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From the Rabbi

Another New Year's Holiday

Tu BiSh'vat, the "New Year for Trees," will occur on January 25 this year. This minor,

rather obscure holi-day probably has received increased attention and has taken on increased meaning in recent years. *Tu BiSh'vat* is the time to celebrate trees, to celebrate the advent of spring (even in Minnesota, we can remind ourselves on *Tu BiSh'vat* that Spring will come...eventually!), to celebrate nature, and to remind ourselves of nature's miracles that surround us daily. *Tu BiSh'vat* helps us—living our modern, mostly indoors, usually overly technological lives—to strengthen our own connection to the change of seasons; to the cycles of nature; to trees, and bushes, and flowers; to nature itself.

Tu BiSh'vat is not only the time to celebrate the literal planting of trees; it's also the time to think about the metaphorical planting of trees. That's the level on which the following well-known story from the Talmud speaks to me:

"Honi Ha-M'agel once saw an old man planting a carob tree. He asked him when he thought the tree would bear fruit. 'After seventy years,' was the reply. 'Do you expect to live seventy years and eat the fruit of your labor?' 'I found carob trees in the world when I entered it,' said the old man, 'and as my fathers planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.'"

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President's Message January Jottings

Prayer in Jewish tradition is not only communication with a Higher Being, it is also connecting with one's Jewish community. The new year of 2005 was ushered in at B'nai Emet with friends and family gathered together for a very special Carlebach *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service, followed by a *Shabbat* dinner and champagne. I encourage you to join us for the next Carlebach *Kabbalat Shabbat* service, followed by our *Tu BiSh'vat Seder* and delicious dinner, on Friday, January 28.

For those of you who haven't heard, Steve Greenberg has resigned as B'nai Emet Synagogue's Administrator. We want to thank him for all of his hard work over the past year, and wish him well in the future. We have opened up the search for a new Administrator and are currently reviewing applicants. In the meantime, Sean Murphy is working as our Office Supervisor, and can help you with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Despite the frigid temperatures outside, things will continue to heat up during the upcoming month at B'nai Emet. Under the wonderful guidance of our Youth Director, Jessica Averbach, and amazing leadership of President Stephen Lederman, the Youth Department has enhanced many of our synagogue events recently, with their assistance. We look forward to their phenomenal production of the upcoming USY play, *Applause*.

It was such an inspiration to see so many of our college students taking a leadership role at *shul* on *Shabbat* during winter break. In addition to many different service leaders and a variety of *Torah* readers, Sam Kelner and Sara Freidson spoke during our annual "Welcome Home *Shabbat*."

If you have not yet sent in your donation toward our current major repair project, please consider doing so. Contributions of \$500 or more entitle you to a seat dedication in our beautiful Fingerhut Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in a donation!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2005.

B'Shalom
Adeel Saad, President
adeels007@aol.com

Are You Getting Our Emails?

We've recently set up informational and *Torah*-learning email lists. Call the office or email info@bnaiemet.org with questions or to sign up.

Messages

From the Rabbi

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To me, this story provides a lesson about planting the metaphorical trees of Jewish life. Of course, what we do as Jews is a function of our own needs and our own priorities: we involve ourselves in this or that area of Jewish learning or observance because of the fulfillment, guidance, and enjoyment that this involvement provides for us. But equally important—if not more so—is the motivation to create experiences for our children, to expose them to the variety of Jewish experience so that they will become familiar with and committed to that tradition. To put it simply, if we create a Jewish lifestyle that is vibrant, creative, compelling, and satisfying in our own lives, we increase the chances that our children will pass that same Jewish life on to their children.

Tu BiSh'vat is also an opportunity to connect ourselves to Israel. While spring weather may not yet be felt in Minnesota in the end of January, *Tu BiSh'vat* marks the beginning of the spring growing season in the Holy Land. For the sixth year, B'nai Emet will hold a *Tu BiSh'vat Seder*, a Friday-night dinner full of singing, learning, eating and drinking foods associated with Israel. Please join us on Friday night, January 28—first, for a Carlebach *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service beginning at 5:45 P.M., and following that for our *Tu BiSh'vat Seder*, an enjoyable and meaningful experience for us and for our families.

Rabbi David L. Abramson

Lunch & Learn

The next regular “Lunch & Learn” session with Rabbi Abramson will be Thursday, February 3, from 12:30-1:30 P.M. in the library. Please feel free to bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch.

