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Newsletter of B'nai Emet Synagogue

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### From the Rabbi

#### **Purim Anticipation!**

*"Mishenikhmas Adar marbim b'simchah,"* the Talmud tells us,

"from the beginning of the month of Adar, rejoicing increases." This year, Purim at B'nai Emet promises to be as joyous as ever.

We'll begin with the Purim Carnival on Sunday, February 29—games, prizes, food, bingo, fun for all ages!

Purim itself arrives on Saturday night, March 6. Our celebration of Purim will begin at 7:30 p.m., with *Ma'ariv* and a complete *Megillah* reading. Our Sunday morning service, beginning at 9:30, will also include a complete *Megillah* reading. If you've never done so before, I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to hear the entire *Megillah* chanted—to fulfill the *mitzvah* of the holiday, certainly to learn details of the story that they never told you in Sunday School!

Our gala Purim celebration, geared to families and children of all ages, will begin on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Our abbreviated *Megillah* reading will be accompanied by Leo Fine and his

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### President's Message

#### **Things are heating up at B'nai Emet!**

Despite the sub-zero temperatures and heaps of snow that cover our lawns, things are heating up at B'nai Emet. It is the warmth of our wonderful congregants, the joyous sounds of our preschoolers, the *b'nai mitzvah* celebrations in the Fingerhut sanctuary, and the ongoing exciting activities at B'nai Emet that make the time fly by for those of us who are here during the winter months.

It's hard (and a relief) to believe that warmer temperatures are just around the corner. With Spring approaching, we are anxiously awaiting a much-needed new air conditioner to replace the one that broke down at the end of last summer. To ensure the comfort of our congregants and guests throughout the year, a new air-conditioning system must be installed immediately.

Unfortunately, the replacement comes with a high price tag of \$30,000. In order to offset this expense, I urge you to consider dedicating a seat in the sanctuary for \$500 in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Your donations will go toward the purchase of the air-conditioning system. Each contribution will be acknowledged with

a "cool" plaque in the Fingerhut Sanctuary.

So much has been going on around here: USY's production of *Peter Pan* was a huge hit! The Adult Education's engaging panel discussion led by the spouses of local clergy kept the audience enthralled. Purim celebrations start off with the fabulous fun-filled annual Purim Carnival on February 29, offering the best *hamantashen* in town. Purim festivities continue with *Megillah* reading on Saturday night, March 6 and culminate with a family-friendly Sunday morning Purim *Shpiel*, followed by an indoor picnic luncheon.

Thank you for your continued support.

*B'Shalom,*

Adeel Saad  
President  
adeels007@aol.com

### From Our Synagogue Administrator

#### **All choked up with my sleeves rolled up. . .**

After 3+ months at B'nai Emet, I'm ready to share some impressions about my job and this congregation. I am blessed to have a position that calls on so many of my skills while giving me opportunities to stretch. I've climbed a ladder

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# Services

## Tot Shabbat

### Instilling the Joy of Shabbat Early

March 20

If you're a family with children ages one-to-five, please join Jeanne Kaufman for an informal, creative, and inspiring *Shabbat* morning program. Tot *Shabbat* runs from 11-11:45 A.M., followed by a *kiddush* in the Goldberg Lounge.

## Young Families' Service

### Watch Our Children Grow

The next Young Families' Service will be **Friday, March 19 at 7:00 P.M.**, featuring Laura, Marta, Raya, and Pat's two year old class and Tammy and Suzie's toddler class.

## Stump (Ask) the Rabbi

The next "Ask the Rabbi" session, a monthly opportunity to pose **your** questions about Judaism to Rabbi Abramson, will be March 6 during *Shabbat* morning services at 9:00 A.M. If you do come up with a question he can't answer right away, please notify the office. We don't believe it's possible.

## Lunch & Learn

### Feed Your Stomach and Your Soul

The next Lunch & Learn session with Rabbi Abramson will be Thursday, March 11, from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the library. Please feel free to bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch.

## Shabbat Service Schedule

Services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

*Shabbat* Morning, February 28, 9:00 A.M.

