



Rabbi Fasman gave a resounding call to the congregation on Sunday, November 11, announcing the birth of "The Mark Raiffie Torah," dedicated in his honor and memory by parents Seymour & Yetta Raiffie.

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Teen-Led Shabbat in February. Sign up now to participate in this fun activity with your friends!
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December 14-18
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(See what she has in store for us this year on page 4)



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Todah Rabah!

Haftarot for November

Harold Karabell, David Weinstein,
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Greeters for November

Steve Kayman, Steve Birenbaum,
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Kiddushes for November

November 3 - Synagogue
 November 10 – Mark & Margarita Weinstein
 November 17 – Gary Kodner/Peggy Nehmen
 and Steve Keyser/Nancy Pollock
 November 24 - Janet Rader/Charles Markman

SHABBAT SERVICES FOR EVERYONE

Babysitting (1-5 years)

10:00 a.m. in the Early Childhood Center
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Family/Youth Services (K-4th grades & families)

10:25 a.m. in the Guller Chapel
 A lively and engaging service led by adult guests, including Andrew Rehfeld, Michael Raileanu, Alice Fasman, and Joyce Olshan for our younger members. The services are designed as an age-appropriate combination of prayer, song, stories, and discussion of Jewish themes. In December, we will have a song fest of everyone's favorite Chanukah songs; in February, a discussion of Tu B'Shvat complete with a feast of fruit; in March, we will prepare for Purim with story and song; in April, we will have a Passover-themed service; and in May, we'll celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

Shacharit in the Sanctuary

8:45 a.m. in the Epstein Sanctuary
 All are welcome in the sanctuary for our main service. Children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend towards the end for Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the Rabbi and Hazzan with Kiddush.

Mazel Tov!

Wedding Anniversaries for December

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A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman

Dos Pintele Yid



All 304,805 letters in a sefer Torah, must be written according to detailed rules established centuries ago. Not only do the letters have a particular shape, some have corners that have a little point coming out or they have a crown or just a single small vertical line on top. These seemingly insignificant details can make the difference between a sefer Torah that is kosher or one that isn't.

The smallest of all the Hebrew letters is *yud*. And the *yud* must be written with a point coming down from the top left of the letter. In Yiddish the *yud* is called *yid* and a little point is a *pintele*. So the original meaning of the phrase *dos pintele yid* is "the point of the *yud*." Originally, *dos pintele yid* was used to describe the significance of even the smallest detail.

On November 11, we formally began the process of writing our new *sefer Torah*. Rabbi Moshe Druin was here to teach and to guide the hands of individuals and families as individual letters of Torah were completed. Our sofer has left out a part of each of the first fifty letters of Bereishit (Genesis). With Rabbi Druin we completed the finishing details on each of these letters. Each detail is important. If one of those 304,805 letters is missing or added, or if any of those letters is not formed correctly – including all of the required details down to *dos pintele yid* – then the entire *sefer Torah* is *pasul* (invalid for ritual use). A *baal koreh* (Torah reader) who finds a possible error stops during the reading, the letter is checked immediately, and if it is found to be incorrect in any way, the scroll is rolled back up and the belt is wrapped around the outside of the mantle (indicating that this scroll is *pasul*). Just one missing point on a *yud* can invalidate the entire text (until it is corrected).

Since any letter that is incomplete invalidates the entire scroll, the completion of just one letter is a *sine qua non* for the totality. Each person who participates in the completion of any one letter of the Torah thus completes an entire Torah. With this simple act, each individual connects himself or herself with the entire text of Torah.

But there is another connection: because many (hopefully, all) members of Shaare Zedek will complete a letter this simple act also connects us with each other. Each of us depends on each of the others to complete this scroll. We are necessary for them; they are necessary for us.


There is another, more well-known meaning of the phrase *pintele yid*. *Pintele* can also mean "spark;" *yid* means "Jew." So *dos pintele yid* is "the Jewish spark," a kind of pilot light that exists in each Jew. If conditions are right this spark can blossom into a flame.

As we create this new *sefer Torah* together, we will pay special attention to each *pintele yid*, each point on each of the 304,805 letters. And when we take each *pintele yid* of Torah seriously, our own *pintele yid*, that spark at the core of our Jewish identity can blossom into a brilliant flame.

During the coming months nourish your own *pintele yid*. And don't neglect the *pintele yid* of each of our children. Make sure to get your children and grandchildren to participate in this special mitzvah. Connect them to Torah. Connect them to Jewish tradition. Connect them to family.

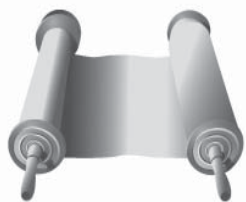
This may be the only opportunity you or your children will have to "write" a Torah.

So ... if not now, when?

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Continuing by Popular Demand:

The Might of Midrash Study Series

Join Rabbi Ryan Dulkan and many eager Shaare Zedek members in the forth of our series on Midrash, TJEWSZDAY, December 11th from 7 – 8:30 p.m. All those who have attended thus far will agree that this is time well spent with a gifted teacher and an exciting, insightful subject.

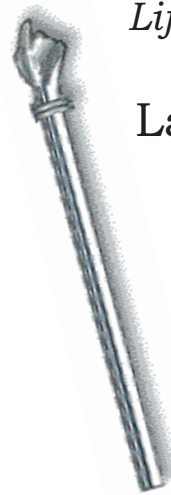
Rabbi Dulkan will continue to lead us in the exploration, definition and enlightenment that can be gained through Midrash study and knowledge. This will be the second session on Exodus.

