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## From the Rabbi



“Welcome Home *Shabbat*.”

Last January 30, as the cold winds of winter swirled all around us, the warmth of *Shabbat* offered welcome relief to those who participated in our second annual “Welcome Home *Shabbat*.” Our *Shabbat* Morning Service that day featured the participation of our college-age members. Some read *Torah*; others led parts of the service; still others came up for an *aliyah*. I was so pleased to see how comfortably and competently many of our young members slipped into familiar roles of synagogue leadership; many of their skills are as sharp as they had been when these folks attended and taught in our *Shabbat* School. But more important than that, I was pleased and proud that our young people were here with us—that no matter how far their lives have taken them (to college campuses near or far or to other professional pursuits), they still wanted to come back to B'nai Emet on a vacation weekend, to see familiar faces, to reconnect with their Jewish community.

The warmth that permeated the service continued afterwards as we adjourned to the Baratz Social Hall—kids of all ages,

adults through middle age and beyond—for a delicious *Shabbat* lunch. And after that, we clustered into small groups for conversation or more “serious” game-playing. Board games and card games continued for quite some time, and as some players departed they were replaced by others. One game, a hard-fought round of “Trivial Pursuit,” lasted until almost four o'clock before a winner finally prevailed. (Modesty prevents me from revealing the identity of the winner...)

Our “Welcome Home *Shabbat*” was more than simply a pleasant *Shabbat* morning and afternoon. It was a reminder of what *Shabbat* can be for all of us: an opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment, for reconnecting with the Jewish community and with Judaism. *Shul*, lunch, games, and friends—those are the elements that combined to create what is now becoming an annual B'nai Emet tradition. But you don't necessarily have to wait until next December to experience it again. On a smaller scale, perhaps, all of those elements are available to you any and every *Shabbat*. Give 'em a try! *Shabbat* may be habit-forming!

—Rabbi David L. Abramson

## The Hamantashen are coming!

Orders are being taken now for everyone's favorite delicacy. Do you favor apricot or prune with nuts? Perhaps poppy seed brings back memories of *Baubie's* kitchen. The B'nai Emet bakers are heating up the ovens and bustling with activity.

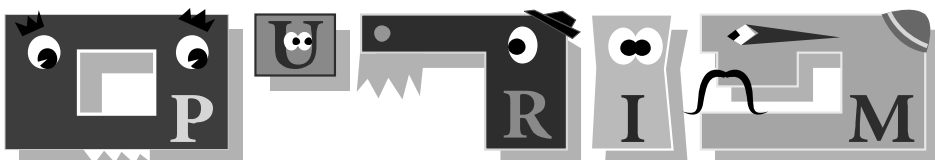
To place your order please call Andrea Blumberg at 952-927-7309. The *hamantashen* will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and are only \$12 per dozen.

## Scroll Deadline

February 12 for March 16 Edition

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**Boris Kessler** will be called to the *Torah* as a *Bar Mitzvah* during *Minchah* services on *Shabbat* afternoon, February 3. His *Torah* portion is *Beshallah*.

He is in the seventh grade at Wayzata East Middle School, where he has received the student of the month honor, was in the 3% category of best students in Minnesota in 1997 and 1999 and in grade *Bet* at Talmud Torah. His extracurricular activities and hobbies include basketball, math, debate, and he is looking forward to a summer cruise.

Boris is the son of Marianna and Vladimir Kessler, brother of David, and grandson of Maya and Rudolf Kessler and Maya and Gene Babiner.



**Daniel Lee Kopman** will be called to the *Torah* as a *Bar Mitzvah* during *Shacharit* services on *Shabbat* morning, March 10. His *Torah* portion is *Tetzaveh*.

He is on the seventh grade honor roll at Sandburg Middle School, in grade *Hey* at Talmud Torah where he will continue his Judaic studies and will participate in B'nai Emet *Shabbat* School *Prozdor* program. His extracurricular activities and hobbies include playing baseball in the Babe Ruth League this spring, playing and collecting magic cards, playing video games, listening to music, watching movies and spending time with friends. He loves to travel and eventually would like to go to Israel.

Daniel is the son of Eileen and Michael Kopman, brother of Jeremy, and grandson of Mary Kopman and Bea and Leonard Getzkin. His parents will be sponsoring the *Kiddush* immediately following *Shabbat* morning services in Daniel's honor and invite the congregation to join the family.

I've heard it said that Jews are not only the People of the Book, but the People of the Knife and Fork. Most of our holidays and observances are associated in some way with food. Even on *Yom Kippur* when we don't eat, we plan how we will break the fast.

