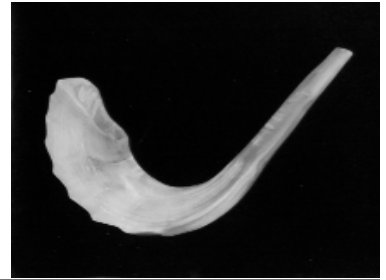




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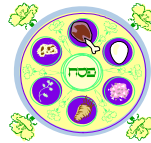
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Having just returned from leading my eleventh Purim Mission to Israel, I am happy to let you all know that the morale and spirits of the Israeli public and soldiers are high.

My trip began with the atrocity perpetrated by Palestinian Arabs on the Fogel family in Itamar. This slaughter which took place on Shabbos coupled with the difficulty of even getting a condemnation of this heinous crime from Abbas, puts into stark relief and emphasizes the lack of a peace partner. The climate of violence and the incessant official disenfranchisement of Jewish claims to Eretz Yisrael, are part and parcel of why there is no peace, and in this writer's opinion, why it will not come soon.



At the end of the week, Israel was faced with the bus bombing opposite the Central bus station, all the while, Katyushas and Grads kept falling in southern Israel.



I was witness to the rapid deployment and quick response of

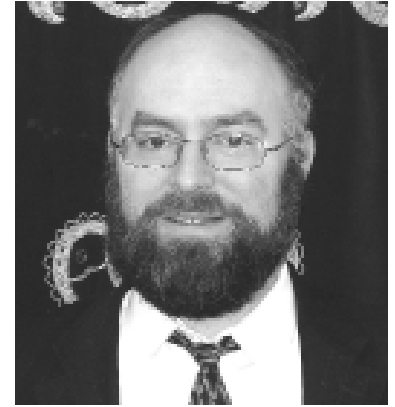
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FROM THE RABBI

**FREED FROM
BONDAGE OF THE
SOUL**

Dear Friends,

בכל דור ודור חייב אדם
לראות את עצמו כאלו
הוא יצא ממצרים



*Rabbi Yehoshua
Zelikovitz*

The Haggadah tells us: "In every generation, each Jew must view himself as if he personally had left Egypt." The question arises how we, born thousands of years after the exodus, can truly feel as if we were the ones liberated.

The answer can be found in the text of the Haggadah itself, which says:

ואילו לא הוציא הקב"ה את אבותינו ממצרים
הרי אנו ובנינו ובני בנינו משועבדים היינו לפרעה במצרים

"And if the Almighty had not taken our forefathers out of Egypt, behold we and our children and our grandchildren would be enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt." But again, that seems far-fetched. On the stage of history, nations come and go; empires rise and crumble. Over the span of thousands of years, it seems doubtful that we would still be slaves residing in Egypt.

The answer lies in the word משועבדים, whose literal translation is more accurately "indebted," rather than enslaved. The Midrash tells us that the Jewish people, by the time of the Exodus, were almost fully assimilated into Egyptian culture. Had the Almighty waited any longer to take the Jews out of Egypt, they would have been lost forever, in terms of their identity as Jews. Three thousand years later, we would be indebted, morally enslaved, and thereby under the dominating influence of the heathen Egyptian culture. We may be physically free, but we would have long forgotten our identities as Jews.

A sad comparison can be made to our Jewish experience in the United States.

A new study revealed by the Knesset Information and Research Center shows high rates of intermarriage among Jewish communities in the Diaspora. During the past 50 years the rate of intermarriage among Diaspora Jews increased by over 200%, the study

SISTERHOOD NEWS-THE WOMEN'S CORNER

By Ruth Kleinman Faber

The woman is the backbone of the Jewish home. The woman's role in Judaism and in the Jewish home is very special and should never be underestimated. This is very evident in the celebration of Pesach.

In general, women are not obligated to observe commandments which must be performed at certain times. Yet, women are mandated to eat matzah. Also, women must drink the four cups because they were part of the miracle of Pesach; not only were they in harm's way, as the men were but they were vital to the redemption.

The women set the example for righteousness in Egypt. The men were ordered to remain in the fields. Under cover of darkness, the women went to their husbands to minister to them. Not only did they bring food and water but they gave their husbands spiritual strength. The actions of the women strengthened the family and bolstered the spirituality of the Jewish nation. Due to the women's exemplary behavior and deep regard for their husbands, the redemption took place.

May Jewish women continue to be an inspiration to their families and help lead the Jewish nation to continued greatness.

PRAYER BOOK

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges the very generous donation made by Pnina & Sidney Orbach upon the occasion of the Yahrtzeit of Pnina's mother (may the neshamah have an aliyah)

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges the donation made by Lori & Winnie Jacobowitz in memory of Sarah Feldman .

