood Meeting	7:30 pm
July 10	Sisterhood Meeting	7:30 pm
July 27	Picnic	Noon



On February 10th, Sisterhood hosted Health Day featuring *The Pampered Chef*. This special event raised \$165 towards free items for the temple's meat kitchen. Sisterhood donated \$275.00 of meat kitchen necessities. The rest of the items were bought by Ellen Gershman, Georgene Perlman, Susan Katz, Monica Scavone, Karen Kwan, Carol Zager, Wendy Greenberg, and Lynn Michaels. Thanks to all for ordering on line.

Please mark your calendars for **A Taste Of Passover** on April 10th, at 7pm. Bring your Passover recipes with you to share and swap. If you would like to bring a sample of your recipe, please do so. We would love to taste your cooking. It will be held at Lynn Michaels' home where coffee and tea will be served.

We are looking forward to the Sisterhood sponsored Shabbat Across America on March 7th. The food will be awesome and the service will be led by Sisterhood members.

Take Care,

Lynn

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*Don't forget to come to the next Sisterhood meeting ~
March 11th at 7:30pm at Temple Beth Shalom.
No reservations are required*

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Shop here first for all of your gift and holiday needs!

If you don't see it in our temple display, speak with our Gift Shop Chairperson to order from our many catalogs.

Shop open during temple office hours and by appointment.

Contact Linda Tigershtrom:
(845) 208-3249,
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**Matzo Covers
Matzo Plates
Passover Seder Plates
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Gifts**

Wedding Gifts

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Games, Toys

Gift Certificates

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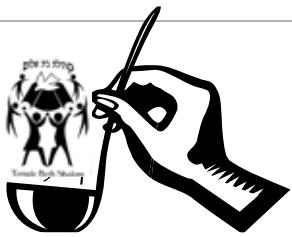
Great prices, something for every occasion.

Friday, March 7, 2008



"Shabbat Across America/Canada" is an unparalleled display of unity and Ahavat Yisrael, created in the hope of making certain that every North American Jew will have the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat!"

Join us for Shabbat at Temple Beth Shalom.

**Apple Walnut Matzo Kugel**

Submitted by Gersky's Catering & Event Planning

Ingredients

12 matzos, soaked in water and drained
4 tart apples, peeled and cut into eights or thinner; no chunks
1 c. raisins
2 tbs. cinnamon
1 1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. oil
10 eggs, well beaten
1 c. walnuts
2 oz vanilla

Matzah Woman**Directions**

Mix all ingredients together and pour into 10" x 12" foil pan. Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 to 60 minutes until firm. If the top starts to brown before the center is firm, cover with foil.

Traditional Haroset**Ingredients**

2 c. shelled walnuts, ground
5 medium-sized tart apples, grated
2-3 tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. honey (optional)
1/2 c. grape juice or sweet red wine

Directions

Mix all ingredients together. Cover and refrigerate. Eat on matzah for eight days!

Sefardic Haroset**Ingredients**

1 apple, peeled, cored and cut into chunks
3 bananas
15 dates, pitted
juice, pulp and rind of 1 orange
1/2 c wine
1/2 c. nuts (walnuts or pecans)
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Directions

Place all ingredients in a food processor and process until just smooth. Enjoy!

Cooking Dosher for the *Bindelacht*

Hint: The Hebrew letter Kuf (כ) and Koof (כ) make a 'k' sound

Hilda's Matzo Balls

Submitted by Gersky's Catering & Event Planning

Ingredients

2 doz eggs
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil
7 1/2 cups matzo meal
4 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups seltzer

Directions:

Mix all ingredients. Let batter rest overnight in the refrigerator. With wet hands form into golf ball sized balls and drop into salted boiling water for 30 minutes. (If too loose add a little matzo meal.) Turn off the heat and let rest for another 10 minutes. Drain in colander. Makes about 125 matzo balls.

The Great Haroset Debate - what is your favorite haroset? No matter which one you prefer, haroset has a special place in the Passover meal!

Italian Charoset**Ingredients**

1 1/2 c. chestnut paste
10 oz. Dates, chopped
1/4 c. chopped dried apricots
1/2 x. chopped walnuts
1/2 c. chopped almonds
8 oz. Figs, chopped (stems removed)
1/2 c. white raisins
1/2 c. brandy
Honey to bind

**Directions**

Combine all ingredients, adding just enough brandy and honey to bind. Keeps for weeks!

Passover Popovers

The Complete Passover Cookbook

Frances R. AvRutick

Ingredients

1/2 cup oil
1 cup water
2 cups matzo meal
1 tsp salt
4 eggs

Directions

Bring the oil and water to a boil in a 2 quart saucepan. Turn the heat to low. Mix the matzo meal with the salt. Add to the water mixture all at once and beat vigorously until the mixture is thick and comes away from the sides of the pan. Remove from heat.

Add the eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition until the mixture is smooth and well blended.

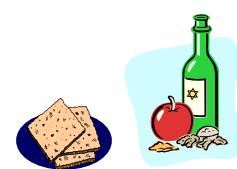
Grease your hands and form the dough into 8 - 10 balls. Place the balls about 2 inches apart on a greased baking sheet. If desired, wet your index finger, and press a hole through the center of each ball to form a doughnut shape. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes. Cool and eat.

North African Haroset**Ingredients**

2 oz. Pine nuts
1 egg yolk, hard-cooked
1 apple, grated
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. ground almonds
1/2 c. ground walnuts
grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
cinnamon to taste
ginger to taste

Directions

Combine all ingredients and mix very well. Better if it stands a few hours before serving.



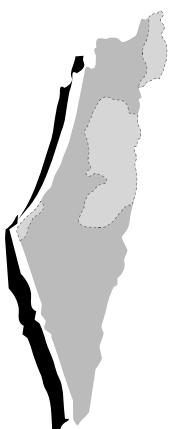


TKUMA ~ Building the Modern State of Israel

Adult Ed Class with Rabbi Kavev

Thursday, March 6, 7:30 pm

This film series and discussion is a continuation of the famous series the Pillars of Fire, representing the first 50 years in the history of the State of Israel.



The story of Israel's first fifty years of statehood, TKUMA brings to the screen the tragedies and joyful milestones of Israel's first half century: the ingathering of the exiles as the fledgling state becomes a haven for Jews around the world. Dramatic, personal accounts and documentary footage of the wars fought over five decades, along with rare behind-the-scenes insights into Israel's efforts to make peace.

Who is a Jew? Israel wrestles with its national identity. Israel's economic revolution takes the country from the orange to the computer chip in a few years. The people, the places, the spirit of Israel in its first sixty years.