Some time ago, my kids came home with a line that stuck in my mind: "All Jewish holidays have the same theme—They tried to destroy us. We prevailed. Let's eat." As I think back on holiday celebrations of my childhood and those of more recent years, whether or not I have been the host and chief cook, food memories are among my most vivid recollections of those special occasions.

Thoughts of food can trigger other memories, too. One of my childhood food-related memories is of my father cooking *mamaliga* for me. Each time, he would remind me that when he was a boy, his Rumanian-born father often prepared that dish for him and cut it with a string. Somehow, my father was never satisfied with the authenticity of his *mamaliga*, no matter how he tinkered with his recipe. It just didn't taste quite the same as he remembered it. It took me many years to understand that he was doing more with his *mamaliga* than feeding me and educating me about ethnic food. I know now that he was trying to recapture feelings from his own childhood when his father cooked *mamaliga* for him. (Just for fun, I searched on the word "*mamaliga*" on the Internet and my favorite search engine produced 1850 articles! So, though my father never gave me his recipe, now I have no excuse for letting the tradition die.)

The eating of particular foods is often integral to Jewish holiday observance. Specific foods play starring roles in the observance of three upcoming holidays—*Tu Bishvat*, *Purim*, and *Pesach*. The consumption of certain fruits is significant on *Tu Bishvat*. Please visit our website ([www.bnaiemet.org](http://www.bnaiemet.org)) for information and recipe suggestions. During *Pesach*, foods are used to symbolize key aspects of the

Passover story and ritual. And for many people, *Purim* means *hamantaschen*, first and foremost. I hear it from too many people to doubt the truth of the statement that B'nai Emet makes the best *hamantaschen* in town and sells them at the most reasonable price.

I dropped by the B'nai Emet kitchen on a recent Sunday morning to observe *hamantaschen*-baking in progress. A group of hard-working B'nai Emet members spends ten consecutive Sunday mornings, and an occasional weekday, in the kitchen. At each baking session, they turn out 50 dozen *hamantaschen*, for a grand total of 6,000 *hamantaschen* each *Purim*. The three varieties—prune, apricot, and poppy seed—are equally popular, according to Fay Leader. Would she ever consider adding chocolate *hamantaschen* to the repertoire? Fay says, "Sure." So if our kids start lobbying, we may have a fourth variety to look forward to next year.

Preparation of *hamantaschen*, like so many delicacies, is labor-intensive. More volunteers are needed for this project, including younger people who would like to carry on the tradition and learn cooking techniques from the masters. Oh, and if you'd like to bake B'nai Emet's justly-famous *hamantaschen* at home, Fay shared her recipe with me. Start with 600 pounds of flour, 100 pounds of sugar, 13 gallons of oil, and 30 dozen eggs. After you're done with that part, let me know and we'll get to work on the filling. Or you could do what I plan to do which is phone the office with my *hamantaschen* order in the very near future.

*B'tei'avon.*

Bonnie Berezovsky

Celebrate *Tu Bishvat* by  
logging on to  
[www.bnaiemet.org](http://www.bnaiemet.org)

# Shabbat Service Schedule

## Plaques Installed

The following permanent seat plaques have been installed in the Fingerhut Sanctuary:

Michael Engel  
 Gilbert Finkelstein  
 Pokey and Ben Katz  
 Harold and Fleurette Spear

The following plaque has been installed on the Building Fund Wall outside the Fingerhut Sanctuary: "In honor of Samantha and Kimberly Coffino by Sherry and Joel Coffino"

The following plaque has been installed on the Perl Wall of Joy: "In honor of Dee Grone by her family, David, Alan, Sharyn, Bryan, Charney, Daniel, Debbie, Lauren and Andrew Grone."

Now Showing!  
 B'nai Emet's Website  
[www.bnaiemet.org](http://www.bnaiemet.org)

## Candle Lighting

February 2	5:05 P.M.
February 9	5:15 P.M.
February 16	5:25 P.M.
February 23	5:35 P.M.
March 2	5:44 P.M.
March 9	5:54 P.M.
March 16	6:03 P.M.



All services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

*Shabbat Morning*, February 3—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading: Bo*

*Haftarah Reader: Michael Engel*

*Torah Readers: Michael Engel, Linda Erlich, David Liss, Yoni Saad*

*Shabbat Minchah*—4:00 P.M.