To Leonore Huberman on the loss of her mother, Pauline Feintuch, from: The Sisterhood, Janet & Mel Kwassman, Mildred Altman, Ruth Kleinman, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Lee & Murray Novick, Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal, Helen & Mark Orbach

To Naomi Mauer on the loss of her husband, Dr. Ivan Mauer, from: The Sisterhood, Janet & Mel Kwassman, Leonore Huberman, Pnina & Sidney Orbach, Geraldine Melinger, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Yocheved & Joseph Orbach, Lee & Murray Novick, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To Naomi Mauer and Hindy Greenwald on the loss of their mother, Rebbetzin Irene Klass, from: The Sisterhood, Janet & Mel Kwassman, Leonore Huberman, Pnina & Sidney Orbach, Geraldine Melinger, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Yocheved & Joseph Orbach, Lee & Murray Novick, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To Sheldon and Amy Fiedel on the loss of their wife and mother, Irene Fiedel, from: The Sisterhood, Leonore Huberman, Bruce & Muriel Bayroff, Geraldine Melinger, Evelyn & Jay Haies, Harry Wanderer, Fran & Arthur Solomon, Mildred Altman, Ruth & Murray Faber,

From the Sisterhood: Yom Tov Cookery Traditions

By Ruth Kleinman Faber

VARENIKAS FOR PESACH

1 cup chopped/ground cooked meat
2 cups mashed potatoes
2 eggs, beaten
¼ cup matzoh cake flour
salt and pepper to taste

Final step:

1-2 beaten eggs
½-1 cup matzoh meal

Chop or grind enough of any kind of cooked, leftover meat to make 1 cup.

To 2 cups of leftover mashed potatoes, add 2 beaten eggs, ¼ cup of matzoh cake flour; add salt and pepper to taste. Mix well.

Shape the potato mixture into balls and scoop a hole in the center of each. Fill the center with the chopped meat.

Roll the potato mixture over the opening and flatten the balls slightly at each end.

Dip each ball in a beaten egg and then in matzoh meal.

Fry in oil until golden brown.

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Arline Harris & Abe Harris, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp, Pauline & Ira Bilus, Bella & Bernard Flom

To Bernard Flom on the loss of his brother, Theodore Flom, from: The Sisterhood, Lee & Murray Novick, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Geraldine Melinger, Ruth & Murray Faber, Mr & Mrs Martin Izaak

To Harvey Kaylie on the loss of his mother, from: Harry Wanderer, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Lee & Murray Novick, Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal

To Tzippy Binder on the loss of her husband, Joseph Binder, from: The Sisterhood, Mildred Altman, Leonore Huberman, Lee & Murray Novick, Helen & Mark Orbach, Bea & Martin Slepoy, Ruth & Murray Faber, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To Mrs. Paula Dembitzery and family on the loss of their mother and grandmother, from: Vivian & Joseph Kahan

Sippora Binder would like to express her heartfelt appreciation and thanks to all of her friends and neighbors who sent sympathy cards, attended the funeral and shiva for her beloved husband, Joe. She wishes that all of you have a happy and healthy holiday.

Passover Prayer Service & Observance Schedule

Two classes on Laws of Pesach, April 6 @ 7:40 PM,
April 13 @ 7:40 PM

Sunday, April 17th

After 8:20 pm: **Bedikat Chometz** -- Search for Chometz
Say the first **Kol Chamira** nullification

Monday, April 18th- Erev Pesach

Fast of the First Born
Siyum - After morning services followed by a light breakfast (Seudah)
Community Fire for burning of Chametz in backyard of the Mesifita, 59 West End Avenue 10:30-11:30 am
10:41 am: **Last time for Eating Chametz**
11:48 am: **Chametz must be burned by this time.**
Say the second **Kol Chamira** nullification.
7:19 pm: Light Yom Tov Candles, Bracha for Yom Tov and Shehechaynu
7:25 pm: Mincha
Maariv
Celebrate the first seder
12:55 am: Latest time for eating the Afikomen

Tuesday, April 19th – First Day of Pesach

8:55 am: Services in Main Sanctuary
– The blessing of Tal
7:25 pm: Mincha
7:40 pm: Maariv: Sefirat Ha'Omer
after 8:22 pm: Begin preparing Seder and light candles with Bracha for Yom Tov and Shehechaynu
Celebrate the Second Seder

Wednesday, April 20th– Second Day of Pesach

8:55 am: Services in Main Sanctuary
7:30 pm: Mincha
Class
8:15 pm: Maariv
8:23 pm: Yom Tov ends