*Torah* Reading: *Terumah*    *Haftarah* Reader: Annette Paletz

*Torah* Readers: Brian Erlich, Linda Erlich, Annette Paletz, Rachel Paletz

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### *Shabbat Zachor & Gimel Shabbat*

#### "Ask the Rabbi"

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

*Torah* Reading: *T'tzaveh*    *Haftarah* Reader: Hela Zadaka

*Torah* Readers: Jeanne Astren, David Cera, Nathan Cera, Samantha Coffino, Dan Gerber, Eileen Kopman, Miriam Krause

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### *Shabbat Parah*

*Bat Mitzvah*: Ann Shapiro

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

*Torah* Reading: *Ki Tissa*    *Haftarah* Reader: Ann Shapiro

*Torah* Readers: Sandy Hage, Sue Kane, Alex Lieberman, Ari Orenstein, Ann Shapiro, Judy Shapiro, Michelle Shapiro

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### *Shabbat HaChodesh*

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

*Torah* Reading: *Vayyak'heil/P'kudei*    *Haftarah* Reader: Alyson Meier

*Torah* Readers: Michael Engel, Jeff Freidson, Alan Ingber,

David Liss, Rachel Paletz, Yefet Zadaka

## Hospital Notices

### Tell us so we can help!

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.

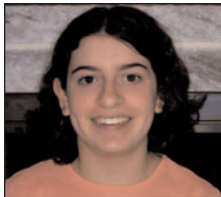
## Candle Lighting

February 27	5:39
March 5	5:49
March 12	5:58
March 19	6:07
March 26	6:16

## 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

## Bat Mitzvah



**Ann Shapiro** will be called to the *Torah* as a *bat mitzvah* during *Shacharit* services on *Shabbat* morning, March

13. Her *Torah* portion is *Ki Tissa*.

Ann is in the seventh grade at St. Louis Park Junior High and Grade *Hey* at Talmud Torah. She plans to continue with Talmud Torah and *Prozdor* at B'nai Emet. Ann participates in competitive dance, the junior high math team, the student council, and Destination Imagination, plays trumpet and piano, and is a member of Kadima. She recently placed in the top eighth on the junior high math team, enabling her to compete at the next level. Ann is the daughter of Larry and Michelle Shapiro, and sister of Susan and Charlie. To honor their daughter, Ann's parents will be sponsoring a *kiddush* immediately following *Shabbat* morning services. They invite the whole congregation to join them in their *simcha*.



**Your favorite art auction is returning to B'nai Emet!**

Save the date:  
**Sunday, April 25,**  
and "stay tuned"  
for more details!

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### From the Rabbi

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musical merry-makers and a *Purim shpiel* entitled "The *Megillah* According to Broadway." (If you heard "The *Megillah* According to the Beatles" last year, you'll have an idea of what to expect this year.) I hope many of you will come in costume, prepared for a rowdy, good time!

Finally, our *Purim* celebration will culminate with another *Purim* tradition—a *Purim se'udah*, a luncheon celebration that will offer "picnic" foods (hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.), and more *Purim* fun.

*Purim* comes only once a year. *Purim* at B'nai Emet will be **thorough** and meaningful for all. Don't miss out on the fun!

*Rabbi David L. Abramson*

### From our Administrator

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to help a custodian disengage a stuck garage door; eaten leftover chopped liver; helped plan meals for *Shabbat*; snacked on chocolate chip cookies; coordinated the work of office staff, volunteers, and service vendors; *noshed* on tuna and egg salad sandwiches; helped comprise a *minyán* for weekday evening *t'fillot*; and "picked" at bowls of leftover cut fruit.

This "place" is quickly becoming home to me. Larry and I are touched by the warm welcome we have received from so many of you. A feeling of belonging became most apparent during the run of *Peter Pan*. I got choked up as I watched members of the cast displaying so

much talent, enthusiasm, joy, and community. I had to laugh a little at myself—after all, I was getting teary-eyed over everyone else's children!

