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Special Points of Interest

- April 1 Family Service at 7:30PM
- April 2 Religious School Service Grades K-7 at 10:30AM
- April 3 Chai Society Breakfast at 10AM; Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation at 10AM
- April 14 Special Events for Special People at 7:30
- April 15 Children's Service at 6:30; Youth Group Service at 8PM
- April 16 Matching Fund Cocktail Party
- April 24 Passover Service at 10AM Congregational Seder at 6PM
- April 30 YISKOR at 10:30 AM



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Young Members' Club Kick Off Event at the Rabbi's House a Huge Success !!

About 60 people attended the kick-off event of the newly formed Young Members Club on Saturday night, March 5. The cocktail party, which included delicious hors d'ouerves and desserts prepared by our own professional chef, Amy Abrahams, (with the help of her faithful assistant, Mike), was held at the home of Rabbi and Marian Fass. A great time was had by all and it was exciting to see all of the new friendships being formed and former acquaintances being reunited. Two couples from Tomkins Cove discovered each other, not knowing that they lived minutes apart and had children very close in age. Lots of phone numbers and e-mails were exchanged and several guests expressed an interest, not only in attending upcoming events, but in becoming involved in the planning stages as well. The party was scheduled to end at 11:00, but at 11:30, it was still going strong. Guests left, eagerly anticipating the next get together.

Special thanks to Donna Sobel, Jen Parks, Lori Gandelman, Stacy Schoeps, Michelle Lashinsky, Melissa Cazes, Daryl Willenbrink, and Melinda Levin for all of your hard work. A very special thanks to Rabbi and Marian for graciously opening your home to all of us, and to Amy for giving us an excuse to cheat on our diets!

This was the first of many exciting events that the group will be having for adults and families. On the schedule at this time is Ladies' Night Out on Thursday, April 14, and a dinner party at Beth Carries Restaurant on Saturday night, May 14.

The Young Members Club includes any member who is age 45 or under (regardless of the age of the spouse), and any parent of nursery school children and children in grades K-3 of the religious school.

For further information or to become involved in the group, please call me at 634-1210.

CONGREGATIONAL SEDER Second Night of Passover Led by Rabbi Fass and Cantor Schwartz

Sunday April 24th at 6PM

Temple Social Hall

Call the Office 638-0770 to Reserve your Space



From the desk of Rabbi David Fass

Unleavened Bread and Purple Thumbs

Green thumbs make the flowers grow. Unleavened bread and purple thumbs make freedom grow.

At this time of year especially, in our celebration of Passover, we Jews feel a special kinship with all oppressed people, in Iraq and everywhere, who fight for freedom. Our affinities run deeper than our differences.

In an ancient time, our tradition teaches, the Israelites in Egypt suffered under the oppression of a merciless Pharaoh. In our own time the Iraqis suffered under the cruel oppression of Saddam Hussein.

In an ancient time Pharaoh killed the first-born sons of the Israelites in a vain attempt to prevent one who would lead them to freedom from even being born. In our own time Hussein murdered and tortured thousands of his people in a vain attempt to quell all opposition.

In an ancient time there were those among our own people who preferred slavery to freedom. When food was scarce and water hard to find, there were some prepared to return to the certainties of oppression rather than face the uncertainties of freedom. In our own time there are those in Iraq who fight against freedom. They seek to return to a time of oppression and commit suicide and murder in order to do so.

In an ancient time our road towards freedom was never a straight line. False gods tempted us. The pessimistic and the timid tried to hold us back. Detours and backsliding occurred along the way, but the march continued. In our own time the Iraqis have taken a tortuous, winding route that now sees Shiites and Sunnis, Kurds and secularists, groping their way down an unknown path, but the march continues.

In an ancient time the Israelites ate matzah, unleavened bread, as we still do today. It is flat and tasteless, made with only flour and water. Slavery is flat and tasteless. It represents the spiritual and physical poverty of those who are not permitted to think and do as they wish. Now it is a symbol of the joyous celebration of the festival of Passover, a reminder of our quest for freedom and an inspiration for all generations to come.

