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## From the Rabbi

## News of Note



Pretend for a moment that you don't know how many Hanukkah candles we light each night—that is, how many candles we light on the

first night of Hanukkah, how many we light on the second night, and so on.

There's a discussion in the *Talmud* about the number of Hanukkah lights that are lit on Hanukkah, and the members of two major schools of thought, *Bet Hillel* and *Bet Shammai*, disagree with each other. *Bet Shammai* maintains that we should light eight lights on the first night, seven on the second night, and so on. *Bet Hillel* maintains that we should light one light on the first night, two on the second night, and so on.

Two pairs of explanations are offered, in this Talmudic discussion, for both opinions. One explanation is that the decreasing number of lights tells us how many days of Hanukkah are still ahead, while the increasing number of lights indicates how many days of the holiday we've observed so far. In the second pair of explanations, *Bet Shammai* tells us that the decreasing

number of lights is analogous to the decreasing number of sacrificial animals offered on each day of *Sukkot*. (Some historians maintain that Hanukkah was modeled after *Sukkot*, the autumn holiday that lasts for eight days.) *Bet Hillel*, on the other hand, argues that we should light increasing numbers of lights on Hanukkah, based on the principle, "*Ma'alim ba-kodesh v'ein moridin* (we should increase in sanctity and not decrease)."

Of course you know which opinion became the one accepted in normative *halakha*: We light increasing numbers of lights (in our time, usually candles) each successive night of Hanukkah. The lesson of this Talmudic discussion is one that goes far beyond the increasing number of Hanukkah candles, one that we should apply throughout the year: *Ma'alim ba-kodesh v'ein moridin*, we should always strive to grow in *k'dushah*, in holiness, and not decrease.

Hanukkah is the holiday of dedication, as its name suggests. As Hanukkah approaches, may we all rededicate ourselves to increasing the *k'dushah* of our individual lives and our communal lives; may we grow spiritually this Hanukkah and beyond.

Rabbi David L. Abramson

## B'nai Emet Welcomes Steve Greenberg



We are pleased to welcome our new Synagogue Administrator, Steve Greenberg. Steve comes to us with a wealth of business knowledge as well as a strong Judaic background.

Most recently, Steve worked in computer operations at MDL Information Systems, Inc. in San Leandro, California for fifteen years. The hats he wore at MDL included database management, operating system administration,

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### Office Closed

Thursday, December 25  
Legal Holiday

Thursday, January 1  
New Year's Day

## Coming Events

## Shabbat Service Schedule

### A New *Havurah* at B'nai Emet

Please consider joining a new *havurah* (friendship group or fellowship group) that the Membership Committee is forming at B'nai Emet. Requested by a few congregants, this group is for adults roughly in the "fortysomething" age range, who have teenage children, pre-*bar/bat mitzvah*-age children, or who do not have children. Meetings will probably be once every six to eight weeks; sometimes with children; sometimes without; sometimes for holiday-related (or *Shabbat*-related) activities; and sometimes for activities such as movies, games, etc.

If you're interested in joining this *havurah*, contact Susan Cera (763-546-0926; Susan.Cera@usbank.com).

Watch the *Scroll* for announcements of other *havurot* soon to be formed. If you're interested in forming a group or have any suggestions, don't hesitate to contact Wendy Grosser, Membership Committee Chair (763-559-9118).

### Lunch & Learn

The next "Lunch & Learn" session with Rabbi Abramson will take place on Thursday, January 8, from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the library. Please feel free to bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch.

### Candle Lighting

December 5	4:14
December 12	4:14
December 19	4:15
December 26	4:19
January 2	4:25

Services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

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

*Bar Mitzvah*: Robert Markus

*Torah* Reading: *Vayyetzai* *Haftarah* Reader: Robert Markus  
*Torah* Readers: Robert Markus, Laura Brandys, Alyson Meier

*Shabbat* Morning, December 13, 9:00 A.M.

