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Message From The President

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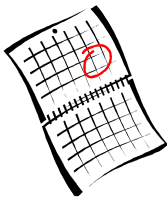
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Dear Friends: As we approach the Chanukah season, I wish to comment on the tremendous effort that was made by many of you to *Spruce Up the Shul*. It is very appropriate that this effort precede Chanukah. It brought to my mind *Hanukas HaBayis* at the time of the *Hashmonaim*. A sense of the rededication and commitment that occurred at that time could be felt here and now. Indeed this was a brilliant idea and a tremendous opportunity for each of us to take pride and ownership individually in our Shul. This was one of many successful events occurring at this pivotal time for us. A big thanks to Bonnie Drazen for the tremendous idea. Unfortunately she was not able to participate. A huge thanks to all of you who pitched in, giving of your time, to take care of our Shul,

We had a very successful Chinese Food project, and I wish to thank everyone who ordered food, and made this a great event. Vickie Isakow and Ezra Hurwitz chaired this project. Let them know that their efforts were much appreciated.

We also had a tremendous turn out for the *Shabbos Chinuch* program & luncheon. Roz Hirschhorn, Ruth Raskas, and their committee made it very special. Thank you to Barbara Ast, Donna Fredman, and all who worked on the luncheon.

In addition to these social and fund raising events, our interim committee headed by Alan Gerson and educational Vice Presidents Daniel Lefton, Mordechai Simon, and their committee are dedicating many hours of planning to bring their ideas to fruition. The *Yomim Tovim* davening and *shiurim* were wonderful. We continue to have many inspiring and interesting guest speakers.

Two items need to be addressed. As was stated on *Kol Nidre* evening, this is a period of opportunity as well as trial for our Shul. We must address the Shul's financial needs. We must meet our obligations to Rabbi Bienenfeld. The process of addressing our overall financial health has been started by our newly formed Financial Committee working in conjunction with our Financial Vice President and Treasurer. The second item is that it is time for new leadership. I will assume that this is my last entry into a Young Israel Bulletin as President. It has been an honor to serve you and our Shul. It was great to get to know many of you better than before. You are all very, very special, making the whole experience worth while. Sincerely, Barry

"Spruce Up the Shul Day" : A Smashing Success!

Thanks to Bonnie Drazen for conceiving and for organizing this great event. We extend condolences to Bonnie on the passing of her father and are sorry she wasn't able to be there to "shep nachas".

Over forty members, young and young at heart showed up to help. There were those who chose to work on the landscaping, others who dusted and organized the siddurim and chumashim, polished the Aron, mechitza and even steam cleaned the rug after the defrosting freezer leaked onto it. (When will we learn?) I am proud to announce that the kitchen is now "spotless". If anybody spills anything on the oven or stove and doesn't clean it up, BEWARE!! You will have to answer to Sidney & Kathy Machefsky and Jackie Gerson! We have documentation of everybody cleaning which will be posted to the Young Israel web site for your enjoyment. I have to admit, you had to be there to see Mitch Wolf cleaning the floor of the back kitchen closet on his hands and knees! Special thanks to Ariel Baron, our cutest helper. We were very liberal with throwing things out, so if you're looking for that special something that you left in the left hand cabinet in the corner, forget it. Barbara Ast

Women's Division Updates

This month our new administration began. Our team has a great deal of enthusiasm and we want all of you to join us in the activities we are planning. Our vision is a Women's division that invites everyone to participate. We really would like to be known as the friends of Young Israel. Our primary goals are raising money for special projects and sponsoring educational programs. With your involvement, we hope to build a stronger sense of community in our Shul.

We thank Melissa Perlman, our outgoing President, for terrific leadership and incredible commitment to every Women's Division activity. We want to express *Hakarot HaTov* to Melissa, a very special person. We appreciate so much the efforts of three outgoing officers, Jackie Gerson-treasurer, Faye Newman-membership, Yocheved Bienenfeld-education chair.

