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Lea will be on vacation May 25th – June 5th
Call ahead before coming to the office.

Rabbi's Office Hours for June

June 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th 3 – 4 PM
at Jewish Community Center pool

Or by appointment

From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Levi said: "A bird was kept in a cage outside. Another bird flew up to the bird in the cage and said to it, 'Happy are you, for your food is provided for you!' The caged bird replied, 'You consider my food but pay no attention to my being shut up — living without freedom. Tomorrow they will take me out and I will be their food. Happy are you free bird!'. " [Ecclesiastes Rabba XI]

The grass is always greener in the other yard. The country mouse envies the city mouse. The city mouse envies the country mouse. And our sages respond: "Who is wealthy? The one who is happy with his portion." [Pirke Avot 4:1]

The great festival of Shavuot celebrates Israel's receipt of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. The event was more than a transaction. It was a spiritual watershed. God revealed the essence of godly behavior to us. And at its essence is a battle: overcoming our envy.

Come and hear: More than one half of the commandments treat envy directly. God permitted it in the first two commandments. We humans are to eschew it in the last five.

Now you will say: "Not so! Only the very last says, 'Thou shalt not covet!'" But the rage that causes murder is nearly always fanned by covetousness. Certainly adultery and stealing derive directly from it. And false witness is another form of stealing — of the truth for some gain often from coveting.

What is the problem? Our eyes are tempted and our will is weak. Remember poor Adam and Eve in the garden. Remember King David spying Bathsheba bathing and all that led to! And King David was none other than the descendant of Ruth [we read her book on Shavu'ot] — a more noble and uncovetous character one will never find.

Ruth overcame her impoverished existence lacking in all material wealth through a noble character built on: love, loyalty, faith and trust in the goodness of humanity. Orpah exercised her freedom and turned back, leaving Naomi. Ruth chose commitment. Her will was strong with her eye fixed firmly on what was right. She was satisfied with what she had and what she left, as a result, was a model.

Ruth is a model we are called upon to follow this Shavu'ot and all year round. Happy are you, O Israel for our mother Ruth!

Chag Sameach!

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

22. The final article. Concluded. Culminated. Completed. For all time, I will maintain a deep respect for columnists who have to write a once or twice weekly piece. Much more challenging than I could have ever imagined. And here we sit, me writing and you reading for the final time.

A friend of mine told me I had fallen off the precipice when I agreed to be president of the congregation. He asked me if I knew what the proverbial *they* called ex-congregational presidents. When I shook my head and said I was not aware there was a name for such a position, he said, "Episcopalians, that's what they call them." I think I'll stay just as I am, thanks.

This has been a wonderful and challenging two years. I believe we have done much to be proud of as a congregation, both internally and externally. We hired a wonderful cantor who would go on to pass her exams with flying colors. We took over the religious school building fulltime. Our Ritual committee continued to amaze me with their innovative ideas. The membership committee oversaw our growth to record levels.

We reached out to the greater community with our Hard Lox Café, Tzedakah committee and Social Justice Committee work including serving shelters, gathering goods and services for the needy, pinch hitting on Christmas, food drives for Manna, and many other mitzvahs. Our religious school continues to be the best of its kind around and a real beacon for the community. We even extended our collective hands to the past with our Founder's Day.

A visitor from another congregation attended services one Friday night in April. He stopped me at the oneg and remarked with some degree of surprise how welcoming we were and what a spirit of joy and happiness permeated our entire building. I thanked him and told him I agreed with his assessment. I have felt that special warmth since the day I entered BHT six years ago. For that, I would like to thank each and every one of you.

Peace, shalom,
Charles

Do you have a business or provide a service that you would like to publicize?

Starting with the September issue we will be accepting ads from congregants for the Menorah.

RATES	6 Months	One Year
Business card	\$180	\$330
Quarter Page	\$240	\$440

Six-month ads will ONLY run either from September – February or March – August.

Submission deadline for all ads is August 1st or February 1st.

Ads must be either business card or quarter page size.

This benefit is only available to congregants and the editorial board has the right to refuse an ad.

Space is limited. Act now!

Support publication of the Menorah and advertise your business at the same time!

Questions? Contact Barbara Jaslow (254-5541) barbjas@aol.com.



Chai Notes

Welcome to spring-"Avive" in Hebrew, as in Tel Aviv!
Here are a few tidbits from your Cantor:

We are still counting the Omer. This is the ritual in which we count off 49 days between the second day of Passover and Shavuot. In ancient times, this was the counting of days between the barley and wheat harvests, and so was an anxious time, as our ancestors prayed for good weather in the fields. We don't have an "omer" of grain to bring to the altar, so we are bringing **boxes of cereal** made of grain (get it?) as our offering. At the festival of Shavuot, they will be donated to the Manna Food Bank. Please contribute your favorite cereal to the collection you see on the bima!

The next time you want to make a donation in honor of a simcha (happy occasion) or a loved one, think about donating a new or gently used book to our library. Starting in June, we will have a cart out at the oneg showcasing books from our collection that speak to a monthly theme. For example, we may focus on ancient history, Jewish women, children's books, books on the cycle of holidays, Jewish poetry, current events, social issues, etc. If you have a suggestion for a monthly theme, send it to *Sydelle White* or to me. Of course, you will be welcome to check out any of the books on the cart.

If you are skilled at playing a musical instrument, please call me to discuss sharing your talent at our summer Shabbat services. I may be able to arrange a duet between the two of us. I'm always looking for something new to keep our worship fresh and meaningful, so don't be shy!

Parents of Bat and Bar Mitzvah students: please remember that when school gets out, you have the option to change your child's tutoring appointment. I would be pleased to do more of the lessons during the day in the summer, as opposed to late afternoon. Call me and we'll talk.