Women's League *Shabbat*

*Torah* Reading: *Vayyishlach* *Haftarah* Reader: Becka Steinberg  
*Torah* Readers: Jeanne Astren, Bonnie Berezovsky, Laura Brandys, Miriam Kieffer, Betty Kohn, David Liss, Michelle Shapiro

*Shabbat* Morning, December 20, 9:00 A.M.

*Bar Mitzvah*: Avi-Natan Zadaka

*Torah* Reading: *Vayyishev* *Haftarah* Reader: Avi-Natan Zadaka  
*Torah* Reader: Avi-Natan Zadaka

*Shabbat* Morning, December 27, 9:00 A.M.

*Bat Mitzvah*: Elena Siegel

*Torah* Reading: *Mikkeitz* *Haftarah* Reader: Elena Siegel  
*Torah* Reader: Elena Siegel

*Shabbat* Morning, January 3, 2004, 9:00 A.M.

*Torah* Reading: *Vayyigash* *Haftarah* Reader: Michael Lurie  
*Torah* Readers: Robby Erlich, Jacob Garber, Len Garber, Michael Lurie, Liz Shmikler

### Dear B'nai Emet Family:

I would like to thank you very much for your kindness, support, offers to help, and *tz'dakah* contributions to me and our family during this difficult autumn.

It is our pleasure to be part of such a caring "family."

Love,  
Sandy Abramson

### Ask the Rabbi

The next "Ask the Rabbi" session, a monthly opportunity to ask Rabbi Abramson your questions about Judaism, will be on December 6 during *Shabbat* morning services at 9:00 A.M.

### 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



**Robert Markus** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bar mitzvah* during *Shaharit* services on *Shabbat* morning, December 6, 2003. His *Torah* portion is

*Vayyeitzei*.

Robert is in the seventh grade at Jackson Middle School and Grade *Hey* at Talmud Torah. He plays trombone and enjoys soccer, bowling, golf, and music. Robert has designated the Henry & Fannie Farb Library Fund at B'nai Emet for his *bar mitzvah tz'dakah* contribution.

Robert is the son of Ross and Jan Markus, brother of DeAnne, and grandson of Arthur Markus, of Duluth. To honor his grandson, Robert's grandfather will be sponsoring a *kiddush* luncheon immediately following *Shabbat* morning services. He invites the whole congregation to join the family.



**Elena Siegel** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bat mitzvah* during *Shaharit* services on *Shabbat* morning,

December 27, 2003. Her *Torah* portion is *Mikkeitz*.

Elena is in the seventh grade at Anwatin Middle School and Grade *Hey* at Talmud Torah. She plans to continue with Talmud Torah and *Prozdor* at B'nai Emet. Elena enjoys spending time with her friends, swimming, dancing, acting, and playing basketball. Elena is the daughter of Carol and Ron Siegel, sister of Eva and Max, and granddaughter of Barry Siegel, Jetta

Siegel, and Betty Fishman. Her parents will be sponsoring a *kiddush* luncheon in her honor immediately following *Shabbat* morning services and invite the congregation to join in their *simcha*.



**Avi-Natan Zadaka** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bar mitzvah* during *Shaharit* services on *Shabbat* morning, December 20, 2003. His *Torah*

portion is *Vayyeishev*.

Avi-Natan is in the seventh grade at East Middle School and Grade *Zayin* at Talmud Torah. He plans to continue with Talmud Torah and *Prozdor* at B'nai Emet. Avi-Natan loves football and basketball, playing with his brothers and his dog, is a member of Kadima, and is participating in the USY play. His future plans include visiting Israel next summer. Avi-Natan is the son of Yefet and Robin Zadaka, brother of Tomer, Hela, Amir, Noam, Ethan, and Leoor, and grandson of Rachel and Avraham Zadaka, Israel, and the late Nathan and Eva Balto. To honor their son, Avi-Natan's parents will be sponsoring a *kiddush* luncheon immediately following *Shabbat* morning services. They invite the whole congregation to join the family.

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website security administration, and managing a computer operations department.