Class will continue on April 3 & 24, May 1 & 22.



ISRAEL @ 60 - an historic celebration

Celebrate with TBS on Sunday, April 6, 2008

SHOP THE SHUK 10:30 – noon

The Temple Beth Shalom Hebrew School invites you to their first Open Air Israeli Marketplace where they will be selling items they have created, as well as purchased Israeli goods, in order to collect donations for an Israeli charity.

Lunch, Israeli style! Noon – 12:45pm

A light Israeli lunch will be served at the temple.

Westchester Celebrates Israel 1:00pm—5:00pm

Transportation will depart from Temple Beth Shalom to Westchester's largest community-wide 'Israel at 60' celebration in at the Solomon Schechter School in Hartsdale. Join us for an afternoon filled with Entertainment, Activities, Dancing, Music, Israeli Vendors, Speakers and Children's Activities.

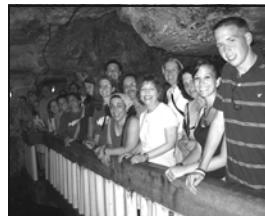
Entrance Fee: \$5/per person, \$18 per family

Show your solidarity with Israel—come dressed in Blue & White!

Solomon Schechter School of Westchester
555 W. Hartsdale Ave. Hartsdale, NY



For information: 914.328.7001
www.wjconference.org



TBS members traveled together to Israel in 2005 and 2007.

You've seen our photos, and now we want you to share your pics of You, in Israel!



YOU, in Israel!

TBS members are invited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel by submitting their photos of trips/tours/birthright travels they have experienced. Of course, we want you to be in the photograph! Photos will be displayed throughout the temple.

Email photos to office@tbsmahopac.org, or drop them off at the temple office.

Deadline: Tuesday, April 22.

Please do not submit irreplaceable pictures; we cannot guarantee their return.



The Israel @ 60 Celebration Continues.....

"Are You Smarter than a Gimmel Student?"

Special Family Service on
Friday, May 2, 7:45 pm

Don't miss this special event where questions submitted by our Hebrew School students will test your knowledge of Israeli topics.

ATTENTION STUDENTS - the deadline for questions about Israel is Monday, April 28th. Submit your questions to Carol Zager, or leave them in the temple office.

Celebrate Israel's Birthday at Green Chimneys in Brewster
Sunday, May 4, 11 am-3 pm
Sponsored by the Danbury Federation

Trip to Queens

Thursday, May 8, Noon

Take a ride to Queens for a Yom Ha'Atzmaut day trip with Rabbi Kavev. We will eat, shop & have a blast!!!

Cantor Shira in Concert at TBS

Sunday, May 18, 2:00 pm

Cantor Shira will sooth your soul at her first TBS concert in celebration of Israel's 60th anniversary.

\$18/person.

Join us in the TBS Israeli Café after the concert for a light dairy dinner.



Join with Jewish communities from Southern Litchfield, Northern Fairfield and Putnam Counties for a Community-Wide Celebration of **ISRAEL'S 60th ANNIVERSARY.**

**Sunday, May 4, 11 am - 3 pm
GREEN CHIMNEYS
400 Doansburg Road, Brewster**

A Jewish Federation sponsored event.

The Jewish Federation welcomes all **volunteers** for any amount of time; however volunteers working 4 or more hours on May 4th at Green Chimneys or volunteers selling \$1,000 in ads for the Commemorative Booklet will receive a T-shirt and a food voucher.



ISRAEL TOURISM POSTER CONTEST

TBS members are invited to enter our first poster contest.
Prizes will be awarded!



Rules:

1. Pretend you work for the Israel Ministry of Tourism and need to develop a poster to encourage people to visit Israel. All facts on the poster must be accurate.
2. Posters must be on 28 x 22 poster board.
3. Poster board can be any color and any medium may be used.
4. Attach entry form below to back of poster.
5. Entries due to the office by May 7th
6. Winners will be announced on May 18th

Entry Form

- 1) Circle ONE Category:

Family Hebrew School Class Child 10 and under Child 11-17 Adult (18+)

- 2) If Family, enter names and ages of family members
If Hebrew School Class, enter which class
If individual, enter name and age

- 3) Phone number (not necessary if Hebrew School Class entry)

Please indicate "child" if the volunteer is under 18. Parents must be onsite when students are volunteering.

We are also looking for:
Cooking Demonstrations- dishes specific to middle east / Israel,
Vendors - Israeli vendors needed, contact Federation for a form,
Main Stage - Jugglers, Israeli Dancers, Comedians, (clean, family friendly jokes), Music (clean, family friendly lyrics)

For more information:
www.danbury.ujcfedweb.org
 email: info@thejf.org
 203.792.6393

Tikkun Olam
Repair the World
 TBS/USY is collecting school supplies for needy children in Israel. Staples & Office Max scrip can be purchased from the office to help with this important project in honor of Israel's 60th!



RAIN, SLEET OR SUNSHINE

**Saturday,
April 5****Freezin'
For A Reason**
Mahopac Golf Club**Jump in Lake Mahopac to
Cure Cystic Fibrosis**

Registration: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Jump In Lake: 4:45pm - 4:46pm

Party Starts: 5:00pm

Join Shane Solar-Doherty & his family as they brave the chilly lake water to help find a cure for this disease.

To make a donation towards
FREEZIN' FOR A REASON
visit wwwcff.org**TODAH RABAH**

- * Thank you to the **Guest Family** for making our Torah repair possible.
- * Thanks to the **Houslanger** and **Greenberg Families** for allowing us to break bread together after Shabbat services.
- * Thank you to **Koby Tigershtrom** for organizing our CPR & Defibrillator class.
- * Thanks to **Cantor Shira** for leading a great February Family Service.
- * Thanks to the **Hochbergs** for hosting our community for a very stimulating morning brunch.
- * A huge thank you to **Debi Feiman, Nina Levine & the Mishloach Manot team!**