It's no secret that we at B'nai Emet have some big challenges to work through. I am grateful to those of you who have taken time to share your opinions and suggestions—your openness is a step toward *tikkun ha-bayit*, repairing our house. Now I'm ready to embark upon the next, obvious step. I expect you to continue sharing your thoughts with me. I hope you'll feel even more appreciated and "listened to" if I engage you in a conversation about how **you** can help **me** and all of **us** address those concerns.

For those of you with whom I haven't yet had the opportunity to talk, know that I may phone you "out of the blue" to ask if you would volunteer your ideas, energy, or hours. I'll certainly take "no" for an answer, but I'll also invite you to discuss what might make you more eager to contribute in the future.

I look forward to working more and more with all of you as we do the work of this spiritual community. I've been told more than once by various folks how much I'm appreciated here. Please know that I love being here—the benefits travel in both directions. By the way, in case you're concerned, I've already dragged out my Nordic Track to "address" all that *fressing* I've been doing.

*B'Shalom,*

*Steve Greenberg*  
*Synagogue Administrator*

# Upcoming Events

## The Festival of Jewish Awareness

**A rich variety of learning opportunities all in one place!**

B'nai Emet brings back one of our most popular traditions: The Festival of Jewish Awareness, an evening of classes and lectures on **Saturday night, March 20.**

The evening will feature learning, discussion, and conversation on a host of topics, covering everything from current events to Jewish history and tradition.

Following *Havdalah* at 7:30 P.M., more than a dozen sessions (participants may choose two) will cover everything from Israeli politics to Sephardic cooking, from raising Jewish kids in 2020 to how to respond to missionaries, and from current events to Jewish history and tradition.

Watch for a flyer with registration details and a complete list of topics and speakers. The evening is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and will be followed by a dessert reception.

## Book Club

**Stimulate your mind in good company**

B'nai Emet's Book Club has scheduled dates and chosen books through June. Everyone is welcome to participate.

For location information (meetings are at members' homes), e-mail [bookclub@bnaiemet.org](mailto:bookclub@bnaiemet.org) or call the synagogue office.

Upcoming books and 7 P.M. meetings are:

April 25: *What You Owe Me*, Bebe Moore Campbell.

June 6: *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown (discussion led by Rabbi Abramson).

## Yom HaShoah Commemoration

B'nai Emet's Adult Education Committee has reserved a block of tickets to *Hiding in the Open* for **Sunday, April 18.** After the show, Sabina Zimering will speak about her experiences during the Holocaust. As survivors get older, the opportunities to hear life stories are getting fewer and fewer. We must keep the memories and lessons of the Holocaust alive for the next generation.

## Scroll Deadline

February 27 for  
March 19 issue.

## Share A Seder This Year

If you don't have a place to go for either or both *s'darim* (April 5 and 6), or if you would like to host a visitor to your *seder* or *s'darim*, please contact the synagogue office. We'll arrange hospitality for you or find guests to fill spaces at your *seder* table.



## For an Extraordinary Mother's Day . . .

**...join Team B'nai Emet 2004**

On Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day) TEAM B'NAI EMET will participate in the Susan G. Komen Twin Cities Race/Walk for the Cure to support breast cancer research, screening, education, and treatment. This year will be the fourth time we've participated in this community-wide event.

Please call Eileen Kopman at 763-536-0013 for registration or information. (Registration forms should be available in March.) The deadline will be near the end of April. Mark your calendar now and pray for dry weather on May 9!

## Women's League Wants You!

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, it's not too late! Please send your check for \$21 to the synagogue, "ATTN: Lori Leder-Fogel."

## Todah Rabah

We can't imagine our congregation without our wonderful volunteers! Their assistance last month in getting our synagogue calendar into your homes was tremendous. These dedicated volunteers are: Nettie Beers, Joe Beers, Richard Freedman, Debbie Freudenheim, Fay Frieman, Marvin Frieman, David Grone, Sari Kraines, Sari Lederman, Joni Pico, and Ruth Schoenberger, Anita Siegel for gathering and organizing all the details, Marguerite Krause for typesetting, and David Liss for printing.