In our time there is a different kind of symbol in Iraq: the purple thumb. All over the media were pictures of Iraqis who had voted in the first free election in their country in decades. Many were holding up a purple thumb, stained with the purple ink they had used to mark their ballots. Their faces were smiling, triumphant, a reminder of our quest for freedom and an inspiration for all generations to come.

Unleavened bread and the purple thumb: symbols of the celebration of the quest for liberty.

Green thumbs make the flowers grow. Unleavened bread and purple thumbs make freedom grow.

Imagine only 1 hour of your time---can save 5 lives!

The need for blood continues to rise, while donations seem to decrease.

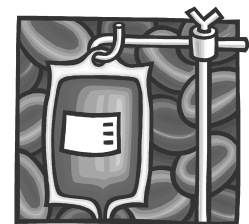
Due to bad weather, flu season, and many saying they just don't have time-
the need for all types of blood is greater than ever!

Temple Beth Shalom Blood Drive

Tuesday May 3, 2005

4:00-9:30 PM

TBS Social Hall



Did you know?

-Red Blood Cells have only a 42 day shelf life

-Platelets have a mere 3 day shelf life

-60% of the population is eligible to donate blood, while only 4% of the population donate

-Newborn babies need 24 hour fresh blood to survive!

-You may be eligible to donate, even though you're on medication.

Medical Eligibility Questions?: 1-800-688-0900

-The #1 excuse for not donating is FEAR!

So think of 5 people you love and please consider donating blood!

For Info/Appts-

Addie Feist 634-3770

Debbi Kleinman 634-6099

Cantor's Notes



On the night of the fifteenth day of the month of Nissan, which falls this year on Saturday night, April 23, all the Jews around the world will celebrate Pesach, the holiday of freedom from Egyptian bondage that took place approximately 3,500 years ago, as told in the first 15 chapters of the biblical Book of Exodus. Many of you are very familiar with Ashkenazic customs, but probably not many have heard about Sephardic Passover customs or the post-Passover celebration of a Sephardic holiday called Mimouna (Mimuna). By the way, living in Israel for 8 years, it took me a long time to understand why some Jews celebrate this holiday while others omit such a wonderful observance. At the close of the Passover holiday at sundown on the 8th day (7th day for Reform Jews and Jews in Israel), Moroccan and Turkish Sephardic Jews worldwide have a celebration in their homes called Mimouna. Mimouna is a celebration of freedom and friendship and is a demonstration of great hospitality. It is also a celebration of the renewal of spring. Originally, the central event of Mimouna used to be the baking of the first leavened bread after Passover. On the eve of Mimouna, family members and friends visit each others' homes, going from house to house. A big banquet, buffet, or feast is hosted by each household. Symbolic foods of Mimouna include milk, white candies and flour that symbolize purity; eggs and bean pods that symbolize fertility; and dates and preserves that symbolize a sweet year. All the above-mentioned symbolic foods also symbolize good luck. The table of sweets may contain gold-wrapped chocolate coins to symbolize one of the meanings of Mimouna: prosperity and riches. Mimouna is celebrated with great vigor in Israel. Families gather at picnics in parks and on beaches to eat, drink, sing and dance. (Now you have another good reason to have a barbeque on Sunday, the first day of May).

The origin and meaning of Mimouna is not definite. Mimouna means either "wealth", or "good fortune" in Arabic, or might also mean "emunah", which means "faith" in Hebrew.

And now, looking a little bit ahead, I would like you to reserve Friday, May 13 on your calendars. On that day we will celebrate Yom Hatzmaut (Israeli Independence Day). Our service will be enhanced by the participation of a wonderful group, "Seeds of Sun." This group consists of Israeli musicians who bring a fresh blend of Israeli music and Israeli Jazz. Look for more about this special event in the next issue of the Lamp.