In the coming weeks, you may notice a new bulletin board down in Unger Hall labeled "*Between Us.*" This board may be used to communicate with other members of our congregation, and make it easier to help "hook up" those who need something and those who may be able to supply it. For example:

- Do you have a skill or talent that may be needed by someone else, like sewing, alterations, car repair?
- Are you a teen who would like to earn some pocket money doing chores, yardwork or babysitting?
- Are you willing to pick up someone who needs a ride to services? Do you need a ride?
- Do you have an appliance or piece of furniture that you think someone else could use? Do you need one?

Please put your information on a card or half-piece of paper (no bigger please), date it and make sure that your full name and phone are somewhere on it. Notices will be left up for 4 weeks, and then taken down. This service is for congregants only. Please do not put up notices for others, and do not put up notices of events, concerts, lectures etc.

B'Shira,

Cantor Deb



FESTIVAL SERVICE, THE BOOK OF RUTH AND LUNCH!

We will end the counting of the Omer at the festival of Shavuot, which occurs on the 50th day after second Seder.

Please join in on Tuesday, June 14th at 10:00 AM for our festival service, including the chanting of the Book of Ruth.

An open discussion will be included regarding Ruth and the concept of conversion.

Please bring a light dairy dish to share for a potluck lunch; I'll supply the greens!

(These are the traditional foods of Shavuot).



Sisterhood News



I can't believe it was two years ago that I was elected Sisterhood President. It seems both less than, and more than, a twenty-four month time span.

The hardest part to being President? Writing this monthly column. The Menorah editor is such a stickler for deadlines!

The easiest part? Everything else! Because in doing all that the Presidency entailed I had all of you to help me. As I said when I made my acceptance talk, I was able to count on the Sisterhood Board and the Sisterhood members to lend a hand, voice an opinion and make sure the jobs got done. Some of these women and their jobs were quite visible to the membership at large, others did their work behind the scenes; all of them provided a valuable service which enabled Sisterhood to function and which helped keep me sane. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them now.

Probably the most visible Sisterhood presence was *Nicky Erickson*, who along with *Claire Orenzow* and *Pat Reader*, her hard-working co-chairs, made sure there was always delicious food at all of our holidays and onegs. A close second in visibility was *Nicki Benatan's* task as program coordinator who gave us four different, but equally exciting programs for 2004-2005. Under her guidance, we were exposed to the Alexander method of exercise and therapy, organized by *Linda Gergel* and presented by *Idelle Packer*. *Shirley Berdie* enticed her friend and our legislative representative, *Susan Fischer*, to give us a preview look at some of the "hot" issues to be discussed in Raleigh. We were educated on health issues related to our skin with a presentation by *Dr. Dan Zivony* as arranged by *Jackie Itzkovitz*. And on a perfect spring day, we explored the Cradle of Forestry under the guidance of *Alice Goldstein*. And all four programs included a variety of delicious lunches. (Do you think that including food in all of our activities is a Jewish thing?). And let's not forget the catchy flyers for our programs and special events that were designed by *Karen Paly*.

While we're talking about Sisterhood visibility, the Gift Shop often served as our showcase to the community as many visitors to Beth HaTephila stopped and shopped there. *Dionne Kempenich* and *Alex Lord* sparked up the Gift Shop with new and exciting merchandise providing us with record-breaking sales.

We had two fund-raising events this year. Thanks to your support we were able to meet our pledge of \$1500 to the Religious School. *Natalie Nachman*; ticket seller extraordinaire, helped insure a sold-out house for "Art" at NC Stage. *Barbara Stickle* and *Hilary Paradise* chaired the Passover candy sale enabling us to enjoy delicious treats during the holiday.

Alice Goldstein along with *Cantor Deb* organized and coordinated our terrific Sisterhood Shabbat. With participation from over 25 women, including *Gerri Garfinkel-Gershon's* Torah reading, the duet singing of many of the songs, and a sermon by Dr. Dana Wolf from Hadassah hospital in Israel, it was an inspiring evening.

And people are still talking about the wonderful Passover seder coordinated by *Rose Rose*, as well as the delicious matzoh balls made by Sisterhood women.

But there's more to Sisterhood than meets the eye. Our treasurer, *Barbara Stickle* paid the bills, balanced the books and kept us on financial track; *Hilary Paradise*, financial secretary, collected the membership dues and kept the roster up-to-date; *Sylvia Meyer* and *Rita Isaacson* saw to it that you all received Sisterhood tributes on your special day; *Sherrill Zoller*, our recording secretary, performed the Herculean task of following all the conversations occurring at our meetings and recording them accurately and concisely in the monthly minutes. *Ilene Procida* and *Debbie Cooper* collected children's books all year and then brought them to grateful local agencies. *Susan Jarrett*, Social Action Chair, has given us a blueprint for exciting projects for next year. *Shirley Berdie*, parliamentarian, was a quiet voice of reason who kept us on track; *Doris Sgan*, always knew what to say to a sick or grieving member; *Pam Gretz*, Membership chair, advisor, friend; and of course, *Ann Feldstein*, my most capable VP and your next President. She was my right-hand, my backup, and my friend. When Howard was sick last year, I never doubted everything would continue running smoothly with Ann at the helm. Thank you all! You've all made these two years fly by.

Thanks also to *Rabbi Ratner* whose leadership of the women's study group provided not only an educational and enjoyable hour each month, but also gave us an added incentive to make sure our business meetings ended on time. Thanks to *Lea Schultz*, who posted our posters, provided our mailing labels, kept count of our luncheon reservations — always with a sunny smile! Thanks also to *Edward Wiley* for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs and equipment for our meetings and programs.

And on a personal note, thanks to my husband, whose calm counsel and patience kept me on an even keel for the past two years.

I eagerly look forward to my new role as past President. I'll still be around, but not as visible. I'll happily lend a hand where needed as Sisterhood continues moving forward in their goals and plans in the coming years.