Thursday, April 21st - 1st Day, Chol Hamoed

8:30 am: Shacharit
7:30 pm: Mincha

Friday, April 22nd - 2nd Day, Chol Hamoed

8:30 am: Shacharit
7:24 pm: Light Candles
7:30 pm: Mincha
7:40 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

Shabbat Chol Hamoed - April 23rd

8:55 am: Services in Main Sanctuary
10:00 am: Shir Hashirim
6:15 pm: Class on Shir Hashirim
7:10 pm: Mincha
Family Shalosh Seudot
8:27 pm: Shabbat Concludes

Sunday, April 24th - 4th Day, Chol Hamoed

8:30 am: Shacharit
7:35 pm: Mincha
7:26 pm: Light candles Bracha for Yom Tov, no Shehechaynu

Monday, April 25th - 7th day of Pesach

8:55 am: Shacharit
7:35 pm : Mincha
7:50 pm: Maariv
after 8:29 pm: Begin preparing and light Yom Tov candles - Bracha for Yom Tov

Tuesday, April 26th - 8th day of Pesach

8:55 am: Shacharit
10:45 am: Yiskor
7:35 pm: Mincha
Class on Shir Hashirim
8:20 pm: Maariv
8:30 pm: Yom Tov Ends
9:00 pm: Refrain from opening or eating the chometz that was sold until this time

Wednesday, April 27th - Isru Chag

6:40/7:30 am: Shacharit
7:35 pm: Mincha

Friday, April 29th

6:40/7:30 am: Shacharit
7:00 pm: Mincha
7:31 pm: Light Candles

Shabbat, April 30th - Shabbat Mevorchim

Cantor Pinchas Cohen officiating
Bat Mitzvah of Joanna Gandelsman
7:45/8:55 am: Shacharit
6:15 pm: Pirke Avot class
7:10 pm: Mincha
Family Shalosh Seudot
8:35 pm: Shabbat ends

SHABBAT HAGADOL DRASHA

On Shabbat, April 16th, Rabbi Zelikovitz will deliver his Shabbat Hagadol drasha. Mincha will be at 6:40 PM followed by Family Shalosh Seudot at 7:10 PM. During the meal Rabbi Zelikovitz will speak about Yetziat Mitzraim - His Story? My Story? Whose Story?

FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Fast of the Firstborn (Hebrew: **תענית בכורים** *Ta'anit B'khorim*); is a unique fast day in Judaism which usually falls on the day before Passover (i.e. the fourteenth day of Nisan, a month in the Jewish calendar. Passover always begins on the fifteenth of the month). Usually, the fast is broken at a siyum celebration (typically made at the conclusion of the morning services), which, according to prevailing custom, creates an atmosphere of rejoicing that overrides the requirement to continue the fast. This fast commemorates the salvation of the Israelite firstborns during the Plague of the Firstborn (according to the Book of Exodus, the tenth of the ten plagues wrought upon Ancient Egypt prior to the Exodus of the Children of Israel), when, according to Exodus (12:29): "...*God struck every firstborn in the Land of Mizrayim (Ancient Egypt)....*" Unlike most Jewish fast days, only firstborns are required to fast on the Fast of the Firstborn. This year the Fast of the Firstborn will be commemorated on Monday, April 18th. Shacharit will take place at 6:30 and 7:30 AM with a siyum to take place at 7:10 AM.

APRIL YARZEITS

SUN	2	ISAK KATZ, father of Leo Katz
WED	6	CHANA MACK, mother of Harold Mack
		MOSES SCHERTZ, father of Bela Flom
FRI	8	MAE BAYROFF, mother of Bruce Bayroff
MON	11	ALICE EISENBERG, mother of Geraldine Melinger
		YITZCHOK SHLOMO NOVICK, father of Murray Novick
TUE	12	MOSES EISENSTEIN, father of Toby Levy
MON	18	REB. CHAIM HELLER, grandfather of Vivian Singer
TUE	19	REGINA OSDOBA, mother of Sam Osdoba
WED	20	MORRIS BAYROFF, father of Bruce Bayroff
THU	21	EDWARD RUSTON, father of Dr. Henry Ruston
		FRANCES SORKIN, mother of Morton Sorkin
SAT	23	DAVID WOLFSON, father of Evelyn Gollomp
SUN	24	NOSSON GELERNTER, father of Ted Gelernter
		GITLA ORBACH, mother of Mark, Joe & Sidney Orbach
MON	25	JOSEPH KATZ, husband of Vera Katz
WED	27	HILLEL MACK, brother of Harold Mack
FRI	29	ETHEL GROSS, mother of Rosalie Rosenthal
SAT	30	CLARA FABER, mother of Murray Faber

