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A Heartfelt Todah Rabbah

On behalf of the Schoenberger family, we would like to thank Paul Tuchman, Bonnie Berezovsky, and the entire Adult Education Committee of B'nai Emet Synagogue for the magnificent evening of Jewish learning on March 5, in memory of Marty Schoenberger—our beloved father, zadie, and husband, z"l.

We are very appreciative of Bonnie Berezovsky's beautiful remarks about Marty. The keynote speaker, Professor Ron Kiener, was extremely engaging during his presentation of "An Introduction to *Kabbalah*." It was additionally meaningful that Ron has such deep roots in our congregation, where he grew up.

With deep appreciation,
The Saad, Tarshish, and Schoenberger Families



Hag Kasher v'Sameah

The officers, Board of Trustees, Rabbi Abramson, and the entire B'nai Emet staff wish all of you a very happy *Pesah*!

Office Closed

Monday, April 25 • 2nd Day of *Pesah*

Monday, May 30 • Memorial Day

Pesah 5765 (2005) Schedule

Thu	Apr 21	<i>Minyan & Siyyum B'khorim</i> (service for firstborns)	7:30 AM
		<i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM
		<i>B'dikat Hametz</i> (search for leaven) at home this evening	
Sat	Apr 23	<i>Shabbat Shahaarit</i>	9:00 AM
		<i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM
		First <i>Seder</i> in homes this evening	
Sun	Apr 24	First day of <i>Pesah</i> . <i>Yom Tov Shahaarit</i>	9:00 AM
		<i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM
		Second <i>Seder</i> in homes this evening	
Mon	Apr 25	Second day of <i>Pesah</i> . <i>Yom Tov Shahaarit</i>	9:00 AM
		<i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM
Fri	Apr 29	Seventh evening of <i>Pesah</i> . <i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM
Sat	Apr 30	Seventh day of <i>Pesah</i> . <i>Shabbat & Yom Tov Shahaarit</i>	9:00 AM
		<i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM
Sun	May 1	Eighth day of <i>Pesah</i> . <i>Yom Tov Shahaarit & Yizkor</i>	9:00 AM
		<i>Minhah & Ma'ariv</i>	5:45 PM

Scroll Deadline

Monday, May 2 for the
June 1 issue

That issue will cover from
June 1 through
July 14, 2005.

Please plan accordingly!

Upcoming Events

The King is in his Counting House... Counting out the Omer?

Ask the Rabbi!

We begin counting the *Omer* on the evening of the second *Pesah Seder*. *Omer* is translated as “sheaf,” as in a sheaf of wheat; but what are we counting, really, and why did the tradition begin? The next “Ask the Rabbi” session, a monthly opportunity to pose your questions to Rabbi Abramson about counting sheaves, all of the upcoming *Yom* days, and everything in between, will be May 7 during *Shabbat* morning services, which begin at 9:00 A.M.

You can also ask him questions on Saturday, June 4, when the subsequent “Ask the Rabbi” session will be, right before *Shavu'ot*. (Hint: It's connected to counting the *Omer*...)

Save the Date— Sunday, May 15: Mikvah Tour

Curious About the New Mikvah?

If you've been wondering about that big, new, yellow building on the corner of Minnetonka Blvd. and Natchez Ave., join us on Sunday, May 15 to find out what's inside.

That's when our Adult Education Committee is sponsoring a tour of the new Minneapolis *Mikvah*, the ritual bath that recently opened a few blocks from B'nai Emet. We'll be given a guided tour that explains the role of the *mikvah* in traditional Jewish life, and there will be plenty of time for questions.

Space is limited for this free event, so make your reservation today by calling the synagogue office at 952-927-7309. We'll meet at the *mikvah* at 10 A.M. for the tour.

Our Synagogue

We've Got an Attitude of Purim Gratitude

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's *Purim* Carnival such a great success. Many of you gave your time and knowledge (and pop and prizes...) and we appreciate all that you have done. There are those, however, who deserve special thanks:

First and foremost, we would like to thank **Ruth Abzug** for all of the time and energy she put into the kitchen this year. If it was baked, fried, sautéed, or boiled Ruth was there working to make sure it tasted good and turned out right. This included the *hamantaschen* and the knishes as well as all the usual carnival fare. Ruth, you are an amazing woman, and your dedication and hard work (as well as your advice and expertise) are always greatly appreciated!

Secondly, we would like to thank the other amazing carnival cooks: **Alice Mall, Freda Finn, Marguerite Krause, Miriam Krause, Joe Moses, and Sheryl Rutzick**. These volunteers spent many hours slicing, dicing, mixing, and sautéing to produce all that delicious carnival food. Everyone had a special role, and together they made quite a team. Excellent job to you all!

A huge thank you to **Rita & Ron Kelner** for donating their timeshare in Palm Springs as the grand prize in this year's raffle.

Thank you **Sheryl Rutzick** for all that you did, but especially for organizing the *hamantaschen* sales again this year.

Thank you **Sari Lederman** for all your hard work and advice. Thank you for helping out whenever and wherever we needed. Thank you for taking care of all the food and supplies shopping. And, thank you for organizing the Gary Rosenthal Judaica fundraiser.

Thank you **Sharyn Grone** for organizing the *Purim* Carnival volunteers again this year. Thank you to all the people who said “yes” to Sharyn and helped staff our games, ticket tables, and food lines.

Thank you **Ruth Schoenberger** for convincing local businesses to donate to us again this year. It's a tough job, but you always succeed!

Thank you **Amy Newman** for working with Ruth to collect and catalogue all of the gift donations as they came in. We know what a time-consuming job prize collection can be, and we are glad that YOU did it this year!