Brotherhood News



Thanks to all who worked on the Isaac Lichtenfels Memorial Clergy Institute, especially our Chairman, *Sam Shermis*, and committee members, *Arnie Sgan* and *Chuck Itzkovitz*. Although at the time I prepared this report, the Institute had yet to occur, I have great interfaith that it was a success.

The second annual Lag B'Omer hike and outing will be on Saturday, May 28th from 3 – 7 PM at Craggy Gardens on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Thanks to *Chuck Itzkovitz* for coordinating this event again this year.

Our last brunch of the year will be on **Sunday, June 26th** and feature the music of our own *Charles VanBuskirk* along with a friend. Other upcoming events are the Brotherhood Sabbath on July 1st and the Temple Picnic on August 14th.

Our meetings are held in Unger Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM (new time). Old, new and prospective members are always welcome.

Vic Fahrner

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Jewish Chautauqua Society

The *Jewish Chautauqua Society* is a main project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, locally and nationally.

JCS sponsors:

1. Clergy Interfaith Institutes at Temples.
2. Provides a shelf of books or book grants on Judaica at colleges and universities — nine college libraries in the western North Carolina area alone.
3. Funds lectureships on Judaism at colleges by local rabbis.
4. Sunday brunch at the Temple usually with a Jewish theme.
5. Provides films on Interfaith subjects.

JCS promotes “Understanding Through Education”
JCS membership dues are tax deductible.
JCS has been active for over 100 years.

Please consider making a donation to Chautauqua for the year 2004-2005 if you have not already done so.

Shalom, Arnold Sgan; JCS Chair for Brotherhood
Send questions to: asgan@charter.net. 252-9820

BROTHERHOOD WINS 2003 - 2005 AWARD

Our Beth Ha-Tephila Brotherhood has received an award for Adult Jewish Education presented by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. *The Irving Richman Award* is presented to the Brotherhood that offers outstanding programs to foster better understanding between Christians and Jews and to inform the non-Jewish world about Reform Judaism. In the letter informing us of the award, the Board of Selection pointed to our Brotherhood's continued offering of the *Isaac Lichtenfels Clergy Institute* (now in its 33rd year) and our continued efforts on behalf of the Jewish Chautauqua Society. Congratulations to Brotherhood and particularly to **Sam Shermis**, Institute Chairman, and to **Sidney Schochet**, 30-year chairman of the JCS, whose tireless efforts are, in great part, responsible for this award.

Institute Committee:

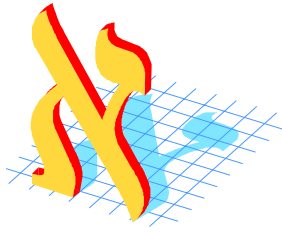
Sam Shermis, Arnold Sgan, Chuck Itzkovitz



SPORTS TRIVIA CONTEST

Allen Sher will preside over a sports quiz at the annual Temple Picnic. Start getting some teenagers (boys and girls), and some adults (men and women) to form teams of three for this event. If you can't get a team up before the event, join a team on the spot as we offer this unique opportunity to have some fun. Prizes will be awarded. So don't miss it!

ADULT EDUCATION



SUMMER HEBREW CLASSES

Beginning Hebrew

Learn to read basic Hebrew! No prior knowledge necessary.

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

June 8th, 15th, 22nd, July 6th, 20th, 27th, Aug. 3rd

Super Summer Hebrew

For the most enthusiastic Hebrew student who wants to know their piel from their pual, we will use both grammar books and the text of Isaiah to delve into a deeper understanding of grammar and translation. Some prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary.

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30

June 8th, 15th, 22nd, July 6th, 20th, 27th, Aug. 3rd

Call **Jenny Mercer** at 254-6373 x325 or 254-2448 with questions about either class.

Cost for either class: \$50.00 for members; \$65.00 for non-members.

To register call Lea at the office 253-4911.

Sid Singer Continues Israel Seminar

By popular demand *Sid Singer* has agreed to continue his outstanding seminar on Israel this summer. The in-depth and insightful program of the past 2 summers, which drew upwards of 40 people, will be on Jun 21st, at 6:00 PM at Unger Hall. *Bring your own supper.* Focusing on significant questions raised as we ended last summer's program, we will begin with "*Can Israel be Both Jewish and Democratic? Should it Be?*" An obviously provocative and crucial concern that considers the future of Israel even if there is peace. And since it deals with the question of Israel's survival, it is of vital importance to Disapora Jews as well.

Although we are scheduling only one session, there is likely to be much unfinished business which might warrant a second or third session if the participants so desire. This program will be open to the entire Jewish Community.

Call Lea at the office to register.
There is no fee.



Yiddish Expressions of the Month

Alleh kalles zeinen shain; alleh maissim zeinen frum.
All brides are beautiful; all the dead are pious.

Gebroteneh teibelech fli'en nit in moil arein.
Little roasted doves don't fly into the mouth.
Really means if you want something, you have to work for it.

Rubin Feldstein



The last meeting of the Friendship Circle on May 14th was both sweet and productive. After davening, we reviewed this year's discussions on the topic of 350 Years of Jews in America. Each program presenter brought either a summary, an addendum or trivia questions about their subject to share (to make sure we were paying attention). The recap was not just enjoyable, but demonstrated the enormous range of material that we covered: why and when Jews came to the United States, where they settled and who they were; the Lower East Side where huge numbers of immigrant Jews landed and shaped its remarkable culture; how those Jews who found their way to the South fared, and, in close-up, the celebrated publicist Harry Golden who moved to Charlotte after growing up in the Lower East Side of New York. We also had discussed the immigrant Jews from Poland who imported Yiddish to America; the tragedy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and its effects, both in the community and extending to national labor practices; Albert Einstein, the man, the mind and the mensch. What an amazing 350 years! And WOW, what a year of stimulating and

educational discussions!