In the course of the last several years we have had many wonderful musical events. We are looking forward to planning more in the years to come.

Your support of our Music Fund has enabled us to provide these programs. I am asking you for your continued support of our music fund so that we all have the opportunity to enjoy our music. Thank you once again.

Have a happy celebration of Pesach!

Cantor Schwartz

Nursery School News

Can it be that I am writing a Lamp article for April? Today is a snow day and it seems as though Spring will never come and yet I know that when you read this article, flowers and trees will be budding and our thoughts will be turning to Pesach. The seasons and cycles of Jewish tradition are truly the gift that all of us pass on to our children.

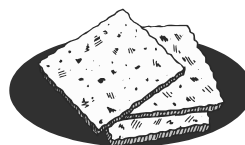
Of all the holidays, Passover is perhaps the one that most captures the children's imaginations. From staffs that turn into snakes, water that turns to blood, lice and boils and all kinds of scary things like hail and darkness captivate the children. Parents are always amazed by how the children learn and can re-tell every little detail of the Passover story. Our Nursery School Seder for 3's and 4's is a highlight of our school year as parents and children re-enact the powerful story of the Exodus. As we dip our greens into salt water and break the middle matzah we are carrying on traditions that help to define us as a people. I encourage all of you to re-create a se-

der at home with your family. Use the holiday handbook that we send home as well as the Haggadah that we distribute at our Nursery School Seder. Don't be afraid to do it wrong; what would be wrong would be not to try to do it at all. Let your children teach you what they have learned!

A zissen Pesach to you and yours.

Lori Scott

Nursery School Director



Presidents' Column

Many thanks to all who made the events of last month a huge success. Temple Beth Sholom took part in Shabbat Across America. The Shabbat dinner provided an opportunity for our Temple community to share a Shabbat Dinner with our fellow congregants and our Hebrew School children. The service was very uplifting including the singing of our Choir. The Clergy did a superb job. Thank you to Christina Joseph, Pat Barad, and their committee for making this evening possible.

The Purim Carnival was a high success. The Youth Group should be very proud of themselves. What a joy to watch all the children smiling and having so much fun going from game to game, winning their prize tickets and going to the prize table to pick out their prizes.

April brings spring and Passover this year. I assume each and every one of you can't wait for the warmer

weather to come. This year the 2nd night of Passover will be on Sunday April 24th. Again this year we will be offering a Congregational Seder in our Social Hall. If you have no where to go, or want to celebrate with a "larger family", please make a reservation and join the Rabbi and Cantor for a Seder filled with meaning, music, and fun.

So much has happened to improve our Temple environment. Please come to Shabbat Services and see for yourself the spirit and warmth. Join a committee, contact a committee chair and volunteer to help out at an event. The pride you get from helping out is well worth it.

Wishing you and your family a zeesen Pesach.

Shalom,
Nancy Goldberg

Beth Sholom Briefing Informs Congregation

Who really runs the Temple? Where do the monies we pay as dues and contributions go? What services and programs does our Temple provide? These are just some of the questions that were answered at the "Beth Sholom Briefing," held on Tuesday night, February 15th. This well-attended meeting was facilitated by our Temple's co-Presidents, Nancy Goldberg and Jerry Korn, together with its three Vice-Presidents, Marion Osterlitz, Pat Barad and Marty Rutstein.

We learned who the people are behind the scenes that enable the Temple to function as it does. Our Executive Committee is comprised of the co-Presidents, three Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Membership Chair, and Recording Secretary. All are volunteers, and work in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, wonderful, committed, congregants who chair various committees of the Temple. Many of these volunteers were present at the Beth Sholom Briefing, and spoke in detail about the work that they do.

There are committees that reach out to our congregants and to the wider Jewish community to fulfill our obligation of repairing the world – *tikkun olam*. Other committees enrich our congregational experiences, and ensure that lifelong Jewish learning is ongoing and available to all. We have an active Sisterhood and Brotherhood, which are growing in membership every day. Some committees attend to the day-to-day running of the Temple, and others work to ensure that we stay healthy, vital, and growing as a congregation.