Every person on our executive board has assumed responsibility for a specific project:

- Debbie Schuman---New Membership
- Jill Mogil & Shelley Wolf---Educational Programming
- Matilda Zeffren---Tribute Cards (Gorgeously redesigned!)
- Erna Waltuch---Social Scribe
- Shoshana Hurwitz, Melissa Perlman & Leah Horowitz---Esther's Express:Purim Mishloach Manot
- Leah Horowitz---Treasurer
- Heather Douek & Chelle Medow---Shavuot" Take-Out" Sale (Watch for this exciting event!)

We look forward to maintaining the clean kitchen following the shul spruce-up and are considering bringing back the Cooking Committee. Let us know if this is something you would be interested in. In fact, **SAVE THE DATE:** November 18th, *Parshat Chayei Sara*

We will be sponsoring the first annual Women's Division *Kiddush*. Let us know if you can help!

Adinah Raskas & Barbara Ast

Reference Info:

Eruv information: To find out if the eruv is functional call 863-1811 on Friday afternoons. A map outlining the Eruv is in the Shul.

Shul Calendar: Call Clare at 727-1880 to reserve a date.

Shul kitchen/ Facilities/Event Coordinator: Call Charles Landy at 994-0961 or the office at 727-1880 at least one month prior to the event to reserve the kitchen/facilities.

Library: Mitch Wolf

Kitchen & inventory: Howard Oppenheimer

Endowment: Larry Poger

Tefillin G'mach: Block Yeshiva High School has a Tefillin G'Mach for short and long term use, named for the merit of Reuven Ben Peretz Moskowitz ZTL. Call Moshe-Leib Cohen, 721-6390.

Weekly Davening Times:

Weekday Shacharis:

Monday, Thursday and Rosh Chodesh6:30 AM
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday6:40 AM
 Sunday8:00 AM

Weekday Mincha:

See the weekly announcements

Daf Yomi Shiur, during the week:

10:00 PM

News about our members!

Mazel Tov

Welcome:

- * to Julie Friedman and her daughter, Amarah, 845 Oakbrook Ct., 63132, 603-7464
- * to Jay & Marjorie Robinow and family, 8055 Amherst, 862-2234
- * to Natalie & Jacob Sukhodolsky, 8127 Amherst Ave., 725-6277.

Births:

- * to Goldie & Noah Susman upon the birth of a granddaughter to Jonathan & Robin Susman.
- * to Sally & Howard Goldstein on the adoption of a baby girl, Sarit.
- * to Vered & Moshe Sharon upon the birth of a daughter, Adi.
- * to Jesse & Daniel Lefton on the birth & bris of a baby boy, Aryeh Yosef Voolf
- * to Allison & Pesach Zaromb on the birth of a baby boy.

Bar & Bat Mitzvah:

- ◆ to Yosef Menachem Groener upon his bar mitzvah. Mazel tov to his parents Russell Groener & Beverley Oskowitz, and family. Mazel tov to his grandmother Gerty Oskowitz.
- ◆ to Batsheva Sundy on becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel tov to her parents, Suzanne & Rael and family.

Weddings and Engagements:

- ◆ to Larry & Barbara Poger on the engagement of their daughter Laura Poger Lafer to Joseph Greer of Chicago.
- ◆ to Erna Waltuch on the engagement of her grandson Allon Waltuch, son of Sheldon & Drora Waltuch, to Amanda Seltzer.

Achievements:

- * to Rabbi Gavriel & Naomi Munk upon their daughter Tami Hamm passing the Missouri State Bar exam.
- * to all our children entering Kindergarten and First Grade & their families who are participating in our Shabbos Chinuch celebration.

Thank You:

- * to Jackie Gerson, Roberta Gornish, and Howard Oppenheimer for their hard work on the preparation of the Building Fund Donors plaque.
- * to all those who worked on the High Holiday seating committee.
- * to our President and officers, Gabaaim, Baal Kriah, Baal Tokeah, Chazanim and all those who helped with the seating and fixing up the Shul for the Yamim Noraim.
- * to Elliot & Moishy Franklin, Jason Ast, & Yossi Esrig for putting up the Shul sukkah.
- * to the following members who donated to the purchase of

the Simchas Torah candy apples: Drs. Stanley Biel & Leila Redlich, Dr. & Mrs. Larry Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Fredman, Dr. & Mrs. Howard Goldstein, Dr Jack & Merle Hartstein, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lefton, and Mr. & Mrs. Barry Needle.