The lively review launched us immediately into suggestions for topics for the next season of Friendship Circle, and it didn't take long to see how the HISTORY of Jews in America leads us naturally towards issues regarding the nature of being MODERN Jews in America: assimilation, intermarriage, sectarianism, being Jewish in the South today, and a subject that created a great deal of interest, conversion to Judaism – why are converts attracted to our faith, and why do they work so hard to join us? At that meeting we hope to have some of our newest converts join us. We will also use resource publications such as Sh'ma, Forward, Hadassah Magazine and B'nai Brith Magazine for articles that will fill up the balance of monthly programs with more intriguing items for discussion.

And, as if that were not enough, we then treated each other to a delicious covered-dish luncheon of cool salads, delectable finger foods, fruit and dessert, perfect fare for a warm spring day and a warm circle of friends. THIS Shabbat morning, in combination with all the excellent mornings on which we have gathered, lent a whole new dimension of meaning to the words "*Hinei mah tov umah na-im, shevet achim gam yachad!*"

One disappointing note was unanimously voiced by all present: we wished we could be sharing such pleasure with more of our beloved congregants. We know we shouldn't brag so much, but it really is just too good to miss. So consider this an invitation, and we intend to invite you personally as well, to join us for what promises to be yet another super season of Friendship Circle when it resumes in September.

Ellen Chelms

Hadassah Installation

You are invited to join Asheville/Hendersonville Hadassah at our annual installation of new officers. The guest speaker is *Judy Viness*, South East Region Chair of Hadassah Medical Organization.

The installation will start with a buffet lunch on Thursday, June 16th at the Country Club of Asheville at 12 noon. RSVP by **Friday June 10th** by sending a check for \$18 to Betty Rosenthal, 100 Forest Lake Dr., Asheville, NC 28803. Your check is your reservation.

Learning

Corner

Recently two events took place at the Temple that rarely occur on the same day: a baby naming and a bar mitzvah. Rather than treat this as simply a matter of schedule it was thought worthwhile to discuss these observances with Rabbi Ratner. What follows is the writer's version of what the Rabbi said, in view of the fact the writer was betrayed by his tape recorder.

What is the significance, the necessity for a baby naming observance when one can simply give the child a name?

"It establishes the child's Jewish personhood."

But why make this a religious observance?

"The context for the ceremony is never ending tradition. That chain of which baby naming is one indispensable link needs to be preserved." [As he is responding to the question Rabbi Ratner is forming links with his fingers.] *"God's presence sanctifies what would otherwise be a mundane matter."*

What is this business of not naming a child after a living relative all about?

"Two different traditions, Ashkenazi and Sephardic, have different practices. The former does have a tradition of avoiding using names of a living person, the latter does not."

Does the child's English name have to begin with same sounding initial as the Hebrew name, e.g., if the Hebrew name is Avraham does the English name have to be, say, Alvin?

"In the Ashkenazi tradition there is that practice."

How do you feel when you meet a Jewish person whose name for example is Joseph III?

"It makes me uncomfortable because I have been immersed in the Ashkenazi tradition."

Baby naming and b'nai mitzvah have in common of course that they're both life cycle events. Is there a more direct connection than that?

"Sure. When a child is called to his/her torah reading for the first time, they are called with great ceremony by their Hebrew name. Once again it reinforces the chain, powerful continuity within Jewish tradition, the Jewish community and the family."

Watching you on the bimah during a bar mitzvah it is obvious you're having a great time. How do you react at a baby naming where few of us are present?

"They are equally joyful moments and I have fun at both of them."

Gil Lampner

You Can Influence Our Spiritual Path!

The Ritual Committee strives to be the voice of the BHT Congregation in ritual matters, and seeks to nurture a Reform Jewish spiritual life for our congregants, making worship meaningful and accessible to everyone.

To accomplish this mission, the Ritual Committee advises and assists the Rabbi and the Cantor in:

- ❖ fulfilling the Congregation's desire for the content of worship services,
- ❖ cultivating participation in communal worship, and
- ❖ developing and sustaining opportunities for Jewish worship, study and reflection.

Clearly, we have a very meaningful function in the spiritual life of our congregation. If you would like to participate in our work, or find out more about what we have done and are doing, please give me a call (665-1125) or send me an email (wishdr@bellsouth.net).

Gil Kempenich

Ritual Committee Chair

Religious School

A Great Year

Thank you everyone for such a terrific year. On our final day, parents were invited to attend our classrooms as well as the family picnic. Classes had varying ways of handling this review day. Second grade students had special cookies, 6th and 7th graders played review games such as the famous "Jewpardy" while noshing on a delicious parent-sponsored bagel breakfast, 5th graders had made their own Jewish holiday board game, "Alliahs and Ladders," and challenged parents to play them, while others played the Jewish review version of Family Feud made by our own *Ellen Chelms*. Hebrew teachers reviewed the year's work in game format as well.

Next Year

Registration forms for next year will be mailed out only to previously enrolled families in June. New families will be able to find the registration form in the July-August Menorah or can call the temple office and get one from Lea.

The first day of classes will be **September 11, 2005**. Please register by July 31st so we can accurately plan for next year. Remember, we order books, hire teachers and assistants, and combine or separate individual grades during the summer months according to our expected numbers. If you know someone new in town who would like to join our school, encourage them to register early.

Teacher Assistants for next year

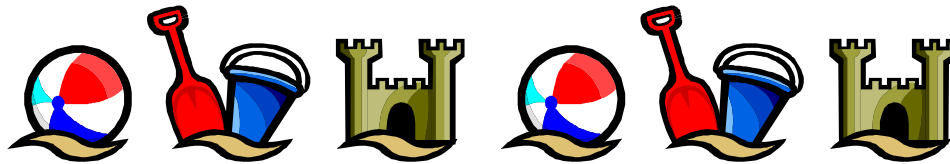
There are currently no openings for Teacher Assistants for the 2005 – 6 year but there is a waiting list. Teacher Assistants must either be a B'nai Mitzvah *or* be 14 years of age by September 2005. Preference goes to our Religious School students. *All* first year aides are volunteers. All must be approved by the Religious School Staff as well as by the Rabbi and must satisfy the needs of the individual classroom. Hebrew openings are usually filled first. Interested students need to fill out an application to be placed on the waiting list.