March**Celebrating Birthdays
in Our Community**

1	<i>Joshua Gershman Madalyn Kravitz</i>	17	<i>Alan Belsky Naomi Weber</i>	25	<i>Lawrence Newman Phyllis Solar</i>
3	<i>Jordan Tapper</i>	18	<i>Sydney Bartman Howard Hammer</i>	26	<i>Bari Chavis Shayna Dulberger</i>
5	<i>Robert Kaiser Rita Shankewitz</i>	19	<i>Josh Chavis</i>	27	<i>Nancy Bochichio</i>
6	<i>Ellen Freebern Jordan Tigershtrom</i>	21	<i>Marc Houslanger Jessica Zager</i>	28	<i>Rachel Fleischer Amy Solar-Doherty</i>
7	<i>Jake Berkowitz</i>	22	<i>Kylie Robertson Alan Schwartz</i>	29	<i>Gary Loewenberg William Vatkin</i>
8	<i>Joseph Freebern</i>	23	<i>Katie Wachsberger Michelle Kushner</i>	30	<i>Liza Astrachan Rebecca Piekes</i>
10	<i>Gail Plaut</i>	24	<i>Jacob Leggiero Ariel Simon</i>		<i>Yom HaLechet Samgach</i>
11	<i>Jeff Guest</i>		<i>Jeff Roberts Robert Roffman</i>		<i>יום הולחת שמח</i>
12	<i>Sophie Feuer</i>		<i>Ben Sparks</i>		
13	<i>Bernard Holzman Amiram Ranani</i>				
14	<i>Michael Doherty Marc Kandel Joan Tomback</i>				

Todah Rabah ~
I wish to thank my temple family for their kind expression of sympathy during my difficult time.

~ Eleanor Small

* A big thanks to **Karen Kwan, Lynn Michaels & Marilyn Arsham** for making sure services run smoothly while the Rabbi was away.
 * Thanks to the **USYers** for leading Friday night Shabbat services.

MAZEL TOV

* The **Guest Family** on the birth of their grandson Noah Lewis.
 * To **Travis Scavone** on becoming an Eagle Scout.

YASHER KOACH

* To **Ann Rubin** on being awarded the 2008 Advertising Working Mother of the Year.

April

3	<i>Sarah McDermott</i>	17	<i>Jocelyn Peikes William Raefski</i>
5	<i>William Branca Joel Greenberg</i>		<i>Michael Sanders-DeMott</i>
	<i>Judith Occhiogrossi Gary Skolnick</i>	18	<i>David Freundlich Spencer Rubin</i>
6	<i>Daniel Khederian Bennett Pallant</i>	19	<i>Leah Dillman Eric Klee</i>
7	<i>Melissa Carrillo Sharon Gunzberg</i>		<i>Seth Lederer Richard Zager</i>
8	<i>Ruby Aday</i>	20	<i>Nancy Oelsner Martha Pallant</i>
9	<i>Harold Lichtman Melanie Weissman</i>		<i>Susan Tuzman</i>
12	<i>Susan Loewenberg Stuart Toledano</i>	22	<i>Eric Gershman</i>
13	<i>Jacques Grossman Scott Liff</i>	23	<i>Glenn Sapir</i>
	<i>April Ljumic</i>	25	<i>Alec Petrone Ari Pollack</i>
15	<i>Emily Dancygier Abigail Klein</i>	26	<i>Daniel Katz Anelisa Lauri</i>
	<i>Hannah Martin</i>		<i>Lorraine Lederer</i>
16	<i>Jane Garbo Lee Markowitz</i>	27	<i>Leslie Raffo Melody Weisman</i>
	<i>Steven Peikes Michael Reich</i>	29	<i>Jamie Markowitz</i>
		30	<i>Susan Katz Barry Gold</i>
			<i>Steven Gurewitsch Jeanne Toovell</i>



Mi'sheberach ~
Wishing a return to good health to those who are ill in our community

Leah Bat Sholmo Ve Ester
Giselle Dollinger
Marcus Fitz
Charles Gassett
Gordon C. Gladden
Ana Horn
Sol Indig

Bob Kaiser
Erna Kaplan
Kenneth Kaplan
Rivka bat Esther
Helen Lichtman
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Fannie Meyer

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Larry Ticker
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Charles Winterhalter
Geri Winterhalter
Robin Zencheck
Meira Atalya bat Kiva Tal



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

By Glenn Sapir

TBS Part of Raffo Family's Heritage

Although the Raffo family only joined the congregation of Temple Beth Shalom in September, Leslie Raffo points out that her family actually has a long history with the synagogue.

"My grandparents, Edward and Mae Schwartz, were founders of TBS," she said. "In fact, my grandfather was a president."

That's not the end of her grandparents' contribution to our temple.

"The Ark and the Torah used for Junior Congregation on Saturdays were donated by my other grandfather, Isidore Rubin, and are dedicated to my Grandmother Augusta."

With that kind of heritage, it would seem predestined that Leslie and her family become members of our temple community. Another generation, her parents—Sydel and Larry Newman, who are also temple members—sealed the deal.

"We were exploring other temples and were still not sure of where to join," said Leslie. "Being an interfaith family, we assumed a reformed temple would be more welcoming. My parents generously gave us the gift of membership to Temple Beth Shalom, and we discovered we were wrong."

What the Raffo family—Bob, Leslie, Rebecca and Zachary—found pleased them.

"TBS provides a very warm environment," Leslie said. "We had attended High Holy Day services before we joined, so we already knew what a gift Rabbi Kavev has been to the community."

The Raffos of Lincolndale—"We have a Mahopac mailing address and

pay Somers taxes"—moved from Belle Mead, northwest of Princeton in central New Jersey, in September, and they have quickly settled in to northern Westchester-Putnam life. Of course, the lower Hudson Valley was not a strange place to either Bob or Leslie.

"I grew up in Katonah," Leslie said. "Bob was raised on Whaley Lake in Pawling."

Bob's business, Pro2tec, provides business management and merger and acquisition consulting. Leslie previously ran her own advertising agency, but she is content now to dedicate her time to her family.

Rebecca, a fifth-grader at Somers Intermediate School, is already president of the school's Leadership Club. She is in the Gimmel class of the temple's religious school, adores her teacher, Tess Bettman, whom she thinks is a great teacher, and very much enjoys the class, her mother said.

When she is not busy at her public and religious schools, Rebecca plays



softball, enjoys dancing and crafts, loves to read and is learning to play the guitar.

Zachary is a third grader, also at S.I.S., and he enjoys participating in a variety of sports, including lacrosse, basketball and football. He is also musically inclined, playing the drums and composing music on Apple's GarageBand.

"Zachary is in Aleph class and is blessed with Rabbi Kavev as a fantastic teacher," Leslie said. "He comes home every Wednesday and Sunday after Hebrew school and tells us how much he loves Temple, the Rabbi and being Jewish."

"We have attended many Friday night and Holiday services," she continued. "It's not just the Oneg that makes the kids want to go to services. We really enjoy going and being part of the TBS family."