Upcoming Events

Carlebach *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service & *Tu BiSh'vat Seder* on January 28

Join us at 5:45 P.M. on Friday, January 28 for our special Carlebach *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service, followed by our annual *Tu BiSh'vat Seder*! Come find out the names of the seven species and celebrate the bursting of the almond buds in Israel, marking another new year for the trees - and for the fruits we love so much! If you haven't made your reservation yet, use the form enclosed in this Scroll to sign up to participate in the seder. Please note that reservations must be in by the deadline of 3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 21, and make your plans accordingly.

A Season of Seders? Ask the Rabbi!

Tu BiSh'vat has a *seder*; Passover has a *seder* or two... so why not *Purim*? The next “Ask the Rabbi” session, a monthly opportunity to pose your questions to Rabbi Abramson about meals, *s'darim* (the plural of *seder*), and all things Jewish will be February 5 during *Shabbat* morning services, which begin at 9:00 A.M.

“A Life in the Rabbinate” Save the Date: Sunday, Feb. 13

Mark your calendars for “A Life in the Rabbinate,” a panel discussion of local rabbis, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, Feb. 13. Find out why men and women choose to enter the rabbinate, and the joys, challenges and opportunities that make that career so special. Rabbi Abramson will moderate the discussion. The program will allow plenty of time for questions, and will include a light brunch.

Warm Up a Cold Morning with B'nai Emet's *Minyan*

Q. Who would get out of a nice, warm bed on a frigid Minnesota winter morning in time to arrive at *shul* by 7:30 A.M. Monday through Friday?

A. The hardy, dedicated group that constitutes B'nai Emet's morning *minyan*.

And the good news is...you are welcome to join in!

Our morning *minyan*-goers are a diverse bunch. Some hurry off to work as soon as the last “*yasher koah*” is heard; some are retired and enjoy lingering over conversation and a morning treat or a full-fledged breakfast. Some are occasional drop-ins; some organize their daily activities to keep the *minyan* as an every-day priority. Some are men; some are women. Some attend to recite *Kaddish* for a loved one; some respond “*Amen*.” Some are highly-educated in Hebrew and *Torah*; others do not read a word of Hebrew. Some are staunch Republicans... well, okay, maybe just one.

What do they all have in common? Dedication to the *minyan*, to one another, and to B'nai Emet. They appreciate a good laugh in the morning, a profound moment of prayer, a new slant on the *Torah* reading, a little learning, and sometimes lox and bagels.

You are most sincerely invited to attend and become a member of our morning *minyan* family. We meet Monday through Friday at 7:30 A.M., and Sunday at 9:30 A.M.. Evening *minyan* meets every day of the week at 5:45 P.M.

Services

Candle Lighting

January 14	4:38 P.M.
January 21	4:47 P.M.
January 28	4:57 P.M.
February 4	5:07 P.M.
February 11	5:17 P.M.
February 18	5:27 P.M.
February 25	5:37 P.M.

Daily Service Schedule

Shaharit:

Monday–Friday	7:30 A.M.
<i>Shabbat</i>	9:00 A.M.
Sunday & Holidays	9:30 A.M.

Minhah:

Shabbat, following *kiddush* luncheon (winter only)

Ma'ariv

Daily	5:45 P.M.
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All Are Welcome

B'nai Emet Synagogue is committed to the inclusion of all people in synagogue activities. If accommodations for special needs would enhance or enable your participation in synagogue events, please contact the Special Needs/Inclusion Committee through the synagogue office.

Scroll Deadline

January 31 for the
March 1 issue

That issue will cover from
March 1 through
April 14, 2005.

Please note the new deadline
and plan accordingly!

Shabbat Service Schedule

Services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

Shabbat Bo

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, January 14, 5:45 P.M.
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, January 15, 9:00 A.M.
Evening: Saturday, January 15, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Shirah (B'Shallah)

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, January 21, 5:45 P.M.
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, January 22, 9:00 A.M.
Evening: Saturday, January 22, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Yitro

Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, January 28, 5:45 P.M.
followed by *Tu BiSh'vat Seder*
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, January 29, 9:00 A.M.
Evening: Saturday, January 29, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Mishpatim

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, February 4, 5:45 P.M.
Young Families' Service 7:00 P.M.
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, February 5, 9:00 A.M.
"Ask the Rabbi"
Evening: Saturday, February 5, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat T'rumah

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, February 11, 5:45 P.M.
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, February 12, 9:00 A.M.
Tot Shabbat: 11:00-11:45 A.M.
Evening: Saturday, February 12, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat T'tzavveh

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, February 18, 5:45 P.M.
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, February 19, 9:00 A.M.
Evening: Saturday, February 19, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Ki Tissa

Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, February 25, 5:45 P.M.
Shabbat Morning: Saturday, February 26, 9:00 A.M.
Evening: Saturday, February 26, 5:45 P.M.

