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## From the Rabbi



Enthusiasm ran high at the orientation meeting for B'nai Emet's Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, held a few weeks ago. Even if you didn't attend the meeting, you are still cordially invited to join the class, which will begin meeting on Sunday mornings beginning on November 5. If you didn't pick up a copy of the class schedule/syllabus on *Yom Kippur*, copies are available in the synagogue office

The idea of such a class is hardly novel: I've taught such classes elsewhere in years gone by, and it's been done at B'nai Emet in the past, as well. Wherever and whenever such a class is organized, it usually exceeds participants' expectations.

Some people attend most of the classes, without intending to participate in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service at the end of the year; they just came along for the pleasure of learning. Others attend less frequently, when the day's topic stimulates their interest. But most members of the class attend the sessions with the intention, from the outset, of becoming *bar* or *bat mitzvah* at the end. During the second hour of the class, the *bar/bat mitzvah* candidates develop their Hebrew and synagogue skills, preparing themselves for their participation in May. All students learn the *b'rakhot* recited when receiving an *aliyah*—perhaps the “quintessential *bar/bat mitzvah* act.”

Others learn individual prayers or small parts of the service. Some learn to lead a large section of the service; others learn to read from the *Torah* or chant (part or all of) the *haftarah*. When the culminating date arrives—this year, on *Shabbat* morning, May 19, 2001—the pride that these *b'nai* and *b'not mitzvah* feel—shared, in many cases, with parents, spouses, their children, and/or grandchildren—is almost overwhelming.

Different people may be motivated to join this class for different reasons. Some may have had a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* experience some years (or some decades) ago, but because of the passage of time, or perhaps because the original experience was somehow lacking, they'd like to achieve this experience now. Others may seek this experience because they didn't have an opportunity to have a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* celebration as an adolescent—either because of individual circumstances in their lives, or because they are women for whom *bat mitzvah* wasn't an option in their synagogue when they were thirteen, or for some because they weren't Jewish when they were thirteen years old.

Whatever your motivation, you have an exciting experience in store for you if you decide to join our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class.

—Rabbi David L. Abramson

### Scroll Deadline

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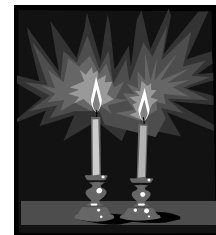
## Synagogue Office Closed

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24 (12:00 noon)

### Candle Lighting

October 27	5:50 P.M.
November 3	4:40 P.M.
November 10	4:31 P.M.
November 17	4:24 P.M.
November 24	4:18 P.M.
December 1	4:15 P.M.
December 8	4:13 P.M.



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## Meet our B'nai Mitzvah

## President's Message

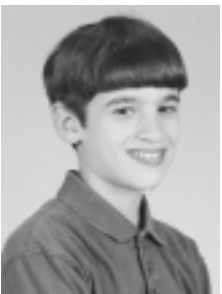


**Stephen Lederman** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bar mitzvah* during *Shacharit* services on *Shabbat* morning, November 25. His *Torah* portion is *Chayyei*

*Sarah.*

Steve attended the Minneapolis Jewish Day School through grade six, is in the seventh grade at Plymouth Middle School and grade *Vav* at Talmud Torah. His extracurricular activities include bowling, playing baseball, basketball and participation in B'nai Emet *Kadima*. His baseball team won the league championship this past summer. He attended Herzl Camp in 1997 and 2000 and Camp Ramah in 1998 and visited Israel the summer of 1999 with Abram Travel.

He is the son of Sari and Harold Lederman, brother of Devorah and Chava, and grandson of Annette Lederman and Sharon and Ormond Sacks. His parents will be sponsoring the extended *Kiddush* immediately following *Shabbat* morning services in Steve's honor and invite the congregation to join the family.



**Joseph Hayim Abramson** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bar mitzvah* during *Shacharit* services on *Shabbat* morning, October 28. His *Torah* portion is *B'reishit*, and his *haftarah* is

*Machar Chodesh.*

A graduate of the Talmud Torah Day School of St. Paul, Joey is an eighth-grader at the Twin Cities Jewish Middle School, where his favorite subject is math. His extracurricular interests include football, basketball, baseball, Playstation games, and going online.

Joey is the son of Rabbi David and Sandy Abramson; brother of Ben and Louie Abramson; and grandson of Dr. Samuel and Alice Abramson, the late Bertha Abramson, Dr. Alvin Weinstein and Anne Richmond, and the late Helene Weinstein.

