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## President's Message

## High Holy Day Schedule

It is with great pride and joy that I am writing my first message as president of B'nai Emet. I am honored to assume the presidency of our synagogue and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the next two years will surely bring. I am excited to be working with such a phenomenal team at B'nai Emet, which includes the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, our wonderful Rabbi Abramson, the dedicated staff, the talented and tireless multitude of volunteers, as well as our esteemed congregation.

At B'nai Emet your voice counts and your ideas really matter! I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to become an even more active participant in our B'nai Emet family. Join one of the many committees and gain first hand insight as to what goes on behind the scenes, while sharing your thoughts and ideas.

Rabbi Abramson has renewed his contract with us and we look forward to growing together at B'nai Emet for many years to come.

I'd like to invite you to join us for *Shabbat* service for what promises to be an inspirational and uplifting morning. It's a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, but you don't need a special occasion to enjoy the honor of an

### High Holy Day Service Schedule

#### *S'lichot*

Saturday, September 20 Service at Temple Israel 11:00 p.m.

#### *Rosh Hashanah*

Friday, September 26 Evening Service 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, September 27 Morning Service 8:00 a.m.

Torah Reading approx. 9:00 a.m.

*Minhah* and *Ma'ariv* 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, September 28 Morning Service 8:00 a.m.

Torah Reading approx. 9:00 a.m.

*Tashli'h* 5:15 p.m.

*Minhah* 5:45 p.m.

#### *Yom Kippur*

Sunday, October 5 *Kol Nidre* Service 6:15 p.m.

Monday, October 6 Morning Service 8:00 a.m.

Torah Reading approx. 9:00 a.m.

*Yizkor* Service approx. 10:00 a.m.

"Conversation with the Rabbi" 4:00 p.m.

*Minhah* 5:00 p.m.

*Ne'ilah* 6:30 p.m.

*Shofar* approx. 7:27 p.m.



*aliyah!* Just let the Rabbi know in advance and he will make sure that you have a chance to join him on the *bimah*.

Please e-mail me your favorite memory, story, or experience at B'nai Emet to be incorporated into one of my upcoming articles entitled: "*Chai*-lights of B'nai Emet".

I look forward to seeing you at B'nai Emet's second annual fun-filled BBQ on Sunday, August 17.

I hope everyone enjoys a personally enriching and rejuvenating last few weeks of the summer.

*B'Shalom,*  
Adeel Saad, President  
Adeels007@aol.com



**Moriah Wald** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bat mitzvah* during *Minhah* services on *Shabbat* evening, August 16. Her *Torah* portion is *Re'eh*.

Moriah is entering the eighth grade at North Jr. High in Hopkins. She is on the 'A' Honor Roll and has received a Perfect Attendance Award. Moriah enjoys softball, reading, swimming, being with friends, is a member of *Kadimah*, and has participated in the *B'nai Emet* play. She plans to be a pediatric surgeon someday.

Moriah is the daughter of Stephanie and Ira Wald, sister of Devorah, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Aaron, and granddaughter of Reynold and the late Diana Paskoff, and Arthur Wald.



**Rachel Biesse-Paskoff** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bat mitzvah* during *Minhah* services on *Shabbat* evening, August 16. Her *Torah* portion is *Re'eh*.

Rachel is entering the eighth grade at Lycie Gustave Flaubert School in La Marsa, Tunisia. She is a student council representative and is on the Honor Roll. Rachel enjoys reading, writing stories, biking, and playing piano. She hopes to be a pediatrician someday.

Rachel is the daughter of Ronna and Philippe Biesse-Paskoff, sister of Esther and Ari, and granddaughter of Reynold and the late Diana Paskoff, and Pierre Biesse and Carmen Biesse-Segura.

Services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

*Shabbat* Morning, August 9, 9:00 A.M.

*Shabbat Nahamu*

*Torah* Reading: *Va'ethanan* *Haftarah* Reader: Alan Grone

*Torah* Readers: Sara Bernstein, Linda Erlich, Robby Erlich, Jeff Freidson, Alan Grone

*Shabbat* Morning, August 16, 9:00 A.M.

*Torah* Reading: *Ekev* *Haftarah* Reader: Laura Brandys

*Torah* Readers: Jeanne Astren, Miriam Kieffer, David Liss, Amir Zadaka, Hela Zadaka, Noam Zadaka, Yefet Zadaka

*Minhah*, August 16, 5:45 P.M.