# Our Synagogue

## Perform the *Mitzvah* of *Bikkur Holim*, Visiting the Sick

You don't need to be a member of any committee to bring care and friendship to someone who is ill. The *mitzvah* and gratitude of the person you visit will be your reward.

- Please let the synagogue know if you have a loved one in the hospital, in a nursing home, or ill at home. Rabbis Abramson and Woolf and a member of the *Bikkur Holim* Committee will be notified to make a visit.
- We'd love to have you on our committee. Phone the synagogue at 952-927-7309, leave your name, and a member of the committee will contact you.

## *Etz Hayim* *Humashim*

### A unique gift or meaningful remembrance

You may dedicate an *Etz Hayim humash* for an occasion, in someone's honor, or as a memorial for just \$55 each (or \$65 for large print). Call Steve at 952-927-7309 for more details.



Fay Leader's gang.

(*Hamentashen* will be \$12 a dozen at the *Purim* Carnival.)

## Urgent: Don't Let Your Car Get Towed...

...or ticketed while you're *davening*!

Because it only takes one or two cars on a block to hamper snow-plows, the City of St. Louis Park tickets and tows vehicles parked on unplowed streets. If snow is falling or appears imminent, please park in our parking lot.

Once the street has been plowed to the curb, on-street parking is allowed again. It's probably simpler to use the synagogue parking lot until Spring.

## B'nai Emet Judaica Shop

Surround yourself with beautiful Judaica, help others shop for it, and bring some home at a discount!

Our Judaica Shop is looking for a few men and/or women to help out on a weekly or monthly schedule (you can choose your own days and times) with sales, displays, unpacking, and pricing.

Join our dedicated group of volunteers, have fun, and get a discount on your purchases in addition. Call the synagogue office 952-927-7309 to leave your name for Carole Harris. She'll contact you, answer your questions, train and schedule you, and thank you from the bottom of her heart!



## New Books in the Library

### Holiday artwork, the Holocaust, and ethics

Stop by B'nai Emet's library and check out some books from our growing collection. New books this month are:

*Jewish Holidays All Year Round: A Family Treasury*, Ilene Cooper. Beautiful art works from the Jewish Museum in New York City enhance this introduction to Jewish holidays, complete with home and synagogue information, crafts, and recipes for the entire family to enjoy. Thanks to Robert Markus for donating this book to our library.

*Light From the Yellow Star: A Lesson of Love From the Holocaust*, Robert O. Fisch. Dr. Fisch has created this beautiful volume of his own paintings. They illuminate his thoughts on life, religion, and human nature, and depict his holocaust experience from youth in Budapest through internment in concentration camps. Thanks to Kenneth Engel for donating this book to our library.

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*The Ten Commandments of Character: Essential Advice for Living an Honorable, Ethical, Honest Life*, Joseph Telushkin. In clear, entertaining fashion, the author lays out his ten commandments of character, then applies them to difficult situations presented to him in his work as advice columnist for beliefnet.com. Examples of the dilemmas he considers are:

- How honest should you be when you are asked to give a reference?
- What should you do if your father begs you to end his life rather than allow him to descend into the hell of Alzheimer's?
- Should a brother give up part of his inheritance if his sister has children and considerable expenses while he doesn't?

Thanks to Robert Markus for donating this book to our library.



### Marching into Spring with our Preschoolers

This month, preschool classes are busy with their *Purim* preparations. This includes making *hamantashen* and *shalloch manot* baskets, learning new *Purim* tunes, and reviewing the story of *Purim* with all of its exciting characters. The children are eager to wear their costumes to school on *Purim* and to the synagogue for the *Megillah* reading.

We're looking forward to beginning the *Pesah* season. We'll study the entire Passover story, Four Questions, and Passover songs, as well as make our own *Haggadot*. All this preparation will culminate in

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an opportunity for children to celebrate with their families at each class's model *seder*.

