



BETH TIKVAH CONGREGATION
CHAI LIGHTS SUMMER 5771 JUNE 2011

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SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

**DON'T FORGET
WE ARE OPEN
IF YOU NEED US.**

FROM OUR RABBI



Claudio Kaiser-Blueth

Things that exists and we do not see

I still remember a very popular saying among my peers while studying in Peru, which goes like this: “If I see it, I will believe it”. But I have learned that this is only a half-truth; there are many things in our lives that we cannot see and nevertheless they are very real, important and even awesome. I cannot see love but I surely know and experience it. I do not need to touch it, but my life would be unbearable without it.

There are many events that happen at Beth Tikvah that some of us do not “see”, and which are a reflection and a testimony of what our Congregation stands for. Not all of us are aware of them, but if we would, we would definitely feel touched and proud of what is done within our four walls. Some of these events are done quietly so as to protect the identity of the members. Others are done when we are not present. Let me share with you some of them.

Every Shabbat morning while we are praying in our Sanctuary our B’nai Mitzvah students have their regular classes in the back. They are learning about the Friday night and Shabbat morning services, the meaning of the prayers. They are subdivided into small groups of two or three students and are led by one of our very own post Bar/Bat mitzvah students. I wish I had a camera to capture these moments. To see the interaction between students and tutors and the seriousness with which they study, to know that these young adults are paying back all that they have received with dividends, to know that here we can see

the future of our Jewish faith in a microcosms, is just divine. We don’t see them, but they are there doing a wonderful mitzvah to learn and to teach, to love and to be loved.

To lose a loved one is one of the most painful moments in someone’s life. To be alone in our grief is even worse. However, to know that a member can count on their Beth Tikvah family in these moments of need and sorrow, that they will be taken care of, not just with comforting words but also with our presence and with meals - this is the Jewish way to act. Some of our members have been performing this amazing Mitzvah with so much love and dedication – this IS what makes us a “family”. You do not see them, but they are there giving of themselves to comfort and support.

Throughout our history, we have always taken care of our fellow Jew, whether it was a soup kitchen or a shared meal – we’ve always taken care of our own. And so it is at Beth Tikvah! We have a system in place where we prepare kosher meals for those in need. This is done in a private and respectful way. We do not see them but they belong to our Beth Tikvah family and we all agree that we need to extend our hands and our hearts.

This is the caring and concerned Synagogue to which we all belong, where some events happen which we do not see but they are most definitely real.

Just know that helping is a Mitzvah we can ALL be a part of!

PLEASE NOTE . . .

In respect of Shabbat and on Holy Days, kindly refrain from using **cellular phones, cameras, or any other electronic equipment, applauding, or chewing gum** in the synagogue.

WHEN A DEATH OCCURS . . .

Call the synagogue office at 604-271-6262.
After business hours contact Rabbi Kaiser-Blueth at 604-275-4455 or Francie Steen at 604-272-7871. On Shabbat or Yom Tov contact Francie.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Stewart Cohen

It is a great honour for me to be writing my first Chai Lights article as your new President. It has only been a short time since our Annual General Meeting, when the new Board of Directors was installed, but it is most gratifying to see that we have a strong group of volunteers ready to commit themselves to maintaining and supporting our synagogue.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the SULAM Leadership Retreat, offered by USCJ. This was SULAM 39, the 39th session of what has now become a 15-year old program designed to provide an important educational experience for incoming presidents. It was also very useful to meet other incoming presidents, hear about their various social, educational and fundraising programs, and to see the diversity of backgrounds represented by these new leaders. Their ages ranged from 39 to 70+. There were a number of lawyers in the group, as well as business people and a retired French teacher. But they all approached this challenge with a common desire to ensure the long-term success of their congregations.

Their challenges are similar to our challenges. How do we continue to raise sufficient funds to pay for needed repairs and maintenance for our building? How do we continue to provide services and programs for our community, including our Hebrew school, youth programs, adult education and seniors programs? How do we maintain and strengthen our creative and spiritual energy so that our ritual observances provide meaningful experiences for us and our families? How do we function as part of the world around us, within Richmond, Greater Vancouver, BC, the Pacific Northwest, and Canada? How should we support opportunities to learn more

about Israel, and to show our support for its future? And of course, how can we grow our membership, thereby strengthening our capacity to support our congregation over the long term?

So, yes indeed, we are all in the same ark. Some of these new Presidents will be representing congregations of similar size to our own. Others have much larger memberships. One actually exceeds 2,000 members (it's in Texas, of course). We may be a bit smaller than the average Conservative synagogue, but we have done pretty well so far.

As the new Board gets ready to begin its work, I think it is important to acknowledge and celebrate what we have, the legacy of previous Boards, committees, and the many volunteers that have helped make Beth Tikvah a healthy and vibrant Jewish space. At this time of year, as we have just celebrated the festival of Shavuot, where we acknowledged the importance of harvesting what we plant and grow, both wheat from the ground, and Commandments at Mt. Sinai, it is important to acknowledge that legacy, for where would Beth Tikvah be without it?

I would like to thank David Ail for his leadership of the previous Board, and look forward to working with him in his new role as Immediate Past President. I'm looking forward to working with the new Board, with Francie and our dedicated staff, and with our spiritual leader, Rabbi Claudio. May we all go from strength to strength.

Have a happy and healthy summer.

TO HONOUR THE MEMORY OF A DEAR ONE...