*B'not Mitzvah*: Moriah Wald and Rachel Biesse-Paskoff.

*Torah* Reading: *Re'eh*

*Shabbat* Morning, August 23, 9:00 A.M.

*Torah* Reading: *Re'eh* *Haftarah* Reader: Jeanne Kaufman

*Torah* Readers: Michael Engel, Linda Erlich, Lorraine Golden, David Liss

*Shabbat* Morning, August 30, 9:00 A.M.

*Torah* Reading: *Shof'tim* *Haftarah* Reader: Jacob Garber

*Torah* Readers: Samantha Coffino, Jacob Garber, Len Garber, David Liss

*Shabbat* Morning, September 6, 9:00 A.M.

*Torah* Reading: *Ki Tetze*

## Todah Rabah

Two sets of *rimonim*, *Torah* Crowns, have been beautifully restored in memory of Lucille and Robert Kelner, by their children and grandchildren.

## Daily Service Schedule

7:30 A.M. Monday through Friday  
 9:00 A.M. *Shabbat*  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday and holidays  
 5:45 P.M. Daily

## Candle Lighting

August 8	8:13
August 15	8:02
August 22	7:50
August 29	7:38
September 5	7:25

# Synagogue News



## New Books in the Library

The following books were recently purchased for B'nai Emet's library. Thanks to the Farb family and donors to the Farb Family Library Fund, our library keeps growing with outstanding works.

**If a Place Can Make You Cry: Dispatches From an Anxious State,** Rabbi Daniel Gordis. Rabbi Gordis, his wife, and three children left their home in California to spend what began as a one-year sabbatical in Jerusalem. This volume gathers e-mails and private musings that record Gordis' impressions of his new home, his disillusionment over the prospects of ending the daily violence, and his commitment to his new home, even as he ponders the ethics of exposing his own children to violence and danger.

**Mitzvah Magic,** Danny Siegel and Naomi Eisenberger. This book presents a range of projects, from simple to demanding, grounded in Jewish tradition, to help kids find ways to make a difference in the lives of others. For his *bar mitzvah* party, one boy creates centerpieces out of socks, scarves and mittens shaped to look like flowers; afterward, the goods will be donated to a shelter. Another child organizes a drive to collect discarded cell phones, to be redistributed to provide round-the-clock 911 access to individuals at risk. Down to earth, this book is also tremendously inspiring. Recommended for grades 4-8.

**Or Hadash: A Commentary on Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals,** Rabbi Reuven Hammer, published by the Rabbinical Assembly and United Synagogue.

*Or Hadash* presents extensive commentary around the margins of the pages of the new *Siddur Sim Shalom*, in current use in the Fingerhut Sanctuary. The commentary relates to the Biblical, Talmudic, and Midrashic context of the prayers, as well as historical background and literary and language commentary.

## Book Club

B'nai Emet's Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 24 at Lily Berman's home at 7:00 p.m. They will be discussing *Elvis, Jesus and Coca-Cola*, by Kinky Friedman. Please call Sandy Abramson at 952-925-3021 or email her at swabramson@aol.com for more information.

## The Lullaby of Broadway

Do you enjoy Broadway plays? Why not go with fellow B'nai Emet members? We have tickets to the following plays: *Mamma Mia*, *Hairspray*, and *Oliver*. The seats have already been set aside and I will be happy to tell you what we have available. There is a deadline for returning the unsold tickets, so send your checks early. Thank you to everyone who participated in *Chicago*. We were able to raise over \$800 for B'nai Emet. For more information about upcoming plays, contact Sari Lederman at 763-559-2802.

## Remembering Special Occasions

B'nai Emet has great ways to remember a special occasion!

Did you know that for only \$200, you can put a plaque on the Perl Wall of Joy to remember a special occasion? Examples might be a milestone birthday, a *bar/bat mitzvah*, the birth of a child or grandchild, or an anniversary. What

a great way to share your special *mazel* and let everyone else know about it too! My grandparents did a plaque for me over 30 years ago. Although they are no longer around, I can still see it on the wall and remember the wonderful things they did for me and their other grandchildren.

For \$400, you can put up a memorial plaque in the Memorial Alcove of the Fox Chapel with the date the person died and their Hebrew name. This way when you come in to say *Kaddish*, the Hebrew name is right there.

What about our permanent seat dedications? For \$500, you can have a plaque put on a seat in the Fingerhut sanctuary. For the most part, it can be put in the area where you and your family always sit.