Congregants attending the Briefing had plenty of opportunity to ask questions, offer opinions, and express concerns. It was suggested that we increase programs

not only for post-B'nei Mitzvah age children, but for their parents as well, and work on membership retention for that group. There were questions about the size of our general membership, which is now increasing after a period of decline. The need to expand our Youth Group was addressed, as well as the efforts the Religious School is making to revamp and energize its curriculum, and integrate our Nursery School graduates into the Religious school.

The finances of the Temple were discussed. As dues can only cover a portion of our expenses, and tuition fees can't support the entire running of the religious school, the need for fundraising is essential, and will be addressed more vigorously in the future. Some of the monies raised in our Matching Fund campaigns will be used to offset the Temple's operating costs, while some will be used for things like purchasing computers and computer programs for the school.

Several congregants expressed concern that the JCC-Y, in expanding its facilities, might be competing with programs sponsored by local Temples, rather than serving as an adjunct to them. It was promised that those concerns would be addressed directly with the JCC-Y.

What became clear at the Briefing is that we function at our best as a Temple when we work together to share our ideas and express our concerns. You don't have to wait until the next Briefing to do that – your participation is always welcome!

Susan Marquith

Religious School News and Events

Knowing how to act-or is it called ... being a Mench? Part I

Parents are naturally eager to prepare their children for successful futures. Some of us, convinced that for young children to succeed, they must learn to read, write, and understand and be able to use math concepts. Is it that simple?

Parents look to professionals for help in teaching their children to learn academic skills. But what about knowing how to act? Are there guidelines for teaching such skills? Is it possible to teach children to be *menches*?

Over the vacation, I received the following e-mail from a friend, and as soon as I read it I knew I wanted to share it with the TBS Religious School parents and children. Judaism provides guidelines for preparing children for a full and successful life as *menches*, if we find ways to incorporate those guidelines into our lives, our children will too.

Knowing How to Act- Derech Eretz

We are fortunate to have accumulated centuries of experiences within Jewish life for teaching Jewish values to our children. Knowing how to behave appropriately is not necessarily natural for all children. Research tells us that children learn at a very young age- well before they enter preschool- by observing their caregivers. When they enter a formal educational program, while they have some ideas about behavior, they are able to learn how to behave in the new environment. How are the adults interacting with each other and with the children in those environments? Those interactions demonstrate our beliefs and values to youngsters and teach them what is important.

Sharing With Those in Need – Tzedakah

There are many opportunities in our lives for demonstrating our concern for others. Do we contribute money

to needy people or organizations in our community? And if so, how can we include our children in actual activity so that they see what we do and how we do it? It is helpful to keep a *tzedakah* box in an obvious place in our homes, and to contribute to it regularly. Friday afternoons just before the start of *Shabbat* is a traditional time for emptying one's pockets of coins, which can be added to the contents of the box of the recipient. For help in finding an appropriate recipient, contact our Religious School Office at 638-0770, or e-mail me at: educator@templebethsholom.info.

Stay tuned next month for **Part II: Expressing Acts of Loving Kindness- *Gemilut Hasadim* & Welcoming the Guests- *Hachnasat Orchim***

Mazal Tov to Cliff & Sima Malat on the birth of their newest crandchild

Tyler Mitchell !!