**The next Young Families' Service will be on Friday, March 19, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.**, featuring children in Laura, Marta, Raya, and Pat's two-year-old class as well as Tammy and Suzie's toddler class. Active participation is encouraged, and extended families are always welcome! We invite the entire congregation to join us in the Fingerhut Sanctuary for this fun-filled and family-friendly service. Be here to *kvell* as the children sing *Shabbat* songs from the *bimah*.

**Camp Ahava (our preschool summer camp)** is now taking applications. Last year, over 70 children had a wonderful summer here at B'nai Emet's Camp Ahava. Special events included performances by a puppeteer, magician, and a visit from farm animals. Highlights included an opportunity to ride a pony right here at B'nai Emet! Please contact Marilyn Richter or Sandy Rudoy at 952-927-8443 to have an application mailed to you for this summer.

### Shabbat School Update

#### *Gimel Shabbat and Avodah B'Yachad*

*"And the Lord said unto him (Moses): Who hath made man's mouth or who maketh a man dumb or deaf or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"*  
(Exodus 4:11)

*Mazal tov* to our upcoming *bat mitzvah*, Ann Shapiro.

Our *Gimel* class is preparing for *Gimel Shabbat*, which will take place on March 6 instead of the previously-announced date of February

28. On Friday evening, March 5, our students will lead *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Ma'ariv*, followed by a family *Shabbat* dinner. *Aleff/Bet Shabbat*, previously scheduled for March 27, has been changed to May 15.

Rabbi Julie Gordon, Director of *Avodah B'Yachad* program at the Jewish Community Relations Council, will join us as a guest speaker on April 17. She will speak about the agency's mission. Through increased Jewish community volunteerism, *Avodah B'Yachad* aims to strengthen Twin Cities families and neighborhoods that are impacted by poverty.

There will be **NO SHABBAT SCHOOL on April 3 and April 10** for Spring and Passover Break.

Laura Brandys  
Education Director

### Sunday School

#### From *Havdalah* to *Pesah*

Sunday School students will soon finish their *Shabbat* unit. We've been busy learning songs and blessings for *Shabbat*, and have created lovely *Shabbat* candlesticks and games to share with the family. We have also discovered the beauty of *Havdalah* as we say "Goodbye" to *Shabbat*.

Don't forget our annual *Purim* Carnival on Sunday, February 29. With *Purim* rapidly approaching, can *Pesah* be far behind? We will have a *Pesah* Family Program on Sunday, March 28 from 9:30-11:30 A.M. Families with children ages 5-7 are invited to join us as we explore *Pesah*. Each child will create a *Pesah* heirloom during the program. Please call the synagogue office if you have questions.

Jeanne Kaufman

# Our Youth

## The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

### Tzedaka On Our Minds...

The current *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* class has embarked on a program focussed on giving. Our first *tzedaka* project was with "Feed Our Starving Children (FOSC)." This organization donates food bags to people in Third World countries. With the assistance of others, we helped fill over 700 food bags with nutritious meals—enough food for over 4000 people! Thanks to our 12 students and chaperones for your contribution: Sarah Brammer-Shlay and David Shlay; Adam, Erin, Cathy, and Michael Lurie; Hannah and Sheryl Rutzick; Ann and Michelle Shapiro, and Frankie and Estee Warsett.



## A Letter from Carly & Maya for February. . .

Dear Kadimaniks, Maccabees, Parents, and Congregants,

*Shalom!* February is a month of happiness and joy with love in the air and *Purim* delight (with lots of prune, apricot, and poppyseed *hamantashen*)!

USY has invited the Kadimaniks to join them for USY Casino Night. **Casino Night will be just outside of the Youth Lounge from 7:00-9:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 28.**

Admission for the event is \$5. USY will supply "BESY Bucks" for gambling loot, which may be spent for prizes toward the end of the evening.

Before Casino Night begins, from 6:30-7:00 P.M., Kadimaniks will have their board meeting.

We extend a huge *mazal tov* to all of the Kadimaniks who were in, or helped out with the play. You guys did an amazing job—we're so proud of you!