Teaching Positions

We usually have an opening. Make yourself known to the Rabbi and me if you are interested.

Have a great summer!

Claire Dubin
Director



Menorah deadline for the July — August Menorah is **June 15th**

Remember this is a **double** issue and should contain info for activities happening in the summer months.

Help me start my "vacation" early by submitting your articles promptly.

Thank you! **Barbara Jaslow (254-5541) barbjas@aol.com**.



Diana Gergel's Confirmation Speech: My Jewish Life

I believe that my earliest Jewish memory is of sitting on the floor in a temple in St. Louis, Missouri, where I was born, listening to the cantor playing guitar and attempting to sing along. Since that moment, Judaism has had a profound impact on my actions and on my development as a person. Once we moved here when I was five years old, my sister was born and we joined Beth HaTephila and began attending services weekly. From a young age, I had an intense interest in Judaism, leading me to read Jewish books extensively and learn Hebrew with my mom in the adult Hebrew class, which was possible because I was home schooling. As I grew older, I wanted to go to friends' houses sometimes on Friday nights, rather than going to temple EVERY Friday night. But my parents were resilient; they insisted that I was to go to temple and there were no other options. I resented such sentiments terribly then, but I must admit they certainly did pay off!! I do have a strong Jewish identity now, though I cannot say if it is due to those many Friday night services!

When I had my Bat Mitzvah, my Torah portion was from Genesis, which dealt with the issue of valuing human life. Although my Bat Mitzvah was six years ago, the concepts that I discussed on Saturday morning of October 16, 1999 have stayed with me, shaping my decisions and influencing my thinking. I still fervently believe that every person has the potential to change the world in some way, but it becomes that person's decision, or rather a combination between nature, nurture, and decisions made along the way, that decide whether that impact will be positive or negative. Often people have great potential, but their spark of talent can never shine because they are never given the necessary opportunities in life.

It is easy to quickly judge those around us, coming to believe that certain people are smarter or better because of their outward appearance or other such criteria. But when espousing the belief that each person has the potential to change the world and whether or not that potential is carried out becomes the question, it becomes easy to value those around us. Jewish teaching says that each person's life is worth the whole world, so we as a society must care for each other, rather than solely pursuing our own selfish interests. However, if each person's life is valuable, this idea brings up a fundamental question. Is every person's life on this planet currently being valued and respected? Clearly the answer is NO. So what must we do to make a difference with this difficult and problematic issue? I believe that the answer lies in one of my favorite concepts in Jewish teaching: tikkun olam, meaning repairing the world. There are many ways in which to apply such a concept to valuing human life, but the most important application to me is human rights. Although the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s was extremely integral to furthering rights for African-Americans and breaking down barriers, there is still far more work to be done. As Henry Kissinger once said, "Each

success only buys an admission ticket to a more difficult problem." Segregation is extant both on literal and figurative terms. Men still have higher salaries than women when they are both employed at the same job full-time, year-round. Over forty years ago, former President John F. Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into effect, which made it illegal for employers to pay unequal wages to men and women who held the same job and did the same work. Back then, women were earning fifty-eight cents for every dollar that men made, and now women working full-time, year-round earn only seventy-two cents for every dollar that men make. Women cannot vote in Kuwait. Obviously, the successes in human rights that we have had thus far have simply been admission tickets to the larger pressing problems that still need to be dealt with. Third and Fourth World countries still lack representation in many global arenas; therefore they are desperately in need of the proper respect and attention that is given to First and Second World countries.

As a result of my strong opinions in the field of human rights, I plan to participate in my part of tikkun olam by helping humanity to have equal rights. Next year, I will be continuing my studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, where I currently plan to major in religious studies and music performance. After college, I will attend law school, and my concentration will most likely be in human rights law for the purpose of a career improving the existence of those whose lives are not currently valued. Daunting and unattainable, you say? As the Hasidic saying goes, "Everyone should carefully observe which way his heart draws him, and then choose that way with all his heart." I believe that I have done so, and it has been my Jewish education and teaching that has led me down this path.

To conclude, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout my childhood and teenage years. First, I would like to thank my parents for everything. Obviously, I could never even find words to thank you enough, so I will not even try. Elizabeth, thank you for being a great sister and annoying me endlessly whenever I was trying to get something accomplished! I want to thank Rabbi Ratner, for teaching me for my Bat Mitzvah and in Confirmation Class all of these years. I have learned so much from you. Mrs. Dubin, if you are here, thank you for allowing me to work in the Sunday School as a teacher's aide for so long. I have really enjoyed it and will miss it greatly next year! Mrs. Chelms, it has been great working with you and I will miss you next year! I would also like to thank my friends for being fun, supportive and just simply great people! Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Beth HaTephila congregation for being so kind and supportive during my childhood and teenage years. Thank you!!



Rebecca Ratner's Confirmation Speech

A lot of you remember me from when I was very little. Specifically, when I would crawl underneath the pews during services, hang out downstairs with Edward, and run around when everyone else was sitting. I admit, what I did probably was a little distracting but hey, I was a kid. I can't imagine the transitions you have seen me go through as I have developed. I've grown up though and today, as a Senior in high school, about to head to college at Chapel Hill and on my own for the first time, I've come to realize the importance of the Jewish community and the Jewish people I've come in contact with. From Sunday school to Israel, from Youth Group to the JCC, no matter the place I can always find someone that understands the values I hold as a Jewish woman and a member of this community.

For many years, I home schooled, my mom taught me at home until 4th grade. Even though I went to public school, the teaching by my mother has continued. Since day one, my mom has instilled in me the most basic to complex Jewish values, ideas, and responsibilities that we as Jews should and do have. Her continuous guidance has led me to be a strong Jewish woman in all aspects of my life and I really appreciate everything she has done for me.