All New at B'nai Emet: *Minhah G'dolah*

During the wintertime, when sunset is so early on *Shabbat* afternoons, we do not *daven Minhah* at the 5:45 P.M. *minyan*. Now, following *Shabbat* lunch, we have begun returning to the Fingerhut Sanctuary to *daven* the *Minhah* service as a community. Please join in and ensure a *minyan* for those who may be saying *Kaddish* for a loved one.

Our Synagogue

Women's League "Nus"

B'nai Emet Women's League has been an integral part in almost every aspect of our synagogue family over the years.

We are in the midst of our annual Torah Fund Campaign, which is being chaired by Terry Freedman. Monies collected are sent to the Jewish Theological Seminary, where our Conservative Rabbis are trained.

Contributions to our Mitzvah Fund, which is chaired by Esta Gold, remain in our Sisterhood and allow us to continue our financial commitment to the synagogue. This year in addition to our annual commitment of \$5,000, we were able to contribute an additional \$5,000 toward the repair of the air conditioner for the Baratz Social Hall.

We continue to maintain our synagogue kitchen, both financially through the purchase of utensils and equipment used to prepare the delicious food you will soon enjoy, and through Tiki Kelner, our Women's League caterer.

Our annual Deli Dinner continues to be a highlight of the year. This year, approximately 150 adults and children enjoyed a delicious meal while enjoying an evening of friendship and fun. Our previous kitchen supervisor, Lil Colford, was honored for her years of service to Women's League and B'nai Emet. I also would like to thank Donna Tymec for her hard work helping out after the Deli Dinner; even after everyone else had left, she stayed to finish up the work!

Our preschool is known throughout the Twin Cities for its excellence in teaching our children. I speak from experience, since both of my granddaughters are graduates of the B'nai Emet Preschool. This award-winning program, directed by Marilyn Richter, serves children from the age of 16 months to 5 years old. Children are taught a complete secular curriculum fully integrated with an extensive Jewish curriculum. Select afternoon classes are offered as well, including Dance, Karate, Sign Language, and Music & Drama. The school has an excellent reputation in the community and serves children from other synagogues as well as our own. Our staff boasts a combined experience of 128 years in early childhood education—most of those years with the B'nai Emet Preschool. Our school has been a resource for attracting new families to B'nai Emet and for introducing B'nai Emet to members of other synagogues.

Sharyn Grone and Julie London of our College Outreach program make sure our college-bound young people are not forgotten during the holidays. They mail each student a directory of all Twin City students and gifts for the appropriate holidays. They recently received a lovely thank you from Joanna Freudenheim for her *Hanukkah* gift.

And what can I say about our Judaica Shop? If you ever can't find what you want or need, Carole Harris, our shop's manager, will be happy to special order it for you. New merchandise has been put up and I hope you will stop in often. Volunteers are needed to man the Judaica Shop during the week and on Sundays. Please consider helping out. All Women's League members receive a 10% discount.

We are not only a group of working women, we also enjoy social activities! If any of you would like to become a part of our Sisterhood, please contact either me or Miriam Kieffer, who is my co-president. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miriam for her help and support. We have a "good marriage!" However, we cannot do it without you!!! Please consider becoming an active member of Women's League.

I would like to extend my sincere thank you to Linda Erlich for chairing this year's Women's League *Shabbat*. Linda, you did a marvelous job, and we look forward to a repeat performance next year.

On behalf of our entire membership I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2005.

Anita Siegel, President

(These comments are primarily excerpts from remarks given on Women's League Shabbat. For the full original text, please contact the synagogue office.)

Torah Reading Coordinator Sought

We are currently seeking a new *Torah* Reading Coordinator. The job includes coordinating assignments of *Torah* portions and *haftarot*, assisting and supervising less experienced *Torah* readers (via phone calls), and encouraging more B'nai Emet members to read *Torah* frequently. Internet access is required for use of our online *Torah* reading schedule. For more information or to apply for the job, please contact Rabbi Abramson.

Our Synagogue

Men's Club

I can't believe I ate all those *latkes*! Well, the *Latke* Dinner was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated or bought latkes. We had more than 150 hungry adults and children who came for the dinner. The increased menu included the normal chicken dinner, a vegetarian dish, and new to the palette, our very own chicken tenders for the kids. Pre-cooked latke sales were fast and furious. We actually had to make a whole extra batch the day of the dinner due to such high sales of our new bigger and better latkes.