The Cantor's Notes

Ah, bountiful spring

This is my favorite season and not just because my birthday is in April and this year, something even more spectacular, a little thing called MY WEDDING (to the fabulous Dr. Richard Schechtman, for those who may not know him!) However, April birthdays have not always been so great. Let's face it, matzah cake just isn't quite the same as a real birthday cake. However, there is no mistaking the fact that the Spring holidays are truly wonderful. Who doesn't have childhood memories of their first Queen Esther or Mordecai



costume or perhaps even Vashti? Yes, I'll admit it. I always felt she was a misunderstood character and have been known to root for the underdog. I love groggers and Purim carnivals and I don't care what they say, Purim beats Halloween hands down.

Truthfully, I equally love the awe inspiring holiday of Pesach. I cannot tell you how many years my younger siblings and I watched Charlton Heston in *The 10 Commandments*. Nowadays, my children are more interested in Dreamwork's animated version "*Joseph*" but I still cry when I hear Ofra Haza (z'l) singing her Yemenite lullaby as Miriam sets her baby brother afloat in his reed basket.

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Yes, the early spring holidays are packed with splendid images, sights, sounds and tastes. I am looking forward to sharing these Chagim with you.

On another level, because April is such a significant month to me, personally, I could not help but look ahead to the new month, Rosh Chodesh Nisan. Being a woman, I must have an innate affinity with celebrations that honor the natural lunar cycles of our calendar. I suppose too, I would like to imagine that I have a bit of Miriam the Prophetess in me.

As I prepare for the beginning of my new life and family and honor the changes that have passed, I remembered a word: *Mitzrayim*. We generally have translated this as *Egypt*. However, it has another meaning that has always resonated with me. *Mitzrayim* also means *narrow places*. During the month of Nisan, our ancestors left behind possessions and moved on to a new way of life.

As we approach this deeply familiar and spiritual Passover season, I ask you to consider other questions at your Seder tables this year. What narrow places have you gone through in your own personal Exodus? What personal freedoms can you honor and celebrate? When we leave a place or when we end a portion of our lives and move to something new, how many times do we leave it the way we'd prefer? How many times do we have a closing that really feels more like a renewal as opposed to an ending, a forgetting or an escape?

Let us take some time this season, to find more ways to focus on ourselves in the midst of change and movement. There is always a *Mitzrayim* to pass through yet there is always a center within us that will help guide us.

B'shirim v'l'shalom,

~Cantor Shira



Youth Group News

Many years ago, when I was a younger lad and the World Wide Web lay in wait, Disney World in Florida had an exhibit with a theme song called '*It's A Small World After All*'.

Today, we are all acutely aware of how very small the world has become. The words spoken in the morning, five thousand miles from our community, have a profound effect on the shopping we do in the evening. The decisions of a few, in our nations' capital, cause millions of people, half a world away, to question "Why?" The fish we purchase at Stop & Shop is from Vietnam, Canada and Ecuador. The Australian suede boots we purchase are manufactured in China. The American made computer we use is serviced by technicians working in India. The wonder of it all is that we accept, without reservation, the dynamics of our global reality. Many of us could not and would rather not consider a world without the immediacy of international communication, entertainment and commerce.

We may have contact with the world at large, but it is through an Internet wire and is displayed on a 14" inch or perhaps 22" inch LCD screen. The diversity of people we meet are customer service representatives or news reporters or entertainers. Many of us do not know the customs, belief systems or history of the international communities we trade with on the Internet. We have a small, preconceived notion of these international communities. It is usually that we are Americans with the power to purchase and make policy and that they exist for our benefit.

If in fact the world is right around the corner, then these international communities are right in our backyard. Just as your USY friend lives in your

neighborhood and attends your school and you know his favorite food or her favorite sport, so too should you know your international backyard friends. There are many great and affordable opportunities for high school students and college students to study and travel abroad. We have had many of our own USYers, past and present, travel to our world wide neighbors. When you step foot onto another land and step into another culture you begin to learn and internalize the meaning of being connected globally to issues of the environment, economy, religious disputes and forces for peace. Our own Barbara Weisman has traveled to Japan. Andrew Plaut has been to Israel and in May, former USYer Shane Solar-Doherty plans to travel and teach in Vietnam. A former USY member, Amy Solar-Doherty, spent time in Ireland and almost a year in Africa. Past USY president Sam Sparks recently traveled with birthright to Israel. This semester, former USYer Alyia Bettman, is studying in Rome, Italy.

I know that each one of these students have had extraordinary experiences in their travels and that their lives have been greatly enriched. More importantly, such experiences widen your understanding and compassion for the world and those inhabiting it. The hope is that while you are being enriched by your experience, you shall also be enriching and helping sustain the peace and beauty of the world.

Our USY group is a relatively young group comprised of high school freshman, sophomores and juniors. The time is now. This is the time to get off the Internet and walk down the street of one of your world neighbors. And if you know the song, sing or whistle, "*It's a small world after all... it's a small world after all.*"

Regards,

~ Steve

Men's Club Message



On Sunday, January 6, 2008, we welcomed several guests from the American Women's Muslim Association.

First let me thank all of those who took the time to attend this most informative breakfast. We had a wonderful slide presentation explaining the tenants of Islam. The group then answered numerous questions from our congregants and we were certainly enlightened. I want to thank Fozia Kahn, President of the Women's Muslim Association and her associate, Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan for leading the presentation and being part of the panel.

On Sunday, March 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., we have rescheduled our program "Getting Your House in Order". This will be most interesting



Solomon Schechter High School—Tuition Assistance

METNY is allocating a one-time generous gift, specifically for tuition assistance, for students entering ninth grade at a Solomon Schechter High School. The following criteria must be met:

- * The families are members of an affiliated METNY Conservative Synagogue

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and informative discussion on a subject we don't like to think about but we should be as well informed as possible.

I hope that the Groundhog did not see his shadow and that Spring is just around the corner. Look forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 2.

Shalom,

Joel Greenberg, President



*Joel Greenberg,
Rabbi Kavv and John
Katzenstein welcome
members of the
American Muslim
Women's Association.*



News from USCJ/METNY

New York Metropolitan Region/United Synagogue of Conservative

Send a Passover Package—Now in Its 18th Year

This Passover, as you, your family and friends gather around the Seder table, we ask you to remember two special groups of people:

*Our Jewish military personnel who serve at United States military installations across the globe, often in places isolated from centers of Jewish population. Today, with more military serving throughout the world, USCJ/METNY reaches out to you to become a sponsor so that every Jewish serviceman and servicewoman in our armed forces receives a special Passover Package.

*In these times when an increasing number of people, including Jews, are out of work, more of our people depend on community food pantries to feed themselves and their families. Often before the end of the month, the shelves of many of these food pantries are bare. USCJ/METNY reaches out to you to help kosher food pantries in the New York area to stock their shelves so that every Jewish family can celebrate Passover appropriately.