Thank you **LeeAnn Ancier** (and **Sari Lederman**) for organizing the silent auction this year. We thought it went great! Thank you to all those who bid on the auction items!

Thank you **Marilyn Richter** for wrapping our silent auction baskets. Thank you to the **Preschool Parents** for donating the contents of many of those baskets.

Thank you **Estee Warsett** for taking on the awesome responsibility of the Kiddie Prize Room. We saw a lot of very satisfied customers!

Thank you **Jeanne Kaufman** for your large time commitment in the Gary Rosenthal project room. Thank you also for donating those great *gragger* kits—they were VERY popular!

Thank you **Cliff Ancier** (and HP) for donating time, supplies, and expertise to the “Old Tyme Photo Shoppe” again this year.

Thank you **Alan Ingber**, a.k.a. “Pop Boy,” for staffing the drink table for the entire four-hour carnival.

Thank you **Jessica Averbach** and **Ben Abramson** for having the youth and teens involved in set-up. Thank you to all the kids who came and helped.

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Services

Lunch & Learn

The next two "Lunch & Learn" sessions with Rabbi Abramson will be Thursday, May 5, and Thursday, June 2, from 12:30-1:30 P.M. in the library. Please feel free to bring a dairy or vegetarian lunch.

Candle Lighting

April 15	7:40 P.M.	April 30	8:59 P.M.
April 22	7:49 P.M.	May 6	8:06 P.M.
April 23	8:50 P.M.	May 13	8:14 P.M.
April 24	8:51 P.M.	May 20	8:22 P.M.
April 29	7:59 P.M.	May 27	8:29 P.M.

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.

Daily Service Schedule

Shaharit:

Monday–Friday 7:30 A.M.

Shabbat, Sunday &

Holidays 9:00 A.M.

Minhah/Ma'ariv

(Saturdays, *Minhah* only)

Daily 5:45 P.M.

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.

Shabbat Service Schedule

Morning services conducted by Rabbi David L. Abramson

Shabbat M'tzora

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, April 15, 5:45 P.M.

Carlebach Service

Shabbat Shaharit: Saturday, April 16, 9:00 A.M.

Tot *Shabbat* 11:00-11:45

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, April 16, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Ha-Gadol (Aharei Mot)

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, April 22, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Shaharit: April 23, 9:00 A.M.

Erev Pesah

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, April 23, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Pesah

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, April 29, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Shaharit: April 30, 9:00 A.M.

Pesah

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, April 30, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat K'doshim

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, May 6, 5:45 P.M.

Carlebach Service and Dinner

Shabbat Shaharit: May 7, 9:00 A.M.

Stav Comay Bat Mitzvah

Ask the Rabbi

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, May 7, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Emor

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, May 13, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Shaharit: May 14, 9:00 A.M.

Shabbat School Baccalaureate

& Awards Ceremony

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, May 14, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat B'har

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, May 20, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Shaharit: May 21, 9:00 A.M.

Featuring the B'nai Emet Choir

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, May 21, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat B'hukkotai

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, May 27, 5:45 P.M.

Shabbat Shaharit: May 28, 9:00 A.M.

Ilana Baumwald Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat Minhah: Saturday, May 28, 5:45 P.M.

Our Synagogue

Purim Gratitude

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Thank you to our carnival sponsors: **Alex and Lorraine Astren, Amy and Stanford Baratz, Delores and Milton Chazin, Bev Dolinsky, Alan and Evie Ingber, Mark and Roberta Mandel, Fran and Joe Moses, and Eloise and Jeff Gershone.** Your financial contribution is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to our booth sponsors: **Adeel and Jeri Saad, Fay and Marvin Frieman, Eloise and Jeff Gershone, Alan and Evie Ingber,** and the **Morning Minyan.** Hopefully you all got an opportunity to see your name up on tag board!

Thank you **Roosevelt Edwards** and **Abebe Kaasa** for all the set-up and clean-up. We can never thank you enough for your hard work!

A huge thank you to those of you who came Saturday night and Sunday morning to help set up the carnival. We worked long and hard and got the job done!

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to our carnival and brought friends and relatives. We hope you enjoyed yourselves, and we hope to see you all again next year!

Sincerely,

Lisa Brodsky and Wendy Grosser
2005 Purim Carnival Chairpersons

A Megillah of Thanks

Thanks to all of you who came and helped make our *Erev Purim* celebration so *freilich*, fun, and festive!

Thanks especially to **Rabbi Abramson, Laura Brandys** and **Linda Erlich**, who read chapters of the *Megillah*; to **Rabbi Abramson, Michael Krause** and **Paul Tuchman**, our wonderful “The *Megillah* According to Walt Disney” ensemble; to **Charles Lilienfeld**, our fabulous piano accompanist; to **Paul Tuchman, Bonnie and Bruce Berezovsky**, and **Steve and Wendy Grosser**, who underwrote the cost of the script and score; and to **Ruth Abzug**, who catered our delicious *Erev Purim* dinner.

Hamentaschen, Hamentaschen, Hamentaschen!

By Alice Mall and Sheryl Rutzick

Well, *Purim* has passed, and a lot of us have had our fill of *hamentaschen*. We had a wonderful group of people working every Sunday morning since mid-January baking those delicious treats. Our group consisted of Ruth Abzug, Freda Finn, Claire Breitman, Wendy Grosser, Nancy Miller, Lois Moorvitch, Miriam Krause, Minnie Zweigbaum, Ruth Schoenberger, Saba Haubenstock, Blanche Singer, Betty Kohn, Marguerite Krause, Joe Moses,



And The Winners Are... (Drumroll Please)

Congratulations to all the winners in our Annual *Purim* Raffle, listed below!