Ever since I was little, I've grown up being the "Rabbi's daughter," as if that meant that I was supposed to know everything. It took me a long time to realize that every time someone asked ME a question and expected I knew the answer, that it was a compliment to my family and an opportunity for me to learn something new. Sometimes I knew the answers and when I didn't, I would immediately ask my dad. My dad has always been a guiding light by which I've grown intellectually not only in school education but also my Jewish education. My dad has always been someone I can go to about ethical, moral, and spiritual questions no matter the subject.

Both my mom and my dad have instilled in me values such as honesty, loyalty, faith, tradition, life and generosity.

For several years, my parents were my Bat Mitzvah tutors. My mom taught me the basic prayers at home and my dad taught me my Torah and HafTarah. Because of when my Bat Mitzvah was, I had to learn my Torah portion in the back of our car while we were traveling around Israel. I, like everyone else, listened to my dad's voice as he chanted my Torah portion on the cassette.

Every step of my life has consisted of not only my family at home but my family at the Temple.

I've been extremely fortunate to be able to have traveled to Israel with my family a few summers ago. The experience is one that I will never forget, to be able to connect with a

country, a people, an atmosphere was like nothing I've ever experienced. In school every year I must explain why I'll be absent for one or two days during High Holidays, every year I must explain why I eat Matzo, and every year I get asked about Chanukah. Israel gave me the chance and opportunity to realize that there are many many people like me that don't need the explanations but rather can provide answers to my questions. Israel was a magical place and a wonderful place to know that I can call home. I've spent the last 13 years in the Sunday school at this Temple. I went through every year of this religious school and prior to ours, I was a toddler in my mom's first Mommy and Me class in Billings, Montana. In Sunday school I had the chance of being a pupil of my sister Shana and to be an assistant for three different teachers. Every aspect of the Sunday school has taught me the importance of educating the Jewish youth and I've realized the values of education that have been instilled in me because of my experiences with the Sunday school. Through being an assistant, I have learned that everything we learn as a young child will influence who and how we are as adults.

Ever since I can remember, I've been a part of the Jewish Youth Group. We used to go to conventions, volunteer, have lots of events, and just have fun. I loved being able to hang out with other Jewish kids my age and to get to know others. Being involved in the youth group led me to become a Volunteer in Training at the JCC and eventually a Counselor in Training. No matter where I go in Asheville, there is always someone I know. Almost every time I head to a restaurant I see a member of our Jewish Community. It's nice to know that these people know me and my family and I can always just say hello.

Being in confirmation class has given me a great opportunity to continue my Jewish education even after my Bat Mitzvah. Every month we learn or discuss a new idea or concept that is the basis of Judaism, such as last week when we discussed the Ten Commandments. This year in class we've had the opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivor and watch Schindler's list, we've discussed the Talmud, Jewish ideas in Politics, and the value of life. My continued education has allowed me to develop my own ideas about Judaism which will allow me to be a successful adult. Even though my teacher has been my dad, he has always been an unbiased source of information for practically every aspect of life. Some people would be uncomfortable with having a parent as a teacher, but I've come to love and enjoy it because of the opportunities I can have at home continuing a discussion that happened previously. Confirmation has enabled me to thrive as a Jewish adult and I look forward to the opportunities that I will be able to have with the mind of a Jewish woman and with the upbringing of a Jewish family and community.

From the Tzedakah Committee



ABCCM Monthly Lunch Servings

Beginning in June, volunteers will be requested to signup in advance for the monthly lunch serving at ABCCM men's shelter. We will have a signup sheet listing each monthly date at the Temple, and in Unger Hall on Friday evenings to make it easier for people to join in the Mitzvah project. Following is a list of open dates when volunteers will be needed both for cooking and/or serving. Cooking and preparing can be done a few days in advance of the actual serving. Please call **Chuck Itzkovitz** at 658-3795, or email me at chuckitz@charter.net, or sign up at the Temple the next time you're there.

Chuck Itzkovitz

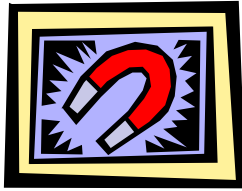
June 17 th	July 15 th	Aug 19 th
Sept 16 th	Oct 21 st	Nov 18 th
Dec 16 th	Dec 25 th (Mitzvah Day) — All agencies	

JUNE COLLECTION OF THE MONTH

New or gently used small household items, e.g., pots & pans, utensils, small appliances, sheets and pillowcases, etc.

NOTE: In January and February, the Tzedakah committee and Sisterhood collected new baby clothes for Project NAF's (Nurturing Asheville & Area Families) baby shower. We received a grateful letter from the organization, which said in part: "*We are deeply appreciative of all of the hard work and planning as well as the **LOVE** that was shown to the participants and their babies for this event. What an absolute testimony for 'Putting Love into Action.'* Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to you and the Beth HaTephila Congregation."

Thanks go to *Karen Hyman* for organizing this mitzvah and to all of you who contributed.



**Magnet me to the fridge
to remind you to donate!**

Beth HaTephila's
MONTHLY
TZEDAKAH
COLLECTION 2005

June

Household Items

July

School Supplies

August

School Supplies

September

Baby Items

October

Food

November

**Children's Winter
Outerwear**



Need a Retreat?

Each summer, as children leave school and go to summer camp, many of us wish we had the opportunity to break from our daily routines, to relax in a beautiful retreat setting, to connect to our Jewish roots and to grow. This opportunity actually exists! I have recently been talking with Kristen Wall, the daughter of our own Steve and Betsy Wall from Waynesville, who is living this year at *Elat Chayyim*, the Jewish Retreat Center, in upstate New York. She is enthusiastic about the incredible opportunities offered at Elat Chayyim and I am very excited about the possibilities for growth and learning that this Center offers for members of our congregation.