If you wish to honour the memory of a dear one, a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a Yahrzeit Plaque and Light. Each Yahrzeit Plaque, bearing the name and yahrzeit date, is mounted on the bronze tablet in the Foyer. It is lit on the Shabbat of the week of the yahrzeit and on the four festivals during the year when Yizkor is recited.

Call Francie, 604-271-6262 to order a plaque.

We have been soooooo busy lately that we have had Inna, myself and our two precious volunteers working most days!! What would Inna and I do without Sheryl Geirholm and Dvora Mendelzys...truly, a million thanks for your unending time and patience working in our office – Yasher Koach!!

I am writing this article on Monday, June 20th... seat selection day. I have had the opportunity to see or speak with a number of my “family” during the past few weeks. I hope you come in more often so we can both see and hear how you are doing!

We have had a very busy couple of months. What stands out most was the program we had on Erev Shavuot. (Check out the article by Leonard Shane). We had round table discussions on a topic the Rabbi presented, based on a theoretical situation. There were many diverse viewpoints. It was obvious to me to see how compassionate our “family” is. Many of us recognized that the 3 children in question each had their positive and

negative points, and, for the most part, we could agree they were all deserving of the inheritance. It was very enlightening to see and hear that even with the members present ranging in age from 13 years old to... , we all had similar concerns. It was a lively and inspiring evening. I look forward to more discussions involving so many of our “family”.

Since our last Chai Lights, we have a new Board of Directors... we will miss those members who left our Board, and look forward to working with our new Directors. I am personally looking forward to an exciting and stimulating year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, I’m sure our new Board of Directors will be happy to address them!

In the meantime, I hope you all have a relaxing and restful summer. Don’t forget we’re still open for business! Feel free to call or drop by!

SUMMER HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Shabbat Candle Lighting

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| July 1 | 9:04 pm | <i>Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melek ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.</i> |
| July 8 | 9:01 pm | |
| July 15 | 8:56 pm | |
| July 22 | 8:49 pm | |
| July 29 | 8:40 pm | |
| August 5 | 8:30 pm | Praised are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle Shabbat light. |
| August 12 | 8:18 pm | |
| August 19 | 8:06 pm | |
| August 26 | 7:52 pm | |
| September 2 | 7:38 pm |  |
| September 9 | 7:23 pm | |
| September 16 | 7:08 pm | |
| September 23 | 6:53 pm | |
| September 30 | 6:38 pm | |

Havdallah

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| July 2 | 10:03 pm |
| July 9 | 10:00 pm |
| July 16 | 9:55 pm |
| July 23 | 9:48 pm |
| July 30 | 9:39 pm |
| August 6 | 9:28 pm |
| August 13 | 9:17 pm |
| August 20 | 9:04 pm |
| August 27 | 8:50 pm |
| September 3 | 8:36 pm |
| September 10 | 8:21 pm |
| September 17 | 8:06 pm |
| September 24 | 7:51 pm |



BAR MITZVAH



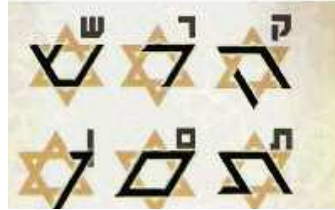
MAX KIRSHENBLATT

Son of Barry and Carmen Kirshenblatt

August 27, 2011
Parashat Re'eh

Max is excited to be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah this summer with his family and friends. In addition to completing

Hebrew School at Beth Tikvah, Max has just completed Grade 7 at Southpointe Academy where he has been attending school since Grade 2. Max is passionate about all sports but he especially loves to ski, play baseball and long board (when he can't ski).



AMAZING FACT ABOUT THE JEWISH STAR: This is really amazing. The Jewish Star (of David) is also referred to as a MAGEN DAVID. All 24 letters of the Hebrew alphabet are

found in the MAGEN DAVID. THERE IS NO SUCH THING IN ANY OTHER LANGUAGE.

CHICKEN SOUP SHABBAT

Dvora Mendelzys

Has the thought of cleaning chickens, peeling carrots and onions and exchanging recipes and gossip ever been up there on your list of things to do for your shul? If it has, then the next time there is a Chicken Soup Shabbat, come on down to the shul kitchen, and join a rowdy bunch of chicken soup cooks!



delicious chicken soup, matzah balls, salad, challah and dessert. Undeniably, our Jewish women are the best chicken soup makers ever. Those who attended seemed to agree that the food was enjoyable, and the warmth shared by the Beth Tikvah family just added to the evening.

Friday, May 13, was designated our Chicken Soup Shabbat, the first ever, where the entire congregation was invited to a pre-dinner Shabbat service, and then into the social hall for

Special thanks go to Francie for being the star organizer, and to Marilyn Weinstein, Linda Rothberg, Bev Davis, Dina Schweber, Janine Chenkis.

SHABBAT SHALOM PROGRAM

Esther Karasenty

The Shabbat program at Beth Tikvah is a program for children ages 3 to 5. On Friday morning the program is child centered, experiential, and integrated - geared towards the child's way of learning and discovering. The program allows the children to be actively involved in learning about Shabbat, the Parshiot, Jewish months of the year and Jewish Holidays.

storytelling activities, the children are able to develop an understanding of, and a relationship with, Torah, Mitzvot, Eretz Israel, Hashem, Tefillah, Good Middot and derech erez. They develop Hebrew language skills, math concepts and large and small motor skills, and they come to know themselves and how special they are.