Shirley & Zollie Baratz
Bernard & Eleanor Borkon
Asya & Sender Fridland
Fay & Marvin Frieman
Joshua Gerber
David Grone
Frima & Morton Harris

Ben & Claire Katz
David & Karen Katz
Helven Rubin
Lola & Oskar Schreiner
Debbie & Ilya Slutsker
Daniel & Rebecca Steinberg
Miriam & Steven Wells

and last, but not least, our “oven man” Richard Wolfson. A special thank you goes out to Marguerite Krause and Joe Moses for their extra work in preparing the dough and fillings prior to the baking on Sundays. Pre-order sales were the best ever. We sold more than 360 dozen *hamentaschen* prior to the *Purim* Carnival; by the time we were done, we had sold over 430 dozen! Thank you to all of you who pre-ordered *hamentaschen*—we hope you enjoyed them!

Our Synagogue



Women's League "Nus" Where Would B'nai Emet, our Community, and the World be Without Women's League?

Think about it. Sisterhood has been and is involved in so many different aspects of Jewish life.

Within the synagogue:

We have a \$5,000 annual commitment, and this year an additional \$5,000 check was presented to help pay for the new air conditioning system in the Baratz Social Hall. We maintain the synagogue kitchen by replacing china, silver, glassware, and cooking and baking utensils through monies raised from our Women's League Catering and other fundraising events such as the deli dinner, *Yizkor* book, and *Mitzvah* Fund. Our beautiful Judaica Shop enables the community as well as our members to purchase a wide variety of items for *b'nai mitzvah*, weddings, baby namings and *britot*, and for hostess gifts.

Our award-winning Early Childhood Department has the momentous task of beginning the Jewish education of our children and grandchildren. We continue with support of our youth department and through our College Outreach Program.

Our women have participated in creating the beautiful *Torah* covers that are in the Fingerhut Sanctuary and Fox Family Chapel, and the exquisite *huppah* used for weddings in the synagogue.

We bring Judaism from the synagogue into our homes so that our families will be involved in a daily Jewish life.

Within the community:

Both financial and volunteer support are given to the Jewish Family and Children's Service "Hag Sameach" program (which Sheila Cohen began in our preschool) and to the Minneapolis Federation Super Sunday, to name only a couple. We were the first to have a women's *seder*, which was titled "Mind, Body, Soul." Our Midwest Branch was extremely instrumental in getting the Jewish Theological Seminary to admit and ordain women as rabbis.

Throughout the world:

We help support the Jewish Theological Seminary where our future rabbis and cantors are trained, the Conservative Masorti Movement in Israel, The Jewish Braille Institute, and have sent donations to countries in Eastern Europe.

We are in the planning stage of a new project to become involved in a battered women's home to help those who have suffered from domestic abuse. Now we are counting on our young women to carry on. It is your turn and we are giving you the opportunity to join us. Please call either Miriam Kieffer at 763-557-9654 or me at 763-553-2614. Without you there is no Women's League.

Shalom,

Anita Siegel,

President, B'nai Emet Women's League

What Women's League Means to Me A Personal Response

Put simply, I joined Women's League for two reasons.

The first is that Anita Siegel made me feel welcome at B'nai Emet by asking for my help with a few things. Big or small, she was appreciative of any contribution that I made. When she told me that Women's League was hopeful about building its membership, I felt a responsibility to participate.

The second has to do with Wendy Grosser, who is one marvelous person! Like myself, Wendy is involved with the Early Childhood Department, and is someone who I'd like to count as a friend. She gives a good gosh darn about everyone at B'nai Emet and it is my pleasure to serve the synagogue with her.

My husband, Mickey, and I are still getting to know people in Minnesota. Sometimes, I may forget to call this person or that one, or overlook something that I was supposed to do. The women whom I've gotten to know in Women's League are all such caring and forgiving people. I truly enjoy working with them!

Probably the thing that holds me most to Women's League is its relationship to the Early Childhood Department. We have an absolutely fabulous preschool, where the children don't only learn a great deal, but are also taught with love. It is with gratitude to Marilyn Richter, Jeri Saad, Terry Freedman, and all of my daughter's teachers that I do my best to support the activities of Women's League.

Sincerely,
Joni Pico

Our Synagogue

Judaica Shop News

If you missed the *Purim* Sale, remember we still have all the necessities to make your *Pesah* holiday and *s'darim* festive and beautiful. In addition to the basic *seder* plates, *kiddush* cups, candlesticks, and *kippot*, we have hand-washing cups, a variety of *hag-gadot*, *matzah* and *afikomen* covers, and salt and horseradish bowls. If you have small children, you must check out our Plague and Four Question Puppets and other special items to keep the children awake and involved. A wonderful variety of hostess gifts can also be found. Remember, if the Judaica Shop is not staffed, the office staff can help you.

Our *Purim* Sale in the Judaica Shop was a big success thanks to the help of all our customers and volunteers. This sale is always the biggest of the year with great bargains to be found, and our customers had fun searching for them.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers! Molly Chanen, Maureen Fine, and Anita Siegel came early to help set up all the exceptional merchandise (marked down from 30-70%) and then stayed on to cover the first shift, where they were joined by Fran Moses. The second shift was covered by Nancy Gilden and Barb Siegel, who had to leave their families upstairs to have all the fun. Finally, Lorraine Astren and Sherry Coffino helped our customers for the final shift and stayed late to help put merchandise away.

All these remarkable volunteers plus several others make themselves available whenever called to help out on Sunday mornings, Monday afternoons, and Wednesday mornings. *Todah Rabbah* to all of them. If you would care to join them and get yourself a discount in the shop, please contact Carole Harris at 952-938-2101 or through the synagogue office.