I have known about Elat Chayyim for several years and have heard that is a welcoming, transformational place that makes Judaism come alive for families and individuals. Elat Chayyim offers weekend and weeklong retreats in the summer and throughout the year. Classes range from text study, to meditation, to yoga and more, and feature diverse and deeply knowledgeable Jewish teachers from around the world. Guests come from all levels of Jewish knowledge to deepen and enjoy their connection to Judaism and to rejuvenate their bodies and souls.

The facility is located in a beautiful spot in the Catskills, and has a swimming pool, hot tub, basketball and tennis courts, and miles of scenic rural walking paths. The kosher kitchen serves gourmet vegetarian meals with a fish option.

Beyond the classes are opportunities to attend services, meditate, do yoga, receive massage and other bodywork, swim, sit in the hot tub, hike, and of course, socialize with new and old friends. Furthermore, you can bring the kids! Elat Chayyim offers all-day programming each day to provide children with a child-friendly Jewish spiritual experience.

Please pick up a catalog outside my office for more information, or visit Elat Chayyim's website at www.elatchayyim.org. You can also contact Kristen directly by calling (800) 398-2630x225 or by sending an email to info@elatchayyim.org. She would love to talk with members of Beth HaTephila. I encourage you to give yourself the gift of a retreat at Elat Chayyim!

Registration for Elat Chayyim:
The Jewish Spiritual Retreat Center
www.elatchayyim.org
1-800-398-2630x225

Rabbi Ratner

From the Social Justice Committee

*“Faith without action
is no faith at all”*

On April 22, 2005, six CBHT members attended a conference entitled, “Caring for Creation: From Crisis to Community”. The program was planned by and for different faith based communities in Western North Carolina. It was held on a Friday, instead of Saturday, in order to include the Jewish Community. The focus was our globally threatened environment, what individuals and organizations can do to meet the threat and our faith based moral obligations to do so.

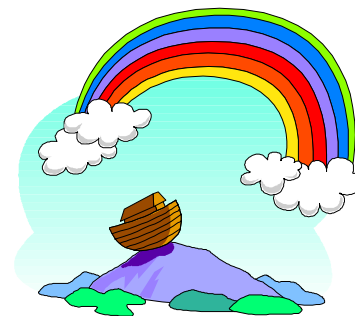
A beautifully done Power Point presentation, using the Noah story (the earliest known species preservation story) was used to set the tone. Noah's problems and current ecological threats were tied together. His responsibilities and ours were also joined.

After the presentation four members of the clergy spoke about faith based views and obligations. They included our own *Rabbi Ratner*, *Rev. Steve Runholt* of Grace Presbyterian Church, *Byron Ballard* who is Director of the Coalition Earth Religions and *Dr. Ed Hauser* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Their messages and interactions were well received and appreciated.

Informational, educational and action oriented workshops followed. Reports from participants were very positive. The only regret heard was the inability to attend all of them; a nice problem.

One of the main objectives of the planners was to encourage further action. Some of the steps our committee will explore in the future include speakers, energy audits of our building, and the use of the Noah presentation to our congregation. Stay tuned!

Rubin Feldstein



Temple Happenings



June Onegs

June 3rd
June 10th
June 17th
June 24th

Margaret Baker & Miki Cohn Caplan
Jackie Itzkovitz Bat Mitzvah
Nicki Benatan
Shirley Rapoport

"Hard Love" by Israeli Playwright Motti Lerner

June 1st at 8 PM

Asheville Arts Center — 308 Merrimon Ave

Rabbi Ratner will lead a post-performance discussion with actors and cast following the American premiere of Theatre Or's production of "Hard Love." Open seating is limited. Hurry and call right now (257-4530) for tickets.



YEAR OF LEO: *Leo Finkelstein* would have celebrated his 100th birthday on June 20th and Lion Rick Eaton met with Asheville Citizen-Times and the Mayor to discuss celebrating such an endearing member of our community. The Mayor has agreed to make June 20th Leo Finkelstein Day!



Mazel Tov to Sam Shermis and Brotherhood on winning the Education Award from the NFTB. The award was given for Sam's work with the Jewish Christian dialogue and the Lichtenfels Interfaith Clergy Seminar. Sam wants it noted that this work was done with *Fr. Chuck Taylor*, Rector Emeritus of St. John's Episcopal Church at Old Haw Creek Road and with *Dr. Hal Littleton*, Professor of Religious Studies, Western Carolina University, and lay leader of First Baptist Church.

Please check the website Jewish Life in Western North Carolina for additions to the collections. It can be accessed from a link on the Beth Ha Tephila website or by going to:

1. www.UNCA.edu,
2. Click on Ramsey library
3. Click on Special Collections
4. Click on featured collections
5. Scroll down to Jewish Life in Western North Carolina
6. Click on listed Jewish collections

Jan Schochet & Sharon Fahrer



ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY JUNE 28, 2005 AT 6:30 PM.

We must have a quorum to elect new officers and board members as well as to approve the budget. Please plan to attend.



Rabbi and Susan Ratner want to thank you for all your happy joyful and reassuring good wishes on the birth of our granddaughter, *Yael*. She and her mother are doing well. We are very excited to become grandparents. *Yael* is very lucky to have four great grandparents.

That you again.

The Ratners

Our Temple Family



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Dottie Davis recently moved here from Houston, Texas. They are retired and are temporarily living at 1909 River Ridge, Asheville, 28803, (772-0409) while they prepare to move into their new home.

Jack & Robin Sholder and their sons *Oliver and Samuel* live at 96 Emmaus Rd., Asheville, 28805, (225-8950). Jack is a Professor at WNC University.

Dr. Albert Sobol, a retired psychologist, resides at 1102 River Ridge Dr, Asheville, 28803, (299-3778).