MAY YARZEIT

TUE	3	JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN, father of Marjorie Halper
THU	5	DAVID ISAAC FLOM, father of Bernard Flom
FRI	6	PAULINE SHERLING, mother of Helen Priceman
		MARION SOLOMON, mother of Arthur Solomon & Evelyn Haies
SAT	7	FRIEDA HELLER, grandmother of Vivian Singer
WED	11	SOFIA KAGAN, mother of Ari Kagan
		ROSLYN SHERMAN, mother of Leslie Flug
MON	16	MAX SCHWARTZ, father of Leonard Schwartz
		RABBI HENOKH SINGER, grandfather of Vivian Singer
TUE	17	BREINE BLOOM, sister of Meier Stessel
		LEO LIBOW, husband of Lillian Libow
FRI	20	MIKHAIL KAGAN, father of Ari Kagan
		DR. KURT PINE, husband of Bessie Pine
SAT	21	ALEXANDER BRAZ, husband of Sura Braz
SUN	22	ROZA DEREBCHENSKAYA, mother of Yefim Buberman
		PERL LINDENBLATT, mother of Jehuda Lindenblatt
FRI	27	MOE EISENBERG, father of Geraldine Melinger
SAT	28	SOLOMON HEITNER, father of Fran Solomon
SUN	29	STANLEY ROSENTHAL, father of Harold Rosenthal

ONEG SHABBAT

On February 25th we celebrated the end of our Oneg Shabbat season. Since November when Eastern Standard time began our members have opened their homes to us on Friday nights for classes and singing and dancing. Thanks to the following people for hosting: Jay & Joelle Lessler, Dr. Eliezer & Barbara Offenbacher, Mark & Helen Orbach, Sidney & Pnina Orbach, Rabbi Yehoshua & Sarah Zelikovitz, Matthew & Lainie Isaacson, Ira & Pauline Bilus, and Jay & Evelyn Haies.



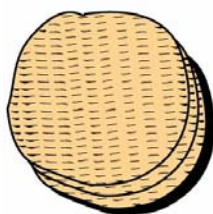
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MAOT CHITTIM

One of the most time honored traditions of the Passover season is for members of the Jewish community to give generously to their local Maot Chittim charity campaign. Anyone who has been shopping for Kosher for Passover food lately is well aware of the high cost of the essentials for this holiday. Many worthy Jewish individuals and households in our community have approached us for assistance during this holiday period. So, please send in your Maot Chittim contribution to the shul office in time for the funds to be distributed before Yom Tov. Thank you.



NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Mazel tov to Ruth & Murray Faber upon their recent wedding.

Mazel tov to Ilya & Tamara Braz upon the birth of a baby girl, Bailee.

Mazel tov to Elliot & Judy Kurlander upon the birth of a grandson born to Ari and Karen Kurlander.

Mazel tov to Rubin & Cecelia Margules upon the birth of a grandson, Moshe Ezriel, born to Eli & Julie Verschleiser.

Mazel tov to Ted & Evelyn Weinberger upon the birth of a granddaughter born to Danielle & Dov Stark.

Mazel tov to Ira & Pauline Bilus upon the marriage of their granddaughter Sara Levenson .

Mazel tov to David & Gail Weiss upon the birth of a grandson to their daughter Tzippy & Andrew Schwimmer.

Mazel tov to our secretary Ilene Keller and her husband Kenny upon the birth of a grandson, Yehuda Leib to Rabbi Baruch & Melanie Simon.

Speedy recovery to Leo Zucker.

Speedy recovery to Shirley Heller.

Speedy recovery to Rabbi Alvin Harris.

Condolences to Sippy Binder upon the loss of her husband, Joe.

Condolences to Sheldon Fiedel upon the loss of his wife Irene.

Condolences to Naomi Mauer upon the loss of her husband, Dr. Ivan Mauer.

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FROM THE RABBI

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suggests, pointing to a weak Jewish identity as one of the main factors.

The findings, deduced from a study conducted by the center two years ago, were presented November 15, 2010 during a hearing of the Knesset Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, headed by its new Chairman MK Danny Danon (Likud).

"The fear of assimilation of Diaspora Jews is a strategic threat for the continued existence of Israel," Danon said.

One of the study's most surprising findings shows that intermarriage rates among religious and secular families are almost identical.

While in the United States 55% of all Jews married non-Jewish partners, intermarriage rates in Australia, Canada and Turkey fluctuate between 25%-30%.

An intermarriage rate of 35%-45% was recorded among the Jewish Diaspora in France, Britain and most of Latin America.