Through the program's art activities, role playing, music and

We wish the children a fun summer...see you next year!

2 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

Raquel Freiwirth

One more year has gone by, unbelievable!!

We did amazing crafts for Passover and beautiful gifts for mother's day. Right now we are working on Shavuot crafts and fathers day gifts.

The kids have grown and matured so much and they will be ending their first year of "school" with friends, and learning experiences to keep forever.

Happy Summer to all my little kids. Good luck on Preschool 3 and I am looking forward to starting a New Year in September!



HEBREW SCHOOL - B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS

Ronit Berger

Dear B'nai Mitzvah families present and future...

As another Hebrew School year comes to a close, I wanted to share with you some thoughts on what it means to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

First, let me start off by mentioning that I hated my own Bat Mitzvah. I don't know if it was all of the attention and pressure of the weekend coupled with the fact that my father was the Rabbi, and I was reading 6 of the 7 Aliyot, and learning them up until the very last moment, or the fact that my Torah portion (Tazriah-Metzora) dealt with the laws of leprosy, and as a 12-year-old, I was not quite sure how to turn that into a D'var Torah. But, I really think it might have been because it didn't seem to mean anything to me at the time – just something I was obligated to do.

Of course, I loved the kids' party we had after Shabbat, and this seems to be my fondest memory of the occasion. However, despite these memories and my feelings toward Judaism and services as a pre-teen, important seeds were planted during that year that I can proudly say have blossomed. Because I was pushed to read so many Aliyot and to lead the Shacharit and Friday Night Service, when the time came as an older teen in USY and as a University student when I learned to appreciate and even become inspired by the Shabbat service and the reading of the Torah, I had the skills to fully participate. It also didn't hurt to have these skills when I learned that B'nai Mitzvah tutoring was more lucrative than babysitting.

I also received a lot of money as gifts for my Bat Mitzvah, and my parents informed me that 10% of that money would go toward

tzedakah and the rest toward saving for my trip to Israel with USY Pilgrimage. It was on that trip to Israel where I deepened my connection with Judaism, learned to recite the Amidah quickly on a daily basis, and purchased the Tallit that I continue to wear today. As for the tzedakah, it was then I was introduced to Danny Siegel and his Ziv Tzedakah Fund, a mitzvah man who continues to find Mitzvah heroes in Israel and North America worth supporting and learning from.

I'm sharing this story as a way of helping you understand the important seeds that are being planted during the B'nai Mitzvah year. Now, I have the pleasure and honour of teaching and learning from Beth Tikvah's B'nai Mitzvah students. What has been so special for me this year is to watch these seeds take root. I have been assisted by Paige Gelfer and Daniel Steiner who are role models for the fact that the B'nai Mitzvah year marks the beginning of synagogue involvement and leadership. Paige and Daniel continue to participate in services and volunteer their time each Shabbat morning to work with this year's B'nai Mitzvah class. I have also had the great pleasure of watching the students become the teachers. Our students know that even after the big event has passed, they are still expected to participate in the B'nai Mitzvah classes. They use the skills to work with their peers in a friendly and supportive way ensuring that everyone's simcha is a success.

I am confident that these are future synagogue and community leaders and the seeds for that are being sewn every Shabbat morning when they wish they could sleep in instead of coming to shul.

JEWISH TRIVIA:

Three of the greatest and most influential thinkers dominating the 20th Century were Jewish: Einstein, Freud, and Marx.

Louis Santanel, a Jewish financier, provided the funds for Columbus' voyage to America.

Of the 806 Nobel Prizes awarded, 180 have been won by Jews, representing 22% of the total. Jews win more Nobel prizes than any other ethnicity. They win 40 times more Nobel Prizes than is represented by their small population numbers.

YOM HASHOAH...BETH TIKVAH REMEMBERS

Marilyn Berger

May 2, 2011, under the auspices of Isha L'Isha, the Beth Tikvah community joined with Jewish People around the world in the annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. At Beth Tikvah we are blessed to have amongst us those who survived, had children and grandchildren. In the meaningful ceremony Holocaust survivors, along with second and third generation family members lit memorial candles and related their own personal histories of that horrific time for world Jewry. Led by Rabbi Kaiser-Blueth, together we recited the El Moleh Rachamim and the Mourners Kaddish. In the name of all who perished our community pledged never to forget.

Four different characteristics make up part of our human nature. In any given situation we are capable of being victims, perpetrators, bystanders or interveners. Unfortunately, during the Shoah, Nazi Europe was filled with far too many bystanders and not nearly enough interveners.

In that vain, the over 75 in attendance on May 2 viewed the movie 'Weapons of the Spirit'. This movie relates the amazing collective strength of character that the town of Mount Chambon in southern France possessed that enabled the entire town to become interveners. Guided by the teachings of their Huguenot religion the entire town took it upon themselves to be a safe haven for Jewish people fleeing the Nazi regime. When asked why or how they did it the simple answer was that it was the right thing to do! When asked how it was organized

the answer was it was not. If it had been they would not have been able to pull it off so successfully. (In other words they were not bogged down by countless meetings – they just did it!)

So I ask myself and all of our Jewish community today – those of us who are truly blessed to be living in Canada in 2011 – have we learned from the lessons of the Holocaust? Have the lives of our ancestors gone in vain? Who are we in today's world? Do we continue to be victims? - Not with a strong Israel! – Are we perpetrators? - I hope not. - Bystanders? - Are we allowing atrocities throughout the world to continue to go unchecked just as the free world knew about the atrocities that were being committed by the Nazis but chose to do nothing? Or are we the interveners? Are we, as the generation of Jews, all of whom survived the Holocaust brave enough to make a real difference in our world today?