Passover Package Order Form

Yes, I (we) will sponsor _____ Passover Package for Jewish Military Personnel.

Yes, I (we) will sponsor _____ Passover Package for kosher food pantries.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ Passover Package(s) @ \$15 each

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please enclose the following message: (Use separate sheet for additional messages).

Please make check payable, and return form to:

METNY—United Synagogue 155 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10010

Attn: Passover Packages

Must be returned with payment by April 14, 2008



Hebrew School News



Sitting in the Temple lobby one day I picked up one of the newpapers that highlighted an article about spoiled kids. And as I read it, I was reminded of the book "The Blessing of the Skinned Knee" by Wendy Mogul. In it she speaks of the "yetzer hara" (evil impulse) and "yetzer tov" (the good side) within all of us. As adults, we hopefully have succeeded in blending what may seem to be a negative trait with a positive one. We control outbursts that might lead to abuse or poor business practices. We develop sensibilities in our relationships with others and control the evil impulses to injure them.

However it is often this seemingly negative side that provides our strongest characteristics. As such, we need to allow our children's' yetzer hara grow into that special quality that makes them unique individuals with so much to offer. Very young children are proud of their accomplishments and they strive to please and succeed. As children get older they are faced with increasing peer pressure, trying to balance extra curricular activities with the demands of

Hebrew School, good grades and endless lessons and activities.

Wendy Mogul suggests that we consider our child's "worst trait.... a little habit or attitude that really gets on your nerves. Or the medium sized habit that the teacher keeps bringing up...or the really big one that wakes you up a three in the morning with frightening visions... now you know your child's greatest strength. It's hidden in his worst quality, just waiting to be let out." The yetzer hara is also the source for all passion and creativity. It is the warehouse for all our curiosity and ambition. She continues that it is "our job as parents (and teachers) to channel the yetzer hara in a constructive rather than destructive way.

Instead of focusing on the stubborn child who is reluctant to cooperate let's try to view him as one who has a strong will and a sense of determination. Those whose yetzer hara leads them to constantly ask questions and chatter away may be the lawyers and scientists of the next generation. The children who seem to dawdle over every chore and activity may be the ones whose perseverance and concentration finds cures for a myriad of diseases. Let's not be so quick to admonish

that *yetzer hara*, but help our children to channel this "evil" impulse into a more positive behavior that enables them to be successful.

Our children are our greatest resource, and we strive to provide them with every opportunity to develop with morals and values along with establishing a strong Jewish identity as they make their way though our Hebrew School.

Carol

~ Carol Zager, Principal



B'nai Mitzvah

Behold a good doctrine has been given to you...Forsake it not.

Emily Yasmine Sanders-DeMott 12 April 2008

Emily is a 7th grade student at Mahopac Middle School where her favorite activities include playing volleyball on the modified team, singing, and performing in the drama club plays. Emily loves animals, horses in particular. She is a rider and loves jumping. She dreams of becoming a veterinarian or a marine biologist. Emily will celebrate her bat mitzvah by reading *Metzora*.

Joining Emily for this simcha will be her parents, Jill and Dennis, her brother, Michael [15] and her sister, Rebecca [22]. Her grandparents Reva and Gilbert Sanders, and Mary Jane DeMott will be on hand to share in the excitement. While a student at the TBS religious school, Emily has formed close relationships with the Rabbis Kavev and their daughter, Noa, and she thinks the world of her tutor, Marilyn Arsham. Leading a Shabbat service at the Somers Nursing Home is Emily's mitzvah project.



TBS HEBREW SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

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| 2 | Mishpacha, 11 am -12 noon |
| 7 | Hey Class Family Service,
6:15 pm |
| | Shabbat Across America Dinner |
| 9 | Aleph Family Ed, 9 am - 12 pm |
| 15 | Jr. Congregation,10:30 am -
12 noon |
| 20 | Purim/Megillah Reading, 7 pm |
| 22 | Purim Carnival & Costume
Parade, 7:30 pm |
| 23 | NO SCHOOL |

APRIL

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| 5 | Morning Family Service,10 am |
| | Dalet Lunch & Learn |
| 6 | Mishpachah,11 am -12 noon |
| 12 | Jr. Congregation,10:30 am -
12 noon |
| 20 | NO SCHOOL/Passover |
| 23 | NO SCHOOL/Passover |
| 27 | NO SCHOOL/Passover |

What's New in Jewish Children's 'Lit'

Submitted by Marilyn Arsham

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk by Sid Fleischman

To find the Nazi responsible for his death, the spirit of a 12-year old Jewish boy possesses the body of an American GI traveling Europe as a ventriloquist. Fleischman's extraordinary wit and talent has landed him numerous literary awards, including the most prestigious Newbery Award in 1987 for *The Whipping Boy*.

Honor books named in this category were:

- Holocaust: The Events and Their Impact on Real People** by Angela Gluck Wood with consulting by Dan Stone (DK Publishing in association with USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education)
- The Secret of Priest's Grotto** by Peter Lane Taylor and Christos Nicola (Kar-Ben).



Strange Relations

by Sonia Levitin

Publisher: Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books

Ecstatic about spending her summer vacation in Hawaii with her aunt, fifteen-year-old Marne's plans for surfing and tanning, until she discovers Aunt Carole is now Aunt Chaya, and is married to a Chabad Rabbi with seven children. This award-winning author has written over forty books.

The honor book mentioned in this category was:

- Let Sleeping Dogs Lie** by Mirjam Pressler, translated from the German by Erik J. Macki (Front Street)

More awards for Jewish Literature:

Five Non-Fiction Authors were Selected as Finalists for \$100,000 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature

Ilana M. Blumberg for **Houses of Study: A Jewish Woman Among Books** (University of Nebraska Press)

Eric L. Goldstein for **The Price of Whiteness: Jews, Race and American Identity** (Princeton University Press)

Lucette Lagnado for **The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World** (Ecco)

Michael Makovsky for **Churchill's Promised Land: Zionism and Statecraft** (Yale University Press)

Haim Watzman for **A Crack in the Earth: A Journey Up Israel's Rift Valley** (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

These Association of Jewish Libraries' **Sydney Taylor Book Award** winners were announced January 2008. This honor is awarded annually to new books for children and teens that are not only written in exemplary literary style but depict an authentic Jewish experience. The award memorializes Sydney Taylor, who authored the All-of-a-Kind Family series.