There are many other ways to make a donation to the synagogue. These are just a few. Think about a permanent dedication even if the event happened a few years ago. We will publish a list of those making permanent donations in upcoming issues of the Scroll.

Sari Lederman  
Vice President, Fundraising

## Todah Rabah

There will be some exciting changes happening very soon at B'nai Emet thanks to four generous donations. *Todah Rabah* to Walter and Lois Buchman, Michael Engel, and Bud Goldstein for their financial contribution to our building and to our congregation.

Power doors will be installed at the entrance leading to the Fingerhut Sanctuary, and a ramp to the *bimah* will also be permanently installed in the sanctuary.

*Todah Rabah* to all of our volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get this project off the ground.

# Youth and Education



The entire staff of B'nai Emet Early Childhood Education Department is looking forward to a wonderful new school year for all of our children.

This year our outstanding staff consists of Cheryl Atkin, Donna Blitenthal, Laura Brandys, Terry Freedman, Ana Grosz, Eloise Gershone, Nicole Goldstein, Wendy Grosser, Eileen Kopman, Vivian Larson, Susie Nemer, Marta Otero, Michelle Parks, Sandy Rudoy, Jeri Saad, Pat Sherman, Raya Solganik, and Tammy Van Dyke. Marilyn Richter is the Director of Early Childhood Education. The governing board of the school is the B'nai Emet Early Childhood Education Committee. The program is under the auspices of B'nai Emet Women's League, Anita Siegel, President.

## Sunday School Update

Sunday School classes will begin September 7. Classes are held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, throughout the school year, for children that are in Kindergarten through second grade.

We mix stories, songs, games, crafts, and different exploratory activities for all ages to create a learning experience that can follow the children home with discussions and various follow-up activities. This year's curriculum will include strong units on Israel, synagogue and *mitzvot*.

We will have five family programs, designed not only for Sunday School families, but for any family with children ages 5 to 8. Our first program will be a *Sukkot* Luncheon on October 12. We will welcome and consecrate students

who are new to our Sunday School that morning. We invite the entire congregation to attend services in the Fingerhut Sanctuary, celebrate with us, and join us for lunch in the Baratz Social Hall.

If you know anyone who is not registered and is interested in B'nai Emet Sunday School, it is not too late to register. Please have them call the synagogue office for more information at 952-927-7309

*Shalom,*  
Jeanne L. Kaufman

## Shabbat School Update

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven."*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The fall season brings many changes in our daily lives: end of summer, back to school, the High Holy Days, and the start of a new *Shabbat* School year. We are excited to be back together again on *Shabbat* mornings, and welcome our new, incoming class of *Alef* students, and our 9th graders as Associate Tutors and Assistant Teachers.

The first day of *Shabbat* School is September 6. Staff should arrive at 9:00 a.m. and students at 9:15 and meet in the Fox Chapel. Staff orientation will take place on Monday, August 25 at Beth El. We will join together with our colleagues from Beth El and Adath Jeshurun for an evening of learning and leadership training led by Rabbi Harold Kravitz.

Registration materials for students and contracts for staff have been mailed out. Please be sure to return these to the synagogue if you have not already done so. All students should have a copy of a *Tikkun* and *Siddur Sim Shalom* to bring to *Shabbat* School. Also, all families with children celebrating a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* in 2006 should

schedule the date with Rabbi Abramson. This is very important, as students will begin to learn their *Maftir Torah* portion in *Alef*.

A wonderful *Shabbat* School is planned for the upcoming school year. The calendar is full with special events, guest speakers, in-service with Rabbi Abramson and Cantor Michael Winikoff, study sessions with Rabbi Barry Woolf and Mr. Yefet Zadaka, and, of course, learning our prayers, *Torah* readings, and celebrating *Shabbat* together. More information will be provided at our parent meetings on September 13 (*Alef/Bet*) and September 20 (*Gimel/Prozdor*).

Laura Brandys

## USY Update

Got Apples and Honey? Once again, B'nai Emet USY is sponsoring apples and honey baskets for *Rosh Hashanah*. This year we will be getting everyone's favorites, Haralson apples, from the Minnesota Apple Orchard. The baskets will also include a jar of honey, chocolate candies, and a card. Orders are due in the Youth Department by September 7. Order forms will be mailed to you with the rest of the High Holy Day packet. All proceeds will go to sponsor programming for the B'nai Emet Youth Department. We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of B'nai Emet Youth.