As usual, there will be a nosh to keep up our strength during study.

Schedule:

Exodus	December 11
Leviticus	January 8 & February 12
Numbers	March 4 & March 18
Deuteronomy	June 3 & June 17

No prior knowledge required. Come on time, seating is limited! Classes are given at **no charge** to Shaare Zedek Members and guests.



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HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

In August of 1955, the front page of the *New York Times* reported the story of Betty Robbins, the world's first female cantor. "Mrs. Sheldon Robbins," as the story refers to her, was unanimously elected by her Reform temple in Oceanside, NY, to lead the Rosh Hashana evening Service in the fall of 1955. It was the first time in world history that a woman served in this position. Robbins, who had no official Cantorial education, grew up in Poland, singing with the boys' choir of her synagogue (cutting her hair to please the choirmaster), and spent her career as a Jewish educator and music director. The *Times* reported that "Robbins carries on all the duties of a housewife," caring for her husband and four children, as well as fulfilling her cantorial duties. The *Times* also reported that neither the Reform nor Conservative movements had ever considered the possibility of having female clergy.

We've come a long way, baby. Twenty years after Betty Robbins led Rosh Hashana services in Oceanside, the Hebrew Union College invested its first woman cantor in 1975. In 1987, the *Times* reported another story, not on the front page, about our movement. I reproduce part of the story here:

"Feb. 6, 1987 - The Jewish Theological Seminary of America announced yesterday that it would for the first time certify women as cantors to lead services in Conservative congregations around the world.

The move, announced at the seminary campus on Morningside Heights, came two years after the first female rabbi was ordained by the Conservative movement, which occupies the middle of the spectrum of Jewish thought...Eleven women are studying to become cantors at the school's College of Jewish Music. "All of us feel called to this profession," said Erica Lippitz, who is to graduate in May, "and, in my eyes, God does not look at gender. God has given me the gift of a voice and I am returning this to the community."

Ms. Lippitz and Marla Rosenfeld Barugel, who will also finish her studies in May, are to be the first women to graduate the seminary with the degree of Hazzan, the Hebrew word for cantor.

Both women, wearing colorful crocheted yarmulkes, said that they had been drawn to the field out of a love for music and a desire to serve the Jewish community....Unlike rabbis, who are primarily teachers and leaders, cantors represent congregations in prayer. As a result, altering the tradition that only men could serve as cantors involved a more complex theological argument than the decision to allow women to serve as rabbis."

Barugel arrived to B'nai Israel in Rumson, NJ in 1987 and has been there ever since. Lippitz, one of my own mentors from my school years, has been serving her congregation in South Orange, NJ for 16 years. Since their investiture, there have been over 60 female graduates of the Seminary, receiving a graduate degree in Sacred Music, and benefiting from

the fantastic academic offerings JTS has to offer.

To date, JTS is the only Cantorial school for those who wish to serve Conservative congregations. If one has not studied at the Seminary but wishes to join the Cantors' Assembly, our professional organization, they must undergo a rigorous examination process that takes years of preparation. There are many women Cantors working in synagogues today, yet a small percentage of us have credentials from from the Seminary. We are a tight group of women who are extremely proud of our experience. There is much to celebrate after twenty years.

Together with Women's League and the Cantors' Assembly (our professional organization), JTS is sponsoring a Gala concert to celebrate 20 years of women in the Cantorate. Over half of the women who graduated from the Seminary in the last twenty years will perform in the concert, and current students will participate as well. Upper Manhattan will be reverberating with the sounds of women's voices on the afternoon of December 16th, and I am honored to be taking part in the afternoon's festivities. The concert's program will feature all the women Hazzanim, singing in chronological order. We will be performing a program including Hazzanut, Israeli, Yiddish, Broadway, and contemporary Jewish music, and I have been commissioned to compose a piece for all of us to sing as a finale. I have written a *Shehechyanu*, the prayer sanctifying special times in our lives. It is a work of Jewish gospel, triumphant and soulful, including celebratory psalms from Hallel, rejoicing in the achievements of women in the Cantorate over the last twenty years. Hopefully a recording will be readily available after the concert to anyone who wants to hear it.

At this 20 year mark, let us be thankful for all the opportunities available to women in our movement, and for the gifts these women have given us throughout the years. May we continue to thrive!



*Jewish Theological Seminary(JTS)
New York, New York*

Everyone Has A Story

The Story of Elena Aschkenasi

by *Sima Needleman*

In contrast to the people who have been subjects for this column up until now, Elena Aschkenasi, is a relatively new member of Shaare Zedek.

Her story begins in Montevideo, Uruguay, where she was born to Heinrich Ginsberg and Elka Hofstadter. Both her father, who was a writer, serious stamp collector, and business man, and her mother, who was a wonderful, tactful person, immigrated before World War II to Uruguay - - her father from Germany; her mother from Austria.

It was in Uruguay where they met and married. At first, Elena's father worked in his brother-in-law's business, but when Elena was two months old, she and her parents moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where her father purchased and operated a successful wholesale auto parts business. When Elena was 1 ½ years old, her brother, Thomas, was born. He grew up to be the "brilliant one" in the family and a challenging tennis opponent for Elena. Their father insisted that his children have a bilingual education. As a result, Elena, who began kindergarten at age four, went to a Spanish public school in the morning and a private English school in the afternoon. She completed primary school at the age of 11 and began high school when she was 12. Elena has fond memories of those years. Although she was two years younger than her classmates, they were kind to her and treated her like a little sister. Also, her teachers were very dedicated and did extra things to enrich the children's education. During that time, however, when Elena was 14, her parents got divorced. Her mother, brother and she remained together in their home; and, although her father was no longer in the household, he continued to play an important role in his children's lives.