## BESY Happenings:



### February

**February 20-22** USY Winter *Shabbaton*

**February 27** *Rebbe's Tish*

**February 28** USY /Kadima Casino Night, 7-9:30 P.M.

**February 29** *Purim* Carnival

### March

**March 9** Lounge Night

**March 14** USY Star-Tribune Night

**March 16** Lounge Night

**March 21** JOSL Basketball Begins

**March 27** Saturday Night Program — "Escape to Israel"

**March 28** Habitat for Humanity, 1-4 P.M.

If you have questions, comments, concerns, or just plain feel like talking, call the Youth Lounge at 952-927-0491 or you can always e-mail either Maya at [bere0048@umn.edu](mailto:bere0048@umn.edu) or Carly at [gers0034@umn.edu](mailto:gers0034@umn.edu). See you soon!

*B'shalom,*

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

## From A Proud Youth Director

### Peter flew and so did we!

BESY congratulates the cast and crew on a successful play season. Thanks to everyone who supported us by buying ads, and by donating food, props, and time. Our great success would not have

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been possible without your support. We are looking forward to our play next year; if you have suggestions or ideas how we can make it an even better experience, please let us know.

Sasha Kuznetsov

### Youth Commission Thank You

The Youth Commission extends a *mazal tov* to our USY on a terrific play. *Peter Pan* was a soaring success! Thanks to everyone who saw the play one, two, three, and even four times to support our kids. We are also grateful to everyone who saw this production from conception to closing time. Your work included (but was not limited to) overall organization and coordination, sound and lighting, costuming, set construction, ticket printing and sales, ad sales and production of the ad book, shopping, serving, and cleanup.

To the parents, thank you for ongoing support and perpetual *shlepping* of cast and crew. You certainly earned well deserved *kvelling* rights.

We shine a bright spotlight on our director Brian Cole and choreographer Malia Cole, our music director Melody Mindes, our accompanist Denise Redman, and our Kadima/Mac advisors Carly Gershone and Maya Berezovsky. You devoted countless hours and impressive expertise to bring it all together.

To our kids, we salute you for your admirable dedication (countless hours rehearsing while *usually* keeping up with your homework), strength in the face of so many challenges, and courage to show us so much new-found and honed talent. We're definitely overwhelmed with pride!!

Finally, to our true friend and multi-faceted youth director, Sasha

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Cast and crew of *Peter Pan*

Kuznetsov, we mostly shake our heads and wonder, "How do you do it?" You are an inspiration to our youth. Thank you for making BESY the best chapter around!

Love to you all from the Youth Commission,

Nancy Serber  
Chair

### March Anniversaries

Blanche & Meir Amar	19 years
Lilly & Hersh Berman	29 years
Eleanor & Bernard Borkon	19 years
Laura & Sol Brandys	12 years
Lisa & David Brodsky	14 years
Betty & Murray Cooper	36 years
Nancy & Marshall Edelstein	15 years
Myrna & Alfred Feldman	52 years
Rene & Harvey Fishman	49 years
Alice & Sheldon Flom	54 years
Jennifer & Todd Ginsberg	3 years
Elaine & Ronald Gross	19 years
Esther & Sidney Hankin	57 years
Karen & Dr. David Katz	24 years
Carol & Sheldon Levin	42 years
Sally & Sheldon Masnek	50 years
Marion & Bill Sallerson	34 years
Debra & Michael Schumacher	29 years
Beverly & Burton Shacter	44 years

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

### Condolences to...

- ... Maureen and Leo Fine on the death of their father Maurice Haberman.
  - ... Lorella Goldstein, Barry and Nancy Goldstein, and Daniel and Nicole Goldstein on the death of her husband and their father and grandfather Max Goldstein.
  - ... Warren Goldstein, Jeanne Astren, and Avi Goldstein on the death of father and grandfather Aubrey Goldstein.
  - ... Lois Solomon on the death of her husband Jerome.
- "May their memories be an eternal blessing."

### Congratulations to...

- ... Niza and Morris Schear on the birth of their daughter Sophie.
- ... Murray and Betty Cooper on the birth of their grandson Joshua Michael Cooper.
- ... Patty and Arthur Sherman on the birth of their grandson Michael DeWayne Sherman.
- ... Sue and Jerry Berezovsky on the birth of their granddaughter Eliana Bracha Berezovsky.