We had a different format this year. Instead of a plate of latkes and chicken being placed at each table, we had the USYers dressed up in white shirts and dark pants serving each table, taking orders, and servicing each table like a real restaurant. Our special thanks for all their help.

Also new this year was a dessert table with fresh fruit salad, fruit carving and ice sculpture.



Thanks to Joe Moses, Steve Levy, Joel, Sherry, and Kim Coffino, Steve Kaplan, Charles Frank, Marvin Frieman and everyone who helped make the dinner possible.

Special thanks to Sari Lederman and Sheryl Rutzick for creating the delicious desserts.

I hope that word gets out from those who joined us that will help make next year even better.

Last, a special thanks to the B'nai Emet office staff for all their help in taking latke orders and reservations.

Some of the ideas and functions we are looking at for the late winter and spring are:

- The Men's Club "Breakfast Bonanza"
- A *Pesah* food and wine tasting fair (to try new *kosher l'Pesah* foods)
- Men's Club *Shabbat*

Happy and Healthy New Year,

Steve Goldschmidt, President



Some Great New Books in Our Library

Check out some great new books in B'nai Emet's Library.

Thanks to the generosity of Bonnie and Harry Farb and donors to the Farb Family Library fund, B'nai Emet's library collection continues to grow. The newest books are:

📖 *Ilan Ramon: Jewish Star*, by Devra Newberger Speregen. This highly recommended biography tells the unforgettable story of an Israeli air force pilot who made history as the first Israeli astronaut, on the ill-fated shuttle Columbia. This book, targeted mainly at younger readers, contains photos, along with the moving story of a true Jewish hero and role model.

📖 *Olive Trees and Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities around the World*, by Gil Marks. Jewish cooking expert, chef, and Rabbi Gil Marks presents 300 do-able and delicious recipes from a wide range of nationalities. Sidebars throughout the book explain Jewish vegetarian traditions and comment on the diverse communities and traditions that gave rise to these dishes.

📖 *Wedding Song: Memoirs of an Iranian Jewish Woman*, by Farideh Goldin. This remarkable memoir of a young child growing into adult Jewish womanhood in Shiraz, Iran, illuminates the lives of contemporary Jews living in the shadow of Muslim religious fundamentalism.

Our Synagogue

Mishpacha News

Greetings from Mishpacha. We all had a very good time at the Elvis impersonator show on December 18. The show was excellent and then we kibbitzed and noshed dessert afterward. We all had a great time. The next event will be Saturday evening January 22 at 8:00 P.M. when we will meet at B'nai Emet to watch our USYers perform the play *Applause*. Please do come and support our young adults. They have been working very hard and would love to have you in the audience. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Cost for general admission is \$8.00, or reserved tickets may be purchased in advance from Nancy Serber for \$12.00 per person. A check for reserved seats must accompany all requests and can be mailed to Nancy. After the play we will be going for dessert and a chance to visit with friends at the Bakers Square Pie shop in Hopkins on Blake Road.

We have another great event planned for Saturday March 5, when we will go to Hopkins Mainstreet Theatre to see a play entitled *Jack and Rochelle*. This wonderful play is a true love story of two young people during our darkest hours of the Holocaust. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per person with an R.S.V.P. to Steve and Nancy Serber by February 20.

For further information call the Serbers at 763-546-0477 or mail checks to:

Nancy Serber
8500 33rd Avenue North
New Hope, MN. 55427

Looking forward to having you join us.

B'Shalom,

Steve and Nancy Serber, Mishpacha Presidents



Bikkur Holim

Would you like to perform a *mitzvah*? Join the *Bikkur Holim* Committee and visit the ill. We visit hospitals, nursing homes, or simply phone people to see how they are after they come home from the hospital. Wishing someone a “*Shabbat Shalom*” or “I was thinking of you” is a great way to offer support, reassurance, and maintain connection with our members.

If you would like to do a *mitzvah*, join the *Bikkur Holim* Committee by calling the synagogue office at 952-927-7309.

Calling All Registered Nurses

An exciting new Congregational Nursing Program is being started in our community to help better serve our congregants. There will be free training in Spring 2005 through the University of Minnesota. There is no obligation to participate after the training. Continuing education credits are available. Contact Joy Leslie Gordon, JFCS/NORC Volunteer coordinator (952-542-4819, jlordon@jfcsmpls.org) for information or to sign up.