Todah Rabah to :

- **Carol Garber & Barbara Barkley for helping us with the office renovation. We will make sure we enjoy it!**
- **Nancy for buying snacks for the Religious School**
- **Gary Hochman for volunteering to organize "Jewish New York" trip on March 13.**
- **Sally Winter for graciously donating her time and leading a wonderful workshop for our 8th-9th grade students**

**TBS Nursery & Religious School
Teacher, Aids & Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner
Friday, May 13
6:30 PM- 8:00 PM**

Important Dates in April

Adar II/Nisan

**April 2 Saturday Shabbat
Morning Religious
School Service & Lunch
10:30 am 4th -12th
Grade**

**April 3 Sunday "Mitzvah Day"
3rd Grade**

**April 17 Sunday Passover
Family Education
Kindergarten – 3rd Grade**

**April 17 Sunday 6th- 7th Grade
Parents Orientation in
Rabbi Fass' House
7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**Education Committee Meeting
TBD**

**Thursday, April 24 through
Sunday, May 1
Passover Break
School Closed**

The Four Questions:

**How is this night different from
all other nights?**

***Mah nishtana ha-laila ha-
zeh mi-kol ha-laylot ?***

On all other nights we eat bread or matzah while on this night we eat only matzah.

*She-b'chol ha-laylot anu och-
lin chameetz u-matzah, ha-
laila ha-zeh kulo matza.*

On all other nights we eat vegetables and herbs of all kinds, while on this night we must eat bitter herbs.

*She-b'chol ha-laylot anu och-
lin she'ar yerakot, ha-laila ha-
zeh maror.*

On all other nights we do not dip vegetables even once, while on this night we dip them twice.

*She-b'chol ha -laylot ayn anu
matbilin afilu paam echat, ha-
laila ha-zeh shtay fe'amim.*

On all other nights we eat in an upright or a reclining position, while on this night we recline at the table.

*She-b'chol ha-laylot anu och-
lin bayn yoshvin u-vayn me-
subin, hah-laila ha-zeh kulanu
mesubin*

Sisterhood Happenings

April 6

Jewelry making class at 7:00 PM in the TBS Social Hall. For details see the flyer that was sent with the "Interim" mailing in March. Please call Leah Moldovan @ 634-1338, for a reservation for this class. Enrollment is limited.

April 11

Last day to order floral centerpieces for Passover. Join us in making *chocolate roses* to be sold for Mother's Day. Meet us at 7:30 PM in the TBS kitchen. Please purchase these chocolate roses as a fund raiser. All proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund. Pink ribbon bracelets are also available thru Sisterhood for this same cause.

April 18

Last day to order chocolate roses for Mother's Day. Order by calling Leah Moldovan @ 634-1338. Two dollars for one chocolate rose. Five dollars for three roses.

April 21

Pickup floral centerpieces for Passover from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the TBS lobby.

Sisterhood donates money to various groups in TBS as well as to worthy outside groups. The monies come from our Sisterhood membership dues, the Judaica Shop, and the various fund raising programs that we sponsor. The current fund raising programs include:

- Passover floral centerpieces
- Pink ribbon bracelets (for breast cancer research)
- Chocolate Roses for Mother's Day (for breast cancer research)

Special thanks to Shari Alinkofsky, Arlene Ipp, and Susan Leider, for their work and dedication in making the Purim Programs a success. Look in the "Lamp" & the "Interim" for future programming involving:

Knitting, Yoga Exercise, and a Plastic Surgeon's lecture on cosmetic surgery.

Have a happy Passover.

B'Shalom
Leah Moldovan



Thank you to all who participated in our Barton's Passover Candy Sale

Oneg Sponsors for the Month of April

April 8

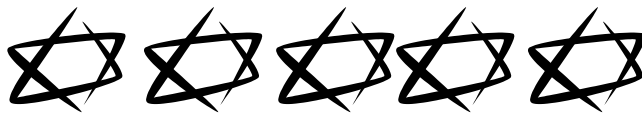
Vicki & Neil Beitch in honor of their daughter, Shara's Bat Mitzvah

Maria & Marc Tarle in honor of their daughter, Lara's Bat Mitzvah

April 15

Michelle & Mark Hartzman in honor of their son, Zachary's Bar Mitzvah

Celebrating a Simcha? Sponsor an Oneg! Call the Temple Office for details.



SIMPLY SIMCHAS

Wishing a Hearty MAZEL TOV to:

Sharon & Lewis Schneider

on the engagement of their son Spencer to Marisa Lax. An August 2005 wedding is planned

Ellie & Bob Slater

On the birth of their grandson, Joshua

Caring Community is a committee at TBS that reaches out to our congregants in a variety of ways....