His parents will be sponsoring an extended *kiddush* luncheon following the service in Joey's honor and invite the entire congregation to join the family.

**Max Siegel** will be called to the *Torah* on the occasion of his *bar mitzvah* during *Shacharit* services on *Shabbat* morning November 18. His *Torah* portion is *Vayyeira*.

Max is in the eighth grade at Anthony Middle School and attends Talmud Torah. He is enrolled in a math program at the University of Minnesota, enjoys reading, writing for the Star Tribune and his two cats.

He is the son of Carol and Ronald Siegel, brother of Eva and Elena, and grandson of Jetta and Barry Siegel of Lewisville, Colorado and Betty Fishman of Detroit. His parents will be sponsoring the *Kiddush* immediately following *Shabbat* morning services and invite the congregation to join the family.

### A Community Simchah

If you haven't yet responded to the invitation to Joey Abramson's *bar mitzvah*, please call the synagogue office as soon as possible. And please note that all B'nai Emet families—grown-ups and children—are cordially invited to share in our *simchah*!

—Rabbi David and Sandy Abramson

### Lunch & Learn

The next "Lunch & Learn" session will take place on **Thursday, November 2**, from **12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.**, in the Library. We meet generally on the first Thursday of the month, and topics are determined by participants.

Please feel free to bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch, or call the synagogue office to arrange for a *kosher* box lunch, catered by the JCC.

### "The Jewish Book of Why"

Rabbi Abramson's popular monthly Sunday-morning discussion group, based on Rabbi Alfred Kolatch's books, will resume on **November 19**, meeting from

**11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** Please join this stimulating and enjoyable discussion group!

### Scheduling 2003 and 2004 B'nai/B'not Mitzvah

If your child will turn thirteen during 2003 or 2004 and you haven't yet determined a *bar/bat mitzvah* date, please be in touch with Rabbi Abramson at your earliest convenience.

### Rabbi's High Holy Days Sermons Available

Copies of Rabbi Abramson's High Holy Day sermons are now available in the synagogue office.

### Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

The first session of B'nai Emet's Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* Class will take place on **Sunday, November 5**, beginning at **11:30 a.m.** See Rabbi Abramson's column for details.

### A Message from the President

"Renew our lives as in days of old. *Chadesh yameinu k'kedem.*" When we return the *Torah* to the Ark, those words always stand out in my mind. I like to think about the idea of renewal. It suggests to me that we can shed the mistakes, sorrows, and problems of the past and move forward to a reality that is younger, stronger, and focused. I think about this possibility at *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, when I think about my own mistakes and shortcomings and pray for the strength to do better in the coming year. What about our synagogue and our community? What are our chances of renewal in the coming years?

This question has been on my mind since I read the recently-released predictions of the *American Jewish Year Book*. This study projects shrinkage in the United States Jewish population by one-third by the year 2080. The number of Jews in the United States is expected to drop from its

current 5.7 million to a 2080 level of 3.8 million, about half of whom will be over 65 years of age.

The problem of Jewish continuity is not new. Throughout history, Jews have faced the threat of extinction, whether by external forces of annihilation or by internal weakness. In writing about post-Holocaust Jewish continuity, Simon Rawidowicz called Jews an "ever-dying" people."

Are we an ever-dying people? Or are we an ever-surviving, ever renewed people? Many Jewish leaders are calling for "synagogue renewal," the buzzwords that describe a new focus on the synagogue as our best chance to continue and strengthen Jewish life in America. Examples of this national focus include Synagogue 2000, a project created to support spiritual transformation of synagogue structure and culture. Another example is Synagogue Transformation and Renewal (STAR), an initiative funded by philanthropists Charles Schusterman, Michael Steinhardt, and Edgar Bronfman. The purpose of STAR is to amass resources to revitalize synagogues and keep them at the top of the federations' agendas.

Some worry that initiatives such as these will be dominated by a one-size-fits-all mentality. Some fear that the rush to renewal will reduce Judaism to new-age poetry or therapy. Some are concerned that the reformers will throw the baby out with the bath water, failing to recognize and respect positive accomplishments of synagogues. Some worry that the funders will be setting our future agenda. You know the cynics' version of the Golden Rule—the person who has the gold make the rules.