## A Mitzvah School Locker



Help kids in Minneapolis start the school year off right. Minneapolis is home to some of the Upper Midwest's most economically dis-

advantaged families. For them, school supplies may be far down on the list of things they need to buy.

As you shop for school supplies, get an extra item to donate. B'nai Emet USY challenges all synagogue youth and their families to stock a school locker all the way to the top with crayons, glue sticks, pens, colored pencils, erasers, #2 pencils, scissors, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, zipper pouch, rulers, boxes of tissues, and washable markers.

A school locker will be placed by the synagogue office on August 25. We will collect items through September 8.

Thanks for your help!

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## Women's League "Nus"

Our upcoming year promises to be a year filled with fun, food, and friends. However, for this to happen we need you. Please call me at 763-553-2614 so we can discuss how you can help.

By now, you have received your 2003/2004 request for annual dues. Please mail the completed information form with your check at your earliest convenience. Forms for our annual *Yizkor* Booklet have also been mailed. Miriam Kieffer and Miriam Wells will again be chairing this important Sisterhood project. This booklet is used during the entire year whenever *yizkor* is recited.

I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Anita Siegel,  
President

## Yizkor Booklet

High Holy days are a time for remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us. Our B'nai Emet Women's League will be pro-

viding *Yizkor* booklets for *Yom Kippur* services and three other services throughout the year. Letters and forms have been sent to the congregation. Please support this project and perform the *mitzvah* of remembering your loved ones.

## The Social Action Committee Wants to Hear From You

We want to know what kinds of issues interest you. Are you interested in repealing Minnesota's new handgun law? Are you interested in affordable housing issues? Would you like to work on a Habitat for Humanity project? Do you have an hour a week to read to elementary school kids? Are you interested in working on a synagogue-wide *Mitzvah* Day? Are you interested in getting together with other B'nai Emet members to discuss *Tikkun Olam* and how B'nai Emet can help?

If any of these projects hit your "HOT" button, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Michelle Shapiro at 952-545-3466 or via e-mail at [michelle.shapiro@nscf.com](mailto:michelle.shapiro@nscf.com).

## Property Maintenance Fee

You may have noticed on your recent synagogue dues statement a charge for "Property Maintenance." This fee was assessed to each congregant to help us with our ever-increasing costs of maintaining our building. Last year, everyone was assessed the same \$25. This year, the Budget Committee decided it would establish four different levels, depending on your annual dues. The fee levels are: \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$150. If you are able to give more than your assessed amount, please feel free to do so—just enclose a note with your payment so it can be properly applied.

Thank you in advance.

## August Anniversaries

Wendy and Allan Ackerman	5 years
Lauren and Jack Bleet	27 years
Kate and Robert Brill	28 years
Elayne and Larry Chiat	30 years
Phyllis and Earl Cohen	34 years
Ann and Neil Covin	35 years
Clarice and Richard Cutts	56 years
Lois and Harvey Edelstein	46 years
Gerda and Haskel Fishman	53 years
Susan and Steven Gerber	17 years
Barbara and Stephen Goldfarb	40 years
Jeanne Astren and Warren Goldstein	17 years
Shirley and Allen Greenstein	44 years
Dorothy and Marvin Haskvitz	54 years
Elaine Savick and Michael Hindin	24 years
Reva and Jack Horowitz	53 years
Rita and Ronald Kelner	26 years
Miriam and Mark Kieffer	27 years
Nancy Gildin and Allan Klugman	14 years
Marnee and Thomas Lieberman	12 years
Roberta and Mark Mandel	47 years
Janis and Ross Markus	22 years
Katherine and Bruce Melemed	31 years
Deedra and Joel Muscoplat	29 years
Serene and Leonard Paletz	48 years
Gayle and James Rapoport	29 years
Shirley and Hy Rosen	58 years
Leslie and Bruce Rosenberg	27 years
Louise and Jerry Rotman	49 years
Janice and Henry Rutman	57 years
Sandra and Eugene Scherling	42 years
Bailey and Abe Schwartz	64 years
Patricia and Arthur Sherman	31 years
Raya and Mikhail Solganik	37 years
Rebecca and Daniel Steinberg	1 year
Nancy and Dennis Vitoff	30 years
Renee and Loren Weinberg	34 years
Robin and Yefet Zadaka	25 years
Heidi and Paul Ziman	14 years

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

## Congratulations to

- ... Bobbi Brown on the marriage of her daughter, Cheryl to Paul Rubenis.
- ... Elizabeth Wald for being named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and for being accepted to their school of Education at the end of her Freshman year.
- ... Rebecca Wald for being named to the Deans list at the University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts.
- ... Craig Ancier for being admitted to the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management, Freshman Admissions Program. Craig recently graduated from Armstrong High School.

