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The Rabbi's Confession:

To my wonderful and lovely congregation; It has been five years since I stepped on the holy land. What a wonderful feeling! With all the difficulties our country is facing, Israel is the best place our generation has. To see the French community putting roots in Israel is so great. Jews come to Israel by the millions. My friends, before you go to Europe, south east India, Japan or any jaloshisdic place... come to Israel. The poet Eben Ezra said eshak avanaich. I will kiss your stone. I promised I would bring Jerusalem dirt to our community. Our life is surrounded with Jewish causes. You must yearn for your place in Israel. The answer for all Jew haters and destroyers is more Jewish communities and more Jewish homes.

G-d said He will bring them from all corners of the earth. He did. Our job is to secure Israel. Be strong and of good courage. Walk humbly in G-ds ways and you will be safe and secure.

Shanah tovah

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President's Message

▪ Vikki Goldstein, Synagogue President

I recently sent out an email, and posted on Facebook, about multiple executive and board positions coming open in November. Sadly, the only call I received was from someone who is not yet a member of BNI.

This lack of interest reminded me of the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Now I have one more tale to tell you of another friend of the four this is a sad sad tale of the death of a man called Someone Else; You see Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody all work at a firm and at this firm worked Someone Else. Now the four were greatly saddened to learn of the death of one of the most valuable member - Someone Else.

Someone Else's passing created a vacancy that would be difficult to fill. He had been around for years and for everyone of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of work. Whenever Anybody mentioned leadership, Somebody always looked to this wonderful person for inspiration and results; "Someone Else can do that job!" When there was a job to do, a need to be filled or a place of leadership, one name was always given....Someone Else.

President's Report.. Continued..

Everyone knew Someone Else was the largest giver of time and money.

Whenever there was a financial need, Everybody, Anybody and Somebody always assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

Now Someone Else is gone.

And the boys all wonder what they will do,

No longer can they utter the words;

"Let Someone Else do it"

If it is going to be done, one of them

will have to do it....will it be YOU?

BNI is a wonderful congregation yet small in numbers. Keeping BNI thriving means everyone doing their part. Everyone is busy, that is not an acceptable excuse, because you will make time and put in the effort for what is a priority. Is BNI a priority for you?!

Vikki Goldstein

President

A Message from Lou:

August 7, 2016

About Sunday Movie Night;

If you missed the movie, it was outstanding. Mr. Jerry Gordon's introduction to the film, and his explanation of the pilots who flew some of the first planes for Israel's defense in 1948 was very interesting.

Twenty three people attended our first movie and popcorn night. The reviews from those present were great. Many had very positive comments and would like to see movie night continue.

My thanks to Ms. Kaufman who cleaned and reassembled the popcorn machine, shopped for the event, and brought enough donated food for a very nice nosh. No one left hungry. Where else but our synagogue can you get a movie, popcorn, drinks and finger food for \$5.00?!

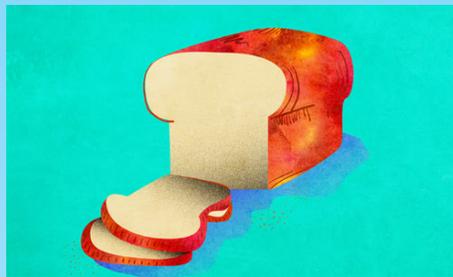
For our ISJL fellow and the three traveling with her, it was the first time meeting some of our members. I'm sure that with Madam President showing them around our synagogue, they had to be impressed with our first movie night and with the turn-out.

As the sponsor of this activity, I have another DVD to show at a later date. This one deals with the six-day war of 1967, known as the Yom Kippur war between the Arabs and Israel. It has live, on-the-spot footage of many of the activities of the IDF, along with additional historical explanation of what led up to the invasion.

Our President may want to have another movie night in a few months and is thinking a Jewish comedy might be our next showing. If anyone has a DVD of Jewish comedy they would like to suggest, please submit your information to the office for review.

I wish to thank all who came and enjoyed this outstanding film about some of the first few Americans to risk their lives in support of our homeland.

Ritual Committee



Manna, Food of Starvation

A family friend once told me that she would notice a peculiar quirk whenever her father-in-law, a Holocaust survivor, would stay at her house.

Every night before retiring to bed, Zeide would wander into the kitchen and unobtrusively check out the contents of her pantry. He could not go to sleep unless there was bread in the house. If there was bread on the shelf, he'd relax and head off to his bedroom. But if there was none, he would invariably leave the house to buy a loaf.

He never made a big fuss about it, and she does not remember whether he ever explicitly said that he could not go to sleep unless there was bread in the house, but that was his custom.

Obviously, his war experience influenced this behavior. We who have never been really hungry cannot possibly fathom the effect of the years of privation that he and his generation suffered in the ghettos and camps. But I can imagine, in an abstract sense, the anxiety of never really knowing where one's next meal is coming from.

The Food of Starvation

We find a parallel concept in this week's Torah reading. The manna that fell from heaven throughout the 40 years in the desert is referred to by the Midrash as "starvation food."¹ On the face of it, this doesn't seem to make sense. The manna was the food of miracles, falling every day and feeding the nation. Every single person received an exact portion, sized to satiate one's hunger, and it had the miraculous property of tasting like whichever food one desired. What could be more satisfying than that?