Steve has also had plenty of experience working and volunteering with a number of nonprofit organizations in varied capacities. He worked as office administrator for a small foundation, consulted with nonprofits on office setup, served as Ritual Committee Chair and as a board member for Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in San Francisco, and as Co-Chair and Personnel Committee Chair of One Voice Mixed Chorus in the Twin Cities.

Steve graduated from *Bet Hamidrash* at Talmud Torah and served as principal of the *B'nai Mitzvah* program at Temple Israel (both in Minneapolis). Over the past twenty-three years, he has also served as cantorial soloist for holiday and life cycle events in synagogues from California to Delaware.

Steve is excited to join our staff and congregation and is impressed and gratified by the *haimish* feeling at B'nai Emet. If you are in the office on a weekday, please stop in, introduce yourself, and welcome him to the B'nai Emet family.



## 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.

*The Bialy Eaters: The Story of a Bread and a Lost World*, Mimi Sheraton. Food writer Mimi Sheraton recounts her quest for an authentic bialy. Her search takes her to Manhattan's Lower East Side, Israel, Paris, Argentina, and Bialystok, Poland, where these chewy rolls topped with toasted

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onion were invented and named. The desolation of post-Holocaust Bialystok mirrors the loss of Jewish culture, and along with it, the bialy. This book is about food, culture, endurance, and everyday life. Be sure to try the recipe.

*The Lord Is My Shepherd: The Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*, Harold S. Kushner. Rabbi Kushner's newest book about consolation leads the reader phrase by phrase through the 23rd Psalm, discussing the meanings of the phrases, the motivation of the Psalmist, and the comfort to be found in its words.

*Seven Blessings: A Novel*, Ruchama King. Set in modern-day Israel, this book tells the story of two Orthodox Jewish matchmakers and their attempts to marry off an interesting collection of five women and men. Characterization, plot, and setting are strong points in this well-received first novel by King.

## Book Club

B'nai Emet's Book Club has scheduled dates and chosen books through June 2004. Everyone is welcome to participate in this group, which meets Sunday evenings in members' homes. For location information, contact [bookclub@bnaiemet.org](mailto:bookclub@bnaiemet.org), or call the synagogue office.

Upcoming books and 7 P.M. meetings are:

- December 7: *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*, Eric Schlosser.
- January 4: *Five-Finger Discount: A Crooked Family History*, Helene Stapinski.
- February 8: *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*, Joseph J. Ellis.
- March 21: *What You Owe Me*, Bebe Moore Campbell.

- April 25: *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown.
- June 6: *The Case for Israel*, Alan Dershowitz.

## President's Message

We are blessed with several active committees with highly dedicated members at B'nai Emet. I will highlight some of them periodically during the year.

One such committee is the Inclusion Committee, which meets regularly the first Wednesday of every month. The committee is made up of a wide range of members who bring a variety of talents and ideas to their meetings. They have worked tirelessly over the past year to help make B'nai Emet Synagogue accessible to all of its members and guests—an impressive feat!

After numerous conversations and drawing up plans for making the Sanctuary and doors handicapped accessible, the committee faced the challenge of raising the funds to cover the expenses for this project. Generous donors in our B'nai Emet family read about the committee's plans and provided the funds to ensure that this project would succeed.

Last month, we celebrated an inspiring Inclusion *Shabbat* to honor everyone who has worked so hard to make the installation of electric doors and a ramp in the Fingerhut Sanctuary a reality. Guest speakers from our congregation shared special stories about themselves or other family members who cope with a variety of personal challenges. I want to thank everyone on the Inclusion Committee as well as the donors for their generosity and support.

I also want to thank the Personnel Committee for all of their efforts in the search for a new

administrator. Hopefully, by now, many of you have had the pleasure of meeting Steve Greenberg, a wonderful addition to our staff.

Additionally, I thank our Adult Education Committee for the terrific and wide range of fall classes. Watch for exciting details about our upcoming Festival of Jewish Awareness. This is a program you won't want to miss!