- * to Ezra Hurwitz & Vicki Isakow (and all their helpers) for the wonderful food from **ChopStix**.
- * to the Hoffman family for sponsoring our Shabbos Chinuch program in memory of their dear parents, Adele & Frank Hoffman. Special thanks to the Youth Committee co-chairs Roz Hirschhorn & Ruth Raskas, also to Donna Fredman & Barbara Ast and their committee for arranging and setting-up our Shabbos family lunch, to Uria & Vardit Teperberg & the TMK for providing the programs, and to all of the spontaneous volunteers who helped set-up & clean-up.

Condolences:

- * to Betty Krantman, Susie Friedman, and Stanley & Herbert Krantman on the passing of their beloved husband and father Julius Krantman, z"l.
- * to Bonnie Drazen and her family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather, David Franklin, z"l.
- * to Simcha Lyons and his family on the passing of their beloved father, grandfather, and greatgrandfather, Rabbi Maurice Lyons, z"l.
May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Young Israel Derech Eretz Youth Groups

Shabbat mornings: 10:00 a.m.-

Ages 2-4

Lead by Kerrin Ast and Loni Schuman

Pre-K-1st grade

Lead by Daniel Iken, Esti Munk and Ellie Sonnenwirth

Grades 2—Grade 6

Lead by Uria, Adam Ariel, Betzalel Laudon, Shira, and Aviya

Derech Eretz Clubs

Join Aviya and Shira Sunday Morning

EAST: 9:15 - 10:15 at Young Israel (K-2)

10:15 - 11:15 at Young Israel (3-7)

Shabbos Davening Times

SHABBOS CHAYEI SARAH	
Friday, Nov 17	
Candle lighting	4:29 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:25 PM
Saturday, Nov 18	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:20 PM
Mincha	4:20 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:28 PM
ROSH CHODESH KISLEV	
TUES- WED., NOV 21-22	
SHABBOS TOLDOS	
Friday, Nov 24	
Candle lighting	4:25 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:20 PM
Saturday, Dec 3	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:20 PM
Mincha	4:20 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:24 PM
SHABBOS VAYETZE	
Friday, Dec 1	
Candle lighting	4:22 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:20 PM
Saturday, Dec 2	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:15 PM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:22 PM
SHABBOS VAYISHLACH	
Friday, Dec 8	
Candle lighting	4:22 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:20 PM
Saturday, Dec 17	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:15 PM

Mincha	4:15 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:23 PM
SHABBOS VAYESHEV	
SHABBOS CHANUKAH I	
Friday, Dec 15	
Candle lighting	4:23 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:20 PM
Saturday, Dec 16	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:15 PM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:23 PM
FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH	
FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC 15	
ROSH CHODESH TEVES	
THURSDAY- FRIDAY,	
DEC 21- DEC 22	
SHABBOS CHANUKAH II	
SHABBOS MIKETZ	
ROSH CHODESH TEVES	
Friday, Dec 22	
Candle lighting	4:26 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:25 PM
Saturday, Dec 23	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:20 PM
Mincha	4:20 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:26 PM
SHABBOS VAYIGASH	
Friday, Dec 29	
Candle lighting	4:30 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:25 PM
Saturday, Dec 30	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:25 PM
Mincha	4:25 PM

Shabbos Ends	5:31 PM
FAST OF TEVES	
Sunday, Dec 31	
Fast begins	5:54 AM
Shacharis	6:30 AM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Fast ends	5:32 PM
SHABBOS VAYECHI	
Friday, Jan 5	
Candle lighting	4:36 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:25 PM
Saturday, Jan 6	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:00 PM
Mincha	4:30 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:37 PM
SHABBOS SHEMOS	
Friday, Jan 12	
Candle lighting	4:43 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:40 PM
Saturday, Jan 13	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	3:40 PM
Mincha	4:40 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:44 PM
SHABBOS VAEIRA	
ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT	
Friday, Jan 19	
Candle lighting	4:50 PM
Mincha / Maariv	4:45 PM
Saturday, Jan 20	
Hashkama Minyan	7:30 AM
Chumash Shiur	8:00 AM
Shacharis	9:00 AM
Special Shiur	4:00 PM
Mincha	4:55 PM
Shabbos Ends	5:51 PM