Discussions of synagogue renewal often emphasize spirituality, music, prayer and healing, Hebrew literacy, participation, mysticism, and the opening of our classic texts to find meaning for contemporary Jews. At B'nai Emet, we are considering many of these same ideas. We, too, want to focus on injecting more vitality and enthusiasm into our services and all our activities. I welcome the attention being paid at a national level to synagogues and their role in Jewish renewal. I hope we can take advantage of the ideas and insights developed by projects like STAR and Synagogue 2000.

All services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

*Shabbat Morning*, October 28—9:00 A.M.

*Bar Mitzvah*: Joseph Abramson

*Haftarah Reader*: Joseph Abramson

*Torah Reading*: *B'reishit*

*Torah Readers*: Abramson Family

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*Shabbat Morning*, November 4—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading*: *Noach*

*Haftarah Reader*: Caryn London

Guest Speaker: Andrew Hoffman, Regional Director Central States & Provinces Region  
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

*Torah Readers*: Linda Erlich, Thomas Lieberman, David Liss, Aliza Bach, Laura Brandys

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*Shabbat Morning*, November 11—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading*: *Lekh Lekha*

*Haftarah Reader*: Linda Erlich

*Torah Readers*:

Linda Erlich, Larry Kelner, Brian London, Maya Berezovsky, David Liss

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*Shabbat Morning*, November 18—9:00 A.M.

*Bar Mitzvah*: Max Siegel

*Torah Reading*: *Vayyeira*

*Haftarah Reader*: Max Siegel

*Torah Readers*: Laura Brandys, Linda Erlich, David Liss, Max Siegel

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*Shabbat Morning*, November 25—9:00 A.M.

*Bar Mitzvah*: Stephen Lederman

*Torah Reading*: *Chayyei Sarah*

*Haftarah Reader*: Stephen Lederman

*Torah Readers*: Stephen Lederman

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At our recent board orientation, our trustees discussed the importance of bringing topics of current Jewish interest to our members; expanding the place of music and education in our services; improving Hebrew literacy while helping those who can best enhance their prayer experience with transliterated texts; and reaching out to the community—but most of all to our own members. And we have taken steps toward realizing these goals. B'nai Emet has hired Laura Brandys to be our Music Coordinator. You may have already heard results of her efforts at our services and programs, and you will hear much more in the year to come. We have begun a new *Adult B'nai Mitzvah* class. We are exploring ways to provide transliterations of prayers for the use of our members.

It is always easier to point out problems than it is to solve them and help bring about renewal. We need to work together to provide the resources and energy to maximize B'nai Emet's contribution to Jewish life. I take pride in B'nai Emet, and in the dedicated work of Rabbi Abramson, our staff, and our amazing members. As I have said many times, they are my inspiration, and they make my efforts meaningful. I welcome the chance to hear your ideas and to work with you in the coming year as we focus on personal renewal and the renewal of our synagogue.

—Bonnie Berezovsky

# Synagogue News

## Women's League News

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Watch for news about the Women's League Deli Dinner on November 12. This is an annual event that is for the entire family.

## Men's Club Annual Latke Dinner

Sunday, December 17

More details coming soon!

## October Anniversaries

Ruby and Max Addis.....51 years  
 Madeline and Jerry Banwell .....46 years  
 Badonna and Earl Berkowitz .....65 years  
 Bella and Martin Braverman.....51 years  
 Margaret and William Burton.....15 years  
 Susan and David Cera .....12 years  
 Jenna and Jon Christensen .....11 years  
 Beverly and Aron Dolinsky .....46 years  
 Mara and Adam Egherman .....4 years  
 Marilyn and Marvin Engle .....48 years  
 Laurie and Jason Fink.....1 year  
 Jeannette and Sam Fogel .....62 years  
 Terry and Richard Freedman.....34 years  
 Beatrice and Leonard Getzkin .....54 years  
 Linda and Joseph Itman .....23 years  
 Tikva and Philip Kelner.....48 years  
 Mariya and Rudolf Kessler .....43 years  
 Sally and Morton Leder.....48 years  
 Sarah and Morris Lehrman .....53 years  
 Racha and Charles Marks.....50 years  
 Frances and Joseph Moses .....45 years  
 Ruth and Irwin Rubenstein.....31 years  
 Linda and Max Rutman.....18 years  
 Cynthia and Jeffrey Tews.....17 years  
 Carol and Daniel Tollman .....16 years  
 Norma and Shawn Wolk.....6 years