*Bar Mitzvah: Boris Kessler*

*Torah Reading: Beshallah*

*Haftarah Reader: Boris Kessler*

*Shabbat Morning*, February 10—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading: Beshallah*

*Haftarah Reader: Diane Baumwald*

*Torah Readers: Maya Berezovsky, Sara Bernstein, David Liss, Elizabeth Wald, Rebecca Wald, Becka Berezovsky, Tomer Zadaka*

*Shabbat Morning*, February 17—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading: Yitro*

*Haftarah Reader:*

*Torah Readers: Ben Abramson, David Liss, Rabbi David Abramson, Hela Zadaka, Melissa Rutman, Aaron Wells*

*Shabbat Morning*, February 24—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading: Mishpatim*

*Haftarah Reader: Laura Brandys*

*Torah Reader: David Liss, Yoni Saad, Robbie Amar, Jeanne Astren, Laura Brandys, Linda Erlich*

*Shabbat Morning*, March 3—9:00 A.M.

*Torah Reading: Terumah*

*Haftarah Reader: Ester Paletz*

*Shabbat Morning*, March 10—9:00 A.M.

*Bar Mitzvah: Daniel Kopman*

*Torah Reading: Tetzaveh*

*Haftarah Reader: Daniel Kopman*

*Torah Readers: Rabbi David Abramson, Craig Ancier, LeeAnn Ancier, Laura Brandys, Daniel Kopman, Eileen Kopman, Jeremy Kopman*

## Purim Carnival

Don't forget! Sunday, March 11 is the annual B'nai Emet Purim Carnival. It will be held from noon to 4:00 p.m. This year there will be games, bingo, food, raffle prizes, Sumo wrestling, ball crawl, and prizes for best costumes. For more information contact the synagogue office at 952-927-7309.

## Daily Service Schedule

7:30 A.M.	Monday through Friday
9:00 A.M.	<i>Shabbat</i>
9:30 A.M.	Sunday and holidays
5:45 P.M.	Daily

# Member Spotlight

## Marguerite Krause

Marguerite Krause's fantasy novel, *Blind Vision*, was recently published by Speculation Press, a small, independent publisher in northern Illinois. The story of a man who can see the future and his attempts to prevent impending disaster, *Blind Vision* was last month's bestselling trade paperback at Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore in Minneapolis (612-824-6347), and can also be ordered through any other bookstore (ISBN #0-9671979-5-4), or from the publisher's Web site ([www.speculationpress.com](http://www.speculationpress.com)).

## Oskar B. Schreiner

Unless you are a regular reader of *The Marquetarian*, which is published in England and circulated to interested readers throughout the world, you may not be aware that the Winter 2000 issue contains two pictures of B'nai Emet's Fingerhut Sanctuary. Here's why.

Have you ever noticed the beautiful designs of inlaid wood that hang at the back of the Fox Family Chapel? Or the inlaid-wood picture, dedicated in honor of Alex and Lorraine Astren, that hangs outside the entrance to the Chapel? These works, and many others, were designed and created by Oskar Schreiner, whose interest is marquetry.

What is marquetry? According to Oskar's son Irwin N. Schreiner, it is the art of wood inlay, incorporating the movements of the wood grain. He states, "thin slices of veneer are jigsawed together to produce a recognizable form. Each veneer cut from the tree at a different angle produces its own unique dimensions and emotions."

Oskar's work, along with items created by other members of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Marquetry Society, is on display for the month of January at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. His work has been featured in issues of *The Marquetarian*, the international journal of The Marquetry Society. The Winter 2000 issue contains a photograph of Oskar's marquetry picture of B'nai Emet's Fingerhut

Sanctuary as well as a photograph of the Sanctuary on which the marquetry picture is based.

Oskar, who was first introduced to marquetry in an internment camp during World War II, has produced an impressive array of work. His collection consists of marquetry pictures, paintings, desk sets, and bookends. Take a closer look at the examples of his work that B'nai Emet is fortunate to own and display.

## Sol Brandys

The following article appeared in the 1/9/01 *Star Tribune*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — When Sam Mitchell and Sol Brandys walked over to the Holocaust Museum Tuesday afternoon in the nation's capital, it was no detached stroll through an A&E documentary come to life.

Brandys, the Timberwolves' strength and conditioning coach, shared some personal history with Mitchell: Jacob Brandys, Sol's father, spent two years in Auschwitz during World War II.

"Sam was in my wedding, and I told him, 'You know all those people you saw there? They were touched by this,'" Brandys said before the Wolves' game against the Washington Wizards at MCI Center. Brandys was able to type in the family name at one exhibit and it produced the name of his uncle and other relatives who endured the horrors of wartime Germany.

For Mitchell, the hour-long visit began as his latest trek around Washington; last season, he visited the White House, the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

This one, though, was more emotional even than those, the veteran forward said.

"To walk through the door, it's a powerful experience," Mitchell said. "The feeling that it gives you...you will not be the same after that.