Elena remembers traveling with her mother and brother to Montevideo every summer to visit with her mother's relatives. She had three aunts and uncles there, some of whom had been in the Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp. In 1942 or 1943, another aunt and uncle, who had been located by the Red Cross, joined the family in Uruguay.

When she was a child, Elena's family was not observant. They didn't attend synagogue at all, but they did celebrate holidays to some extent. It wasn't until later in her life, especially after she got married, that Elena had a desire to "more formally observe the holidays" and become a more observant Jew.

After graduating from high school, Elena went to the State University of Buenos Aires where she enrolled in a specialized program: the optics of precision instruments. There, she learned about the physics of light; that is, how light travels through glass. Her father told her that if she pursued that course of study, he would send her to Switzerland for two years of additional education (i.e., more advanced train-

ing in the field), focusing on evaluating the quality of optical components (lenses, mirrors, prisms). Elena was delighted. She loved the two years she spent in Heerbrug, a small city in the German part of Switzerland and would have liked to have stayed there. But, at the completion of her program, she returned to Buenos Aires.

Soon afterwards, Elena met Heinz Aschkenasi. Heinz was a businessman, who, like Elena's mother, was born in Austria and immigrated with his family to South America, but his family settled in Bolivia, not Argentina. However, Heinz traveled quite a bit in his work and came to Buenos Aires frequently. It was there that Elena and Heinz met. Elena said she was attracted to him because of his looks, his personality, his education and his ethnicity. (He was German and Jewish.)

It should be noted that before meeting Elena, Heinz had not only decided that he would someday leave South America and go to the United States but had also applied for a "green card." Less than a year after they met, Elena and Heinz got married in Buenos Aires. When they returned from their three-week honeymoon in the United States, the couple began making plans to immigrate to the States. Of all the cities Heinz had visited in his travels, he liked Boston the best. Fortunately, he secured a banking job at the First National Bank of Boston, which was the antecedent of Bank of America.

In April, 1965, Elena's brother immigrated to Boston along with Elena and Heinz. Thomas started out as a chemist at Union Carbide and later became vice president. Meanwhile, Heinz worked at the bank in Boston from the time they arrived in 1965 until 1982 (during which time the bank merged and changed names several times), and Elena began working for the Itek Corporation. Elena and Heinz bought a house in Newton, MA and in 1966, their daughter, Eva, was born. Elena took maternity leave and then returned to Itek, whose main customers were NASA and the Air Force. During her years at Itek, Elena was responsible for evaluating optics for the Mars Missions in 1976 and later for the Viking Landers 1 and 2.

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In 1969, Elena brought her mother to Boston to live with her family. She had a close relationship with her mother, and Heinz really liked her, too. Four years later, they completed their family with the birth of their son, Carl. Eva and Carl were seven years apart and each was raised like an only child. The family joined a conservative synagogue, Temple Reyim, in Newton, and that is where Carl celebrated his Bar Mitzvah.

Over the years, the five members of their family took most of their vacations together. Elena never wanted to travel without her mother.

Elena worked at Itek for 12 years, after which she went back to school, earning first a B.S. in Computer Sciences and then an M.A. in Technical and Professional Writing. at Northeastern University in Boston. She also worked for various companies including GTE Labs, Raytheon and Digital Equipment.

In the 1980's, her husband developed many health problems and gradually became more and more impaired. He took early retirement and died in 1997. Elena stated that he was a good husband and they had a good life together.

Although Elena's daughter, Eva, who has a Master's degree in Community Nursing and works with eating-disordered adolescents, still lives in Boston with her three children, Elena's son, Carl, and his wife, the former Sarah Beth Zeff (who is a native St. Louisan) moved to St. Louis to do residencies (Carl in Radiology and Sarah Beth in Pediatrics) after getting their medical degrees from Harvard. When Sarah Beth became pregnant, she and Carl asked Elena if she would come to St. Louis to help them after their baby was born. Therefore, in December of 2005, Elena arrived, expecting to stay for about a year. However, as time went by, Elena realized that she wanted to stay near her children. Consequently, she bought a condo on Delcrest Court, not far from where Carl, Sarah Beth and their two year-old son, Yaakov Nachshon, live. (Yaakov, incidentally, attends the SZ Early Childhood Center.)

At first when she came here, Elena joined Aguddah Israel Synagogue, where her children belong; but, because she didn't feel comfortable there, she began looking for a different synagogue. When she came to SZ, people in the congregation like Shirley and Herbert Fredman, Marion and Jerry Cohen and Barbara Bianco reached out to her and made her feel welcome. According to Elena, "this was the first time in a long time that she felt really comfortable."

Today, Elena is retired but is very energetic and keeps herself very busy. For example, knowing how pressed for time her son and daughter-in-law are, she helps them in many little ways including picking up Yaakov after school. Also, she spends much time sewing and reading, which are two of her passions. She is a member of the Washington University

Women's Society Book Club; works out almost every day at the Clayton Center; teaches Spanish at the World Village; and, in line with her interest in genealogy, is working on a family tree. Also, she likes to visit her extended family in Uruguay and Argentina. In fact, she was just there this past September.



Elena Aschenasi is an affable and capable woman with an interesting history, who likes to learn, to grow and to be productive. She has much to offer and is a true asset to the SZ family.

Sima Needleman has been interviewing Shaare Zedek members for her column "Everyone Has a Story."

If you would like to be interviewed or have a suggestion of someone who might like to be interviewed, please call Barbara Bianco at 314-727-2399.