Of course, the town of Mount Chambon is commemorated at Yad Vashem as a Righteous Amongst the Nations – How will we – the Jews of the 21 century be commemorated? Yom HaShoah is not just about the past – but about the future.

A heartfelt todah raba to those who shared with us: Myra and Hyman Gutman, Rose Slutsky and Brian Friedman, Paula Verhoeven, Charl Hammer, Tammi Belfer and Oren Gavsie, Lotti Smith, Isabella Laterman, and Faye Elias. Thanks to Gary Zumar for the technical support and to Francie for the set up.

BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Please submit all information to the office before the deadlines.

| DEADLINE | EDITON | DISTRIBUTION | DEADLINE | EDITON | DISTRIBUTION |
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| August 29 | Yom Tov | September 13 | February 13 | Purim | February 22 |
| October 11 | Regular | October 17 | March 12 | Pesach | March 22 |
| November 23 | Chanukah | December 6 | May 2 | Regular | May 7 |
| January 12 | Regular | January 16 | June 4 | Summer | June 18 |

DINNER TO HONOUR OUR CHOIR LEADER MARSHALL BERGER AND THE BETH TIKVAH CHOIR

June 7 was the night to be at Beth Tikvah as many of us had the chance to honour our choir leader, Marshall Berger, and the Beth Tikvah Choir.

I'm sure anyone reading this article would be in total agreement that our choir under Marshall's skillful direction, has breathed life into our synagogue for many years and made it a place where we have all felt a sense of deep pride in being members of the Beth Tikvah family.

The evening started with a light, tasty dairy dinner, followed by a presentation to Marshall and his choir by Rabbi Claudio Kaiser-Blueth and our new president, Stewart Cohen. Both spoke with passion and a sense of endearment about the immeasurable contribution and commitment Marshall and the choir have made to our synagogue and how they had helped create a very sacred place for us to practice our faith in. I, for one, felt deep pride and gratitude and was proud to be there to honor them.

The choir even regaled us with 2 lively tunes prepared just for the evening. This presentation was then followed by Maariv services which were admirably led by this year's

enthusiastic B'nai Mitzvah class.

The evening ended with everyone retiring to the social hall for a lively open discussion that the Rabbi had prepared on "Who is a True Jew". To do this he sat us in groups and gave us a theoretical situation where 'Jacob', a father with 3 adult children, left all of his estate to the one child who was the 'true Jew'. Our job was to decide which child should inherit the estate. As you can imagine, those of us present had many diverse views and approached this question from a great number of viewpoints. One thing that was evident to me and pleased me greatly, was to see how compassionate a congregation we had, as many of us recognized that the 3 children in question here each had their good and bad points, yet for the most part we could agree they were all deserving of shares of the estate. Since I get the last word in here, it's my opinion that a father and mother know their children best, and to turn to an outsider to make such a judgment would be hard to imagine. I'm sure in this situation Jacob loved all his children, recognized them each as being 'true Jews', and would have split his estate evenly amongst them.

Leonard Shane

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MAZEL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Donna Moscovitz
Jeremy Braude
Sheryl Geirholm
Aaron Kafka
Shelley Osipov
Darin Krygier
Sam Krikler
Michael Favel
Norman Aisler
Sandra Dratwa
Jeff Gelfer
Dawn Hurwitz
Bobbi Gutman
Julie Dery
Eva Garfinkel
Rochelle Moss
Sol Meyer
Dora Schweber
Trevor Hurwitz
Linda Steiner
Philip Steiner

Tamar Kafka
Michael Gal
Marlene Reisler
Jaime Slutzky
Anne Alperstein
Lotti Smith

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jeanna Gavsie
Carol Feinstein
Ruth Freedman
Esther Berenbaum
Joy Dobbs
Andi Brownstone
Marelynn Harowitz
Mickey Keil
Deborah Silverman
Shael Smith
Mary Jane Brown
Trudy Harowitz
Gillian Aisler
Doreen Grossman

Stacey Szeplabi
Olga Friedman
Marty Osipov
Ryan Berger
Lisa Ehrlich
Reva Henriques
Tova Wolinsky
Murray Landa
Saul Youssiem
Susie Zacks
Gene Gilaev
Francie Steen
Rachel Behrmann
Brian Kramer
Michael Cantor
Isabel Lank
Alex Obadia
Perry Ehrlich
Dina Schweber
David Zacks
Susy Kaiser-Blueth
Lolita Cofman

Shannon Kallner

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tyla Meyer
Max Levenstein
Cindy Rozen
Rick Waldman
Ben Baker
Shayla Feldstein
David Ail
Elana Berger
Ann Kramer
Julie Kuchinsky
Ralph Bigio
Mario Frydman
Carla Waldman
Linda Malchy
Alan Marchant
Doreen Globman
Victor Weizmann
Abe Lank
Larry Moscovitz

Daria Moss
Beatrice Deutsch
Morris Harowitz
Cynthia Abah
Gary Nitikman
Robyn Segal
Alex Jackson
Robin Gelfer
Debbie Kafka
Brian Cohen
Stacey Kahn
Effras Brook
Tamar Cohen
Melinda Newman
Harold Blay
Ron Rozen
Otto Farkas
Marci Hammer
Melanie Kierszenblat
Ella Levit
Beverly Imerman