"It's amazing how cruel we can be to each other."

## Melissa Rutman

Serving Christmas dinner with B'nai Emet has become a meaningful way to spend time on December 25 for Melissa Rutman, a sophomore at Armstrong High School. Melissa expressed her thoughts in a recent article in the *Star Tribune*. She credits her parents, Sherri and Gordy Rutman, for instilling in her values of love, giving, kindness, and healing the world. Though Melissa was initially apprehensive, she, her parents, and sister Leah found the experience to be a very positive one. Besides setting tables and serving coffee, Melissa met and interacted with many fascinating, friendly, and grateful people who enriched Melissa's life as she enriched their lives.

## JCC Minneapolis Invites the Community to "Go Wild!" at Chai Ball 2001

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Minneapolis will hold its annual Chai Ball fundraiser on March 3, 2001, at the DoubleTree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park.

Join us for a fun-filled evening featuring an elegant dinner, dancing, raffle and *mitzvah* auction. This year we "Go Wild!" with a jungle safari theme. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of the JCC Minneapolis.

### THE FACTS:

JCC Minneapolis Chai Ball

Saturday, March 3, 2001

DoubleTree Park Place Hotel

7:30 P.M. Social Hour

8:30 P.M. Sit-down Dinner

Black Tie and "Tails" Optional

For information and reservations, call Rollye Rinkey (952) 381-3439.

# Synagogue News

## Family Camp 2001

Camp Ramah in Wisconsin is pleased to announce Family Camp 2001. This program has attracted families throughout the Midwest who want to experience a Jewish destination for a family vacation. Each summer, families play, study, sing and have a great time!

Ramah Family Camp will take place from August 15 through August 19, 2001. The programming is geared towards families with children in elementary grades. Participating families will experience the unique blend of Judaism and outdoor camping activities for which Ramah is known.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 312-606-9316 ext. 222 or e-mail [hbgramah@aol.com](mailto:hbgramah@aol.com).

## Minneapolis Jewish Women's Seder

All B'nai Emet Women's League members will be receiving an invitation to an all women's *seder* to take place on Tuesday, March 20, 2001. The evening is being planned by a committee of women representing the Women's Leagues and other Jewish women's organizations. The *seder* will take place at Beth El Synagogue at 5:45 P.M. and will include a light meal where dietary laws will be observed, and the cost for the evening is \$25. The *Haggadah* that will be used is the same one as last year. Camille Kahn and Audrey Abrams of Beth El drew from many *haggadahs* and put together a compilation of what they deemed best. This will be an evening of song, dance, art, and tradition and a night you won't want to miss. Wondering what a Miriam's Cup is doing on the *seder* table or why an orange is included on the *seder* plate? You must attend this *seder*! Since space is limited, you will want to place your RSVP as soon as you receive your invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call your women's *seder* representative, Miriam Wells at 763-557-0276.

## Book Review

*The Genesis of Justice: 10 Stories of Biblical Injustice that Led to the 10 Commandments*, Alan M. Dershowitz

There is no justice in the book of *Genesis*; it is all about payback. Alan Dershowitz, a criminal defense lawyer, explains in today's legal language how modern justice developed.

He begins with *B'reshit*, the first book of *Genesis*, and recounts the story of creation. When it comes to the creation of human beings, he begins with Adam and Eve in the garden and all is peaceful. Humans are instructed to enjoy their space, but are instructed not to eat from the tree of knowledge, or as we know it, the old apple tree.

Now it happens that the snake that walks upright is watching Eve meander about while Adam is napping. He approaches her because he is shrewd. He tells her of the dangers of eating from this tree but he also entices her to taste the fruit. As you know, she does. She wakes Adam also to taste, and he does.

In God's fury, they realize their nakedness and his retribution which is the point of the story. To the snake, God said: "You shall henceforth crawl on your belly." To Adam, he said: "You shall toil for your food." And to Eve: "You shall labor in pain for your progeny." And they were banished.

Dershowitz says this is overreaction. When Cain murders his brother over a trivial matter, God asks, "Where is your brother?" The answer is evasive. God uses banishment, but this time, to make up for his overreaction to the parents, God puts a mark on Cain's forehead so that others will avoid him, then banishes him to wander in the wilderness forever. Legal today? Harsh? Remember, this is the first murder, and God must determine justice.

Dershowitz discusses the concept of justice as it relates to a number of other stories in *Genesis*. My final comments on this book and its brilliant author are that I am left with more questions than answers. There was no justice in *Genesis*. Justice is the genesis of law and the rest is commentary.