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Friday, Jan 26

Candle lighting4:58 PM
 Mincha / Maariv4:55 PM

Saturday, Feb 4

Hashkama Minyan 7:30 AM
 Chumash Shiur8:00 AM
 Shacharis9:00 AM
 Special Shiur3:50 PM
 Mincha4:50 PM
 Shabbos Ends5:59 PM

SHABBOS BESHALACH

SHABBOS SHIRA

TU BESHEVAT

Friday, Feb 2

Candle lighting5:06 PM
 Mincha / Maariv 5:05 PM

Saturday, Feb 3

Hashkama Minyan7:30 AM
 Chumash Shiur8:00 AM
 Shacharis9:00 AM
 Special Shiur4:00 PM
 Mincha5:00 PM
 Shabbos Ends6:07 PM

SHABBOS YISRO

Friday, Feb 9

Candle lighting5:14 PM
 Mincha/Maariv5:10 PM

Saturday, Feb 10

Hashkama 7:30 AM
 Chumash 8:00 AM
 Shacharis 9:00 AM
 Special Shiur.....4:10 PM
 Mincha5:10 PM
 Shabbos Ends..... 6:15 PM

SHABBOS MISHPATIM

PARSHAS SHEKALIM

Friday, Feb. 16

Candle lighting.....5:22 PM
 Mincha/Maariv.....5:20 PM

Saturday, Feb. 17

Hashkama..... 7:30 AM
 Chumash 8:00 AM
 Shacharis 9:00 AM
 Special Shiur..... 4:15 PM

Mincha 5:15 PM
 Shabbos End.... . 6:23 PM

ROSH CHODESH ADAR

Sun., Mon., Feb 18 & 19

SHABBOS TERUMAH

Friday, Feb. 23

Candle lighting..... 5:30 PM
 Mincha/Maariv... . 5:25 PM

Saturday, Feb. 24

Hashkama 7:30 AM
 Chumash 8:00 AM
 Shacharis..... 9:00 AM
 Special Shiur..... .4:20 PM
 Mincha 5:25 PM
 Shabbos .Ends.... . 6:31 PM

Tablecloths for Rent

Planning a simcha?

Women's Division owns high quality, dark green tablecloths to rent. We have enough to cover all the shul's tables. What better way to support the Women's Division and enhance the beauty of your special event! Call Melissa Perlman at 432-3101 for information.

Young Israel Officers

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For Men (M); For Women (W); Everyone (E)

Shabbos:	8 AM	Weekly Parsha (E)	<i>Rabbi Alan Green</i>
Sundays:	9 AM	The Book of <i>Ezekiel</i> (M)	<i>Dr. Mitch Wolf</i>
Mondays:	8:15 PM	Paths of the Justice (E)	<i>Uria Teperberg</i>
Tuesdays:	11:00 AM	Torah Weekly Portion (W)	
	6:00 PM	Hebrew Mehina (E)	<i>Torah Kollel MiTzion</i>
	7:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan (E)	<i>Torah Kollel MiTzion</i>
	8:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan (E)	<i>Vardit Teperberg</i>
	8:30 PM	Talmud: <i>Sanhedrin</i> (M) <i>Rabbi Amiel Rosenbloom</i>	
Wednesday:	11:15 AM	Weekly Beit Midrash (W)	<i>Vardit Teperberg</i> <i>(home of Faye Newman, 7916 Stanford)</i>
	7:00 PM	Mesechta Berachot (M)	<i>Dr. Norman Katz</i>
	7:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan (E)	<i>Vardit Teperberg</i>
	8:00 PM	Hebrew Ulpan (E)	<i>Vardit Teperberg</i>
Thursdays:	7:30 PM	Topics from Parsha (M) <i>Dov Zeffren</i>	

In addition to the above, the **Daf Yomi** (M) is studied every evening at 8:30 PM (Sat., 11/2 before Mincha; Sun., 9 AM) led by Rabbi Amiel Rosenbloom and Rabbi Avi Bloch.

During the year, the synagogue sponsors special Scholar-in-Residence weekends as well as special guest lecturers

The Young Israel Beis Medrash is always open for private or group study.