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Sheldon & Deborah Nider
Julian & Maureen Collis
Barry & Carmen
Kirshenblatt
Kelly & Dina Morgan
Norman & Gillian Aisler
Jonathan & Shannon
Kallner
Alan & Jeanine Slater
Ian & Elena Felgar
Bradley & Stacey Kahn
Michael & Sandra Favel
Charlie & Claire Hammer
Colin & Janine Lazarus

Barry & Karen Corrin
Jeff & Linda Rothberg

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Anne Hazon
David & Judy Tarnow
Miles & Anne Alperstein
Joey & Carol Feinstein
Alan & Pauline Marchant
Ron Rozen & Lucie
Levy-Spack
Mel & Daria Moss
Robert & Gabriela Moutal
Leonard & Linda Shane
Martin & Debra Davis

Rob & Lori Grad
Abe & Doreen Grossman
Danny & Valerie Zack
Avrum & Marsha Costin
Harry & Carol Segal
Mark & Samara David
Adam & Taly Osten
Jack & Cindy Behrmann
Jeff Wood & Andrea
Sorokin
Alex & Leah Jackson
Arthur & Marilyn Weinstein
Marshall & Marilyn Berger
Alan & Barbara Glasser
Stan & Vivian Garfinkel

Gary & Arlene Nitikman
Aron & Bobbi Gutman
Philip & Linda Steiner
Harold & Suzanne Blay
Shlomo & Svetlana
Sulimani
David & Ruth Berger
Igor Mintsis & Julia Levit
Elliott Myers & Linda Thayer
SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Josh Ail & Maja Pesic
Colin & Brenda Halliwell
Alexandre & Alessandra
Judkowicz

Marty & Shelley Osipov
Harvey & Dvora Mendelzys
Michael & Melanie
Kierszenblat
Murray & Leslie Landa
Issy & Francie Steen
Marty & Alisa Charach
Yoram & Anat Halevy
Sam & Pearl Cohen
Mario & Roxana Frydman
Sam & Jaime Slutzky
Arne & Deborah Silverman

MEMBERS WHO HOSTED AN ONEG SHABBAT OR KIDDUSH LUNCHEON, MANY THANKS...

Aron & Bobbi Gutman, honouring Hyman & Myra Gutman
Richard Goldberg, celebrating his special Birthday
Marvin & Barbara Nider, celebrating their special Anniversary

Uri & Naomi Kolet, celebrating their special Anniversary
Ryan Berger and Tova Wolinsky, celebrating their special Anniversary

I am very honoured and excited to assist with the Adult Educational program for 2011/2012. Planning is at its early stages, but the program will consist of three types of classes: the Rabbi's series, an outside scholars' series and a congregants' series. The topics covered will be varied, something of interest for everyone.

In addition to classes, other ideas being considered are weekend retreats and special sessions focusing on medical ethics and

legal issues from a Jewish perspective involving professionals within our own congregation.

I welcome suggestions for topics which may be of interest to you. Also welcome are suggestions for outside experts who may inspire us with their special knowledge of topics of Jewish interest. For your suggestions, please email Bob Urist at roberturist@uristcosmetics.com

UNITED SYNAGOGUE AND JNF

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and Jewish National Fund have developed a wonderful new joint program to help your congregation earn new income simply by doing what comes naturally – connecting to the land and people of Israel.

Through the JNF Affiliate program, a special link or button will be placed on your congregation's website. This link will take the user to a unique JNF-USCJ web page. When trees are purchased and/or donations are received through this web page, your congregation will receive 20 percent of the total purchase. JNF will send a check quarterly to your congregation. (Please note that your congregation will receive its portion of the funds paid only through the link on your website, not to donations made directly to JNF's own site.) PLUS, JNF will also send 5 percent of all funds received through the link to United Synagogue to support United Synagogue's Israel programs.

How do you get started? It's easy. We've already emailed the leaders of your congregation. Once they agree to participate and sign the agreement, JNF will work directly with your webmaster to have the proper link installed on your website.

We need your help to actively promote this outstanding new

program. JNF and United Synagogue's Israel Commission will provide you with an ad to use in your synagogue newsletters to create awareness of the program and to drive your congregants to your synagogue's website.

For more information or get started, please email Amanda Levine at JNF or call her 516-678-6805 x135, or email United Synagogue's Rabbi Paul Freedman.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this new partnership, which offers financial support for your synagogue and a new opportunity to connect your congregation to Israel. Please sign up today!

Best Regards,

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Richard Skolnik, President

Rabbi Steven Wernick, Executive Vice President/CEO

Alexandra Cyngiser, Vice President - Israel Affairs

Rachel Russo, Chair - Israel Commission

Jewish National Fund

Stanley Chesley, President

Dr. Stephen Wolnek, Vice President - Community Relations

Russell Robinson, CEO



Haverim,

Just last week we celebrated Shavuot, with its reading of the story of Ruth. For so many of us the emphasis on Ruth's sincere affection for and affiliation with the Jewish people, brings to mind the terrible way sincere non-Orthodox converts are treated in Israel. We have in the past addressed this, but what follows below will give you a fresh perspective and understanding of how painful this can be – and why we must persevere.