## Library Books

The following books have been acquired for the B'nai Emet Hellman library through the generosity of the Farb family and donors to the Farb Library Fund:

*Dating Secrets of the Ten Commandments*, Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, is an enlightening and entertaining guide to finding a soul mate. The author's writing is easy to read and based on common sense, the Ten Commandments, and Biblical laws.

*Genesis of Justice: 10 Stories of Biblical Injustice that Led to the 10 Commandments*, Alan Dershowitz, presents the stories in the Biblical book of *Genesis* as legal precedent, as they shed light on the development of law and justice. Dershowitz shares diverse opinions and articulates his own stories and conclusions in a series of chapters with such intriguing titles as, "Cain Murders...And Walks" and "Abraham Commits Attempted Murder...And Is Praised." See reader review this page.

*Ladies' Auxiliary*, Tova Mirvis, is a novel that portrays the women of the Memphis Orthodox Jewish community, who perceive a threat to their way of life when Batsheva, an Orthodox Jew by choice, arrives in town, complete with daughter, hippie-style clothing, and unconventional ways of renewing Jewish tradition.

*Let the Celebrations Begin*, Margaret Wild, is a gentle, uplifting story to introduce Holocaust themes to very young readers. Based on a true story, the book recounts the efforts of a group of mothers in a Nazi concentration camp to gather scraps to make toys for their children to use in celebration of their imminent liberation. Recommended for ages 4-8.

*The Talmud and the Internet: A Journey between Worlds*, Jonathan Rosen, is a fascinating essay that connects our Jewish past and future, establishing links between the Internet and the *Talmud*, with their encyclopedic content, numerous contributors, and diverse points of view.

# Synagogue News Continued

## From Broadway to B'nai Emet

B'nai Emet is pleased to offer tickets to:

*Aida*

Sunday, April 1, 7:30 P.M.

Deadline for ordering, February 15

*Saturday Night Fever*,  
please note date change

Sunday, May 20, 8:00 P.M.

Deadline for ordering, April 5

Tickets \$55 and \$30

For more information please contact Sari Lederman at 763-559-2802.

## The Winner Is...

Congratulations to Sharon and Steve Goldschmidt who won Olive Garden scrip as a prize for purchasing the most scrip during the months of November/December. Another prize will be awarded in January. Cub scrip is once again available. Purchasing scrip for your shopping and gift-giving needs is an easy way to help B'nai Emet.

## Loaves and Fishes Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in cooking, serving, and clean-up please contact the synagogue office. This volunteer opportunity takes place every 4th Tuesday evening (6 times a year).

## Israel Trip

B'nai Emet is beginning the process of organizing a group tour of Israel. Are you interested in the opportunity to travel with Rabbi Abramson and your fellow synagogue members to *Eretz Yisrael*, to learn, to pray, to be inspired, to enjoy the natural beauty of the land, to observe the work of the Conservative movement, and much more? If you are intrigued by this possibility, please contact the office at 952-927-7309 with your name, the time(s) of year you are available to travel, the number of people who may travel in your party, and any other comments.

## Fundraising Update

On December 24 and 25, eighteen families participated in a night out with B'nai Emet. We met at Grand Casino Hinckley for a fun filled evening. The evening consisted of swimming, dinner, *Chanukkah* candle lighting and movies. Some people even enjoyed a little gambling. The \$100 package included lodging, dinner buffet for two, breakfast the next morning, and \$40 of "Grand" money to use how you wanted. We even had birthday cake to celebrate Rabbi Abramson's birthday. Thank you to all who partici-



pated. We raised over \$400.



## The Men's Club Corner

It's coming! The B'nai Emet Men's Club *Shabbat*. Mark your calendars for *Shabbat HaHodesh*, 29 Adar, March 23rd and 24th. We will have a lively *Kabbalat Shabbat* service, followed by dinner in the Baratz Social Hall. B'nai Emet choir members will provide song for all.

During the *Shacharit* service we will be honoring a special member of our congregation, and we will, of course, sponsor a great *Kiddush* luncheon. Look for more details, and the dinner reservation forms, in future mailings.

## Women's League Gift Wrapped

This project involved B'nai Emet Synagogue, Beth El Synagogue, and Adath Jeshurun Congregation. Although I was not chairperson for this project, it was my pleasure to serve as coordinator of scheduling the various shifts. The cooperation I received was most helpful and very much appreciated.