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President's Gavel

Marsha Birenbaum

When my youngest son left for college, we officially became empty-nesters, except for the usual college breaks and occasional visits home. Sometimes these visits coincided with the 25th of Kislev, or Chanukah, and sometimes they didn't. When they did occur at the same time, we would place our hanukiah on a table near a window, open the blinds, say the blessings, light the candles, and my husband would sing the Latke Ditty. This has been our family tradition; this is what our children grew up with.

When our boys weren't here for Chanukah, we made sure they had their own hanukiah and candles at college, and we'd hope they, too, would light their candles, spin the dreidel a few times, and have a latke and jelly doughnut. As the years have gone on, when it's just been the two of us, I've often thought about not lighting the candles. After all, there are no kids around to impress and imprint this on, and isn't that the reason you light them in the first place (or do any ritual, for that matter)?

But we light the brightly colored candles anyway, and I've come to appreciate this holiday on a different level, an adult level. I see it as an opportunity to re-dedicate myself to Judaism. And we all know there are many roads one can take

on that journey of re-dedication. I also see lighting the candles as an act of hope and optimism in bringing light, if only for an hour, into the darkest time of the year.

Lighting those candles is our way of affirming our Jewishness in a Christian world.

Through our *Just Write It* Torah Project, we can dedicate ourselves to that most basic of Jewish values, the study of Torah. We're not only asking you to pledge a parsha, verse, word or letter, but to actually think about what is most meaningful to you in Torah; to think about where you are in your Jewish journey and where you find yourself in Torah. We were all very excited last month when Rabbi Druin actually showed us the first piece of parchment to our Torah. And if you missed the event, there will be other opportunities to be involved in filling in letters, to engage physically in putting ink to parchment that will last for generations to come.

As we celebrate Chanukah this year, let all of us, no matter what age or stage of life we're in, continue to light candles of re-dedication and hope.



Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg & Lisa Gellman
Co-Presidents

Wow, we had a great Garage Sale, thanks to the ongoing coordination efforts of Sue and Dave Propper. The Sisterhood/Men's Club Team once again made it happen and brought in about \$2,000. Byron Katcher and Les Birenbaum put in numerous hours behind the scene making local pickups of donations in addition to set up and break down labor.

Many people made a special effort to help with set up and/or the day of the sale. These members include Sue and Dave Propper, Julie and Joe Iken, Audrey Katcher, Gary Kodner, Sara and Marshall Myers, Ruth and Stan Levy, Becky Shimony, Helene Spetner, Sherry Kaplan, Irene Belsky, Nancye Gliner, Beth Rubin, Don Singer, Joan Barzilai, Cindy and Monroe Ginsburg, Susan Roth and friend Pat Gregory, Marion Cohen, Micki Kingsley, Alice Fasman, Joyce Gang, Gary Yavitz and Louise Kaufman-Yavitz, Ava Small, Lorie Ralineau, Marvin Lerner, Ruth Katz, Randy Sliverstein, and Larry Goodman.

We also had three of our youth members give up sleeping in on a Sunday morning to help!! Special thanks to Alex Shimony, Isaac Walker and Emily Ginsburg for selling donuts, putting up signage and balloons, and helping to prep the grill for our lunch. Thank you to all who participated whether it

be by working, donating or buying!!!

Sisterhood and Men's Club will be teaming up again for something fun in the near future. Be watching for further information.

Mark your calendars for Sisterhood's Annual Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 9th. We'll start with a short board meeting from 10:15-10:45am and then move into our Hanukkah Celebration with snacks and table fun!!!

Our first event in 2008 will be Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, January 19th. Be sure to join us!!



Men's Club

Dave Propper, President

November has been a busy month and now we are preparing our shul to receive a new Torah scroll next year! The main text of this article will help you participate in the honors associated with our Torah.

This past month's joint Sisterhood / Men's Club Garage Sale was most successful for both organizations! We accomplished the three main objectives of the sale: 1) raise money for Sisterhood and Men's Club; 2) clean out the basement storage area of the shul and 3) shmooze, eat and have fun (you had to be there for the set up or the sale on Sunday to enjoy the food!) The Presidents of the Sisterhood and I wish to extend our most sincere thanks to the women and men of the shul who dedicated their time and energies to make this event a success (all folks who participated are listed in the Sisterhood column, so I will not repeat them here).

December brings Hanukkah and Men's Club will again be working with our Shaare Shalom religious school children through the "Make Your Own Hanukkah" program. Contact Alan Schwartz (314-991-4356) if you would like to help us!



Hagbah: Properly Raising the Torah

Traditionally, one of the most important yet overlooked of all Torah honors is Hagbah, the raising of the Torah after the last aliyah. For Men's Club members, especially for those on the larger side of average, this honor is the one that they are often chosen to perform, but without any assistance or instruction. There is no Hebrew/English "crib card" like the one for aliyot, no instructions in the siddur, only the fear of dropping a Torah in public. While not the easiest of aliyot, Hagbah has its tricks and a few tips can make it an easy way to show your expertise in the rituals of the service.

A few points:

- **Who:** Hagbah can be done by any Jew - Cohen, Levy or Israel
- **What:** Lifting the Torah from the reader's table and carrying it vertically for a short distance, then sitting and holding the Torah while GELILAH - the dresser - tightens, binds and covers the scrolls with the peroket (cover)
- **Where:** At the Bimah
- **When:** Hagbah is done whenever the Torah is read, 4 times during a normal week - Torah service on Shabbat morning, Mincha Shabbat afternoon & Shacharit on Monday and Thursday, and twice during holiday morning services -except on the rare "triple play" day, when Hanukah, Shabbat & Rosh Chodesh Tevet occur on the same day. Hagbah is done after the last aliyah is read from each Torah.
- **Why:** We honor the Torah by ensuring that it is treated with respect during the process of re-dressing it, very much like a king is attended by his butlers.