The study revealed much higher figures in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, where 65% of Jews exchanged nuptials with non Jews, while Russia came out on top of the list with a 75% rate of intermarriage.

Mexico, on the other hand, recorded the lowest level of intermarriage, with only 15% of Jews marrying outside of their faith. (ynetnews)

So, yes, we are free from bodily persecution and harm but in terms of our survival as a nation, we are still at risk.

So when the Haggadah tells us that we must view ourselves as if we personally left Egypt, we are really celebrating the survival of our identity as Jews, and our pride in our heritage. A second generation American thanks his grandparents for making the difficult trek to this country when life for immigrants was hard. As a result of his ancestors courage, he and his children and grandchildren have the unique opportunities and security that this country offers. So, too, we Jews empathize and vicariously experience the Exodus during the Seder. By saving the Jews from national oblivion in Egypt, the Almighty allowed us to perpetuate our heritage and become the prosperous people we are today.

So in essence, Passover is a celebration of our survival and resilience. Let us bask in the warmth of the Seder, energize ourselves through the richness of our holiday traditions, re-commit and re-connect ourselves to our people, our heritage and our G-d.

Yehoshua Zelikovitz

MISHLOACH MANOT

On Purim all members of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center received beautiful Mishloach Manot. The selection of goodies was very tastefully selected and bought by our own Rabbi Yehoshua and Rebbitzin Sarah Zelikovitz. For this they deserve our deepest thanks.

Kudos also to those who packed them into the boxes. Thanks to Evelyn Weinberger, Evelyn Gollomp, Derrick Vernon, Ronald D'Meza, Evelyn D'Meza, George Sapp, Maya Berg, Deborah Zegerman, Esther Sher, Sima Ustryakh and Naomi Mauer. Without their help the boxes would not have been packed in a timely fashion.

This function was financially a success due to the participation of the following individuals: Bruce & Muriel Bayroff, Ira & Pauline Bilus, Mr. & Mrs. Max Braksmajer, Ilya & Tamara Braz, Dean Marilyn Chernin, Ruth & Murray Faber, Hon. Michael & Marlene Feinberg, Dr. Leonard & Leslie Flug, Ted Gelernter, Alfred & Evelyn Gollomp, Jay & Evelyn Haies, Matthew & Lainie Isaacson, Martin & Esther Izaak, Winnie & Lori Jacobowitz, Dr. Oliver & Susan Klapper, Mr. & Mrs. Gennady Kontarovich, Dr. David & Irina Korman, Bernard & Madeline Laufer, Jay & Joelle Lessler, Allen & Teri Litman, Rubin & Cecelia Margules, Naomi Mauer, Prof. Oscar & Shelley Mohl, Barry & Eileen Montrose, Murray & Lee Novick, Dr. Eli & Barbara Offenbacher, Mark & Helen Orbach, Joseph & Jochevet Orbach, Sidney & Pnina Orbach, Dr. Yeruchem & Sue Reich, Lev & Sofia Rivkin, Harold & Rosalie Rosenthal, David & Yelena Safir, Abraham & Esther Sher, Yisrael & Lila Schleifstein, Vivian Singer, Meier & Zahava Stessel, Harry Wanderer, Ted & Evelyn Weinberger, Milton & Deborah Zegerman and Rabbi Yehoshua & Sarah Zelikovitz

Shloshim for Joe Binder will be held on Sunday, May 8, 2011 in the Regency Room at 11:00 AM.

**Light Refreshments will be served
Please make every effort to attend.**

**Belated Purim Greetings, from:
Sara Landis
Vivian and Joseph Kahan**

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM



Norman Kontarovich
become Bat Mitzvah on Parsha Kedoshim, April 30th. Rochelle Kogan will become Bat Mitzvah in the fall. The Shul and its members should celebrate this wonderful program. Because of the support of the administration and so many of its members, this program has taken off and achieved far more than all of us thought was possible. It has certainly allowed Lainie and I to meet some wonderful families and their gifted children. Every Shabbos where these young adults participate has proven to be a spiritually uplifting and meaningful occasion. Kudos to Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz, Jay Haies and Rubin Margulis, Mike and Joan Penn, Eli Offenbacher and all the members who have donated so generously on behalf of the program. You all made it happen!