The Bedtime Sh'ma: A Good Night Book

by Sarah Gershman and Kristina Swarner

This picture book, with Hebrew/English/transliteration integrated on full page illustrations, helps young children understand the meaning and concepts of the Sh'ma prayers. The CD, read by Rabbi Julia Adelman, "...will lull the listener to sleep with sweet dreams," remarked a member of the award committee.

Honor books named in this category were:

- The Castle on Hester Street** by Linda Heller with illustrations by Boris Kulikov (Simon & Schuster),
- Letter on the Wind** by Sarah Lamstein with illustrations by Neil Waldman (Boyd's Mills Press),
- Light** written and illustrated by Jane Breskin Zalben (Dutton Children's Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group).

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The Last Train to Istanbul

As we travel through life each destination offers the potential of mystery and new discovery. That is actually the main reason why we leave the comfort of our home to journey to other impersonal, anonymous, far away rooms. I, for one, love the thrill of learning and exploring new horizons, expecting the unexpected.

My last, short trip to Istanbul had one additional component to it. *Forgiveness*. Forgive the Turks for their treatment of the Jewish population in Israel in the last years of the Ottoman Empire, the killing in Musa Dagh and the genocide of 1.5 million Armenians in 1915.* I also thought it was time to forgive Germany for the Holocaust and allowed myself to change planes in Frankfort, stepping first time in my life on German soil. The reward for my decision came from an absolutely, unexpected corner - a book I picked up at Ataturk Airport in Istanbul on my way back home: The Last Train to Istanbul by Ayse Kulin.

This is love story between a Moslem girl and a Jewish man, both of whom left their families in Istanbul and moved to Paris because of their forbidden love. The time was 1940-1941. Paris fell into the hands of Nazi Germany without a single bullet shot. General Patain, president of Vichy Government, was a puppet in the hands of Germany. As such, he had no problem handing over to the Gestapo the entire Jewish population of occupied France without regard for their nationality.

As the story develops, the Moslem wife started teaching Turkish to her neighbors, Jews in hiding, so they could pass the Gestapo selection as Turkish citizens, with immunity from the Nazis. The story ends with a train ride that collected all the Turkish 'citizens' traveling throughout occupied Europe and brought them to the safety of Istanbul.

This was a fantastic story with a ring of truth to it. After many calls to my brother Yehuda who spent much time in Turkey, to Yad Vashem, and to other sources, no one could verify the story of the train known as the *Freedom Caravan*. Eventually, I came across a title, Turkey and the Jews of Europe During WW2, on the Internet that sounded promising, except this particular article was accessible to academic institutions only.

God bless our Debi Feiman. Calling upon the assistance of the Mahopac Library Reference staff, she provided me with both the article about Turkey and the Jews, and the book of the same title written by Stanford J. Shaw, Professor of Turkish History in Bilkent University in Ankara. Finally, I could learn the facts and the truth about the mysterious *Freedom Caravan*. I learned that this train to freedom was actually part of about 20 caravans, all organized by the Turkish government using its diplomatic immunity to rescue more than 15,000 Jewish people from the hand of the Nazis.

Yet, some questions remained. Whatever happened between 1915, the brutal days of Musa Dagh, and 1933 with the rise of the Nazis? During WWI, Turkey was allied with Germany, fighting against England and France. Between that time and WW2, Turkey walked the finest line of diplomacy, keeping herself neutral between the giant forces of Germany, England, and Russia, all the while helping to rescue Jews from a burning Europe. Much of the change in Turkey is attributed to one person – **Ataturk**.



In the last few hundred years, there were several attempts to reform the political structure of Turkey, which was a Sultanate, but not much happened until the rule of Ataturk.

In 1918, the Turkish army, then the Ottoman Empire, found itself facing the British troops who advanced from Gallipoli toward Syria. Not only was the Ottoman army outnumbered and unequipped to fight General Allenby, but there were many British secret agents everywhere. Among them was the Jewish cell called Nili run by the Aaronsohn family and their friend Avshalom Feinberg. (ניל"י is an acronym of the phrase נציג ישראל לא ישב). They were captured by the Ottoman Authorities and tortured to death. The local population hated the Ottoman government and looked forward to the arrival of the British troops as soon as possible. After many defeats and 300,000 deserters, it was the responsibility of a young officer, Mustafa Kemal, to stop the British advance toward Turkey. His position, north of Syria, became the baseline for the peace agreement, and for what we know as the Turkey of today.

The weakening of the Ottoman Empire at the end of WW1, and his successful defense against the British troops, gave young Mustafa Kemal the recognition to be elected as the president of the Turkish republic. Kemal (1881 – 1938) initiated many steps of reform including social reforms, recognition of equal rights for men and women, reform of headgear and dress from traditional Arab style to European fashion, the closure of mausoleums, dervish lodges, Muslim Madreassa, establishing a modern, secular national education system, abolishing the rule of titles and by-names that entitle some families to accumulate wealth on account of others, and transferring to a secular law by adopting the Turkish Civil Code. Last but not least was the adoption of the international calendar, hours and measurements. That reform included the adoption of a new alphabet, and the establishment of the Turkish language.

In recognition of his work in unifying the land, the Turkish Grand Assembly

added "Atatürk" (Father of Turks) as the last name of Mustafa Kemal on November 24, 1934. Ataturk's dedication to transforming Turkey from Sultanate (one family rule) to a modern, secular society, played a key role in the nation's attitude toward Nazi Germany and their efforts to rescue all who claim Turkish citizenship from concentration camps.

In early 1930, with the rise of Hitler, Ataturk was among the first to realize the danger that Hitler posed for Europe and its Jewish population. His reaction was immediate and widespread. He invited over 350 Jewish scientists, and intellectuals to become Turkish residents with a promised position in Turkey academia. Many of the invited did indeed accept the invitation, if not immediately, some time later.

Unlike Switzerland which sealed its borders against any war refugee and secretly helped Germany, Turkey fought hard to stay neutral and used its leverage as a main supplier of chromium and copper which were vital to the German Army, forcing the Gestapo to release any individual claiming to be a Turkish citizen, including Jewish refugees, regardless of their original nationality. The government of Vichy in occupied France was the most difficult to handle. In the end, they were more than happy to see the special trains sent from Istanbul to carry as many refugees out of France as possible.