Be sure to check your mail after Passover for a special discount coupon to be used in our Judaica Shop for any single piece of merchandise. And don't forget about the sale showcases behind the Fox Family Chapel full of wonderful items at great prices.

Sincerely,
Carole Harris

Monthly *Shabbat* Dinner Group

Are you interested in having *Shabbat* dinner with other B'nai Emet members? Join our new monthly *Shabbat* Dinner Group. The basic idea is to have a wonderful *Shabbat* experience while getting to know other B'nai Emet members. The details will be determined based on input from group participants. Call or email Michelle Shapiro if you are interested at 952-545-3466 or shap5@earthlink.net.

Men's Club

The Men's Club Breakfast Bonanza was enjoyed by all who joined us. We served perennial favorites such as hash browns, pancakes, French toast, eggs and fruit. We will be having a quarterly Men's Club meal, so watch your calendar for the next one!

Congratulations to Morris Muller who was this year's Men's Club honoree, for all his participation with both the Men's Club and B'nai Emet.

Upcoming events include our annual *Yom Ha-Sho'ah* Yellow Candle program, in keeping with the tradition of burning a yellow candle on *Yom Ha-Sho'ah* in memory of those who died in the Holocaust. We are asking for a donation of *hai* (\$18) or more for the candles. This was a very successful program last year, allowing two of our youth congregants to receive scholarships toward their trips to Israel. Please contact the office to reserve your yellow candle. And get your candles early! *Yom Ha-Sho'ah* is May 5.

Another date to keep in mind is *Erev Shavu'ot*, which falls on Sunday, June 12. The Men's Club will provide dessert and fruit for the Adult Education sponsored *Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot* classes that night. See the enclosed flyer for more details!

If you have not yet paid your dues or wish to join please send a check in to the synagogue made payable to B'nai Emet Men's Club for \$18.


I hope all of you have a wonderful *Pesah!*

Shalom,
Dr. Steve Goldschmidt
President, B'nai Emet Men's Club

Sample the Newest Book in Your B'nai Emet Library!



This one comes from one of our own!

 *The Duplex: Fran and Dan Lived Upstairs*, Fannie S. Schanfield. Memories and nostalgia permeate this memoir. The book is filled with anecdotes about people you know, photos of friends and family (including daughter Miriam Kieffer!), and traditional recipes.

Also, check out this month's Congregant Kibbitz Corner for more information on Fannie!

Pesah Preparation

Pre-*Pesah* Guide—5765 (2005)

Rabbi David L. Abramson

Note: Since *Pesah* begins on Saturday night this year, a number of the usual pre-*Pesah* preparations are changed slightly. Please read this guide carefully, both for a review of usual *Pesah* preparations and for unique procedures to follow this year.

Selling of *Hametz*

Jews are not only forbidden to eat *hametz* [food containing leaven] on *Pesah*; we are even forbidden to own *hametz* during the holiday. Therefore, *halakhah* [Jewish law] requires that any *hametz* which is not used up before *Pesah* should be given away or sold to a non-Jew. After *Pesah*, the *hametz* may be bought back. However, according to Jewish law, any *hametz* which a Jew did not sell before *Pesah* cannot be used after *Pesah*.

Rather than going to the trouble of selling your own *hametz* to a non-Jew before *Pesah*, you may name Rabbi Abramson as your agent, and he will make the necessary arrangements to sell your *hametz* in accordance with Jewish law. (See cut-out form on page 9.) Contributions which you may make in connection with this transaction may be made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund and will be distributed to worthy charitable causes before *Pesah*.

Since the *hametz* which you sell through Rabbi Abramson is not considered your property, it must not be used by you during *Pesah* and should be stored in an out-of-the-way place in your home.

If you are interested in having Rabbi Abramson sell your *hametz*, please return the authorization form to the synagogue office no later than **Wednesday, April 20**.

Siyyum B'khorim

In remembrance of the tenth and final plague, which killed the first-born sons of the ancient Egyptians, it is customary for first-born Jewish males to fast on the day preceding *Pesah*; fathers whose first-born sons have not yet reached adulthood are required to fast on behalf of their sons. Since fasting (other than on *Yom Kippur*) is not

permitted on *Shabbat*, this year the fast is moved back; and since *Shabbat* preparations would interfere with a fast on Friday, it is pushed back further, to Thursday.

However, there is one way to avoid the obligation to observe this fast, and that is to participate in a *se'udat mitzvah*, a meal celebrating a *mitzvah*. One such *se'udat mitzvah* is the celebration of a *siyyum*, the completion of a talmudic tractate. A *siyyum b'khorim*, the *siyyum* for first-born sons, will take place on **Thursday morning, April 21**, beginning at 7:30 A.M. Following the Morning Service, Rabbi Abramson will complete a talmudic tractate, and then we will join in a brief meal. (The service, brief ceremony, and meal will be completed around 8:45 A.M.) First-born sons, fathers who have first-born sons below age thirteen, and all other interested people are invited to attend.

B'dikat Hametz

Usually, on the evening before *Pesah* begins, once the house has been cleaned for *Pesah*, *b'dikat hametz*, the search for *hametz*, takes place. This year, since *Pesah* begins at the conclusion of *Shabbat*, *b'dikat hametz* is performed on **Thursday night, April 21**. This charming ritual, which involves the use of a candle, a feather, and a wooden spoon, also includes the recitation of a special *b'rakhah* [blessing]. This year, when performing *b'dikat hametz* on Thursday night, "*kol hamira*," the legal declaration that nullifies our ownership over any *hametz* which we may have overlooked, is **not** recited. (The ceremony and additional instructions can be found at the beginning of most *Haggadot*.) It is customary for parents to hide a few pieces of bread around the house so that the children can find them during *b'dikat hametz*; these pieces of bread are burned (see below) the following morning.