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Clifford & LeeAnn Ancier .....19 years  
 Walter & Lois Buchman.....44 years  
 Richard & Joy Field.....13 years  
 Leo & Maureen Fine .....45 years  
 Joseph & Deborah Flom .....15 years  
 Jack & Arlene Gulton.....20 years  
 Allen & Sandra Harris.....29 years  
 Jacob & Susan Jurisz.....29 years  
 Fred & Rosalind Kaplan.....31 years  
 James & Esther Paletz .....13 years

Mark & Lisa Ratner .....11 years  
 Randy & Sheryl Rutzick.....14 years  
 Todd and Nicole Schachtman .....2 years  
 Scott & Sandra Shmikler.....13 years  
 Robert & Eileen Simon .....15 years  
 Marcus & Sandra Teichner.....25 years  
 Harold & Madeline Wise .....14 years

## Condolences to

- ...Jody, Renee, Brian, Terry and Richard Jacobs and Jack and Norman Goldner on the death of their mother and sister, Natalie Jacobs
- ...Claire Feller on the death of her brother, Harold Silver.
- ...David Rapoport and his family on the death of his daughter, Ellen Rapoport.
- ...Laureen Bleet on the death of her mother Sylvia Silverman.
- ...Bruce Dahlgren on the death of his mother, Joyce Kurilla.
- ...Jules Herstein on the death of his brother-in-law, Carl Freeman.
- ...Joyce Hartman and Marlene Solle on the death of their husband and their father, Harold Hartman.
- ...Lenore Brill and Robert Brill on the death of her husband and his father, Morton Brill.
- ...Arlene Gulton, Izzie Milstein and Leah Milstein on the death of their nephew, great-nephew and grandson, Avi Milstein.
- ...Sidney Greenblat on the death of his mother Gertrude Greenblat.
- ...Sara Bernstein on the death of her grandmother, Emma Wolk.
- ...Fred Kaplan on the death of his mother, Ruby Kaplan.
- ...Rabbi David Abramson on the death of his aunt, Pearl Abramson.

*"May their memories be an eternal blessing."*

## "2001" Happenings Books

are now available in the synagogue office for \$25. Proceeds fund *Mishpacha's* service projects.

## Congratulations to

- ...Joanna Krasner and Jaeson Kaplan on their marriage in Chicago. Parents are Faye and Steven Krasner and Mindy and Howard Kaplan. Grandparents are Shirley Krasner and the late Leo Krasner.
- ...Bev and Aron Dolinsky and Nina and Al Dordek of Chicago on the birth of their grandson, Max Dordek Dolinsky. Parents are Amy and Steve Dolinsky of Chicago.
- ...Bonny and Michael Swatez on the engagement of their daughter, Lori Roxane Dawn Swatez to Lewis Adam Gerson, son of Joy Gerson, Richmond, Va., Lori is the granddaughter of Mary Swatez and the late Bert Swatez of Minneapolis, and Hannah Klein and the late Fred Klein, of Minneapolis. Lewis is the grandson of the late Vivienne and Sidney Harris, and the late Sarita and Sam Gerson. A March 11, 2001 wedding is planned in Richmond, Virginia.
- ...Nicole and Todd Schachtman and to Shirley and Zollie Baratz on the birth of their son and great grandson, Samuel Dylan Schachtman.
- ...Harvey Katz and the late Barbara Katz on the birth of granddaughters Camryn Ann and Sydnie Lil, parents are Kelly and Michael Katz.
- ...Brenda and Theodor Litman on the birth of their grandchildren, Mia Lily and Shane Jayden Litman. Parents are Kari and Greg Litman.
- ...Nicole and Daniel Goldstein, Nancy and Barry Goldstein, Lorella and Max Goldstein on the birth of their son, grandson, and great grandson, Nathan Michael Goldstein.
- ...Robin and Sam Richter and Marilyn and Jerry Richter on the birth of their son and grandson, Kameron Charles Richter.
- ...Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hyster (Joyce Rockler) on the birth of their grandson, Austin Blake. Parents are Timothy Solom and Stacey Hyster-Solom.

# Synagogue News

## Hag Sameach

Are you looking for a meaningful way to reach out to those in the community who may need your help to celebrate *Hanukkah* this year? Jewish Family and Children's Service is sponsoring the 8th annual *Hag Sameach* (Happy Holiday) program which provides gifts and ritual items, such as *menorahs*, decorations and candles, to reach over 300 needy families and individuals.