The success of this Women's League event was achieved with the participation of the following B'nai Emet members:

Sandy Abramson  
Ruth Abzug  
Jeanne Astren  
Nettie Beers  
Becka Berezovsky  
Bonnie Berezovsky  
Jenny Berlovitz  
Lilly Berman  
Roberta Chargo  
Beverly Finkelstein  
Freda Finn  
Terry Freedman  
Eloise Gershone  
Lorraine Golden  
Shirley Greenstein  
David Grone  
Dee Grone  
Sharyn Grone  
Cindy Gurewitz  
Sandy Harris  
Carole Harris  
Evie Ingber  
Jan Giudice  
Karen Katz  
Ron Kelner  
Betty Kohn  
Marguerite Krause  
Michael Krause  
Jackie Leader  
Lori Leder-Fogel  
Sari Lederman  
Lorraine Levine  
Marnee Lieberman  
Alice Mall  
Annette Paletz  
Marilyn Richter  
Sheryl Rutzick  
Jeri Saad  
Penny Sanderson  
Sandy Scherling

# Synagogue News Continued

Ruth Schoenberger  
 Marty Schoenberger  
 Nancy Schoenberger  
 Michael Schoenberger  
 Steven Schoenberger  
 Alison Schoenberger  
 Debbi Siegel  
 Anita Siegel  
 Blanche Singer  
 Debbie Slutsker  
 Heidi Tarshish  
 Lorraine Weinberg  
 Sue Weinstein  
 Leah Weinstein  
 Marilyn Wert  
 Mary Yavner  
 Heidi Ziman  
 Ruth Ziman  
 Minnie Zweigbaum

We apologize if we have omitted the name of anyone. If your name is not listed, please contact the synagogue office, 952-927-7309.

Thank you  
 Ruthie Schoenberger  
 Gift Wrap Coordinator

## The Whole Megillah

Please join us for a raucous, zany observance of *Erev Purim!*

Thursday, March 8

6:15 P.M. Spaghetti Dinner (see flyer inside this issue for more details)

7:30 P.M. *Megillah* reading

Costume parade and contest

*Hamantashen*

Lots of noise!

*Megillah* reading on *Purim* morning

Friday, March 9, 7:30 A.M.



## B'nai Emet is Looking for a Few (or more) Good Men and Women

It's that time of the year again when the Nominating Committee will be inviting individuals to be elected to the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in a position on the Board, or if you know of someone who would be interested in a position on the Board, please call Alan Grone at 612-339-2828 or the synagogue office at 952-927-7309. The committee will be meeting several times between now and April or May.

## February Anniversaries

Janet & Saul Amdur	57 years
Leanne & Peter Affias	19 years
Helen & Richard Averbach	24 years
Eleanor & David Blatt	32 years
Clare & Harry Breitman	64 years
Harriet & Milton Cell	50 years
Jenny & Morris Gordon	32 years
Avis & Robert Held	25 years
Jeanne & Bruce Kaufman	30 years
Sari and Harold Lederman	18 years
Nessa & Martin Moldo	32 years
Lenore & Joseph Nash	50 years
Shirley & Edward Silver	51 years
Joan & Allen Silver	19 years

## March Anniversaries

Blanche & Meir Amar	16 years
Evelyn & Henry Ballen	14 years
Lilly & Hersch Berman	26 years
Eleanor & Bernard Borkon	16 years
Laura & Sol Brandys	9 years
Lisa & David Brodsky	11 years
Harriet & Kent Confeld	24 years
Betty & Murray Cooper	33 years
Nancy & Marshall Edelstein	12 years
Myrna & Alfred Feldman	49 years
Rene & Harvey Fishman	46 years
Alice & Sheldon Flom	51 years
Elaine & Ronald Gross	16 years
Esther & Sidney Hankin	54 years
Karen & Dr. David Katz	21 years
Missy & Joel Lavintman	25 years
Carol & Sheldon Levin	39 years
Sally & Sheldon Masnek	47 years

Marion & Bill Sallerson	31 years
Debra & Michael Schumacher	26 years
Beverly & Burton Shacter	41 years

These couples will be offered an *aliyah* on the Saturday nearest their anniversary. If your anniversary was not listed, please call the synagogue office and provide us with the information.

## Condolences to

- ...Lois Solomon on the death of her mother, June E. Kauffman.
  - ...Miriam Kleinbaum and Irwin Rubenstein on the death of her mother and his sister, Mollie Goldrich.
  - ...Rabbi Barry Woolf on the death of his uncle, Ashley Waterman.
  - ...Becky Addis and Fran Moses on the death of their brother, David Michlin.
  - ...The Family of Irving Joseph on the death of their father.
  - ...Ellie, David, Melissa and Steven Blatt on the death of their father and grandfather, Saul Katz.
  - ...Marsha Raviv on the death of her mother, Henrietta Lazar.
  - ...The Family of Ida Kopf on the death of their mother and grandmother.
  - ...Leonard Burstein on the death of his wife, Eleanore Burstein.
  - ...Alice Mall on the death of her mother, Edna Ruth Tepper.
- "May their memories be an eternal blessing."*