Please consider joining one of the many exciting committees we have at B'nai Emet. For a list of all of the committees to choose from, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

*B'Shalom,*

*Adeel Saad*

*President*

*Adeels007@aol.com*

## Membership Committee

Do you know someone who has recently moved to the city? Do you know someone who is not affiliated or is looking for a change of synagogues? Please send their names to the attention of our committee. We are also looking for committee members. Do you want to bring a feeling of excitement and belonging to new and current members of our B'nai Emet family? This is the committee that can help. We need you! Contact Wendy Grosser (763-559-9118).

## Adult Education Schedule

### Save These Dates:

- Saturday Night at the Movies, *Keeping the Faith*—Saturday, January 10, 7 P.M., Park Hill Apartments Party Room, \$3. Seating is limited. RSVP to B'nai Emet Office.

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# Synagogue Events

- “My Spouse, the Rabbi”—Tuesday, February 3—Find out what it’s like to be married to a rabbi!
- Festival of Jewish Awareness—Saturday, March 20—an entire evening of classes and discussions with something for everyone.

## Mishpacha News

If you are looking for fun, we are looking for you! *Mishpacha* is a synagogue-based group of adults ranging in age from 45 to 60-something. We welcome both singles and couples to join us several times a year for planned activities. We are a group of people who enjoy each other’s company while helping charitable causes. We charge a nominal fee for the evening and \$10 per couple or \$5 per individual for annual dues. The money we collect helps support the synagogue’s Youth Commission scholarships for USYers, Israel’s *Magen David Adom* Service (similar to Red Cross), *Hag Sameach* gifts for families in need, food shelf, and many other worthwhile causes. Several dates have been chosen for the upcoming year.

Our first event took place at the home of Sandy and Allen Harris. We had a chance to shmooze with friends while enjoying movies and eating pizza. A very good time was had by all.

Please save the following dates for this year:

- January 17, 2004—*Mishpacha* at the USY Play Night
- June 19, 2004—*Mishpacha* Summer BBQ

We may also see a play sometime in March (info to follow). Come play with us. You’ll be glad you did!

For more information, contact *Mishpacha* president, Nancy Serber (763-546-0477).

## Women’s League “Nus”

Our annual Deli Dinner, chaired by Linda Eisenstadt, was held on November 16 and was a huge success. The diners enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Tiki Kelner and assisted by the most wonderful volunteers ever.

This year’s Women’s League *Shabbat* will take place on Saturday, December 13. Following the service, you are cordially invited to a *kid-dush* luncheon sponsored by Women’s League. Please plan on joining us for this very special *Shabbat*.

Our annual *Torah* Fund lunch and program will be held at Beth El Synagogue on Tuesday, December 16 at 12:00 P.M. Following lunch and a short *Torah* Fund presentation, we will be entertained by Carolyn Pratt, vocalist, who will be accompanied on the piano by Mary Goetz. Cost of the luncheon is \$15 per person. If you have not received your invitation, please contact the synagogue office.

## Men’s Club Corner

Well, the year is really flying and it’s time to tell you about all the great things that are coming up. But first, ARE YOU A MEMBER? If you haven’t joined Men’s Club or haven’t paid your dues for this year, take out your checkbook now and join. It will be a fun year, and belonging to our Men’s Club family is well worth it—only \$18. Send your check to B’nai Emet Men’s Club in care of the synagogue.

It’s *latke* time again. The Men’s Club *Latke* Dinner is Sunday, December 21, at 5:30 P.M. Feel free to bring your own *menorot* and family presents. Start a new tradition with your family! This year we will provide a young congregants’

corner with activities for children. We will also pre-sell chicken dinners for those who would like to have a delicious *Hanukkah* dinner at home without the headache! We will soon send you details with prices and how to order the dinners. As usual, we will pre-sell our famous *latkes* for \$15/dozen. Contact the office to place your orders. We anticipate record requests for *latkes* this year.