Burning *Hametz*

The final step in removing *hametz* from our homes takes place this year on **Friday, April 22—no later than 9:13 A.M.** At that time, we burn the pieces of bread which were gathered during *b'dikat hametz* the night before. "*Kol hamira*" is recited; the text can be found at the beginning of your *Haggadah*.

Pesah Preparation

Shabbat Meals

While the prohibitions of eating, using, and possessing hametz take effect on **Saturday, April 23, at 9:13 A.M.**, Pesah preparations must be completed before *Shabbat* begins. Therefore, *Shabbat* meals should be prepared and eaten on Pesah dishes and utensils. However, a problem is raised by the fact that eating *matzah* on the day before Pesah—this year, on *Shabbat*—is forbidden, so that the ritual eating of *matzah* at the *seder* will be a “new” experience. What to do about reciting a *motzi* during *Shabbat* meals?

There are a number of solutions. One is to leave aside one hametz plate and a few rolls—carefully separated from all Pesah dishes—for use on Friday night. (Those who are punctilious about reciting “*hamotzi*” at the next *Shabbat* meal, usually Saturday at lunchtime, will make sure this *motzi* is recited before 9:33 A.M.) If one chooses this complicated option, “*kol hamira*” should not be recited on Friday—rather, on Saturday morning. Another, simpler solution is to eat subsequent *Shabbat* meals without a *motzi* or to make a *motzi* over egg *matzah* (which, technically and experientially, is not the same as regular *matzah*).

In any event, **no hametz may be eaten after 9:13 A.M. on Saturday, April 23.**

A Guide to Food and Home Preparation On Pesah

During Pesah, according to the Bible, Jews are forbidden to eat hametz, leavened food. In addition, however, even possessing hametz on Pesah is forbidden. The prohibition of hametz includes hametz itself, *ta'rovet hametz* (foods containing any hametz among their ingredients), and dishes and utensils which come in contact with hametz during the year. For this reason, the Jewish home is prepared for Pesah by using up or disposing of hametz whenever possible, selling whatever hametz cannot be disposed of (see the Pre-Pesah Guide), putting away dishes and utensils which are used year around, and bringing out dishes and utensils which are reserved for Pesah use.

The following general guidelines should assist you in your preparation for Pesah. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Abramson.

Forbidden Foods

The following items may not be used during Pesah: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, rice, legumes (e.g., peas, beans, peanuts; however, string beans **are** permitted), and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Permitted Foods

Note: Labels and tags marked “*kosher l’Pesah*” or “*kosher for Passover*” abound during the Pesah season. Some of these claims are bogus. “*Kosher l’Pesah*” labels are of no value unless they bear the name of a reputable rabbi, rabbinical organization, or *kashrut* certification organization.

1. The following foods require no “*kosher l’Pesah*” label: fresh fruits, fresh vegetables (for legumes, see above), and eggs.

2. The following foods require no “*kosher l’Pesah*” label **if purchased prior to Pesah**: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee (without flavorings or cereal additives); sugar; pure tea; salt; pepper; natural spices; milk; *kosher* butter, cream cheese, and cottage cheese (watch for non-*kosher* emulsifiers and other ingredients); fruit juices with no additives (frozen, canned, or bottled); frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see above); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives). All foods in this category **do** require a “*kosher l’Pesah*” label **if purchased during Pesah**.

3. The following foods require a “*kosher l’Pesah*” label if purchased before or during Pesah: all baked products (*matzah*, cakes, *matzah* flour, farfel, *matzah* meal, and any products containing *matzah*), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.

Pesah Preparation

Dishes and Utensils

Dishes and utensils used during the year may not be used on *Pesah*, with the following exceptions:

1. Silverware, knives, forks, and spoons made wholly of metal, if used during the year, may be kashered for *Pesah*. The process of kashering these utensils is the following: do not use the utensils for 24 hours prior to kashering, then thoroughly scour the utensils, immerse them in boiling water, and rinse them in cold water.

2. Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes (but not baking), if made wholly of metal, may be kashered for *Pesah* by not using them for 24 hours, then scouring them, immersing them in boiling water, and rinsing them in cold water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered for *Pesah*.

3. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine glazed china which has not been used for over a year can be used on *Pesah* after being scoured and cleaned in hot water.

4. Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking glasses. Rabbi Abramson shares the opinion that drinking glasses can be kashered by soaking them for 72 hours in cold water, changing the water every 24 hours.

Appliances

1. Ovens and ranges are prepared for *Pesah* by thoroughly scrubbing and cleaning all parts and then turning on all burners to the highest temperature for 30 minutes. Self-cleaning ovens should be thoroughly cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle.

2. A microwave oven, which does not cook the food by means of heat, should be thoroughly cleaned. A cup of water is then placed inside, and the microwave oven is turned on until the water is brought to a boil.

3. Tables, closets, and counters should be thoroughly cleaned and covered. (Shelf paper is recommended.) Some follow the practice of pouring boiling water over these surfaces before covering them.

4. A sink can be kashered by thoroughly scouring it and then by pouring boiling water over it.

5. A dishwasher can be kashered by leaving it unused for 24 hours, then by thoroughly scouring it with boiling water, and, if possible, using new racks.

Authorization to Sell *Hametz* — 2005

I, _____, residing at _____, fully empower and permit Rabbi David L. Abramson to act in my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me—knowingly or unknowingly—as defined by *Torah* and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *hametz* owned by me may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of *Pesah*, which this year begins with sundown of April 23, 2005 and runs through May 1, 2005.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form must be sent or faxed back to B'nai Emet so that it is received
no later than Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Mail to: B'nai Emet Synagogue • 3115 Ottawa Avenue South • St. Louis Park, MN 55416
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Our Synagogue

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Mishpacha News

Shalom and greetings from Mishpacha!