What's the procedure?

The person honored with Hagbah (the Magbiah) should be ready near the Bimah when the last Aliyah (or Maftir) is finishing the blessings. The Gabbai will call the Magbiah and the person honored with Gelilah (the Golel) to come forward.



Before you reach the Bimah:

1. You want to ensure that the lift is done easily. Remove any rings on your fingers that can be caught on the handles. Many synagogues put small plaques on the wood discs on the bottom of the Torah, these can get caught on a ring.
2. If it's a weekday service, remove your tefillin from your fingers and palm and wrap the strap around your wrist. Tightly wrapped tefillin will restrict your grip on the handles

The Magbiah places his hands on the Torah's handles (Eitz Chaim) and waits for the Ba'al Koreh (Torah Reader) to finish the blessings. The congregation will all rise and there will usually be a signal to begin from one of the Gabbaim, or you can wait for the dramatic silence to engulf the congregation as they await your performance!

While the Torah is still on the reader's Table:

- Twist the handles to move one of the Torah's seams into the middle of the space between the 2 scrolls. Your overriding concern is to avoid damage the Torah at any point, and moving the seam into the middle will reduce the stress on the parchment. In fact, if the stress is too great and there is a tear, because the seam is weaker than the parchment, it will separate. Since the Torah is only a Torah when it is complete, by separating at the seams, the penalties for dropping the

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Shaare Shalom

Chani Pinsburg

We held our fifth Open House, which gave the parents the chance to visit the classroom and meet other parents from our school. The students in the lower grades with Noa, the music teacher, entertained us all. These are some reflections from my introduction at the Open House:

A successful Religious School is one in which:

- Education and children are top priorities of the synagogue
- The synagogue board and school board are supportive of the school
- The rabbi is involved in the school. He is supportive and available for teachers and students
- The teachers feel successful, have a great support system and are dedicated to the teaching task
- The students feel pride in themselves, and feel good about being Jewish
- Parents are involved in the school and show support

A successful Religious School is a safe place, with a good caring and creative atmosphere.

A successful Religious School is one in which all of the people who work there, want to be there. It is a place where people feel wanted, needed, and appreciated, and believe that they are making a contribution to the survival of Judaism! And we strive to be an excellent school with this great atmosphere for the children and teachers alike, because we believe that we can make a difference in the lives of our students.

Family Education is a very important component in your children's education. This year I received a grant to do family education within the school. I call it THE FAMILY CONNECTION. We had the first one in October, when we had over 60 adults and children visiting Noah's World at the STL Zoo. That one was for grades Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. Thanks again to Steve Rosenblum for his hospitality and for making all of the necessary arrangements.

The Education Fair in the beginning of November was a wonderful opportunity to see so many teachers from the whole community involved in Jewish Education. Our *madrichim* (assistants) were invited to attend special sessions with many other St. Louis area teenagers who are also assisting in Religious School. It's refreshing that there are many teens who choose to work on Sunday mornings. These young men and women can serve as role models for our students.

During the month of December the students are studying the holiday of Chanukkah with age-appropriate lessons. While we rejoice in the holiday, we want to help those who are less fortunate than us. Please bring a new toy to donate to Hugs for Chanukkah. The Jewish Family & Children's Service sponsors this project and is working with the congregations once again this year to collect new, unwrapped books, toys, and wrapping paper to distribute to families in need. We will have a decorated box set up for the toy drive near the Sunday school office and each synagogue has a box in the building.

Please note that we will not hold classes on December 23 and 30 for Winter Break, and we will return for the second semester on January 6, 2008.

Wishing you a Happy Chanukkah, *Chag Chanukkah Sameach, Chani*

Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan

Families where both parents have professions and children are in full time childcare, find it difficult to attend evening events. Knowing this we make an effort to meet their needs by offering "lunch time" events such as the Hanukkah celebration for ECC Families.

Thursday December 6th Families are invited to attend a Hanukkah celebration from 11:30 am -12:30 pm that will include songs and skits by the children and an opportunity to do crafts and have lunch with their own child. Children always enjoy singing with Hazzan Joanna and will proudly do all the Hanukkah Blessings for their parents.

This and all other holiday and Shabbat programs are planned by our new Assistant Director, Tessa Katan.

Tessa has been working on teaching our children ways they can repair the world, "Tikun Olam". In this spirit we are encouraging families not to throw away usable toys, games, puzzles and play equipment. When preschool age children outgrow toys that are in good repair, we ask that they consider recycle them by donating them to our center or other childcare facilities. Many congregants have thought of this and generously contributed play equipment for the gym and playground, tricycles, art supplies, games and puzzles. The savings from these donations have made it possible for our center to spend funds on other much needed supplies such as curriculum materials. Please contact the Center office at 727-2565 and speak either to Tessa or Marty about your donation.

We wish "A Happy Hanukkah" to all Shaare Zedek Congregants from the staff and families of the Early Childhood Center. - *Marty*

Joint Task Force on Education

Shaare Zedek & BSKI Work Together to Build A Strong Jewish Future

As you know, both BSKI and Shaare Zedek are committed to providing a comprehensive Jewish education for our children. To that end, both congregations have commenced a process to design and operate a joint integrated Sunday and Hebrew School educational program. We expect our integrated school to be operational in the 2008-09 school year.