However, on reflection, it's understandable that if you had to rely on a daily miracle to eat, you'd always feel hungry. Imagine going to bed every night for 40 years nervously wondering if G-d would send food again the next day. You might have been fed today, but how confident would you be of the next day's sustenance? You'd always be thinking about food.

The Food That Satisfies

It is interesting to note, however, that in the first blessing of Grace After Meals, we quote the words "You shall eat, be satisfied and bless the L-rd your G-d," which according to our tradition is a reference to the manna.

Now, that's really strange. Is the manna satisfying or not? Is it the bread of starvation or the food that fills you up? How can one foodstuff, miraculous as it may be, be variously described in such different ways?

Because the feelings a person has towards the manna are influenced by his perspective on life and his relationship with G-d.

From one perspective, the food you buy with the money you've earned is far more satisfying than the potential manna still to fall from heaven. Your resources are measurable and quantifiable, and you can relax in the knowledge that you have enough to eat today. However, from another perspective, the money you've got right now and the food that you can buy with it is limited. There is only so much that you will ever be able to achieve on your own.

Your resources are measurable and quantifiable

G-d, however, is infinite and has unlimited resources to share. No matter how difficult it is now and how tough your current circumstances, you can feel confident that things can and will improve. Even in times of loss and suffering, you can look forward to a better tomorrow, with hope and confidence that G-d will provide the resources for your salvation.

The manna that comes to us as a gift directly from G-d is the truest and most satisfying food one can possibly receive. And the sprinkling of G-dliness that falls in our life is the daily bread of faith that sustains our body and spirit forever.

FOOTNOTES

1. Kohelet Rabbah 5:10.

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This Years Religious School Calendar!!

Note: () denotes Holiday discussed

September

11
18
25 (Rosh Hashana)

October

9 (Yom Kippur)
16 (Sukkah decorating) 23 (Simcha Torah)
30

November

6
13
20 (Global Day of Jewish Learning)

December

4
11
18 (Chanukah)

January 2017

8 (ISJL Fellow all school program and Yael (Shlica starts))
15
22
29

February

19
26

March 5

12 (Purim) 26

April

2 (Passover)
23 (Holocaust Remembrance) 30 (Israel Independence Day)

May

7
14 (Lag B'omer) 21 Last day



Things are happening at the B'nai Israel library! We are busy as bookworms inventorying and reorganizing the stacks! We will be working on fiction titles first, weeding out books not related to Judaism, Jewish life, or Israel, and then reducing the number of copies of multiple titles. This will give us more room as we reorganize the plethora of non-fiction and reference books we have making them easy to find.

Also, in cooperation with the Pensacola Jewish Federation, we are creating a "working space" in the library for our shlichim. It will be a place where our amazing emissaries from Israel can plan events for the Federation and have ready access to synagogue resources.



Book donations are always welcome, however we can only accept books related to Judaism and/or Jewish life. If you have books to donate, please contact me or the B'nai Israel office. Please donate any other types of books or media to your local public library. They will definitely appreciate it.

Everyone is welcome to check out books from our collection or stay and read in our cozy library located off the Levin Auditorium. If you have any suggestions for the B'nai Israel library, please be sure to let us know. Please contact the synagogue by phone at 850-433-7311 or by email at help@bnaiisraelpensacola.org for more information.

**Happy Reading! Jim Gaus
BNI Librarian/Historian**

Donations!!

General Fund:

- Keith Stimmell
- Robin Kurtz – in Memory of Bill Allen

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

- Delores Livingston

Sisterhood:

- Rebekah Kaufman – in Honor of the Roberts' Wedding

Men's Club:

- Rebekah Kaufman – in Memory of Bill Allen

From Esther Allen;

“The family of Bill Allen, may his memory be a blessing, would like to thank everyone for their support and donations to the Shul.

Esther & Family”

Anniversaries

- 15 Fred and Debbie Wenc
- 15 Ed and Sue Feigenbaum
- 17 Mark and Rosemary Lieberman

September Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Gordon
- 3 Warren Zirkin
- 4 Jessica Harris
- 4 Allison Davies
- 7 Hannah Ripps
- 8 Erik Lollar
- 12 Maytal Baurberg
- 18 Amanda Klemm
- 27 Micah Rosenbaum
- 27 Marsha Fish
- 28 Marvin fish

Yahrzeits

Av/September

28	1	Bracha baurberg
29	2	Stacy Swartz
29	2	Dorothy Bearman
30	3	Hortense Pachter Leveck

Elul/September

7	10	Gertrude Feinberg
8	11	Myrtle Tucker Sims
9	12	Jan Lefkowitz
11	14	Sarah Schwartzberg
13	16	William Wilenzik
15	18	Irving Schwartz
15	18	John Sims
18	21	Ethel Wilenzik
24	27	Martin Louis Levin
24	27	Esther Bas Fieval Lieb Davies
24	27	Frances Beck
27	30	Morris Lefkowitz
27	30	Louis Safer

Dear Members,

Again this year, the booklet, *In Blessed Memory*, will be printed. It lists the names of your departed relatives and will be used at Yiskor services. This booklet also includes the Yiskor prayers.