Clarice Cutts has, over the years, made most of the items in her doll house. In November members of Women's League with their children and grandchildren had a tour of her incredible doll house, complete with a *sukkah*.



Our Synagogue

Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to B'nai Emet's annual blood drive. Every donation helps! We had a great turnout, and were able to donate 29 pints of blood. *Todah rabbah* to:

Rabbi Abramson	Carole Harris
Howard Bach	Alan Ingber
Wendy Bach	Bob Kane
Sharon Begam-Goldschmidt	Steven Kaplan
Bonnie Berezovsky	Sari Lederman
Hersh Berman	Steve Levy
Florence Brammer	David Liss
Bobbi Brown	Bruce Melemed
Ed Chargo	Sean Murphy
Joel Coffino	Jeff Paletz
Sherry Coffino	Ruth Schoenberger
Carol Frank	Steve Schoenberger
Eric Freudenheim	Larry Shapiro
Bruce Freidson	Rabbi Woolf
Eloise Gershone	

Also, thank you to congregants who were unable to give because they had already given within the previous 56 days.

[FACT: Red blood cells can be stored for 42 days, platelets for 5 days, and plasma can be frozen and stored for a full year.]

Our Youth



December was a very busy and fun-filled month at Preschool. The children actively engaged in holiday celebrations by making *Hanukkah* treats, decorations and family gifts, while learning the blessings and *Hanukkah* tales. Living Legacy's Olive Press enhanced Pre-K's *Hanukkah* preparations with the opportunity to make oil for their *menorah*.

Registrations for the 2005-2006 school year are currently being accepted. Congregants of B'nai Emet are given priority registration and are encouraged to call to arrange a visit to our Preschool. If you or anyone you know is interested in information regarding our Early Childhood Education Department, please contact Marilyn Richter weekday mornings at 952-927-8443.

Many of our classes will be planting parsley seeds on *Tu BiSh'vat*, which should be ready just in time for their families to use on their *seder* plates for *Pesah*.

On February 4 at B'nai Emet's Young Family Service the children in the Preschool will enhance the evening with their participation from the *bimah*. This service (from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.) is open to all extended families and the entire congregation.

Tz'dakah Success!

In their annual *Yom Kippur* Food Drive, B'nai Emet's USY collected 703 pounds of food, which was donated to the STEP Food Shelf. *Yiyshar kohakhem* to the members of USY, and *todah rabbah* to all of you who donated. Next year let's get 1,000!

Sunday School Update

The Sunday School students have continued with their "Let's Discover the Bible" curriculum. So far this year they have studied Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, the Tower of Babel, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers. Their lessons have focused on Jewish values as they relate to kindergartners, first graders, and second graders—especially *mitzvot* and family. The students have enjoyed discussions relating to each story. Several songs, games and art projects reinforced these lessons. When they studied Isaac and Rebecca they learned to welcome strangers as Rebecca had done by making "Welcome" window stickers to greet guests that say "*B'ruchim haba'im*." As the students learned that they are descendents of these *Torah* ancestors they also searched for their more immediate ancestors by working on a family tree with their parents.

Of course we also learn about holidays! For *Hanukkah* the students created their own *m'norot* using oven-bake clay, and on January 23 the students and their families will explore *Tu BiSh'vat*.

B'Shalom,
Jeanne Kaufman

Our Youth

Shabbat School

Update

More Than Meets the Eye

Come roam the hallways downstairs on *Shabbat* mornings, and you will observe much more than students chanting *Torah* portions and learning prayers. You may hear an eloquent presentation of a *d'var Torah* by Hela Zadaka. You may hear a chorus of *Alef* students chanting *Torah* trope led by Wendy Bach, or *Bet* students engrossed in *haftarah* blessings with Michael Lurie. You may hear our song specialists enhancing our junior congregation with their harmonious voices. You may hear veteran teachers studying with Rabbi Woolf, or *Prozdor* students practicing their future *Torah* readings. You may see our tutors helping out in the *B'reisheet* program, or our *Gimel* students stimulated by Yefet Zadaka's teachings.

Our Shabbat School students and staff make up a warm and inviting community of young people dedicated to *Shabbat*, *Torah* learning, and *mitzvot*. It is wonderful for students to join together for a delicious *kiddush* luncheon after services with their parents, often breaking into a spontaneous session of *z'mirot* (songs). While it may be cold and dreary in the wintertime, *Shabbat* services at B'nai Emet are a great way to join with family and friends, to experience the warmth of our community.
Laura Brandys, Education Director

Our Family

Mazal tov to...