Bring the spirit of *Hanukkah* to others through the *mitzvah* of participating in this program. New, unwrapped gifts for children, teens, adults and older adults are needed to provide for these families. Monetary donations to be used to purchase gifts will also be greatly appreciated.

Suggested gift items include *Hanukkah* candles or decorations, Walkman radios, hats, mittens, scarves, non-violent toys, games or puzzles, blankets, towels, slipper socks, stationery, watches, calculators, sports equipment, arts and crafts supplies, cosmetic cases, etc.

Donations can be made at Jewish Family and Children's Service, 13100 Wayzata Blvd., Minnetonka or B'nai Emet Synagogue. For more information please call Sheila Cohen at JFCS 952-542-4546.

## Comedienne Caryn Bark Is Coming

Caryn Bark will be appearing at B'nai Emet Saturday evening, November 4, at 8:00 P.M. Caryn, from Skokie, Illinois, has performed all over the United States, including an appearance on Comedy Central. A gala reception with dessert bar will follow the performance. Tickets are \$25 and \$50 with all seats reserved. If you have not received your invitation in the mail, please call the synagogue office 952-927-7309.

## Our Apologies

Our apologies for omissions in the *bar mitzvah* article for Josh Gerber in our last issue. His grandparents are Barbara Gerber, the late Jacob Gerber, Orel Held and the late Judge Samuel J. Held. Josh's parents sponsored the *Kiddush* in his honor.

## New Books in the Library

These books were acquired for the B'nai Emet library through the generosity of the Farb family and donors to the Farb Library Fund.

*ReVisions: Seeing the Torah through a Feminist Lens*, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, relates her interpretations of *Torah* to today's search for meaning and spirituality among modern Jewish women. She describes how the spiritual and personal connections shared by women have been passed down to us through the generations.

*The Death of Death: Resurrection and Immortality in Jewish Thought*, Neil Gillman, traces the development of the concepts of bodily resurrection and spiritual immortality through Jewish history, and delivers a death blow to the concept of death itself.

## A Different Light

As Noam Sachs Zion enlivened our *Pesach* celebrations, he will enrich our *Hanukkah* observance. Noam and his co-author Barbara Spectre are about to release *A Different Light*—two volumes filled with inspirational, thought-provoking *Hanukkah* material. Volume One is *The Hanukkah Book of Celebration* (hardcover, 264 pages, color photos and artwork). It presents a creative celebration of candle lighting, with blessings, songs, stories and readings for adults, teenagers and children for all eight nights. Volume Two is *The Big Book of Hanukkah: Pluralist Anthology* (hardcover, 343 pages, photos and artwork). It includes short essays by thinkers, historians and scientists on *Hanukkah* themes. This volume is created for the adult reader interested in history, biography, science, *Kabbalah*, and Jewish thought. The two volumes can stand alone (price for each volume is \$27.95) or be purchased as two-volume set (price for set is \$56).

*A Different Light* offers a three-fold *Hanukkah* ceremony with rituals, retelling and celebration. Rituals provide the traditional blessings with transliteration, as well as medieval and modern songs. Retelling involves dramatic storytelling about persecutors and rescuers—an intriguing story for each night. Celebration provides a range of possibilities, from songs to spiritual meditations to ideas to vary the gift-giving aspect of the holiday. These books will help us celebrate *Hanukkah* in a way that will satisfy us emotionally, spiritually and intellectually.

Contact the office for information on ordering.

## One-Stop Shopping

How would you like to spend five minutes shopping in a pleasant environment and walk away with gifts that will please everyone on your list? Not possible, you say? How can you please your child's teacher, your mother-in-law, your employees, and your nephew who is celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* in one five-minute shopping trip?

The answer is with B'nai Emet scrip. Scrip is simple to buy and a pleasure to use. Scrip comes in a variety of denominations, and all varieties are attractive gift certificates. Teens on your list will love scrip for Old Navy, Best Buy, Bath and Body Works, or Gap. Toys R Us scrip makes a great gift for expectant parents or a young child. Home Depot scrip is great for the do-it-yourselfer on your list. B'nai Emet also offers scrip for a number of restaurants, bookstores, clothing and department stores. Be sure to stock up on Fishman's and Rainbow scrip for your holiday and everyday grocery shopping.