- *We can arrange babysitting.
- *Arrange transportation for people who cannot provide for themselves.
- *Celebrate, Weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Births/baby naming, etc . . .
- *Sometimes we are there to lend an ear when someone needs to talk or cook a meal when someone can't.
- *We show support to those who are in mourning and share our condolences.

For More information Contact PAM CUMMINGS
845-732-8534

DONATIONS

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

RABBI DAVID E. FASS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ruth & Steven Frei
In memory of Hortense Schneider

Carole & Ken Mersel
In honor of the birth of their grand daughter Samantha Paige

Mickey & Gail Silverman
In memory of Louis Silverman

Judy & Ken Beaman
In memory of Matilda Lachs

CANTOR SERGEI SCHWARTZ DISCRETIONARY FUND

Nancy & Milton Goldberg
in appreciation

Libby & Jack Dub
In memory of Paula Dub

Carole & Ken Mersel
In honor of the birth of their granddaughter Samantha Paige

DONATIONS

Enid & Bob Winikoff
in memory of Hortense Schneider

Honey & Dom Leone
in memory of Hortense Schneider

Pat & Paul Barad
In memory of Hortense Schneider
In honor of the birth of Cheythan Winter

Marilyn Cohen & Family
In honor of Lauren Reeder's engagement to Larry Blau
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sy & Judi Bernstein's grandson Peter
In memory of Hortense Schneider

Vivian & David Sackser
In memory of Hortense Schneider

MUSIC FUND

Nancy & Milton Goldberg
In memory of Hortense Schneider
In memory of Allan Jones
In honor of the birth of Ella Winter & Cheythan Winter

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FUND

Sima & Cliff Malat
in memory of Robert Bernstein

Suzanne & Marty Bernstein
in memory of Hortense Schneider

Joyce & Bernie Spiess
In memory of Hortense Schneider
In honor of a speedy recovery for Marian Fass

FINE ARTS

Lovey Bash
In memory of Hortense Schneider

PRAYER BOOK FUND

CARING COMMUNITY

DAVID CHARGAR FUND

The Nursery School Staff
In honor of a speedy recovery for Jerry Levin

ELLIOT TITLEBAUM FUND

Carole and Jerry Korn
In memory of Hortense Schneider
In memory of Allan Jones

SISTERHOOD CAMPERSHIP FUND

Sisterhood
in honor of the children

OTHER TEMPLE FUNDS WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT:

COLLEGE OUTREACH

LIBRARY FUND

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Stewart & Ruth Anne Brenner
Martin & Barbara Cohen
Bruce & Barbara Flanz
Steven & Ruth Frei
Milton & Nancy Goldberg
Philip & Carole Gruber
Betty Kaplan
Carole & Jerry Korn
Arthur & Joyce Levy
Steven & Stacey Nunes
David & Paula Ridge
Neil & Gail Rosenthal
Morris Rothenberg
Joseph & Marcia Siegel
Howard & Eva Simons
Peter & Joyce Taub
Howard & Judy Weingart
Alan & Roberta Wiener
Robert & Enid Winikoff
Randy & Lori Winston

Recent Bereavements

Condolences are offered to the following Congregants

Marc Holland on the death of his father, Jerome Holland

Scott Jones on the death of his father, Allan Jones

Steve Hagendorf on the death of his mother, Frieda Hagendorf

May the Source of Peace send Peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved.

Amen



YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

From the Desk of the Youth Director....

The NFTY Youth Workers Convention in Los Angeles was an enlightening experience. It was an amazing opportunity to meet other youth advisors, and youth leaders from around the country. The convention was a learning experience, eye opening and a great vehicle to help focus me on the needs of our TBS Youth Group.