As part of our process, each synagogue appointed three members to a committee we have named the Joint Education Task Force. The initial objectives of the Task Force are to develop a mission statement, an institutional model, a budget; and a job description for an administrator/director.

At the conclusion of this initial phase, we plan to advertise for an administrator/director through an open process in which we will encourage the application of all qualified individuals.

To assist us, we have solicited input from CAJE, in particular, to advise with respect to the Hebrew School component specifically and generally as to administration, curriculum and budget.

The members of the Task Force are the following: Patricia Cohen (BSKI), Deborah Gold (BSKI), Gary Kodner (Shaare Zedek), Beth Levy (Shaare Zedek), Kathy Rosenberg (Shaare Zedek) and Andrea Rosenblum (BSKI). We invite any interested individuals to contact the members of the Task Force if there are questions or concerns.

We are very excited to work together on this important project and believe, as we know you do, that there is nothing more important than the education of our children. We look forward to a very successful project.



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Torah are removed. What penalties? 40 days of fasting!

- Lift the handles about an inch or so off the table and drag the Torah towards you, so that about 3 to 5 inches are leaning over the edge of the table. You want to increase your leverage at this point; you're not lifting straight up.

- With the Torah overhanging the edge, begin by pushing down first to lever the Torah into a vertical position for lifting.

3. The Torah will "pop" up into the vertical position and your knees will probably be bent slightly at this point. As you straighten them, lift the Torah, while moving your hands apart, maintaining tension on the parchment. Release one side's grip SLIGHTLY to allow the scroll to open.

- The maximum number of columns of script that may be shown is 6 (six)

- The minimum number of columns of script that should be shown is 3 (three)

- If you are a really big person and Golel is of slighter stature, it's poor form to make the distance between the scrolls wider than Golel can reach

4. Twist your body to the left and to the right to show the open scroll to as many members of the congregation as possible. Some men will do almost a complete rotation, but dancing is not advised (other than Simchat Torah).

5. Walk backwards towards the chair that you'll be sitting in while the Golel does the job. The Gabbai should be guiding you to the chair.

6. Have a seat.

7. Help Golel tighten up the scrolls to close them.

8. In a low voice, offer pithy boy scout type comments while the Golel ties the knot - right over left and under, etc. - and if the Torah has a velco strap, lament the "good old days" when you actually had to make a knot.

9. Watch out for the Yad - pointer - as it's placed on the wrapped Torah. The Golel may not notice your eyes and there is a slight possibility of getting poked!

10. Turn the Torah around, placing the Torah on your right shoulder with the back of the Torah towards you.

11. Some synagogues will take the Torah and place it on a rack or stand at this time, others will ask a young person from the congregation to hold it while seated and still others will ask Hagbah to hold the Torah until ready to be placed back in the Aron (ark).

12. When the Torah leaves your possession, be sure to shake hands with everyone on the Bimah and proceed back to your seat. Shake hands with everyone in the congregation who offers, but "high fives" should not be given without a prior hechsher from the rabbi or balebatim.

Yasher koach!



Rabbi Moshe Druin spreads the parchment between books



Rabbi Moshe Druin shows all the turkey feather to be used as a writing instrument



Seymour & Yetta Raiffie with Rabbi Moshe Druin beginning the Torah dedicated in honor of their son, Mark Raiffie

Hazzan Dulkan leads all in "Siman Tov, Mazal Tov" following the Raiffie's writing of the first letter of our new Torah.



Marshall & Sara Myers helping to write the first verse



Rabbi Fasman & Rabbi Druin display the Torah parchment, made of animal skin.

*Be a part of it –
Just Write It!*



Cindy Ginsburg, representing the sisterhood, is assisted by Rabbi Druin



Burton & Benita experience the thrill of writing a word in the Torah

WRITE HERE, WRITE NOW...IT'S HAPPENING
HERE AT SHAARE ZEDEK...BE A PART OF OUR RICH
HISTORY ...BY BUILDING A BRIDGE TO OUR FUTURE...
ONE LETTER AT A TIME.

The Wolf family gathers together to make their mark in the Torah .. and in history.

As Rabbi Fasman explained, "Each one of us has the opportunity to be a part of something truly special and unique...to be scribes. This mitzvah ties us directly to Moses at Mount Sinai, who was given the Torah by God Himself."





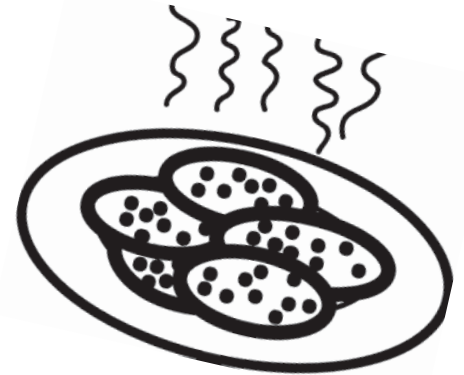
Hanukkah Haggot

Bring the Whole Family!

At 5:00 p.m. Come for a Pre-Shabbat Nosh of Mini-Latkes & Jelly Donuts

Special arts and crafts projects for the children!

At 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services with our very own Shabbat Rinah Band



Did you know?

Ma'oz Tzur, or "Rock of Ages," is a traditional Hanukkah song that was composed by a man named Mordecia in Europe in the twelfth century. Both the Hebrew and English words can be sung with the traditional melody, though throughout the centuries a number of different tunes have been used to accompany Ma'oz Tzur.