## Congratulations to

- ...Jackie and Fay Leader on the birth of their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Arielle Hadas. Parents are Edit and Boris Zelkind of California.
- ...Delores and Mitzie (Milton) Chazin on the birth of their grandson, Maxwell Jacob Chazin. Parents are Steffany and Bradley Chazin. Maternal grandparents are Carol Norby and the late Jerry Norby.
- ...Sara and Aaron Hirsch on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their grandson, Joshua Seth Belasco, on December 30, 2000, in Fullerton, California. Joshua is the son of Linda and Steve Belasco.

# Youth and Education

## Burton Education Wing

### Shabbat School Update

by Missy Lavintman

*Who is the man who is satisfied with his life? One who loves each day and sees good...*

Psalms 13:2

We hope you enjoyed *Chanukkah* and winter vacation.

Although our winter has been unusually cold, the halls of B'nai Emet are warmed by the sounds of students learning.

*Yasher Koah* to our November/December Student and Teacher of the Month recipients.

*Alef* students: Ariel Baumwald, Samantha Coffino and Isaac Ziman; *Alef* teacher: Marc Weinstein; *Bet* students: Kerrie Amar, Sarah Cohen, Avi Goldstein, Daniel Gerber, Emily Rischall and Sarah Witebsky; *Bet* teacher: Craig Ancier; *Gimel* students: Chava Curland, Noah Curland, Adam Goldschmidt, Daniel Muller and Mollie Treff; *Gimel* Teacher: Alison Kamin; and *Prozdor* student: Alyson Meier.

Rabbi Abramson conducted a staff in-service session about the "*Amidah*" on January 13. It was informative and enlightening. Upcoming events include the staff "Lunch & Learn" with Beth El and Adath staffs at B'nai Emet on February 3; and *Bet Shabbat* on February 10. January is a full month of sessions. There is no class on February 17, President's weekend.

Parents, your children will continue to work hard and learn much. Your encouragement is helpful. *Todah Rabbah!* When you are upstairs in the Fingerhut Sanctuary, feel free to come downstairs and visit.

## MINNE-CAJE

The Jewish Educators of Minnesota (JEM) and the Jewish Community Education Services (JCES) sponsored the 20th Annual Minne-CAJE Conference for Jewish Educators on November 11, 2000 at Temple Israel.

The conference was attended by over 200 educators and several lay leaders. The conference featured several workshops on a wide variety of topics including prayer, Jewish values, Israel, teaching Hebrew, Jewish ethics and much more. Educators had opportunities to explore Jewish texts, to learn a variety of teaching techniques and to network with colleagues. Evaluations were extremely positive emphasizing the high caliber of classes and instructors.

## In the Beginning...There Was B'resheet!

by Heidi Tarshish, Director

It may be cold outside, but feel it warm up quickly by coming to *B'resheet!* As we sit in our circle, with arms around one another's shoulders, we welcome *Shabbat* and each other as we sing the "*Ma Tov*." Each *Shabbat* morning we join together with our *Shabbat* buddies, snow, rain or shine. We welcome all of you, under the age of 10, to be part of our *chevrah*. We play games, make new friends and see old friends, lead our own service, talk about the *Torah* portion and relate it to our own lives. We discuss our week, have a snack and there's always a person to play with, talk to or just relax. No reservation necessary! Come try us out! It may become a wonderful habit. We would love to have you there. See you next *Shabbat!*

## BESY'S Corner



A note from Susie-

Once again the USY & *Kadima* Play was a hit! It was so nice working with all of the actors and their parents. I thank you all for your support. Your commitment to BESY is appreciated. Even though it is quieting down around here things are still happening. We have some great volunteer opportunities, our USY *Shabbat*, *Kadima Kinnus*, *Winter Shabbaton* and much, much more.

A blurb from Bryan-

*Shalom* to all and greetings from the Holy Land. For the last week and the next

eight weeks, I will be spending time in Hod Hasharon, Israel, a suburb of Tel Aviv, attending the joint effort of USY and the Alexander Muss High School in Israel named USY High. The program involves a college type atmosphere while learning Israeli history at the sites where it occurred. I'm having a blast and so is my Executive Vice President, Mandy Slutsker, who is here on the program with me as well. I hope that all is well with everybody in the "States" and that nobody has too much fun without me. See you all in April.