Please indicate those whom you wish to honor in the *...Blessed Memory* booklet by listing their names and who is remembering, then send it to the synagogue office. You may also do it by email. Making a donation in memory

of the deceased is a traditional tribute to their eternal memories. A minimum contribution of \$6.00 per individual or couple is suitable.

2016 High Holy Days Service Schedule
All services will be held at Bnai Israel Synagogue

10-2	Sunday	Erev Rosh Hashana	1st Night	6:30pm
10-3	Monday	Rosh Hashana	1st Day	8:30am
		Shofar Blowing		10:00am
		Tashlich at bayview Park		5:00pm
		Rosh Hashana	2nd Night	6:30pm
10-4	Tuesday	Rosh Hashana	2nd Day	8:30am
		Shofar Blowing		11:00am
10-7	Friday	Shabbat		7:00pm
10-8	Saturday	Shabbat		9:30am
10-11	Tuesday	Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre		6:30pm
10-12	Wed	Yom Kippur Shachrit		8:30am
		Yizkor		11:00am
		Break		1:30-4:30pm
		Mincha		5:00pm
		Break the Fast		7:30pm
10-14	Friday	Shabbat		6:30pm
10-15	Saturday	Shabbat		9:30am
10-16	Sunday		1st Night	6:30pm
10-17	Monday	Sukkot	1st Day	9:30am
10-18	Tuesday	Sukkot	2nd Night	6:30pm
10-21	Friday	Shabbat		7:00pm
10-22	Saturday	Shabbat		9:30am
10-23	Sunday	Shemini Atzeret		6:30pm
10-24	Monday	Shemini Atzeret		9:30am
		Yiskor		
10-24	Monday	Simchat Torah Hakafot		6:30Pm
10-25	Tuesday	Simchat Torah		9:30am
10-28	Friday	Shabbat		7:00pm
10-29	Saturday	Shabbat		9:30am

Aliyah List for High Holy Days 2016

1st Day Rosh Hashana - Monday, Oct 3, 2016

Minimun Donation

Hotzahn V'Hachnassah; Take out 2 scrolls, and return	\$140.00
- 1st Aliyah - <u>Kohen</u> ; Blessing; reserved for Cohen	\$135.00
- 2nd Aliyah - <u>Levi</u> ; Blessing; reserved for Levi	\$135.00
- 3rd Aliyah - <u>Shlishi</u> ; Blessing; anyone byt Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- 4th Aliyah - <u>R'vii</u> ; Blessing; anyone byt Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- 5th Aliyah - <u>Chamishi</u> ; Blessing; anyone byt Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- <u>Maftir</u> (And Read haftorah)	\$150.00
- <u>Hagbah & Gellilah</u> ; Raise, dress 2 Torah Scrolls	\$135.00

2nd Day Rosh Hashana - Tuesday, October 4th, 2016

Minimum donation

- <u>Hotzahn V'Hachnassah</u> ; Take out 2 scrolls, and return	\$140.00**
- 1st Aliyah - <u>Kohen</u> ; Blessing; reserved for Cohen	\$135.00
- 2nd Aliyah - <u>Levi</u> ; Blessing, reserved for Levi	\$135.00
- 3rd Alliyah - <u>Shlishi</u> ; Blessing, anyone byt Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- 4th Aliyah - <u>R'vii</u> ; Blessing, anyone but Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- 5th Aliyah - <u>Chamishi</u> ; Blessing, anyone but Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- <u>Maftir</u> (and read Haftorah)	\$150.00
- <u>Hagbah & Gellilah</u> ; Raise, dress 2 Torah Scrolls	\$135.00**

Yom Kippur - Wednesday Morning, October 9th, 2016

Minimum Donation

- <u>Hotzahn V'Hachnassah</u> ; Take out 2 Scrolld, and return	\$150.00**
- 1st Aliyah - <u>Kohen</u> ; Blessing, reserved for Cohen	\$135.00
- 2nd Aliyah - <u>Levi</u> ; Blessing, reserved for Levi	\$135.00
- 3rd Aliyah - <u>Shlishi</u> ; Blessing, anyone byt Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- 4th Aliyah - <u>R'vii</u> ; Blessing, anyone but Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- 5th Aliyah - <u>Chamishi</u> ; Blessing, anyone but Cohen or Levi	\$135.00
- <u>Maftir</u> (and read Haftorah)	\$150.00
- <u>Hagbah & Gellilah</u> ; Raise, dress 2 Torah Scrolls	\$135.00**

Yom Kippur - wednesday Afternoon, October 9th, 2016

Minimum Donations

- Hotzaah V'Hachnassah; Take out 2 scrolls, and return	\$150.00**
- 1st Aliyah - Kohen; Blessing; reserved for Cohen	\$135.00
- 2nd Aliyah - Levi; Blessing, reserved for Levi	\$135.00
- Maftir (and read Haftorah)	\$150.00
- Hagbah & Gellilah; Raise, dress 2 Torah Scrolls	\$150.00**

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