# Our Community

## The Best of B'nai Emet...

Dear B'nai Emet:

*Todah rabah* to Linda Eisenstadt in appreciation of her efforts to find our grandson's Hebrew name. Seth was three years old when his mother (our daughter Robin) passed away. He does not remember much about his mother but, in recent months, requested that we find the name he was given at his *bris*. The idea seems to bring him closer to the memory of his mother.

We turned to Linda to determine if B'nai Emet has any record of his Hebrew name. Her effort and help went far beyond the norm of *gemilut chasadim*, and her suggestions are helping us continue our search.

Sincerely,  
Fred & Barbara Hirsekorn

Dear B'nai Emet,

Thank you for everything you have done for me. As a *tzedakah* project, I am making a donation to B'nai Emet. I am also donating a 5" x 5" black and white portable TV to the *Purim* Carnival.

Sincerely,  
Nathan Cera

## Rabbi Woolf To Be Honored for Dedication to Jews in Recovery

Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others (JACS) is the leading organization that addresses alcoholism, substance abuse, and recovery in the world Jewish community. Rabbi Barry Woolf helped create JACS 25 years ago and has been a guiding light for the organization since then.

In the Twin Cities, he has helped make the Jewish community aware that Jews are not immune to chemical addiction, that Jews are not alone and need not be ashamed if they have such a problem, and that there is hope for recovery.

On March 21, JACS will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a reception in New York City. At the reception, Rabbi Woolf will be honored along with Rabbi Abraham Twerski, Audrey Waxman, and David Buchholz.

From the B'nai Emet family, *yashar koah*, Rabbi Woolf, on this

achievement, and many thanks for your efforts and commitment to our synagogue!

## Community News and Events

- **Preparing for *Pesah*: Your Mind, Your Spirit, Your Table.** Monday, March 22 will be an evening of community learning. Sponsored by B'nai Emet, Adath Jeshurun, and Beth El Synagogues, and the Minneapolis Jewish Federation Women's Division, it will start at 7:15 P.M. at Beth El. More information will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- **Chat about Camp Ramah and watch a one-man show!** A "Day of Dialogue and Celebration," Sunday, March 21. At 12:30 P.M. that day, representatives from the camp will be at Adath Jeshurun to speak with parents about the upcoming summer season. At 7:00 P.M., Ramah drama director Jonathan Ross will present his "Walking in

Memphis — The Life of a Southern Jew" at the Hillcrest Center Theater in St. Paul. Questions? Call Elyse Rabinowitz at 612-823-4741 or Leslie Goldblatt at 952-593-1624.

- **Wanna get closer to your spouse or partner?** Jewish Family and Children's Service is sponsoring a two-session "Relationship Chocolate" on March 23 and 30 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. Contact Barbara Rudnick at JFCS by March 16 at 952-542-4825.
- **How do political, religious, and pop culture relate to Jewish life?** Minneapolis Jewish Federation is sponsoring the fourth annual Young Leadership Study Series on five consecutive Wednesdays from March 3-31, at 7:00-9:00 P.M. Topics include: principles of *lashon hara* (literally "evil tongue") in our everyday lives, Jewish/Christian relations today and Mel Gibson's controversial movie *The Passion of Jesus Christ*, the basics and modern relevance of *Kabbalah* (Jewish mysticism), democracy in the Middle East, and ideas to increase your participation in Jewish life and culture. Contact Avie Zarem at 952-417-2347, [azarem@mplsfed.org](mailto:azarem@mplsfed.org), or Sue Roether at 952-417-2319, [sroether@mplsfed.org](mailto:sroether@mplsfed.org). RSVP by February 25.
- **Jewish Community Action's Fifth Annual Membership Celebration** will be on Sunday, March 21 at 2 P.M. This event features nationally recognized grassroots organizer and folksinger Si Kahn. Hosted at Adath Jeshurun, it's free to the public, and refreshments will be provided. Call JCA at 651-632-2184 for reservations or more information.

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