—Bryan Grone  
BESY President

## February Events

- 1 USY Open Lounge
- 3 Twin City Wide USY Spike Works
- 9–11 *Kadima Kinnus* (Excelsior Springs, MO)
- 13 USY Lounge Night
- 16 *Rebbe's Tish*
- 17 USY *Shabbat*
- 20 USY Volunteers at People Serving People
- 19 Twin City Wide Ski trip to Afton Alps
- 22–25 *Winter Shabbaton* (St. Louis, MO)
- 27 Volunteer for Health Care for the Homeless Caring Hearts Supply Drive.

## Sunday School Update

As the Sunday School students have continued their synagogue unit they have had a great time making a model of a *bimah* including the *Aron HaKodesh*, *Torah*, *Ner Tamid* etc. One Sunday was spent exploring the special "dress" of prayer—*tallit*, *tefillin*, and *kippah*. The students each designed their own *kippah*, we compared different size and colored *tallit* and Michael Engel explained the why and how of wearing *tefillin*. Thank you very much Mr. Engel!

Our synagogue unit also includes how a *Torah* is written and how we dress the *Torah*. The people of the synagogue are also an important part of the synagogue unit. We will interview many people who work

# Youth and Education

with our congregation and find out what they do. The last chapter of this unit is about celebration in the synagogue and we will do much of that this year!

*Tu Bishvat* is a fun time at Sunday School—we sing with the help of Heidi Ziman. She comes with her beautiful voice and teaches songs that are fun to sing. – Thank you Heidi! At *Tu Bishvat* we also taste different fruit that grow in Israel, learn about planting in Israel and about conservation in Israel and the United States!

—Jeanne L. Kaufman



## Early Childhood Education Update

B'nai Emet Preschool is extremely proud of our award winning Early Childhood Department. Our goal is to give each child confidence with a zest for learning that will continue throughout their lives in a positive, nurturing environment.

Throughout the years, many people have asked how they can help out the preschool or show their appreciation to our classroom staff members. The teachers compiled a list of items they would love to have for classroom use.

B'nai Emet Early Childhood Department also offers donation cards from the Barbara Pentelovitch Scholarship Fund and the Walstien Educational Fund. Donation cards may be purchased in memory of a loved one or in honor of special occasions, such as birthdays, etc. Tax deductible checks should be made out to: B'nai Emet Early Childhood Education Department, 3115 Ottawa Avenue South, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

If you are interested in purchasing one of the items listed below please contact Marnee Lieberman at 763-543-8662 or Estee Warsett at 763-533-5563 or the Early Childhood office at 952-927-8443.

### B'nai Emet Preschool Staff Wish List 2001

- Large covered trash can for kitchen exit
- Commercial Diaper Genie
- Repair on hand-over-hand ladder
- Computer software for classroom #7 (4–5 year olds)
- Carpeting in hallway
- Carpeting in classroom #5
- Additional load of sand for sandbox
- One layer of Fibar for playground (more cushioning)
- Permanent carpet for 2/3 of classroom #8 (toddlers)
- Dollhouse for classroom #5
- New blackboard for classroom #7
- Subscription to MAILBOX magazine for all staff to share
- Several large Duplo boards for classroom #7
- New set of animal face masks for classroom #7
- Camcorder
- Remodel preschool kitchen
- New stove
- Diaper changing table with stairs for children to climb

## Early Childhood Department Registration

Applications for our Fall enrollment are arriving daily. If you know of a family or friends who are planning to send a child to B'nai Emet Preschool for the 2001–2002 school year, encourage them to call to set up an appointment to visit our award-winning facility immediately, as classes are filling up quickly!

On Friday, February 9, B'nai Emet Early Childhood Department will be participating in the Young Family *Shabbat* service at 7:00 P.M. All families are encouraged to attend!

Preschool summer camp will feature great programming with arts and crafts, drama, nature, sports and more! Exciting special events are scheduled weekly for our campers, Camp *Ahava* registration forms are available in the preschool office, if you have not yet received one.

## Young Families' Service

Friday, February 9

Friday, March 23

Friday, April 27

Services will start at 7:00 P.M. with an *Oneg Shabbat* to follow.



## Upcoming Tot Shabbat Dates

Saturday, March 3

Saturday, April 14

Saturday, June 2

## No Shabbat School

February 17

March 11

## No Sunday School

March 11

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In honor of Rabbi Moses Sachs' 80th birthday  
*Lorraine & Alex Astren*

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*Lorraine & Alex Astren*

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## Purim Carnival

Don't forget! Sunday, March 11 is the annual B'nai Emet *Purim* Carnival. It will be held from noon to 4:00 P.M. This year there will be games, bingo, food, raffle prizes, Sumo wrestling, ball crawl, and prizes for best costumes. For more information contact the synagogue office at 952-927-7309.