Buying scrip is an easy way to help B'nai Emet. Our synagogue receives from 2% to 18% of the face value of the scrip that you buy.

Beginning with the month of October, the person who buys the most scrip during each month will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Olive Garden. Thanks to Olive Garden for helping us with this promotion.

# Youth and Education

## Burton Education Wing

### Shabbat School Update

by Missy C. Lavintman

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וְכְתָר שֵׁם טוֹב עוֹלָה עַל גַּבְיָהּ.

Rabbi Simeon said: *There are three crowns the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood and the crown of royalty; but the crown of a good name excels them all.*

*Ethics of the Fathers 4:17.*

*Todah rabah* and *yasher koach* to the entire *Shabbat* School Staff who worked hard during the High Holy Days! High Holy Day Youth Services were very successful. They captivated the students' attention and were informative, thought provoking and enjoyable.

The *Shabbat* School Staff participated in a workshop at Beth El on August 29 with the staffs from Adath Jeshurun and Beth El. Dr. Naomi Oxman engaged the participants in an interesting and a helpful talk on modesty and role modeling. It was a great way to start the year. I'm confident that our teachers will apply what they learned.

*Shabbat* School has been in session for several weeks and everyone is working hard. The *Alef* students are learning prayers and are becoming more familiar with the *Shabbat* morning service. The *Bet* students are beginning to work on their individual *Torah* readings and are continuing to learn prayers. The *Gimel* students are mastering their prayers and *Torah* readings. The *Prozdor* (post-*bar/bat mitzvah*) class is studying Jewish values and ethics with Rabbi Barry Woolf and perfecting their synagogue skills.

*Alef* and *Prozdor* Parent Visits were held in September. Parents had the opportunity to learn about the goals of the program, meet other parents and visit the classes. Rabbi Woolf led an interesting study session on *T'shuvah* (repentance) with the *Prozdor* parents and students. *Todah rabah* Rabbi Woolf!

*Shabbat* School parents, please remind your children to bring their *Siddur*, *kippah*, homework sheet and other necessary books (*Targillon*, *Tikkun*) to *Shabbat* School every session. Also encourage them to review during the week the material studied on *Shabbat*. Please remember to sign their homework sheet.

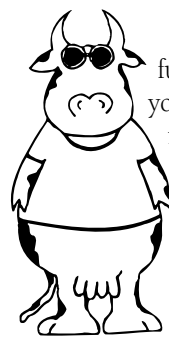
Our teachers participate in educational opportunities throughout the year. During October they will study with our Rabbi. On November 11, they will study with the Beth El and Adath staffs at Beth El. We encourage learning for learnings sake.

*Mazel tov* to our recent *b'nai mitzvah*, Joshua Gerber, Jason Shear, Jacob Garber, Mark Freudenheim and Aaron Graf. We look forward to their continued participation in our *Prozdor* program.

You are welcome to come and visit *Shabbat* School any time. Our general schedule is as follows:

- 9:30–9:45 A.M. Fox Chapel
- 9:45–11:00 A.M. Small study groups: *Siddur* skills and *Torah* reading
- 11:00–11:45 A.M. Fox Chapel for Junior Congregation, or a guest speaker; or group discussions; or participation in services upstairs in Fingerhut Sanctuary. If you are praying and your child is upstairs, you are welcome to sit together.

### BESY'S Corner



Now that the year is in full swing I wanted to let you know about some exciting events coming up. First is a double feature! Benji Bearman will be here on October 11 at 6:00 P.M. to talk to any USYer interested in going to Israel this next summer or school year. Please bring your parents! Following the Israel meeting will be parent/participant play meeting for all 7–12 graders interested

in being in this years production of *Guys and Dolls*, in the Baratz Social Hall at 7:00 P.M. and you will meet our new director Grant Richie and Sara Bettinardi our choreographer.

USYers don't forget to send in your *Kinnus* applications. Also, all Spooky World RSVPs are due on October 23rd.

I hope to see you all at these exciting events.

Susie Andler  
Youth Director

### Sunday School

Sunday School began September 10th. Our combined class of K-2 has been involved with a unit of *mitzvot*. Students are learning that 613 *mitzvot* are basically two types. *Mitzvot bein adam lamakom* tell us how to behave toward God and *mitzvot bein adam lehavero* teach us how to behave with other people. As we explore these *mitzvot* students are going to be involved with several *mitzvot* projects.