Just before Shavuot, Yizhar Hess, the Executive Director of Masorti in Israel, wrote an article that was published in Hebrew. It concerned a fallen IDF soldier who had grown up in the Masorti movement and the fear that he would not be permitted a Jewish burial. To us, here, this may sound paranoid, but Yizhar quite properly did not identify the soldier or his family or whether his death occurred in action in Lebanon, Gaza or elsewhere, lest some fanatics in the official Rabbanut react by attempting to disinter his body.

Please read these two excerpts from Yizhar's piece, translated into English:

"He was an outstanding student in high school, a hiker, a bright, happy boy. When he was drafted, no one was surprised to hear that he chose to serve in an elite unit. The news of his death reached us late at night and plunged us all into deep pain. Then we tensed. His mother had undergone a Masorti conversion in Israel: according to the fundamentalists who are in charge of most cemeteries in Israel, he was not considered Jewish. Where are they going to bury him? Do they know about his mother? Will they allow him eternal rest in the military cemetery, or will they try to create some secluded plot for him, on one pretext or another? What must we do now – should we tell the parents about these fears? Add to their frenzied sorrow with the shock that their son's funeral might become a travesty? It wouldn't be the first time.

We decided not to involve the parents; we readied a battery of lawyers and counted the minutes until the funeral and then

during its course. Afterwards, we breathed a sigh of relief, as callous as that may sound. The IDF rabbinate and Hevra Kadisha Burial Society didn't know anything about his mother, as far as we could tell. He was buried like any other Jewish soldier killed in action."

AND

"He was permitted to serve in the IDF, but – had he not been killed – if, after his military service, he had wished to marry, the State of Israel would have turned him down point blank. Any proof he could have furnished of his Jewishness, at the Chief Rabbinate offices where he lived, would have been met with an arrogant sneer, or even cruel contempt. He could have had a Masorti rabbi perform the ceremony, but such a marriage is not recognized by the Ministry of Interior Affairs; for legal recognition he would have had to go to Cyprus, because Israel does recognize the authority of the Larnaca municipal officials in performing marriages. Upon his death, he was spared the humiliation of the dead that we were afraid of. But in all honesty and with great sadness, we have to say that every day the State of Israel humiliates the living.

May we celebrate Shavuot this year with love and joy, and hope that thanks to the compassionate deeds of Ruth the Moabite, we will learn her lessons and celebrate Shavuot next year in an Israel that is more moral and just."

It is never easy to speak of Israel in a negative light, but we must also face facts.

If you are troubled, as you should be, by what Yizhar Hess has written, please help us in our efforts to assure the Jewish State will be a democratic and pluralist one. Make a donation to the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism. You can do so on our website, www.masorti.ca/donate.html, or by mailing a check to the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism, 1000 Finch Avenue West, Suite 508, Toronto, ON M3J 2V5

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Rabbi Jennifer Gorman

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Historic Walking Tour of Strathcona sponsored by Isha l' Isha and the Vancouver Historical Society

On Sunday May 15th, in heavy rain and cold temperatures, an enthusiastic group of us met downtown to tour the historic district of Strathcona. We enjoyed a two km walk, including an interesting and informative two hour presentation by Molly Winston of the Jewish Historical Society. Among the many landmarks on the tour was the site of the first Synagogue in Vancouver, the first Jewish Community Centre, the many businesses owned by Jewish pioneers, Rabbi Pastinsky's



home and the Zionist Hall. Molly entertained us with tales from the late 1800's to early 1900's, when Strathcona was a vibrant multicultural melting pot of immigrants and the local Jewish immigrant community played an integral role in Strathcona's development, leadership and diversity.

For more information on upcoming walking tours in Strathcona and Victoria visit www.jewishmuseum.ca

ISHA L'ISHA PRESENTS... SHORT HAUL VACATION ESCAPES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

by Marsha Costin

Marsha Costin planned and coordinated "Short Haul Vacation Escapades in British Columbia", for Isha l' Isha, on Thursday, June 2, 2011. The event was a great success, with an exciting and entertaining live and slide show presentation given by the Ministry of Tourism BC's Mark Skerbinek. Fantastic door prizes were won by many and travel brochures

and guidebooks collected by everyone, followed by refreshments. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Much appreciation to Francie Steen, Hannah Frankel, Gary Zumar, and Donna Felgar for their invaluable assistance.

THOUGHTS ON B'NEI MITZVAH SHABBAT CLASS LESSONS

When going to synagogue every Saturday morning at 9:10 am I have learned many things other than how to get out of bed early. When I step my foot into Shul every Saturday I feel like I am free. I follow my footsteps into the sanctuary where I join my friends to listen to the Rabbi while he teaches us about a special prayer or blessing. When he teaches us, for me, it is a learning experience like no other. Usually, in classes you would learn how to say things properly or learn the prayer. In the Rabbi's class he teaches us what the meanings are to the prayers and blessings we say every day.

When reciting a prayer, what are you thinking during that time? Are you concentrating on how to pronounce the words? Are you repeating G-d's name in the back of your mind? Or are you trying to ask or thank G-d for what the prayer is saying?

What the Rabbi has taught us is that when we are praying to G-d we should know the meanings and translations to what we are saying because what is the use in thanking someone if you don't know why you are thanking them?

Learning the meanings to the prayers and blessings every Saturday morning with Rabbi Kaiser and my fellow B'nei Mitzvah classmates has been amazing. It taught me so many things about the true meaning behind everything we are saying when we pray first thing in the morning, to when we say the Shema at night.