The idea of using train caravans to evacuate large numbers of people at once resulted from the fact that no airline or ship was capable of carrying out such a task in view of the situation in Europe. It started as a secret mission to assist legitimate Turkish citizens facing capture by the Gestapo. In no time the underground resistance in France learned of it and negotiated with the organizers to use this means of escape to help other non-Turkish people. Many of the rescuers were scientists, writers, and other liberals hunted by the Nazis. Most of the trains, originating in either Marseilles

or Paris, traveled through the heart of Germany toward Greece and on to Istanbul. In some cases, the Turkish Authorities demanded the release of captured Jews already in concentration camps and succeeded. While the mission was initiated by the Turkish Foreign Minister in Ankara, the success was due to the Turkish Ambassadors, Diplomats and Consulates throughout occupied Europe.

Turkey's promise to help all of their citizens held in Europe was backed, financially, by the Yeshuv, the Jewish agency that operated in Istanbul, headed by Ben Gurion and Haiem Weitzman. They raised money, giving it to the Turks to finance their rescue effort including the purchase of small boats that took the refugees to Palestine despite England's objections.

The Vatican's reluctance to help the Jew of Europe in the time of persecution did not stop the archbishop of Istanbul, Angelo Roncalli, who later became Pope John XXII. He called on the Sisters of Zion and Vatican couriers to pass on food and clothing to Jewish refugees, mostly in Hungary, and even to provide false Certificates of Conversion to save them from the hands of the Gestapo.

The most well known event happened on the island of Rhodes. When in summer 1944 the Germans started deporting the island's 1700 Jews, the Turkish Consul general of the island was able to save 50 people, only 13 of whom were Turkish citizens, from a train bound to Auschwitz. He did it on his own initiative and in 1990 was recognized by Yad Vashem as a righteous Gentile "*Hassid Umot HaOlam*".

Although this part of our history may not be well known, it is well documented from many sources including actual refugees, and the French and German archives. However, up to this day, the state of

Israel and the Yad Vashem board of directors have not yet recognized the heroic role of Turkey in rescuing European Jewry in time of desperate need. The main reason? There is not enough evidence for such a claim.

In his book, the author Stanford J. Shaw writes; "While six million Jews were being exterminated by the Nazis, the rescue of some 15,000 Turkish Jews from France, and even of some 100,000 Jews from Eastern Europe, might well be considered as relatively insignificant in comparison. It was however, very significant to the people who were rescued." And he added: "The disinclination of some Ashkenazi Jews today, along with number of non-Jewish groups, who, for their own reason, wish to suppress all mention and recognition of Turkey's important role in assisting Jews during the Holocaust, also is a cause of regret."

Personally, I cannot understand Yad Vashem's reluctance to recognize the work of many Turkish Consolers throughout Europe who went out of their way in order to save our people.

A final footnote to this story. Franz Werfel, an Austrian, wrote The Forty Days of Musa Dagh in 1933. This publication brought to light the atrocities committed by the Turkish army against the Armenians and how hard the Armenians fought for their lives. The book became an instant bestseller. At the same time, Werfel, himself a Jew, saw the danger in Hitler's regime and fled the country. So did many others who read the book.

Ironically, during the Holocaust years, copies of the novel were circulated as a source of inspiration and a call to arms in some of the ghettos in which the Nazis confined the Jews.