Save these dates for upcoming Men’s Club events:

- Sunday, December 21—*Latke* Dinner
- Thursday, December 25—Men’s Club Bash

*B’Shalom,*  
Dr. Steve Goldschmidt  
Men’s Club President

## Fundraising Opportunities

### What Do You Do with Your Computer Ink Cartridges?

B’nai Emet is collecting ink cartridges from any computer. We send them in monthly and receive cash back from a recycling company. Just drop them off when you are at the synagogue. If the office isn’t open, leave them outside the door. Start collecting at WORK and at HOME. Every little bit helps.

### Now that *latkes* are sizzling...

...can *hamantaschen* be far behind? Save the date: Sunday, February 29, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for B’nai Emet’s thrilling *Purim* Carnival.

### Art Auction Coming Soon

Save the date: Sunday, April 25, 2004. Your favorite art auction is returning to B’nai Emet!

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# Youth and Education

## Last Chance...

...to order tickets for *Hairspray*. Call to reserve your spot (763-559-2802).

## Coming Soon...

B'nai Emet has reserved a block of tickets to *Hiding in the Open* at the Great American History Theatre. After the show, Sabina Zimering will speak about her experiences. As Holocaust survivors get older, the opportunities to hear life stories are getting fewer and fewer. We need to keep the memories and lessons of the Holocaust alive for the next generation. Save the date of Sunday, April 11, 2004 for the show.

## Shabbat School Update

*Mazal tov* to our recent *bar mitzvah*, Adam Lurie, and our upcoming *b'nai mitzvah*, Robert Markus, Avi-Nathan Zadaka, and Elena Siegel.

If you come to *Shabbat* morning services, you will see more and more of our students *davening* and leading prayers in the Sanctuary. From *Alef* to *Prozdor*, they are becoming more proficient in their prayer skills, and their confidence and poise show in their abilities to be *ba'alei tefillot*, prayer leaders.

*Shabbat* School has become so much more than learning prayers and *Torah* readings. Students learn the meaning behind the prayers, *keva* (structure), *kavannah* (prayerful feeling), choreography, service structure, *Torah* commentary, rituals, traditions, *mitzvot*, and many other topics affecting their everyday lives.

As parents, please ask yourselves, "How am I supporting *Shabbat* School? How am I supporting my child's learning and participation in synagogue life? Do

I attend services myself? Do I perform *Shabbat* rituals in my home, such as *kiddush* and candle lighting? Am I knowledgeable about the *Shabbat* service? Can I help my child with his/her homework assignments?"

A wonderful way to increase your own skills is by attending services or attending any number of Adult Education opportunities here at B'nai Emet. Please consider Rabbi Abramson's monthly "Lunch and Learn" on the first Thursday of the month, "Ask the Rabbi" monthly during *Shabbat* morning services; or beginning Hebrew, *Torah* reading, and *davening* on Sunday mornings. Contact the office for specific dates and times.

The more reinforcement your children receive from you at home, the more successful and meaningful their *Shabbat* School experience will be. The more positive their experiences are, the more likely they will participate in and live an active Jewish life.

There will be **NO** *Shabbat* School on **December 27** and **January 3** for winter break.

Laura Brandys  
Education Director



The children have been busy learning about Thanksgiving and *Hanukkah* through song and a wide range of activities.

As of December 1, applications for Fall 2004 enrollment will be accepted. We are licensed for children aged sixteen months through five years. Early Childhood Education Department hours are 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Friday. The Early Childhood Education Department

is a year-round program with full daycare offered for both preschool and summer camp. A complete secular and Judaic curriculum is enhanced by enrichment classes: kidrate, dance, music, and drama, as well as outstanding special programs.

The children are preparing for an All School *Shabbat* Service. We invite the congregation to join them on Friday, December 5, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fingerhut Sanctuary. All the children will be participating with a cookies and punch reception to follow.

## Sunday School

On November 2, we had our *Hag Sameach* Card Workshop. We attempted to make 400 *Hanukkah* cards, which JFCS includes with each gift they give. The task was not completed that day; one family took cards home to complete and many parents returned the following week to finish the job. *Todah rabah* to everyone who worked so hard to see the cards completed!