It is so much easier to pray to G-d when we know exactly what we are trying to say to him, rather than saying tons of prayers without knowing what they actually mean.

A prayer that stood out to me was "we are grateful for the renewal of each day", in the middle of page 10. When studying this prayer with the Rabbi and my group it really opened up to me and made me understand what the prayer meant. Each line of it was a different story. This prayer is a great example of showing how in the Siddur many of the prayers and blessings don't make sense unless you think very deeply into it. When we studied this prayer the Rabbi assigned us each one line. With that line, we were told to read it, and come up with a translation or meaning that made sense to us.

When we came back the following Saturday with our translations to our lines, it brought up many interesting points. What each of us came up with was proof of how lucky all eight of us are. It showed us what we really are to be thankful for.

This blessing stood out to me. When I was assigned this project, the first prayer that came to my mind was this one. Once this prayer had been planted in my head for this project, I knew that it had had a giant impact on me. It shows why we must be so thankful.

Overall, I have learned many things over the past ten months. Thanks to this program, I have learned many things about being a Jew and the prayers. It has helped me to continue my life as a Jew.

—Aly Moscovitz

I have learnt much over the past year in the B'nei Mitzvah program. Judaism is about the combination of the people of Israel talking to G-d and listening to what G-d has to say. When people read the Siddur they are thanking and praising G-d for the kind, merciful and tough things he does for us even though we might not appreciate them at the time. When we read from the scrolls we are actively listening to G-d's commandments that tell us the best way that we can live our lives while maintaining our Jewishness.

Judaism is an active religion that requires us to go to synagogue to learn, pray and study as opposed to staying home to do the same. We are also commanded to go out into both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities to help those in need. We are directed to always offer appropriate help to those who seek help. With Judaism we are seeking the help of G-d to help us through whatever we are dealing with whether it is through celebration or loss.

I have learned so much during the Saturday morning lessons. I have learned that not every single prayer is alike, like people. They are all unique. I have learned that just doing the Amidah and then going on with your normal activities isn't enough. You need to understand the prayer. There's more to the prayers than just standing and mumbling.

B'NEI MITZVAH SHABBAT CLASS LESSONS...*continued*

If you read the prayers you will understand them. It's not just saying Praise G-d or Thank G-d. It's giving all your belief to this one man, woman, or it. It's promising to always be faithful.

For example, on page 10, the Baruch is a long list of thanks. I noticed that in most prayers, we praise G-d and then ask him for something. It's kind of like when kids say I love you to their parents and then ask them for money.

I like the simplicity of some of the prayers. Many of them use simpler English. I have learned that it is easy to just recite the prayers, but it's not worth it unless you really mean it.

The prayer that I will talk about is the Kaddish Shalem/Mourner's Kaddish. In the shortened version, the second paragraph, the one that starts with Itbarach, there is a ton of commandments. This shortened version is almost the same as the mourners Kaddish. So why doesn't the Kaddish talk about death or mourning? It basically is praising G-d.

In the long version, there is a very interesting line. It starts with titkabal. It says: "may the prayers and pleas of the whole House of Israel be accepted by our Father in heaven." We are basically asking G-d to listen, like we do with other people in our lives.

It's so normal. We always think of G-d as this holy person or thing. All the things that we do for Him are special, different than what we usually do. But some things that we do are the same, such as listening. So does that mean that we're similar to G-d?

—Rachel Kierszenblat

One main component of Judaism is the expression of thankfulness that we show every Friday night by the singing of many psalms. I am personally thankful for the food, shelter, clothing, housing, friends, family and a community that truly cares about me. This gives me a great sense of belonging and makes me want to continue to reach out to G-d and those around me so I can spread the good cheer that I have received.

Judaism teaches us to be responsible for ourselves and others. We are all part of this world and it is our job collectively and individually to look after one another. That might be as simple as raking the leaves at the home of an elderly neighbor, or giving tzedakah, or as complex as allowing someone to live with us because they are homeless or in frail health.

I want to continue to go to Synagogue after my Bat Mitzvah not because I will be there on behalf of my brother, but because going to Synagogue teaches me about the prayers and if not for G-d taking us out of Egypt, I would not be here today. This is my way of honouring G-d.

The prayer I wish to analyze is the Hatzi Kaddish. The prayer talks about praising G-d and while that is important, to only stop with words would be missing out on the richness of the interaction between Israelites and G-d.

The Kaddish refers to "...beyond all attributes which mortals can utter." To get closer to G-d we have to live some of the commandments as best as we possibly can with the most spirit.

The ten commandments are ten examples of how Judaism is an active religion that requires doing as well as being. One of the ten commandments that is meaningful to me is "You shall not covet your neighbour's possessions". When you are jealous of what your neighbour has, you never appreciate what you possess.

I appreciate the fact that I go to synagogue to praise and thank G-d but I go to listen to his messages, the Ten Commandments are just one of those messages that I take to heart. If the Hatzi Kaddish was taken to heart, more people would be seeking G-d's wisdom and knowledge instead of putting their own values first and other's second.

When we live our lives according to the laws that G-d provided us, we are then honouring and worshipping G-d in our daily lives and that is why G-d gave us the Torah.