We've had yet another terrific year shared with great friends. We think it's the warmth of this great group that has kept it going for thirty-some years. Many of us started by joining the group as newlyweds, and now through the years we have the wonderful shared memories of various events together. We have experienced baby-namings and brises, *b'nai mitzvah*, weddings, grandchildren, and the fulfillment of experiences and fun-filled events that have brought us so many wonderful times. We can see why the cohesiveness of this group just gets better and better. We've grown as a group of individuals to a group of very close friends who enjoy each other's company so much. This past year we had a fundraiser whose profits go to benefit multiple causes, both here at home with scholarships to our own USYers and donations to food shelves, and in Israel with donations to their ambulance program. Thank you to all the members of the group and the congregation who bought and sold Entertainment books to help our fundraising efforts.

We've had a great "*kibbitz & nosh*" night at a member's home, gone to see several plays together, and had great desserts following evenings of fun and friendship. Our eagerly awaited summer pool party will be in June or July at the home of Judy Mogelson. Look in the next *Scroll* for further details. We hope many of you will be able to join us. Call Nancy and Steve Serber for details at 763-546-0477. We look forward to seeing you!

B'Shalom,
Steve and Nancy Serber,
Mishpacha Presidents

Our Youth



B'nai Emet Early Childhood Graduation

On Thursday, May 26, B'nai Emet Early Childhood Education Department will be celebrating graduation for the following children from our pre-kindergarten class:

<i>Jacob Besch</i>	<i>son of Jessica and Tim Besch</i>
<i>Laurel Bertomeu</i>	<i>daughter of Barbara Schneider Bertomeu and Alberto Bertomeu</i>
<i>Olivia Engstrand</i>	<i>daughter of Michelle and Jon Engstrand</i>
<i>Maia Grosser</i>	<i>daughter of Wendy and Steven Grosser</i>
<i>Simon Lewin</i>	<i>son of Jennifer and Jeff Lewin</i>
<i>Charles Lieberman</i>	<i>son of Suzanne Fenton and Daniel Lieberman</i>
<i>Sophia Koritz</i>	<i>daughter of Jill and Mark Koritz</i>
<i>PJ Mancy</i>	<i>son of Elyse Mancy and Miles Fiterman</i>
<i>Talee Mandel</i>	<i>daughter of Kelly and Marty Mandel</i>
<i>Brady Richter</i>	<i>son of Tina and Robb Richter</i>
<i>Ethan Roe</i>	<i>son of Jessica and Deane Roe</i>
<i>Soren Roe</i>	<i>son of Jessica and Deane Roe</i>
<i>Madeline Silton</i>	<i>daughter of Heidi and Steven Silton</i>
<i>Peyton Smith</i>	<i>daughter of Shelly and Charlie Smith</i>
<i>Amanda Weinberg</i>	<i>daughter of Heidi and Eric Weinberg</i>
<i>Hannah Wolk</i>	<i>daughter of Norma and Shawn Wolk</i>
<i>Yonatan Zenilman</i>	<i>son of Lisa Weinsoff and Robert Zenilman</i>

The cap-and-gown graduation ceremony will take place in the Fingerhut Sanctuary with Rabbi Abramson and Marilyn Richter, Early Childhood Education Director, presenting graduation diplomas. Laura Brandys and Eloise Gershon teach the pre-kindergarten class. The entire Early Childhood Education Department is under the auspices of B'nai Emet Women's League, its President, Anita Siegel, and its Early Childhood Education Vice President, Wendy Grosser.

Metro Dining Cards

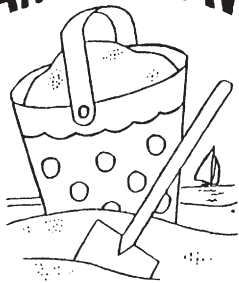
The B'nai Emet Early Childhood Education Department is pleased to announce that it is once again selling Metro Dining Cards. The dining cards allow you to enjoy monthly discounts at 166 Twin Cities restaurants from May 2005 through May 2006.

Metro Dining Cards will be available in early May. If you would like to pre-order or pick up a set of cards, please contact Terry Freedman or Jeri Saad weekday mornings in the Early Childhood Education Department (952-927-8443).

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Our Youth

CAMP AHAVA



Fun summer activities are in the planning stages and applications are now being accepted for the B'nai Emet Early Childhood Department's Camp Ahava summer program. Children ages 22 months to 5 years will enjoy crafts, drama, sports, water play, *Shabbat*, and so much more.

Three summer sessions will be held: June 6-July 1, July 5-29, and August 1-19. Camp hours are 9:15 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., with daycare open from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Friday.

You can get your Camp Ahava application by contacting the Early Childhood Director, Marilyn Richter, or the Camp Ahava Director, Sandy Rudoy, at 952-927-8443.

Shabbat School Update

Mazal tov to our upcoming *b'not mitzvah*, Stav Comay and Ilana Baumwald!

"*Modeh/Modah Ani L'fanekha*...Thank you, God, for a new day...thank you for giving me a new life"

We begin each Shabbat School morning with our spiritual wake up exercises, singing this prayer of gratefulness for beginning a new day and restoring our soul. We strive in Shabbat School not only to learn the skills to lead our congregation in prayer, but to have our own spiritual experiences among friends and community. This is often seen through the wonder in students' eyes as Rabbi Woolf shares his wonderful stories, or when Hela Zadaka brings *parashat ha-shavua* to life.