Professional speakers spoke on everything from Sex to youth group budget and everything in between. I learned that using pop-culture to teach Jewish values is very effective and that youth groups need to evolve in ways that make sense based upon their population. We should dump activities that have not been effective in years and bring in fresh ideas that could ignite excitement among the youth groupers.

We need to work together with the lay leadership and temple committees to add programming for the youth. We need to have temple wide learning for educational purposes. We need a youth committee that works for the kids in co-operation not just letting us know what is expected of us.

We need to work closely with the school to teach teens about NFTY and what they can gain for the experience. We must promote camps such as Eisner and Crane Lake and Kutz for teens, also the NFTY trip to Israel, and Urban Mitzvah Corps.

We need to begin enticing the younger grades to join youth group not only as a means to continue their Jewish education, but as a way to continue friendships that they have been developing during religious school. It allows young teens to not only socialize within the temple but with other like minded teens in the community. Building a large circle of Jewish friends will help to keep our kids interested in remaining a part of the Jewish world.

You will find that the kids become leaders, social action lovers, teachers of the younger students and most of all they become confident and proud Jews as they move on from high school to college and into their own independent lives.

In some of the seminars that I attended we spoke about how the face of Judaism is

changing, how everyday television, movies and music can be used to teach Jewish values, and if we really have to believe in God.

In the changing face of Judaism we learned that we can no longer identify someone as Jewish just based upon their name or their color. Many Jews are from bi-racial couples, or adopted, some are from inter-faith marriages, so their last name could be Sanchez or Hernandez, but they are still Jews like us. Unfortunately many older people have trouble with this and are intolerant of people who don't fit the mold. We need to teach our children tolerance of all people and remember when our sons or daughters bring someone home to meet us that we don't judge them before we know the whole picture.

In the seminar about believing in God the presenter told us to imagine God. He said that we should think of an old man wearing a long robe with a long grey beard. Like others in the seminar I was turned off, because that is not the image that I have of God, but we all got past that and moved into a very interesting discussion about believing in God no matter what. As the youth advisors spoke it was apparent that they wanted to tell all of the teens that they have to believe in God. That was hard for me, and so I am still reflecting on what to say when the question comes up.

In conclusion, the conference was a great place to learn and share. This for me was mostly about learning. The services on Friday night were the most spiritual that I have ever attended. Praying with 1400 kids and 200 adults was beautiful. The singing and the spirit was as loud as you might imagine, and it was just the beginning of all of the singing and spirit that the 5 days had to offer.

I appreciate the opportunity to attend this conference with 3 of our youth group teens, and hope to use much of what I learned in the coming years with our youth group.

Respectfully submitted

Janet Levitt

From Illexis Kleinman...

Hey Everyone. I am here to talk to you about one major event that took place involving our Youth Group. Some of you may have heard about it, but for those of you who haven't I would like to take the time now to tell about everything that went down during this wonderful and spiritual event. It is called NFTY Convention and it took place from Friday, February 18, 2005 till Tuesday, February 22, in sunny L.A., California. Although it was not the brightest weekend because of sudden showers, all 1300 teenagers, including three from our youth group, would agree that it was certainly an exciting one. The two others that went on this trip include Matthew Grossman and Allison Grossman. Staying at the LAX Hilton right near the airport was an adventure on its own and we all loved every minute of it. Our Youth Group advisor, Janet Levitt, came along with us for the Convention and offered all her support and help with this busy 5 day trip. This event was filled with spirit, joy, understanding and fun. All of this was combined with amazing programs, spiritual creative services and a fun filled outing to Universal Studios where we were able to hang out with friends, go on all the exhilarating rides and dance with the rest of the 1300 kids. This amazing event happens but every 2 years. Take it from me and the other two youth groupers, who took part in this event, it was truly once in a lifetime. On behalf of all the participants that took part in this event I would like to take the time to say a BIG, HUGE thank you to the entire Temple Community. Without your help and support it would not be possible for us all to attend this memorable event. Thank you! I think that everyone should go on this trip if possible but if not; everyone should try to at least take part in any of the other 8 NFTY events that occur every year.