Matthew Isaacson

GOLDEN BOOK

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges the generous donation made by Grace & Norman Rosiner

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges the very generous donation made by Muriel & Bruce Bayroff in honor of the marriage of Dr. Ruth Kleinman & Mr. Murray Faber

Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. (nee Ruth Kleinman) Murray Faber on their 12 Tevet marriage, from Lori & Winnie Jacobowitz

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. (Vivian Weinrib) Joseph Kahan on their marriage, from Lori & Winnie Jacobowitz

Mazel Tov to Reuben & Cecilia Margules on the birth of a grandson, from: The Sisterhood, Ruth & Murray Faber

Mazel Tov to Ted and Evelyn Weinberger on the birth of a granddaughter, from: The Sisterhood, Ruth & Murray Faber

Mazel Tov to Pauline & Ira Bilus on the marriage of their granddaughter Sara, from: The Sisterhood, Ruth & Murray Faber

Mazel Tov to Pauline & Ira Bilus on the promotion of their son-in-law to full Colonel in the United States Army, from: The Sisterhood, Ruth & Murray Faber

Refuah Shloime to Jerryl Volk from Rosalie and Harold Rosenthal

Refuah Shloime to Rabbi Al Harris from Arline Harris & Abe Harris, Mildred Altman, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff

MBJC DINNER, NOVEMBER 20, 2010

On Saturday evening November 20, 2010, the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center celebrated its Annual Journal Dinner. The guests of honor were Shirley Heller and Vivian Singer as Shofar Awardees and Gregory Davidzon as the Community Service Awardee. Approximately 200 people attended and had the privilege of enjoying



the delicious smorgasbord presentation including a sushi bar provided by New Star Caterers. The presentations took place in the main sanctuary emceed by our President, Rubin Margules and included inspiring words from all of our honorees.



well as the programs presented by the Chofetz Chaim Foundation during Tisha B'Av. that she had arranged. Shirley has served on MBJC's Board of Governors for many years as its Chairman of Education.

Vivian Singer recounted the devotion of her beloved parents, Dr. Rabbi Joseph I. Singer and Rebbitzin Rebecca Singer to the MBJC and how the community became more spiritually observant during her father's career. Vivian has been active in her own right, for many years at the Center and serves on MBJC's Board of Governors as Recording Secretary. The Ponnevitz Rebbe, a good friend of Vivian's, came from Israel to attend MBJC's dinner.

Gregory Davidzon spoke about the influence of the dynamic Russian-American membership in the Man-



Shirley Heller stated that she took pride in the programs that she had initiated at MBJC, including the scholars-in-residence, who had presented stimulating lectures at the time of the Yom Tovim each year as



hattan Beach, Brighton Beach and Sheepshead Bay communities and his role as the owner of the Davidzon radio station in spreading the news to all segments of that community. After the program, we proceeded to the Grand Ballroom where we feasted on salmon and a delicious steak main course accompanied by dancing and the music of the Shlomie Dachs Orchestra. Everyone agreed that this dinner was a great success to which we owe a debt of gratitude to Shirley Heller and Vivian Singer for their hands on efforts in mobilizing their



friends and colleagues to support the MBJC.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the dinner and journal chair Evelyn and Alfred Gollomp, Jay Haies, Lev Rivkin, Harry Wanderer, Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz and



all other members of the Dinner Committee.

Last but not least our greatest thanks to our President Rubin Margules who put all of the pieces together, for the

financial support which he obtained and the time which he expended to insure the success of the dinner.

Hope to see you all at our 89th Annual Dinner next November.



PHOTOGRAPHS TO REMEMBER

If you have an old photograph, with some other persons in it, send it to a museum or MBJC. It may make somebody very happy one day. This is what happened to the Stessels.

They were searching the internet for a place in Italy where there had been a Hachshara Center (an aliya preparatory station) in 1946. Hoping to find some general information, they suddenly discovered the following photograph.



Standing in the middle is Meier Stessel as a young man. Next to him on the right is Dr. Shlomo Tal, the editor of *Siddur Rinat Israel* and other works of religious subjects. As Dr. Tal has passed away, his son, Michael, donated the photographs to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

The picture was taken in Mekor Baruch, a hachshara in Bacoli, near Naples, Italy. Italy was then a passway, as survivors of the Shoah tried to reach Palestine. Mekor Baruch was established with the help of two rabbis that Meier Stessel met in at a Chanukah party in 1945 at a Jewish soldiers club in Naples. The rabbis, Baruch Epstein, a Palestinian rabbi serving in the British Army and the other, known only by his first name, Baruch, was a U.S. Army chaplain. Meier was unhappy in the place that he was staying which was too secular for a boy with a strong religious background. The Rabbis promised Meier their help. They worked with Meier and in March 1946 Mekor Baruch (bearing the two rabbis name) was established at a former U.S. Officers Club. It consisted of 90 members, almost all affiliated with Torah V'Avoda, religious Zionism. Because of its location by the sea, it was decided that the members should also be taught fishing.

Dr. Shlomo Tal was the representative of Rabbi Baruch Epstein. Assisting the American chaplain was the tall young man, in the photograph. He is still waiting to delight a family who will identify him.