We have only a few more weeks of Shabbat School before we break for the summer. The last day will be May 14, when we will honor our outgoing seniors, grant student and senior service awards, and acknowledge the wonderful and valuable work our teachers and tutors have done with our students. We are encouraging our *Gimel*, *Bet*, and *Alef* students to continue practicing over the summer, and to participate in services when attending camp. Diane Baumwald, Esther Paletz, and I continue to be available during the summer for those students who will be celebrating their *bar* or *bat mitzvah* in the coming months.

Alef/Bet Shabbat will take place on April 30, when our younger students will lead parts of the service, guided by their teachers. It is a time to celebrate all that they have learned, and to practice their skills on the *bimah* in front of the congregation. All are welcome to join in this special service.

Laura Brandys, Education Director

Sunday School Update

Spring has arrived! Watch the Sunday School's garden as it blooms on the hill by the parking lot. It is one of our *mitzvot* projects—*tikkun olam* that enables children to understand that even though they are young and small they have the ability to make a difference in their families, in their community, and in the world through their actions. This year's students planted daffodils last fall and purple coneflowers this winter to beautify the entrance to our synagogue. We hope you enjoy them, and the birds and bees enjoy the nectar and seeds.

B'nai Emet Sunday School is looking forward to next year. Two students are graduating this year—Rachel Christensen and Abby Klugman. On May 1 we will host an Open House for prospective new students and celebrate Rachel's and Abby's accomplishments.

At the Open House parents and students can see the materials that will be used for next year and meet our current students and staff. This is a good time to get the feel of our classroom and to raise questions or concerns regarding your child's needs for their Jewish education. B'nai Emet Sunday School meets from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. most Sundays throughout the school year, in room 10. This year's curriculum focused on *Torah* stories and Israel. Next year the curriculum will be based on the *Alef-Bet*. Students will learn to recognize the letters and what sounds they make, and will learn a few Hebrew words that begin with each letter. We will also explore holidays as they approach. Lessons incorporate stories, songs, and lots of art projects and games to reinforce the curriculum. The class size is small and students receive a lot of individual attention as they discover and explore Judaism.

B'Shalom,
Jeanne Kaufman

Our Family

The Congregant Kibbitz Corner

Meet Fannie Schanfield

I don't think anyone will disagree with me if I called Fannie the Matriarch of B'nai Emet. She has been involved in most aspects of synagogue life, at one time or another. When I sat down to talk with her, she tossed out dates and addresses so fast I missed most of them.

Fannie was born in 1916 and remembers growing up on the South Side, where the Romanian Jews lived. Fannie's father was the *hazzan* and Torah reader at B'nai Abraham and built the candleabras that now adorn our bimah. She fondly remembers the synagogue moving to its current location after World War II, and Rabbi Sachs's involvement with the synagogue youth. In 1961, Fannie decided to enroll in the University of Minnesota because she wanted to know what college life was like for her own kids. At that time, the university did not know what to do with a 45-year-old freshman. The younger students stood up for her when she argued with the professors... which I gather was quite frequently. Fannie started writing books, and has written seven so far. Her most recent one is *The Duplex*, a copy of which is now in our own synagogue library. Fannie said the theme of the book is "you can take the people out of the duplex, but you can't take the duplex out of the people." If you want to learn more about Fannie, look her up in just about any *Who's Who* book. She beamed when she told me her name appears above her son's.

(Interview by Michelle Shapiro)

Bikkur Holim

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

If you would like to join the *Bikkur Holim* Committee, please call the synagogue office at 952-927-7309.

April 15-31 Anniversaries

Stanford & Amy Baratz	28 years
Leslie & Linda Fieldman	36 years
Edward & Gala Mazelev	27 years
Josef & Rose Rozenberg	56 years

May Anniversaries

Harold & Charlene Aaron	15 years
Alex & Lorraine Astren	59 years
Catherine & Mark Babler	1 year
Howard & Wendy Bach	30 years
Irwin & Sandra Benowitz	14 years
David & Cynthia Chesler	16 years
Patrick & Susan Gambill-Read	7 years
Daniel & Nicole Goldstein	8 years
Melvin & Miriam Graf	13 years
Steven & Wendy Grosser	12 years
Tristram & Sandy Hage	28 years
Frank & Leslie Kampel	25 years
Larry & Marcie Kelner	13 years
Sherman & Betty Masler	63 years
Daniel & Amy Newman	7 years
Mickey & Joni Pico	8 years
Samuel & Rachel Rosen	2 years
Jeffrey & Sandra Rudoy	35 years
Morris & Niza Schear	11 years
Lawrence & Michelle Shapiro	22 years
Conrad & Lillyan Solomon	62 years
Jerry & Lois Udell	42 years
Ira & Stephanie Wald	28 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.

Mazal tov to...

...Louis Abramson on raising more than \$500 to donate as *tz'dakah* to the victims of the Southeast Asian Tsunami. He donated the money he had raised to Operation Noah's Ark, a project sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, Justice Squared, and Nechama: The Jewish Response to Disaster. The money he raised was to be used to build fishing boats to replace those lost in the tsunami. Louis is the son of Rabbi David and Sandy Abramson.

...Eloise & Jeff Gershone, Ethel Gershone, and all of their families on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Solomon Mordechai Gershone.

...Rabbi Barry and Zena Woolf on the birth of their granddaughter, Naomi Esther Woolf, daughter of Chaim & Yael Woolf.

Rabbi Barry and Zena Woolf sincerely thank the congregation for all the heartfelt good wishes expressed on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Naomi Esther.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Fran Moses on the death of her niece, Nancy Michlin.

We extend our condolences to the Shmikler family on the death of Sandy's father, Cantor Arnold Katz.

We mourn the death of our member, Sara Hirsch, and extend our condolences to all of her family.

We extend our condolences to Bev Dolinsky on the death of her cousin, Hy Horowitz.