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You, amid the raging foes,
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Your arm availed us,
And Your word,
Broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

מעוז צור ישועתי	<i>Mao'z Tzur y'shu-ah-ti</i>
לך נאה לשבת.	<i>L'kha na-eh, li'shaebei-ach</i>
תכון בית תפילתי	<i>Tikkon beit t'filati</i>
ושם תודה נזבח.	<i>V'sham today n'zabeiach</i>
לעת תכין מטבח	<i>Mitzar ham'nabeiah</i>
מצר המנבח.	
אז אגמור בשיר קזמור	<i>Az egmore b'shir mizmor</i>
תנכת המנבח.	<i>Hanukkat hamiz'beiach</i>

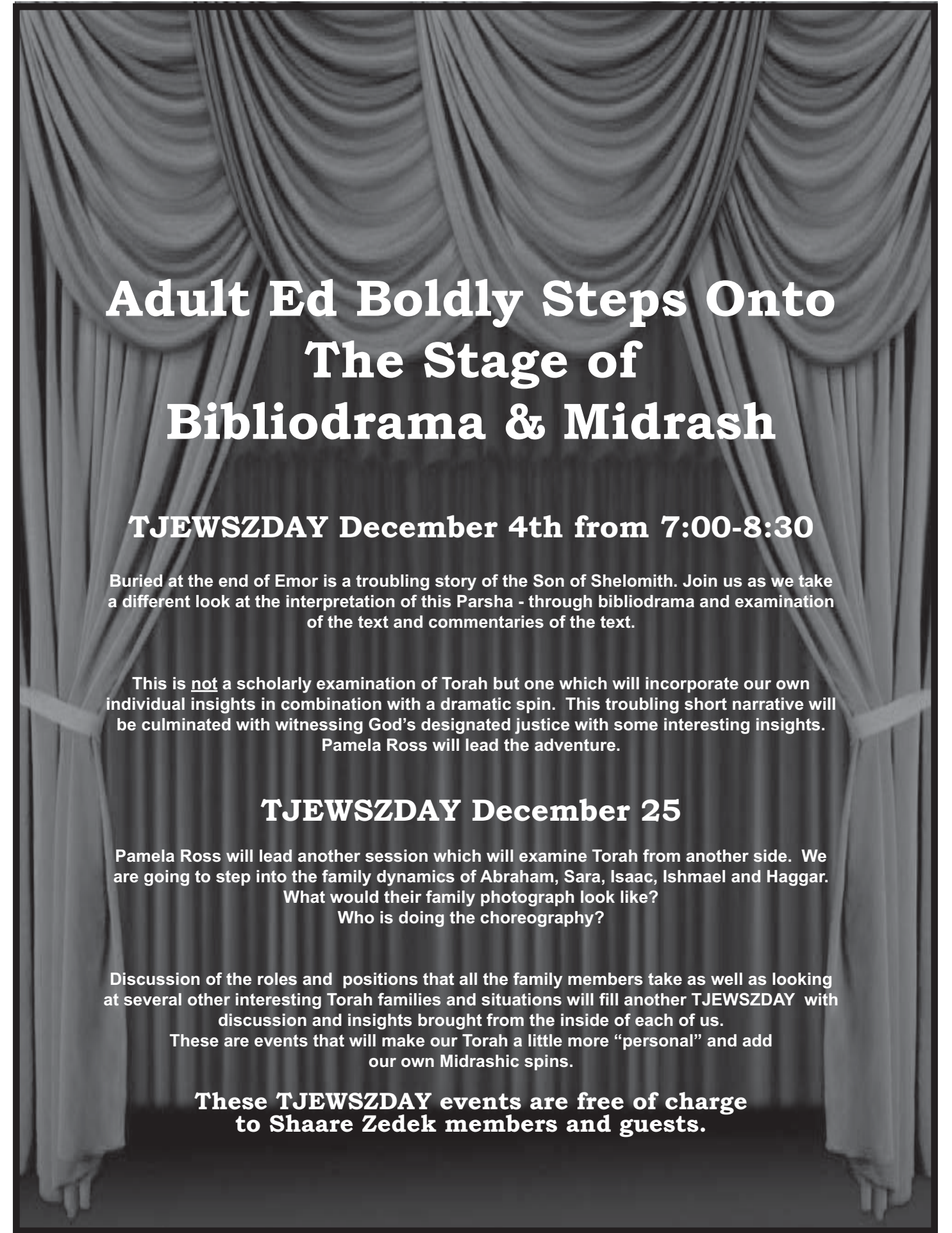
The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

For the month of December the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items in order to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need:

1. Tuna Fish
2. Hearty Soups
3. Canned Pasta with Meat
4. Peanut Butter & Jelly
5. Healthy Snacks

Items should be brought to your temple or synagogue collection site.

For further information, please contact Louise Levine, 636-227-1259.



Adult Ed Boldly Steps Onto The Stage of Bibliodrama & Midrash

TJEWSZDAY December 4th from 7:00-8:30

Buried at the end of Emor is a troubling story of the Son of Shelomith. Join us as we take a different look at the interpretation of this Parsha - through bibliodrama and examination of the text and commentaries of the text.

This is not a scholarly examination of Torah but one which will incorporate our own individual insights in combination with a dramatic spin. This troubling short narrative will be culminated with witnessing God's designated justice with some interesting insights.

Pamela Ross will lead the adventure.

TJEWSZDAY December 25

Pamela Ross will lead another session which will examine Torah from another side. We are going to step into the family dynamics of Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Ishmael and Hagar.

What would their family photograph look like?

Who is doing the choreography?

Discussion of the roles and positions that all the family members take as well as looking at several other interesting Torah families and situations will fill another TJEWSZDAY with discussion and insights brought from the inside of each of us.