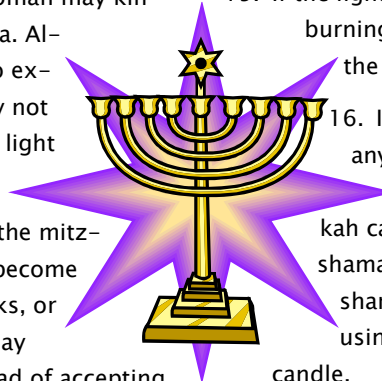
Nov. 18. *Rabbi Jeremy Kagan*, principal of Midreshet Tehillah seminary in Jerusalem and author of *The Jewish Self: Recovering Spirituality in the Modern World*, will be our guest. Rabbi Kagan will deliver the *D'var Torah* on Shabbos morning and present a shiur entitled: "Critique of Pure Treason: Understanding the Sin of Understanding" on Shabbos afternoon



Laws of Chanukah



1. Since Maimonides recounts the story of Chanukah in his Code of Jewish Law, it is obviously important to review the history of the Chanukah story, including the victory over the Greek-Syrians and the miracle of the oil in the Beit HaMikdash.
2. The name Chanukah means "Chanu Kof" Hay" – "They rested on the 25th" of Kislev from their enemies. Another reason for the name Chanukah is to commemorate the rededication of the Beit HaMikdash from the defilement of the enemy. In addition, the building of the Mishkan (tabernacle) was completed on the 25th of Kislev.
3. It is best that each member of the family light his or her own Menorah for the entire 8 nights of Chanukah.
4. If one person is lighting for another, a woman may kindle the menorah for a man, and vice versa. Although a woman may light the candles to exempt her husband, this should preferably not be done — unless he will not be home to light them himself.
5. A person wishing to join with another in the mitzvah should give an amount of money to become a partner in the ownership of the oil, wicks, or candles. The person doing the lighting may give a share of the oil et al as a gift instead of accepting payment.
6. When lighting the Menorah inside the house, the lights should be placed at a window facing a public area. If not possible, they should be placed facing a neighbor.
7. The lights should be lit at nightfall, although it is permissible to light them at sunset. The lights must remain lit until half an hour after nightfall (50 minutes after sunset).
8. One should not begin a meal, learn, or do other work before lighting the Menorah.
9. While the lights are burning, work which is prohibited on Chol HaMoed is customarily not performed.
10. On erev Shabbat, all the candles or amount of oil should be large enough to burn until 1/2 hour after nightfall. If this is impossible, at least one light should burn for this time. These lights are lit before the Shabbat candles are lit.
11. On Saturday night, it is questionable whether the Menorah or the Havdalah candle is lit first. In shul, the Menorah is lit first and then Havdalah is made. At home, on follows the custom of one's family.
12. All oils are permitted. It is preferable though to use olive oil. All olive oil is kosher for use in the Menorah.
13. Gas or electric lights are not permitted.
14. The lights should be set in a straight row (not including the Shamash), in order that the number of lights be recognizable by an onlooker. For the same reason, a space of one inch should separate the lights.
15. If the lights are blown out before the required length of burning time, they should be relit without repeating the brachah.
16. It is forbidden to use the Chanukah lights for any purpose (e.g. to read or to eat by them). Similarly, one is not allowed to light a Chanukah candle from another Chanukah candle. The shamash candle should be used exclusively. If the shamash candle goes out before one is finished using it, be sure not to relight it from a Chanukah candle.
17. All brachot should be recited before beginning the lighting. The reason for this is that all brachot are fully recited before the performance of the mitzvah.
18. Once the lights have burned for the required time, one is allowed to extinguish the lights or then use them for some other purpose (the latter possibility exists only if one made a condition before kindling the lights).
19. The complete Hallel is said on all eight days of Chanukah.
20. "Al Hanissim" is added in the Shmoneh Esreh and Birkat Hamazon. If one forgot the Al Hanissim in Shmoneh Esreh until after the following brachah, one does not go back to say it.



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We're always looking for more material, so if you have any comments or criticisms, or have any photographs or other material that you think should be posted, please send them to us at

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