New Memorial Plaques (Fox Family Memorial Alcove)

Jack E. Maurer



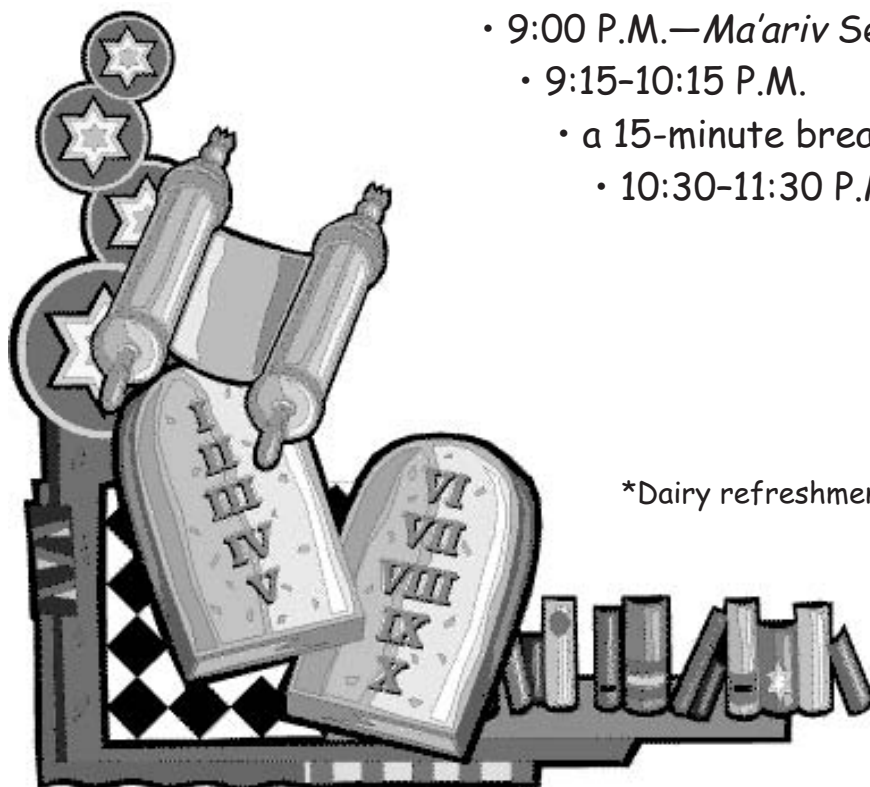
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Cordially invite you to celebrate *Shavu'ot* with us
at a "Milk & Honey" dessert reception* and
Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot study session

Sunday evening, June 12, 2005
8:00 p.m. in the Baratz Social Hall.

Classes will be held in the
Fingerhut Sanctuary:

- 9:00 P.M.—*Ma'ariv* Service
- 9:15-10:15 P.M.
- a 15-minute break
- 10:30-11:30 P.M.



*Dairy refreshments will be served.



Our Community

The Jewish Enclave on the North Side: The Next Chapter

Join the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest as it Examines the Departure of Minneapolis's Jewish Community from the North Side.

The Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest announces a lecture and discussion with the University of St. Thomas's Dr. Ellen Narotzky Kennedy about what happened to Minneapolis's Jewish community after its dispersion from the North Side.

From the beginning of the twentieth century through the 1950's, many Jews settled on Minneapolis's North Side because they often had trouble finding housing in other parts of the city. Several nearby suburbs had highly restrictive housing covenants in place. Anti-Jewish discrimination extended beyond housing into nearly every area of economic life. The North Side Project (concluded in 2000) documented this now-vanished Minneapolis Jewish community. By the middle of the 1960's, the discriminatory situation had changed for Jews and other minority groups. The residential and economic enclave of the Jewish North Side weakened and ultimately disappeared.

Based on extensive interviews, Dr. Kennedy's research reveals the next chapter of the North Side story for Jews. The North Side community had nurtured a sense of identity, belonging, and security. What happened after the Jews moved away? How did they react to new geographic and economic freedoms? What happened to college choices, mate selection, economic mobility, and Jewish identity once the enclave life was gone?

Don't miss this chance to hear answers to these questions and add your own reflections. For more information, visit www.jhsum.org, email history@jhsum.org, or call 952-381-3360.

"The Jewish Enclave on the North Side: The Next Chapter"

Presenter: Dr. Ellen Narotzky Kennedy
Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 P.M.
Sabes JCC, 4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis
Free parking with ample disability spaces.
Program is free and open to the public.
Light refreshments will be served.

Jewish Grief Support

6:15-7:45 P.M., Wednesdays, April 27, May 11 & 25 at Beth El Synagogue

Grief support for the loss of a loved one within the last 18 months. Following the death of a loved one, each of us moves, in our own time and in our own way, through the process of grief, mourning, and readjustment. We do not have to grieve alone. In this group, members can talk openly and support one another through the grief process. Coordinated by the Twin Cities Jewish Healing Program and co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Children's Service and Beth El Synagogue, the group generally meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. A \$1 to \$5 donation is accepted at each session. For information or to register, contact Amy Taswell at 952-542-4830 or by email at ataswell@jfcsmpls.org.

Twin Cities Employment Collaborative

10:00-11:30 A.M., Tues., April 19, May 3 & 17, at Jewish Vocational Service, 13100 Wayzata Blvd., Minnetonka

9:30-11:00 A.M., Thu., April 28, May 12 & 26, at the Sabes JCC, 4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis

The goal of the Twin Cities Employment Collaborative is to provide job-search related information, networking opportunities, and emotional support for people looking for employment. There is no fee and reservations are not necessary. For more information, contact Ardis Wexler, JVS Career Development Program Coordinator, at 952-417-2117.

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