Get Well Wishes to:

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| Pearl Bern | Elanor Keen |
| Toby Cohen | Shelly Kellnor |
| Gary Cooper | Sylvia Meyer |
| Jay Cooper | Debbie Newmark Mulford |
| Larry Diamond | Samantha Ratner |
| Nadine Fidelman | Yael Meredith Ratner |
| David Gettleman | Sidney Schochet |
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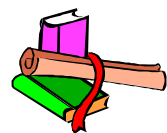


Congratulations to Our Graduates

Jordan Dave, a senior and member of the National Honor Society at Asheville High School, will be attending Virginia Tech University in the Fall of 2005.

DJ Goodstadt is graduating, with distinction, from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill on May 15th. He is a history major.

Joshua David Karpen, grandson of Leah Karpen and nephew of Joe Karpen, received the associate in Science Degree, with high honors, from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College on May 13th.



Mazel Tov to **Rebecca Ratner** and **Diana Gergel** on their Confirmation May 6th. You can read their confirmation talks elsewhere in this issue.



Mazel Tov to **Jackie Itzkovitz** who has been elected as area Vice President of the Southeast Region of Hadassah.



Sympathy to **Gloria Bjorkstrom** on the death her brother-in-law *Monty Finkeltaub* .



Sympathy to **Lotte Meyerson** on the death her brother *Walter Strauss* .



Sympathy to **Susie Satterfield** on the death her father *Bill Satterfield*.



Mazel Tov to Bubbie and Zadie, **Sharon a Vic Fahrer** who just welcomed their second grandchild and first granddaughter on April 21st. *Allison Michelle Fahrer* daughter of *Adam and Monica Fahrer* and brother of *David Fahrer* 1 in Fairfield, Connecticut.



Mazel Tov to **Rabbi and Susan** on the birth their first grandchild, *Yael Meredith Ratner* on April 24, 20 Yael weighed 3 lbs. 4 oz. and was 16 inches long. The pro parents are *Josh and Samantha Ratner* of Chicago, Illinois.



Thank you to **Dennis Pitter** for a delicious N Member Shabbat Seder.



Celebrate With Our Temple Families

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Emily Abrams	17 Andrea Block	
1 Sandra Layton	17 Laurie Chess	
2 Patricia Silverberg	17 Shayne Stone	
3 Robert Ratner	18 Margaret Baker	
4 Carol Cohen	18 Barbara Brodbar	
5 Xandy Chelmis	18 Juli Dave	
5 Sharon Lee	19 Lita Diamond	
5 Thomas Miller	19 Ginger Lerner	
6 Helaine Greene	20 Erin West	
6 Joe Karpen	21 Ron Goldstein	
6 Debra Winston	21 Judith Kane	
7 Eric Brandt	21 Joshua Pozner	
7 Jacob Weiss	22 Maggie Barry	
8 Stephanie Cooper	22 Jennifer Jenkins	
8 Danielle Duchan	23 Audie Bayer	
8 Joshua Erde	24 Hannah Dave	
8 Jack Sholder	25 Mia Kline	
9 Elizabeth Gergel	25 Gary Kramer	
9 Janet Grant	25 Sandy Langberg	
10 Hugh Feinberg	25 Jesse Miller	
10 Kyle Savitch	25 Jeff Younger	
11 Graycon Dave	28 Joe Harrison	
11 Dakota Koenigsberg	28 Shirley Rapoport	
12 Justin McCarthy	29 Dorothy Golf	
14 Teresa Baggish	30 Preston Diamond	
17 Rachel Adler	30 Woldemar Dogny	
17 Frederick Barry	30 Samantha Younger	
17 Matthew Barry		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jeffrey & Sheila Boris
1 Bob & Carol Deutsch
8 Richard & Sherry Krasnove
9 Howard & Barbara Jaslow
9 Scott & Brenda Lebensburger
9 Alan & Patricia Silverberg
9 Charles & Barbara VanBuskirk
10 Chuck & Jackie Itzkovitz
11 Leo & Phyllis Finkelstein
13 Steve & Hilary Paradise
15 Buddy & Susan Goodman
16 Alan & Cindy Feiler
17 Charley & Maggie Barry
17 Eric & Heidi Scheffer
18 Bob & Dottie Davis
21 Jack & Nicki Benatan
21 Marty & Barbara Stickle
22 Randy & Linda Gergel
23 Basil & Irma Goldman
23 Sidney & Edith Weinberg
29 Hugh & Lara Feinberg
29 Joshua & Carolyn Sirkin
30 A.N. & Merilyn Kaplan Jr.

Clergy Vacation

Rabbi Ratner will be on vacation June 12th – June 19th inclusive.

Cantor Winston will be on vacation June 1st and 2nd; and June 23rd – June 26th inclusive.

June 3rd & 4th will Rabbi Ratner's Shabbat weekend off.

Shabbat Seder

Friday, June 10th, 6:00 PM

Catered by Dennis Pitter

MENU: Roasted herbal turkey, garlic potatoes, green beans, and salad with many dressings. Vegetarian on request.

\$9.00 Adults; \$4.50 (children 6-12) under 5 free

Call Lea 253-4911 with reservations by **June 8th**.



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Yahrzeits

The Yahrzeit policy at our Temple is as follows:

- ⊖ The Anniversary date can be celebrated either in the English calendar or the Hebrew calendar.
- ⊖ A letter to remind you about your upcoming Yahrzeit is sent to you two weeks before the actual date.
- ⊖ The name of your loved one is read at the Friday evening service immediately before the date of the Yahrzeit.
- ⊖ If your Yahrzeit actually falls on a Friday, it will be read the previous Friday.
- ⊖ If for any reason, changes must be made, please call the Office before the scheduled date of service.
- ⊖ Please keep the Temple Office informed of any incorrect dates or new dates you wish to include.
- ⊖ It is important to give the Office the complete date (month/day/year) and whether it is the English or Hebrew date.
- ⊖ Please take a moment to update the Office now. Thank you.

June 3, 2005

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