The Sunday School students have just finished their *mitzvah* unit. They showed great enthusiasm with all eight units. What a group of *menschen*! Their parents have been excellent role models and have been supportive with home assignments.

Students will soon begin their next unit for this school year: Let's Discover *Shabbat*! I expect the students will enjoy the lessons and learn a lot, and I hope the unit will enhance their family's *Shabbat* experiences.

Jeanne Kaufman

## Kadima/Maccabee

Dear Kadimaniks, Maccabees, Parents, and Congregants,

*Shalom!* If we had to sum up December in three words, we

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would say: "Brrrr, *Hanukkah*, and *Bye Bye* (2003) and *Birdie*." We have kept these three ideas in mind as we planned for this year's December Kadima and Maccabee merriment. We will offer two programs this month, both open to all Maccabees (5th and 6th graders) and Kadimaniks (7th and 8th graders).

The first program will be Beth El USY's production of *Bye Bye Birdie* on Sunday, December 14. Pay close attention to the next MOOS for times. We will meet at Beth El and support a fellow youth group. Of course, we'll lip-sync from our seats, "We love you Conrad...!"

The next program in December will be a *Hanukkah* shindig. Fifth- to eighth-graders will exchange gifts, play games, and learn to dance the "2003 *Hanukkah* shindig jig." It will be an event that they will someday tell their grandchildren about. So, come on! Dates and costs will be included in the December MOOS.

If you have any questions, call and leave them on the Youth Lounge voicemail (952-927-0491) or e-mail us: Maya Berezovsky (bere0048@umn.edu) or Carly Gershone (gers0034@umn.edu).

We are approaching the end of 2003, but do not fret. We assure you that 2004 will offer nearly eight times the joyous programming of 2003, not including December programming which will be truly spectacular. We can't wait to see you all at the two December programs!

*B'shalom,*

*Maya Berezovsky and Carly Gershone*  
*Co-Kadima/Maccabee Advisors*

## Scroll Deadline

December 24, 2003 for  
January 9, 2004 issue.

## BESY Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, December 9** Paint Me Lounge Night—6–8 P.M.  
**Friday, December 12** *Rebbe's Tish* — 8-9:30 P.M.  
**Tuesday, December 16** *Hanukkah* Lounge Night—6–8 P.M.  
**Sunday, December 21** Last Day for *Mitzvah* Crib Donation



## Yes! We Will Fly!

Lately, many of you have asked Sasha if we will fly. Yes, we will. If you do not know what we are talking about, let us explain. This year, forty-two USYers and Kadimaniks are putting together a production of *Peter Pan*. Rehearsals are going full force and the kids are very excited about the play. The Youth Commission is working hard to support this year's musical, and parent volunteers are very busy planning for the best USY play ever! If you have not had a chance to get involved, we still have plenty of opportunities for you. You can support USY and our production by placing a personal ad in the ad book or sponsoring a part of the show. To place an ad in the ad book, please call Sharyn Grone (763-559-5040). Contact Sasha Kuznetsov (952-927-0491) if you would like to contribute or volunteer.

Parts of the show available for sponsoring:

- lights—\$350
- sound system—\$285
- costumes—\$150
- ad book—\$100

*Todah rabah* in advance for your support, and, yes, we will fly! Believe in miracles, come to the show, and see for yourself!

## Performances:

Saturday, January 17 and Sunday, January 18—8:00 P.M.  
Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25—8:00 P.M.

## Tickets:

General Admission—\$6  
(also available at the door)

Reserved Seating—\$12

Reserved seating is on a first-come, first-served basis beginning December 15, 2003.

To purchase tickets, mail your check and a list of your desired performances to Nancy Serber (8500-33rd Ave. No., New Hope, MN 55427-1822).

*Sasha Kuznetsov*

*Nancy Serber*

*Youth Director Youth Commission Chair*

## School Supplies Drive

The B'nai Emet Youth Department thanks the entire congregation for participating in the School Supplies Drive. Because of your generous donations, we had to do locker clean-up a couple of times. A total of twelve boxes of school supplies were delivered to the Benjamin Banneker Middle School, Minneapolis School District.