These are events that will make our Torah a little more "personal" and add our own Midrashic spins.

**These TJEWSZDAY events are free of charge
to Shaare Zedek members and guests.**

Sara Goodman Tribute Fund

The Sisterhood acknowledges with thanks the following contributions in support of our many projects. Tribute Chairman: Doris Lerner (314) 434-3676
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Births

Amy & Joe Crall's new baby, Noemi Elyse
Sylvia Thea

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Dr. & Mrs. Zamir Eidelman's son's, Alan, Bar Mitzvah
Barbara & Martin Becker
Myron Kopperman
Mrs. Frances Rothman's granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah
Phyllis Warner
Evelyn Berger

Birthdays

Nira Asher Geller's Special Birthday
Jerry & Marion Cohen

Recovery

Dorrie Lerner
Alan & Rhoda Grimsky
Stan & Ruth Levy

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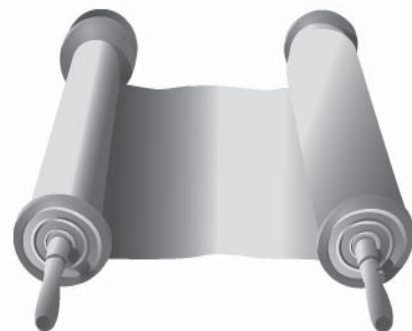
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Phyllis Warner
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Honor friends, family members, and your own legacy..by dedicating a word, a verse, or an entire Torah portion.

Call the Synagogue office for details.



The Mark Raiffie Torah
Dedicated by Seymour & Yetta Raiffie

A generous donation was received from the Florence Heiman Charitable Foundation in memory of Stanley Young and Lee Young.

Thank you to Seymour and Yetta Raiffie for the donation of a new wheelchair as a Chanukah Gift to the Synagogue.

Donations to the Synagogue

Shaare Zedek acknowledges with gratitude the following contributions:

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IN HONOR OF

Barbara Bahn's birthday
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Sheldon & Livia Kessler
Micki Kingsley – Best Wishes
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Julie Iken's speedy recovery
Sheldon & Livia Kessler
Mendel Rosenberg's excellent presentation on the Holocaust
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Ruth Jacob

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Rabbi Fasman's continued prayers for Stacy Marini
Lea Weinhaus
Rabbi Fasman and all his support for Isaac's Bar Mitzvah
Peter & Susan Walker
Rabbi Fasman calling me to the Bimah to open the Ark
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
Rabbi Fasman being with our family during Sam Goldstein's death
Stanley & Nancy Goldstein
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The birth of Myles & Susie Tenzer's grandson
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Speedy recovery of Julia Iken
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Continued good health of Joe & Julia Iken
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Micki Kingsley

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Condolences

Family of Rubin Leve, husband of Beverly Leve,
father of Jay (Betsy) Leve and Karen (Paul
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brother-in-law of late Evelyn (later Herman)
Shanker and the late Harold (Virginia) Satz.

TEENS TAKE OVER SANCTUARY

RABBI, HAZZAN, AND PARENTS SIT, KVELL.

PARENTS:

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU KVELLED WATCHING YOUR TEEN PARTICIPATE IN SERVICES?

TEENS:

WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY?

THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE!

TEEN SHABBAT - FEBRUARY 9, 2008 - PARASHAT TERUMAH

FOLLOWED BY A TEEN-LED HAVDALAH LATER THAT NIGHT AND A "WRAP PARTY! WITH MUSIC & SMORES"

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Areas of participation include:

P'SUKEI D'ZIMRA,
SHACHARIT,
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OF THE TORAH SERVICE,
READING TORAH,
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READING THE HAFTARAH,
PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY,
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Contact Lori Sheinbein at davidandlorie@hotmail.com to participate.
Call all your friends to join you!

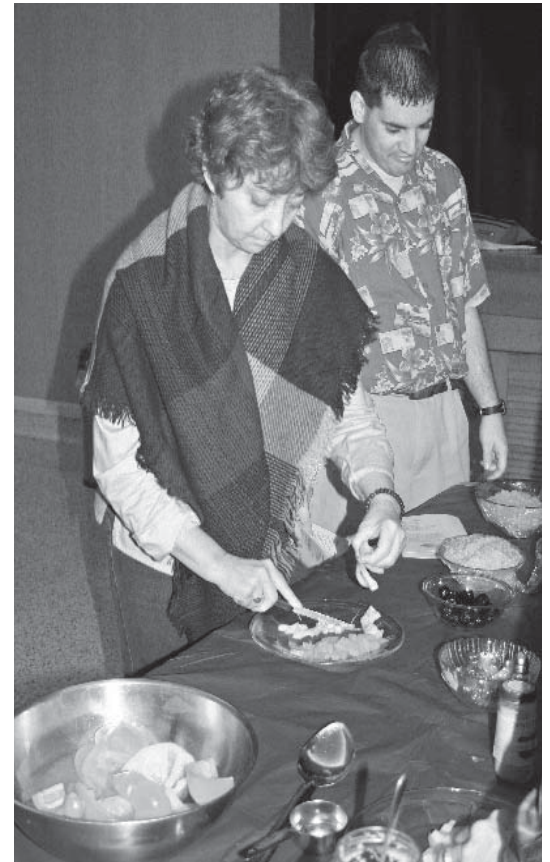
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Here are some favorite pictures from the Delicious November Event



Nira Geller & Hazzan Dulkan having a ball



Stacey Gaal concentrates on her dish



Harvey Small mixes up some magic



Julie Iken reads over recipes

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