We have also studied the Fall holidays—*Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*. On October 15th we consecrated those students new to B'nai Emet Sunday School – Jacob Brandys, Deborah Judes, and Richard Shmikler. We invited the entire congregation to lunch following services.

It's not too late to join our class. If you know any child K-2nd grade that might like to explore with us on Sunday mornings please call the synagogue office.

Shalom,  
Jeanne L. Kaufman

### Summer Camp/Israel Scholarship News

*Todah Rabah* to those congregants who have generously renewed or recently made the commitment to support the Janus Korczak Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund offers a \$100 scholarship towards a Jewish camping experience to each and every *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* here at B'nai Emet. On behalf of our teens, thank you all for your support.

# Youth and Education

Scholarship applications will be available in December for summer 2001 Jewish camp and Israel experiences. Forms will be available through the synagogue office. Applications must be completed in full and returned to the synagogue no later than the January deadline date to receive consideration for summer programs. Scholarship grants are based on family income and financial need, and applicants must also make application to other community resources, as listed on the form. Contact the synagogue office if you have scholarship questions.

The fourth annual Senior Service Award will be given out in May. This monetary award is given to one or two high school seniors who exemplify outstanding involvement in both our *Shabbat* School and USY. The individual(s) must teach in our *Shabbat* School, participate in Youth services and Torah reading, be an active member of USY, participate in community programs and *Tz'dakah*, and continue his or her Jewish education. Detailed criteria for this award are available through the Scholarship Committee, Missy Lavintman, Susie Andler, and Rabbi Abramson for those interested.

Jewish Vocational Service (952-591-0300) serves the community by helping high school students and their families examine the many issues involved in post-high school planning. Services include assessments, assistance with admissions and scholarships, and evaluating transcripts and test scores. They also have an extensive educational resource center with school catalogs, financial aid handbooks, and listings of Jewish facilities. In addition, JVS also administers post-secondary scholarship funds within the Jewish community. Contact JVS for detailed information.

The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus offers the Nathan Lifson/Irving Lifson/Gilda Lifson Bronsztajn Scholarship to both undergraduate and graduate students, with preference given to Minnesota residents of Jewish descent. For information, contact Elizabeth Stevens at the U of M office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 624-3890.

There are also several small (under \$500) B'nai Emet scholarships available for post-secondary education. Specific criteria and requirements will be available through the synagogue office in December.

Please consider a contribution to one of B'nai Emet's scholarship funds to celebrate a *simchah* or as a memorial remembrance; your donations help our children live Jewishly by helping to send them to Jewish camps, Jewish and Israeli programs, and post-secondary education.



## Early Childhood Department

Our halls are alive with the sounds of children as they transition beautifully into their new fall preschool classrooms.

In preparation for the High Holy Days, the children are learning songs such as *Apples and Honey for Rosh Hashanah*, making an apple and honey dish for their own family, creating decorations to hang in the synagogue *Sukkah* and they will design individual flags for their classroom *Simchat Torah* parade.

Upcoming events are: November 5 is our delicious annual Spaghetti Dinner. All of the community is invited. Proceeds benefit the Early Childhood Education Department. November 18 will be our All School Intergenerational Program. The evening promises to be a sensational family event with participation by all of the preschoolers. The children will be participating in the Young Families Service for December 15 at 7:00 P.M.

The children are once again collecting gifts for Jewish Family and Children Service's *Hag Sameach* (Happy Holidays) project bringing new toys and clothing for underprivileged children's *Hanukkah* presents. Contributing teaches them the wonderful *mitzvah* of *tz'dakah*.

## No *Shabbat* School

November 25

## No Sunday School

November 26

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## A Great Success

Do you want to help make a great success even better? Here's how: In January, our B'nai Emet USYers will be showcasing their talents in the production of *Guys and Dolls*. Undoubtedly, they will have a great time performing and the audience will certainly have a wonderful time watching but we are hoping for even more.

The Ad Book for the play is a tremendous fundraiser as well as a magnificent way for friends, family and businesses to show their support for the USYers and the Youth Department. Ads are being sold by the USYers but in the event you are not called by one, you'll find enclosed with this issue of the *Scroll*, and ad form. Ads range in price from \$5 for a single line ad to \$100 for a Gold Page ad. Simply fill out the form and either mail or fax it to the synagogue office. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we hope to see all of you at one or more of the four performances.

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