## Mitzvah Crib

We have just completed our School Supplies Drive, and USYers have already launched another project—the *Mitzvah* Crib. We are collecting baby care items and new toys for *Hag Sameach*, and old toys and baby food containers for STEP. You may place your donations in the baby crib by the front office. Our goal is to fill the baby crib to the top by December 21. USYers have already made huge contributions to the crib and are looking for congregational support.

# Our Synagogue Family

## Congratulations to...

...Susan and Charles Cohn on the birth of their granddaughter, Miranda Mae Cohn, daughter of Amy and Steve Cohn.

...Nessa and Marty Moldo on the birth of their granddaughter, Marissa Erin Moldo. Maternal grandparents are Judy and Dan Nurich; parents are Tony and Amy Moldo.

## *Yasher Koah*

On October 20, B'nai Emet member, Hy Rosen, was presented with an award for Outstanding Lifelong Service to Hungry Minnesotans. Hy, CEO of the Greater Lake Country Food Bank, was given this honor on behalf of statewide hunger organizations including Minnesota Food Share, Second Harvest Heartland, Hunger Solutions, and the State OGO Office (USDA commodities). The presentation took place during the annual Minnesota Hunger Partners Conference at the Holiday Inn Southwest. Over 200 representatives of Minnesota Food Shelves



and Food Banks attended the luncheon. The Greater Lake Country Food Bank delivers food to over forty senior citizen high rises in Hennepin County. Seniors who are on a limited income or unable to visit a food shelf, have food delivered to them through the efforts of Hy and his team at the Food Bank.

## December Anniversaries

Ruth & Bernhard Abzug	50 years
Sue & Jarrold Berezovsky	36 years
Edna & Irwin Brodsky	61 years
Roberta & Edward Chargo	49 years
Susan & Charles Cohn	36 years
Linda & Larry Eisenstadt	30 years
Julie & Allen Engle	23 years
Leslie & Ansel Gardner	37 years
Lena & Norman Goldberg	56 years
Nancy & Barry Goldstein	36 years
Shirley & Sam Gurewitz	37 years
Elaine & Michael Herman	37 years
Florence & Jules Herstein	60 years
Colleen & Monroe Hodroff	15 years
Renee & Alvin Hork	53 years
Miriam & Robert Kleinbaum	43 years
Bette & Louis Kotlarz	49 years
Elaine & David Liss	28 years
Monica & Nelson Muller	18 years
Marilyn & Larry Reich	33 years
Diane & Thomas Rifkin	22 years
Joan & Benjamin Rischall	31 years
Frances & Stanley Rosen	30 years
Ruth & Martin Schoenberger	53 years
Nancy & Michael Schoenberger	29 years
Manya & Max Sherman	62 years
Carol & Ronald Siegel	20 years
Marlene & Jeffrey Solle	36 years
Estee & Howard Warsett	20 years
Marilyn & Warren Wert	47 years
Joyce & Herbert Wolk	28 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.

## From a Happy Congregant...

Dear B'nai Emet,

In October, my girls and I enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing *Shabbat* morning at B'nai Emet. It was the perfect way to enjoy some quality time with my children before the weekend chaos began.

Attending services has always been challenging because we have three young children. Getting them to the synagogue was often more trouble than it was worth; and, once we were there, they were noisy and disruptive (not that anyone in the congregation ever complained). When I heard that there was childcare and a weekly *Shabbat* luncheon, I decided to grab my girls and give it a try.

My daughters love B'nai Emet's gym and gladly went in to play while I went upstairs for the service. Once at the sanctuary, I was warmly greeted by an usher with a "Welcome! *Shabbat Shalom* and Good *Yontif!*" Everyone I passed on my way to my seat greeted me with a nod and a smile. The gentleman in front of me turned and offered a friendly handshake and a "good *yontif,*" as did the gentleman behind me. Another usher approached me and offered me an *aliyah*, which I accepted. I was (thankfully) guided through the *aliyah*, and it was quite rewarding. I enjoyed being up on the *bimah* listening to the reader chant the *Torah* portion, and I enjoyed being a part of the service.