Zahava Stessel

PHOTOGRAPHS TO REMEMBER THE STORY CONTINUES

Placing the photograph from the Hachshara (an aliya preparatory station) of Mekor Baruch, our hopes were to identify a young man in the picture. (September 2010 issue of Hashofar appearing in the column on the left). It didn't happen, as many things in life, but we received a call from Mr. Ilan Braun, a writer, living in France. Mr. Braun is working on the history of a ship which in 1946 transported 183 survivors from Mekor Baruch, in Bacoli, Italy to Palestine. The ship was one of the few illegal boats that escaped the British Blockade.

Mr. Braun had data on the voyage, but he lacked information on Mekor Baruch itself. He was delighted to find the article from the Hashofar on the internet. Meier Stessel, whose photograph was in the article, is one of the few survivors today. Meier was also the originator and one of the founders in 1946 of the hachshara, Mekor Baruch in Bacoli, Italy.

One of the important events, that Meier recalled,



was the visit of Yitzhak Ha Levi Herzog (1889-1959) the Chief Rabbi of Palestine who was also the father of former Israeli President, Chaim Herzog. Rabbi Herzog stopped for a Shabbat in Mekor

Baruch. He was on way to Europe

Meier Stessel is first from right with his plan of "Massa Ha-Hatzala" to redeem Jewish children from the Catholic churches and monasteries. They had been hidden there during the war and many of the children were not aware that they were Jewish.

Rabbi Herzog grandson, Isaac Herzog, is a member of the Knesset today. He was contacted by Mr. Ilan Braun and was pleased to learn about the activities of his grandfather, in Mekor Baruch. The power of old photographs in delighting people was confirmed again.. For us it was nice to know that the voices of Hashofar are being heard on the internet.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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the IDF while my group and I were distributing Mishlach Manot at a Paratroopers base near the Kissufim crossing just a 1/2 meter away from the Gaza

border. Suddenly, there were announcements from loud speakers. The merriment stopped and the soldiers disappeared as rapidly as the spring snow. They were deploying in response to what turned out to be over 50 Katyushas that were fired that day against Southern Israeli cities and towns.

I could do little but admire their training and their bravery and, thank Hashem for these wonderful young men, each of whom bears such awesome responsibility. No matter what is said by the United Nations or the Radical Jewish left that has done Israel so much damage, the old adage is still true, the Arabs can afford to lose many wars, Israel can't afford to lose one.



David Safir with Commander of Base

It is to these soldiers that we came to say thank you and to whom we brought greetings and encouragement,

through letters and Purim gifts. It was, as usual a fantastic experience, and I would like to thank those members of the MBJC Congregation who made it possible through their contributions. Those of you, who contributed, each had a part in bringing Purim



David Safir with his favorite soldiers

joy, and saying thank you to over 4,000 soldiers.

As we approach the Pesach holiday,

we can only pray and do our part to encourage Hashem to complete the redemption of our people.

Our rights to the land began with Avraham and we returned and regained the land after 210 years of enslavement in Egypt. We ruled the land promised to us by G-d for over a thousand years, till we were exiled, but we returned after 2,000 years. Our modern day redemption is not complete as long as Israeli soldiers, civilians, children and parents have to die to defend our rights to be in the land G-d promised us. This Pesach let us remember Gilad Shalit and the others whose fates are still unknown. Let us remember what it has cost us in lives and treasure and let us pray for a year in which all of Klal Yisrael can live in peace and in the coming of the Geulah Shlema, the final redemption.

Volunteers needed to update and upgrade MBJC's website.

Contact either Jay Haies or Rubin Margules

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY

On Sunday afternoon December 5, 2010 we had a beautiful Chanukah party in the Regency room and the playroom under the direction of Lila Shlelifstein.. In the Regency room a holiday movie were shown. "The Macabees", produced by the Jewish Children's Museum depicted the miracle of the victory of the Jews over the Greeks and the purification of the Temple.

In the playroom approximately fifty (50) children enjoyed many arts and crafts activities.

They included (1) sand art and velvet art to make pictures of Chanukah menorahs and dreidels, (2) plastic gallery to decorate menorahs and dreidels, (3) designing and decorating hamenashen (4) making cookies in the shapes of menorahs, dreidels and Hebrew letters (5) Building and decorating wooden Chanukah menorahs and dreidels, and (6) Decorating foam picture frames with foam menorahs, dreidels and candles

The children also made and fried latkes with potatoes and onions.

The activities were accompanied by Chanukah music which kept everyone in the holiday spirit.