## Condolences to

- ... Bess Swartz on the death of her sister, Cera Levin.
  - ... Steve Parks on the death of his grandfather, Saul Parks.
  - ... Michael Engel on the death of his aunt, Dora Weiss.
  - ... Sari Kraines on the death of her son, Dennis Kraines.
  - ... Anna Grosblat on the death of her husband, Max Grosblat.
  - ... Fay Leader on the death of her sister-in-law, Goldie Schwartz.
  - ... Marnee Lieberman on the death of her aunt, Grace Tolzin.
- "May their memories be an eternal blessing."*

## Memorial Plaques

Memorial Plaques have been installed in the Memorial Alcove of the Fox Family Chapel for:

Pacey Beers  
Abraham Chazin  
Rose Chazin  
Lucille Kelner  
Carl Schraiber

## A Call to Action

A call to action from the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center. Looking for a way to do some *tzedakah* work while visiting Israel? Pack an extra bag! The following items are needed for distribution:

- Used and new eyeglasses, for a non-profit clinic
- Dental supplies-floss, toothbrushes, small toothpastes, rubber gloves, for a free dental clinic
- Used wedding dresses
- School supplies: pens, pencils, colored pens and pencils, markers, erasers, small rulers (if they have centimeters on them), pencil cases, colored paper, construction paper, backpacks
- Small travel supplies: little deodorants, little shampoos, soaps, etc.
- Packages of hard candies (kosher) for care packages for soldiers

The staff at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center will be glad to arrange for you to deliver the supplies you bring to the appropriate *tzedakah* organization, to meet dedicated people involved, and to learn about their work. If pressed for time, simply bring the supplies directly to the Center and we will be happy to deliver them for you. The Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center Lipson Schilit Family *Gemilut Hesed* Project connects United Synagogue members visiting Israel with a choice of meaningful volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center at [israel@uscj.org](mailto:israel@uscj.org). Phone: 972-2--625-6386 or drop by our office at Beit Rapaport, 8 Agron St., Jerusalem.

## JCRC presents:

**An Evening with  
Natan Sharansky**

*"ISRAEL and the  
STRUGGLE FOR PEACE"*

Monday, August 18, 2003

Aath Jeshurun Congregation

Join Minister Sharansky for an intimate reception and dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Space is limited, make your reservation today.

For more information or to order tickets, please contact Zach Sussman at

612-338-7816 or  
[Zach@MinnDakJCRC.org](mailto:Zach@MinnDakJCRC.org)

## Traveling Exhibit

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum traveling exhibition on the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, is on location at the YWCA of Minneapolis, free and open to the public. For more information about the exhibit call Linnea Stenson at 612-625-3499.

## B'nai Emet Wish List

Printer /Fax /Scanner	\$ 150
Emergency Lighting	\$ 3500
High Holy Day Security	\$ 2000
Heavy Duty Shredder	\$ 150
Trash Receptacle (two)	\$ 660
Padded Folding Chairs	
Sets of four	\$ 124
Deluxe Folding Tables	\$ 165
Overhead Projector	\$ 400
TV/VCR	\$ 300
Book Cart (two)	\$ 450
Vacuum Cleaner	\$ 400

## Upcoming Special Events

### A "Golden" Wedding Anniversary Celebration

A special Late Friday Night Service will be held on September 19, 2003 in honor of Esta and Jerry Gold's 50th wedding anniversary. Please join their children and grandchildren at an *Oneg* following services.

B'nai Emet has always been a very important part of Esta and Jerry's lives and their family could not think of any place more appropriate to honor them than at B'nai Emet surrounded by family and friends.

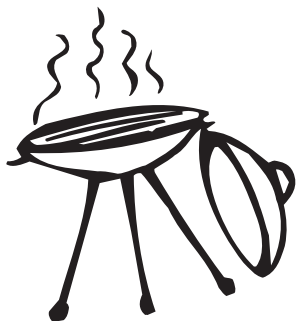


### B'nai Emet's 2nd Annual Family BBQ and Bingo

Sunday, August 17, 2003, 5 – 8 P.M.

Baratz Social Hall

Call Sheryl at 763-557-0244  
to make your reservation today.



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