Towards the end of the services, my daughters were brought to me, and we sat through the last few prayers together. Then we exited to the Baratz Social Hall, where *Shabbat* lunch was already waiting (compliments of Len and Serene Paletz). Perfect! The girls were starving and the fresh fruit and mini-*challahs* were to their liking

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(not to mention the cookies). I lunched on the many other items on the buffet—*kugel*, tuna salad, herring, cakes, and coffee. There were plenty of people to talk with, and everyone was very friendly. The girls enjoyed their special lunch with Mommy, and I enjoyed my *Shabbat* lunch with my girls.

Both girls said they would love to come with me to synagogue for *Shabbat* again. I don't know if we'll make it every Saturday, but we will certainly come as often as we can!

## B'nai Emet Welcomes New Members

B'nai Emet joyously welcomes the following new members:

Jennifer & Todd Ginsberg, Ethan

Steve Greenberg

Larry Kaplan

Kimberly LaBarre, Alexandra

Marion Rosen

Judy & Avi Comay,  
Stav, Mattan & Shai

Jan & Ross Markus,  
DeAnne & Robert

## Condolences to...

...Eric Freudenheim on the death of his aunt, Esther Small.

...Charlotte Juster, on the death of her brother-in-law, Donald Krietzman.

...Alan Witebsky on the death of his grandmother, Gertrude Lapidés.

...Edward Chargo and Joan Silver on the death of their mother, Sophie Chargo.

*May their memories be  
an eternal blessing.*

## Hospital Notices

Due to new federal regulations, we no longer receive hospital notices. Please phone the office and

let us know when a member of your family, friend, or member of the community is in the hospital.

## JFCS Family Life Education Programs

- Job Search Transition Support Group, 10 A.M. every Tuesday, JVS —provides job search related info, networking opportunities, and emotional support.
- All in the Family, Wednesday, January 7, 7-8:30 P.M., JFCS —a monthly support group for families who have loved ones struggling with serious mental illness.
- Quiet Miracles, Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27, 6:30–9:30 P.M., Sabes J.C.C. —a healing workshop.

- Jewish Grief Support, Wednesdays, January 14 & 28, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Temple Israel.
- Twin Cities Jewish Single Parents, Monday, January 26, 7–8:30 P.M., Sabes J.C.C.  
Questions? Call Bob Epstein (952-542-4860).

## Tax Deduction

The 2003 calendar year is coming to a close. In order to take advantage of the tax deduction be sure to make your synagogue payments before December 31.

## Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated the gift of life at our blood drive on Thursday, October 16:

Eloise Gershone  
Bobbi Brown  
Steve Gerber  
Tris Hage  
Larry Shapiro  
Carole Harris  
Bruce Freidson  
Mike Swatez

Michael Krause  
Wendy Grosser  
Karen Katz  
Jack Brown  
Rabbi Abramson  
Leah Goldman  
Bonnie Berezovsky

Allan Ackerman  
Nancy Goldstein  
Steven Kaplan  
Miriam Graf  
Joel Coffino  
Steve Serber  
Ed Chargo  
Carol Frank

Were you unable to donate blood in October? Because the need for blood is so great around New Year's, we have scheduled another blood drive on Friday, December 26 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Please call Michelle Shapiro (952-545-3466) or e-mail her (shap5@earthlink.net) as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

Some reasons why blood must be available every day, 24 hours a day:

### Blood Use/Illness

Apastic Anemia  
Auto Accident  
Bone Marrow Transplant  
Brain Surgery  
Cancer  
Cardiovascular Artery Bypass  
Fractured Hip  
Joint Replacement  
Liver Transplant  
Organ Transplants

### Units Needed

4 units/month  
50 units  
2 units  
10 units  
8 units/week  
5 units  
5 units  
5 units  
100 units  
10 units

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