~ Miriam Yekutiel



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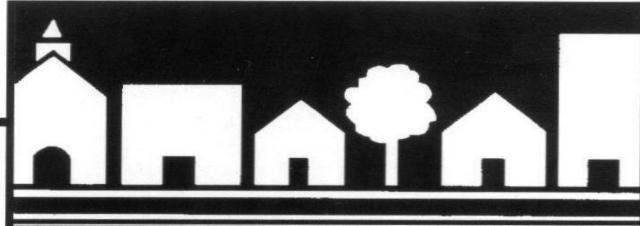
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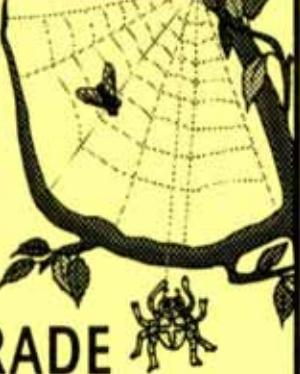
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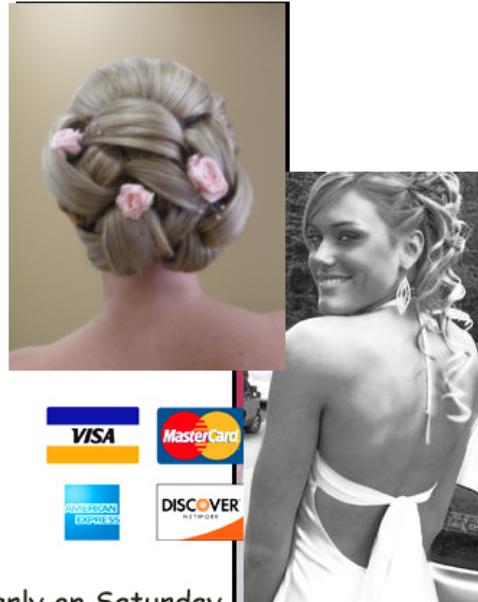
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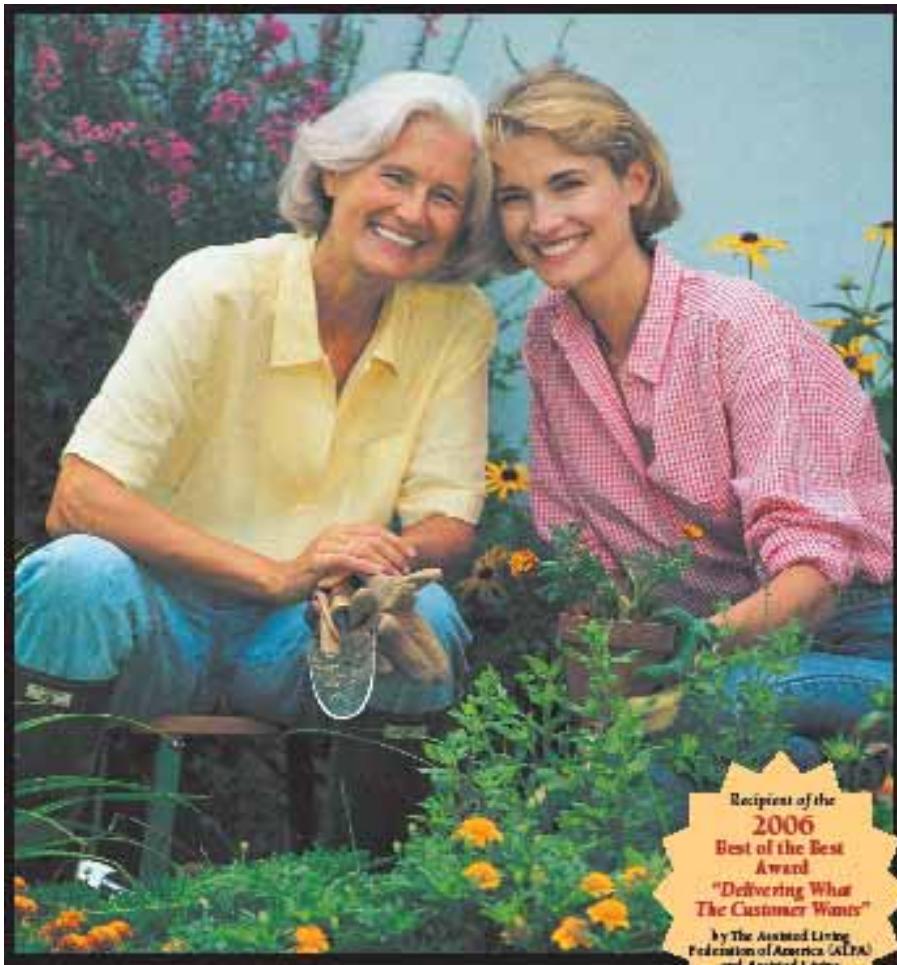
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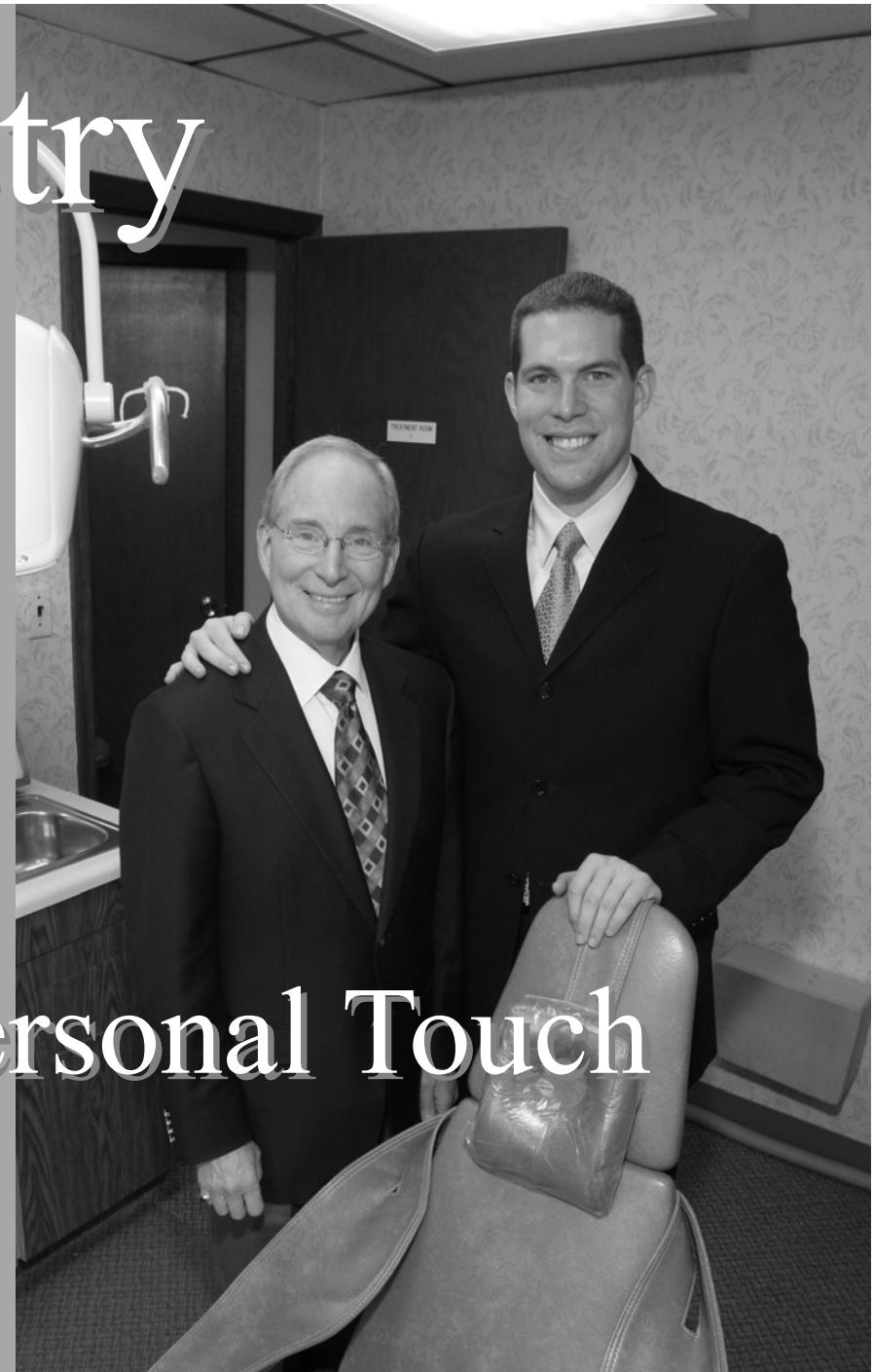
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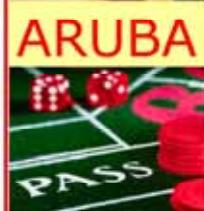


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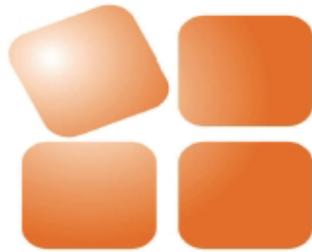
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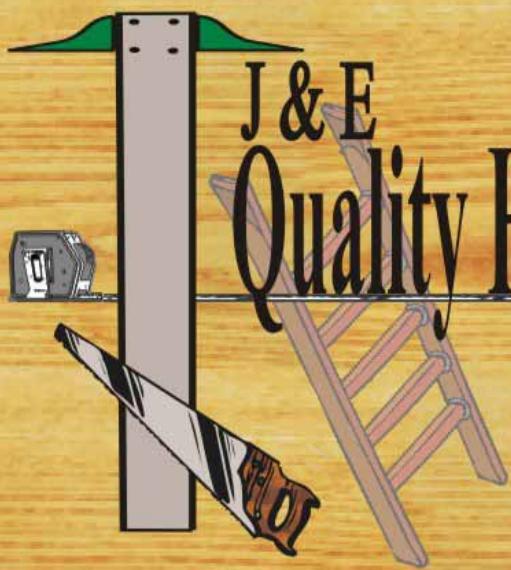
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