All of the booths were managed by the teenagers from the MBJC bar mitzvah program, a real tribute to Matthew and Lainie Isaacson and Joan and Michael Penn who have brought these young men and women closer to our synagogue and to their Jewish roots.

The program concluded with the lighting of the Chanukah menorah and the blessings.

A yosher koach to Lila Shleifstein for planning and implementing a stimulating holiday program for the children.

JASA AT MBJC GIVEN A NEW LIFE

Many not-for-profit and social service organizations have had to downsize because of New York State and New York City budget cuts. One of the organizations which were in jeopardy of being terminated was the JASA program which takes place on the second floor of our Center. This JASA program services 150 senior citizens on a daily basis. Hot lunches cooked on premises are served every day. Recreational activities, such as dancing and cultural activities such as lectures are frequently provided. The seniors are also given computer instruction. The JASA program is administered by its Director, Ana Bella, who

CHANUKAH CANTORIAL CONCERT



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resides in our community and is experienced and knowledgeable regarding what it takes to have a successful program. She also sees to it that its participants are, when necessary, referred to the appropriate government or not-for-profit agency to resolve their problems.

We want to thank Assemblyman Cymbrowitz, City Councilman Michael Nelson and State Senator Carl Kruger for their efforts in saving our JASA Center so MBJC can continue providing a vital service to our community at our facility.

LATE STAY ACTIVITIES AND AFTER CAMP PROGRAMS

SHALOM Day Camp
of Manhattan Beach
A Division of Shalom on Beach Day Camp
Separate Boys and Girls Divisions

CAMP FEES:
Camp Schedule June 20th - August 20th

Session 1: June 20th - July 15th (Closed July 4th)	\$580
Session 2: July 16th - August 10th	\$600
Session 3: August 11th - August 20th (Closed August 19th)	\$150
Full Season: June 20 - August 20	\$1,300

\$150 OFF for week(s) on Per Day
\$100 OFF if registered by March 15

ALL FEES INCLUDE:
Transportation
All Transportation (2009) Per week or \$2,000 a day
Per Transportation (2010) Per week or \$2,000 a day
Early On Day Camp (7:30 AM - 8:30 AM) \$200 per week or \$2,000 a day
Late On Day Camp (8:30 AM - 9:30 AM) \$200 per week or \$2,000 a day

Shalom Day Camp is offered at the Manhattan Beach Community Center.
Camp Schedule June 20th - August 20th

Call (714) 941-2018, Fax (714) 941-9479
40 West End Ave., 2nd Floor
Manhattan, NY 11235

We are excited to bring you another year of the premier day camp for yeshiva kids. Welcome to Camp Shalom.

Last summer you saw camp's fun, and what a success it was. Our staff and campers share with fun and exciting activities. We had swimming, but our fun in general feature pools. The present goal is to get the kids.

Our award and honor have not to our youth camp in addition. We want an exciting weekly show. We want to see some fun, and we can help you out of summer camp and camp shows. We had summer camp, and we want you to be the summer camp. We also want to make you the summer camp. We want to see you at the camp. We want to see you at the camp. We want to see you at the camp.

FRIENDS 4 EVER!

KOCHAVIM (Stars) TWO PRO & DELIGHTS
Camp is specially designed to attract the most wonderful young people. Programs and activities are designed to enhance your child's social skills and self-esteem. We have a lot of fun and excitement for you and your parents to meet and see you at the camp.

YAREACH (Moon) GRADES 1 TO 4
This camp offers a full day of exciting, fun activities including all of our wonderful activities. Campers will receive transportation to and from camp. We have a lot of fun and excitement for you and your parents to meet and see you at the camp.

SHEMESH (Sun) GRADES 5-6
This camp is designed to attract the most wonderful young people. Programs and activities are designed to enhance your child's social skills and self-esteem. We have a lot of fun and excitement for you and your parents to meet and see you at the camp.

CHAVERIM (Friends) GRADES 7-9
This camp is designed to attract the most wonderful young people. Programs and activities are designed to enhance your child's social skills and self-esteem. We have a lot of fun and excitement for you and your parents to meet and see you at the camp.

ADMISSION: All children must be ages 5-9 and must be in good health. All children must be in good health. All children must be in good health. All children must be in good health.

REGISTRATION: All children must be registered by the deadline. All children must be registered by the deadline. All children must be registered by the deadline. All children must be registered by the deadline.

REFUND POLICY: All children must be registered by the deadline. All children must be registered by the deadline. All children must be registered by the deadline. All children must be registered by the deadline.

Sponsoring a kiddush is a wonderful way to share a simcha or to commemorate a yartzeit with all of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. For available dates please call Shirley Heller or the synagogue office

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