—Sydney Freedman

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- 11 Ruth Crystal
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- 13 Abe Uretsky
- 16 Celia Rubenstein
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- 17 Barney Imerman
- 17 Samuel Melamed
- 17 Lily Reisler
- 17 Jack Singer
- 19 Michael Cohen

- 19 Frieda Garfinkel
- 19 Ruhama Obadia
- 22 Maury Wiss
- 24 Sarah Uretsky
- 25 Mark Ail
- 25 Dorothy Bleet
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- 28 Renee Wachtel
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- 29 Dena Sures
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- 31 Pauline Feldstein
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AUGUST

- 1 Bessie Rose
- 2 Ruth Levy
- 2 Eli Plotkin
- 3 Minnie Donner
- 5 Simon Becker
- 5 Rachelle Braunstein
- 5 Joyce Praszoff
- 8 Moris Possin
- 10 Heran Harry Schreiber
- 11 Amelia Silverman
- 12 Leo Steinhardt
- 16 Leah Aisler
- 18 Steven Lithwick
- 19 William Gelmon
- 21 Rachel Chinkis

- 22 Doris Braverman
- 22 Gladys Kramer
- 22 Paul Poulos
- 24 Mayer Gubby
- 24 Melville Kahn
- 24 Martin Kruger
- 26 Morris Gechman
- 27 Cantor Murray Nixon
- 28 Baruch Kolet
- 29 Anne Becker
- 29 Alan Buckwold
- 29 Morris Favel
- 29 Irving Levin
- 29 David Mainster
- 30 Philip Kline
- 31 Larry Brandt
- 31 Isadore Hersh
- 31 Robert Hurov
- 31 Clara Lever
- 31 Rose Nitikman
- 31 Nat Turbovsky

SEPTEMBER

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- 2 Maurice Klein
- 2 Rose Wolinsky
- 3 Sylvia Gelfer
- 4 Nathan Arnold
- 4 Hans Philipp
- 4 Earl Stone
- 5 Chaya Laya Gutman
- 5 Gabriel Milstein
- 5 Pearl Milstein

- 5 Rachmiel Milstein
- 5 Murray Turner
- 6 Boris Plotkin
- 8 Kalman Levenstein
- 8 Emilia Orwin
- 8 Ethel Yelizarov
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- 9 David Hazon
- 9 Eva Posternack
- 10 Jan Ament
- 10 David Slater
- 10 Abraham Sonberg
- 11 Lily Packer
- 12 Arthur Cantor
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- 14 Riva Segal
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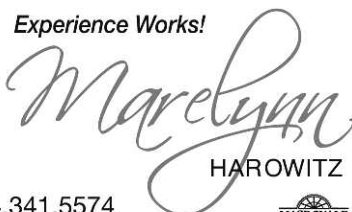

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 9:01 Canada Day - office closed | 2 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 1 Chukas Shabbos Ends: 10:11 |
| 3 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 2 Barya Saltoun Bat Mitzvah | 4 2 Tammuz | 5 3 Tammuz Morning Minyan 7:15 | 6 4 Tammuz | 7 5 Tammuz | 8 6 Tammuz 8:58 | 9 7 Tammuz Balak Shabbos Ends: 10:08 |
| 10 8 Tammuz | 11 9 Tammuz | 12 10 Tammuz Morning Minyan 7:15 | 13 11 Tammuz | 14 12 Tammuz | 15 13 Tammuz 8:53 Shabbat at Garry Point 6:00 pm | 16 14 Tammuz Pinchas Shabbos Ends: 10:02 |
| 17 15 Tammuz | 18 16 Tammuz | 19 17 Tammuz Fast of the Seventeenth of Tammuz Morning Minyan 7:15 | 20 18 Tammuz | 21 19 Tammuz | 22 20 Tammuz 8:46 | 23 21 Tammuz Mattos Shabbos Ends: 9:56 |
| 24 22 Tammuz | 25 23 Tammuz | 26 24 Tammuz Morning Minyan 7:15 | 27 25 Tammuz | 28 26 Tammuz | 29 27 Tammuz 8:38 | 30 28 Tammuz Masei Shabbos Ends: 9:47 |
| 31 29 Tammuz | | | | | | |

August 2011

1 AV 5771 - 1 Elul 5771

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 AV 1 ✠Rosh Chodesh Av | 2 AV 2 ☞Morning Minyan 7:15 | 3 AV 3 | 4 AV 4 | 5 AV 5 ☞8:28 | 6 AV 6 ☞Devarim ☞Shabbos Ends: 9:36 |
| 7 7 AV | 8 8 AV | 9 AV 9 ✠Tisha B'Av ☞Morning Minyan 7:15 | 10 AV 10 | 11 AV 11 | 12 AV 12 ☞8:16 ☞Shabbat in our Garden - 6:00 pm | 13 AV 13 ☞Va'eschanan ☞Shabbos Ends: 9:24 |
| 14 14 AV | 15 15 AV ✠Tu B'Av | 16 AV 16 ☞Morning Minyan 7:15 | 17 AV 17 | 18 AV 18 | 19 AV 19 ☞8:03 | 20 AV 20 ☞Ekev ☞Shabbos Ends: 9:11 |
| 21 21 AV | 22 22 AV | 23 AV 23 ☞Morning Minyan 7:15 | 24 AV 24 | 25 AV 25 | 26 AV 26 ☞7:50 | 27 AV 27 ☞Re'eh ☞Shabbos Ends: 8:58 ☞Max Kirshenblatt Bar Mitzvah |
| 28 28 AV | 29 29 AV | 30 AV 30 ✠Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 1 ☞Morning Minyan 7:15 | 1 ELUL 31 ✠Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2 | | | |