SHALOM!

Illexis Kleinman

Youth Group Board Secretary

*Please join us at a
Cocktail Party
In honor of our Matching Fund
Donors*

Saturday, April 16, 2005

6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

*228 New Hempstead Road
New City, New York*

*Please R.S.V. P.
(845) 638-0770
marilyn@templebethsholom.info*

**RESERVE THIS SPECIAL DATE
ON YOUR CALENDAR**

SATURDAY, MAY 21

**FOR A CELEBRATION
HONORING**

**JERRY KORN
OUTGOING CO-PRESIDENT**

fun, food, dance & drink

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Via e-mail, flyer, invitation, etc.**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rockland County's Summit Park Hospital and Nursing Care Center needs volunteers to help our long-term care residents participate in Jewish services held on Friday afternoons in our facility. We also welcome volunteers to help in the Gift Shop, assist residents in getting to activities within the facility and just stopping by to visit. Lunch is provided to individuals who volunteer for four or more hours in a day. The facility is located in Building A of the Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center, off Route 45, in Pomona. For more information, call Cathy del Fierro or Shari Feldstein at 845-364-2848.

*Wishing a Happy Passover
to our extended
Congregational Family*

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Cantor and Elena Schwartz and Family
Terry and Steve Zeitlin and Family
Darryl and Steve Willenbrink and Family
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Nancy and Milton Goldberg
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Silverman**



APRIL 2005



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					1 7:30pm Family Service with Choir	2 10:30AM Shabbat Services Religious School Grades K-7
3 10AM Chai Society Bkfst and School Com- mittee 10:30AM Bar/ Bat Mitzvah Orientation	4 Executive Committee Meeting	5 7pm Kabbalah 8pm Torah Study	6 7:30PM Sisterhood Jewelry Making	7 7PM Post Confirmation Class	8 8PM Shabbat Services	9 10:30AM Shabbat Services B'Nei Mitzvah of Shara Beitch and Lara Tarle
10	11 7:30PM Sisterhood Chocolate Making	12 7PM Finan- cial Committee Meeting	13	14 7:30PM Spe- cial Events for Special People— Passover	15 6:30PM Children's Service 8:00PM Youth Group Service	16 10:30AM Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Hartzman 6:30PM Matching Fund Cocktail Party
17	18 7:45 Board of Trustees Meeting	19 8 PM Torah Study	20 7PM Publicity Committee Meeting	21	22 8PM Shabbat Services	23 10:30AM Shabbat Services
24 10AM Passover Service 6PM Congre- gational Seder	25	26	27	28	29 8PM Shabbat Services	30 10:30AM Shabbat Services and YISKOR

Calendar Highlights

- April 1 Family Service with Choir at 7:30PM
- April 2 Religious School Grades K-7 Service at 10:30AM
- April 3 Chai Society Breakfast at 10AM; School Committee Meeting at 10AM; Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation at 10:30AM
- April 6 Sisterhood Jewelry Making Class at 7:30PM
- April 7 Post-Confirmation Class at 7:00PM
- April 9 Bat Mitzvah of Shara Beitch daughter of Vicki and Neil Beitch and Bat Mitzvah of Lara Tarle daughter of Maria and Marc Tarle at 10:30AM
- April 11 Sisterhood Chocolate Making at 7:30PM
- April 14 Special Events for Special People at 7:30PM
- April 15 Children's Service at 6:30PM; Youth Group Service at 8:00PM
- April 16 Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Hartzman son of Michelle and Mark Hartzman at 10:30AM
Matching Fund Cocktail Party at 6:30PM
- April 24 Passover Service at 10:00 AM; Congregational Seder at 6:00PM
- April 30 Shabbat Service with YISKOR at 10:30AM



**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SPECIAL
PEOPLE
PASSOVER PROGRAM**

Thursday
April 14, 2005
7:30PM
In the Social Hall

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becoming more involved
in
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