- ...Marty Moldo, on being honored for his sixteen years of service to the St. Joseph's Home for Children. *Kol ha-Kavod!*
- ...Joe & Nettie Beers, on the arrival of their new great-grandson, Joshua Val Pettigrew, and to all of their family.
- ...Dave Rapoport, on the birth of his new great-granddaughter, Mysti Sumari Morine, and to all of their family.
- ...Wendy & Allan Ackerman, on the induction of Lisa Bard, Wendy's daughter, into the Washington, D.C., Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Joel Coffino on the death of his sister, Eileen Cutner, and to all of their family.

We mourn the death of our member, Aron Batchman, and extend our condolences to all of his family.

We mourn the death of our member, Bill Sallerson, and extend our condolences to his wife, Marion Sallerson, and to all of their family.

We extend our condolences to Janet Amdur on the death of her brother, Bernard Karol, and to all of their family.

We extend our condolences to Howard Warsett on the death of his aunt, Dorothy Landy, and to all of her family.

We mourn the death of our member, Debra Freudenheim, and extend our condolences to her husband, Eric, to her daughter and son, Joanna and Mark, and to all of their family.

Scholarship Reminder!

Scholarship applications for Summer 2005 Jewish camp and Israel experiences are available through the synagogue office and online at bnaiemet.org. **Applications must be completed in full and returned to the synagogue no later than the January 31, 2005** deadline to receive consideration for summer programs. Scholarship grants are based on family income and financial need, and applicants must also make application to other community resources, as listed on the form. Contact the synagogue office if you have scholarship questions.

A Letter from JFCS

Dear B'nai Emet Congregants:

We want to thank you so much for your kind donation of gifts to Jewish Family and Children's Service's Hag Sameach (Happy Holiday) program. Your thoughtfulness helped make this a happier *Hanukkah* for so many people. We appreciate your caring for others!

Each year we provide *Hanukkah* gifts and ritual items to over 400 needy families. It is so important that these families know they are valued members of our Jewish community. Your generosity helped us accomplish this goal.

We wish each of you a happy holiday and a healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Hospital Notices

We need to hear from you.

Due to federal regulations, we do not 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 or other health-care facility.

Our Family

The Congregant Kibbitz Corner **Meet Fred Ziman**

Fred says he's been a member of B'nai Emet "forever," but his wife, Ruth, corrects him and says it's *only* been 45 years. They moved to Minneapolis from the East Coast when their third child, Paul, was a toddler. Fred has fond memories of B'nai Abraham. He remembers singing in the choir when the choir loft was over the *bimah*, where the stage is today. These days, Fred is still singing; however, he does it from the seats instead of the choir room.

Fred was in the Navy as a Radio Operator 3rd class during World War II. He sailed on the USS *Indianapolis*...the ship that sank shortly after delivering the atomic bomb. Fred was not onboard when the *Indianapolis* sank because he was suffering from an ear disorder.

Fred and Ruth have been married 58 years. They *kvel* when talking about their 11 grandchildren, ages 9 months to 23 years. Fred's favorite pastime is singing to his grandchildren. Liza Bach (one of those 11 grandchildren) chimed in that she knows all the words to Fred's songs. Way to go, *Zaydi!*

Sidebar: A great book for upper elementary or middle school kids about the USS *Indianapolis* is Peter Nelson's book *Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis*.

Interview by Michelle Shapiro

January 14-31 Anniversaries

Delores & Milton Chazin	50 years
Carol & Charles Frank	41 years
Barbara & William Hirshberg	17 years
Natalia & Lev Koyrakh	19 years
Roberta & Morris Muller	43 years

February Anniversaries

Leeanne & Peter Affias	23 years
Janet & Saul Amdur	61 years
Helen & Richard Averbach	28 years
Eleanor & David Blatt	36 years
Clara & Harry Breitman	68 years
Harriet & Milton Cell	54 years
Jeanne & Bruce Kaufman	34 years
Sari & Harold Lederman	22 years
Nessa & Martin Moldo	36 years
Lenore & Joseph Nash	54 years
Tanya & Alexander Rodnyansky	19 years
Joan & Allen Silver	23 years
Shirley & Edward Silver	22 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 let us know.



Should the caption be Men's Club or Women's League?

Men's Club President Steve Goldschmidt steps in to help out the Women's League Judaica Shop during the Hanukkah Sale rush. Women's League member Tiki Kelner keeps a sharp eye on him, though!

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