

The Menorah



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From the Desk of Rabbi Batsheva Meiri

As we approach the cold months of winter, many of us, including me, suffer to varying degrees from what is called now in medical circles SAD (seasonal affective disorder), or in more common parlance, the “winter doldrums.” Our bodies slow down, we tend to nest indoors, we eat more...in essence we go into a mild form of hibernation. Some of us put on a few pounds just like our ursine cousins. Nowadays we know that this mood change is brought on by the darkness that accompanies the winter season. Our bodies can actually sense the diminished amounts of daylight that makes it a challenge to wake up in the morning in darkness, and return home from work in darkness.

Many years ago, a woman in a Rosh Chodesh women’s study group I was leading said something concerning the “winter holiday season” that stayed with me. She said, “You know, Rabbi, its all about the light.” She was, of course, referring to the fact that buried deep in the winter, many religious traditions chose to create holidays that bring light into an otherwise very dark existence. Our Christian neighbors have adopted this practice into the Christmas season, with lights and evergreen trees. We Jews celebrate the miracle of light and fill our houses with candlelight. Josephus, the Hebrew historian, is the earliest source to call Hanukkah, the festival of rededicating the defiled Temple, the “festival of lights,” essentially changing its character from a holiday remembering the year that the Maccabees defeated the Selucids and had to celebrate the Harvest festival of Sukkot in the winter, to a winter observance that was about having and hoping that light would indeed return to the world. We light our Hanukkah candles to symbolize that even in the darkness, even when all looks lifeless and hopeless, the human soul remains alight and a vibrant flame.

It is really this flame, the inner light, that is the gift of Hanukkah that is most precious to give as our gifts to our families, friends and our world. In a season that is all about giving “stuff” to each other, I challenge each and every one to find the gifts of spirit and light that we can offer that are the lasting gifts, gifts that don’t wear out, don’t get out of fashion, don’t get upgraded to a better version.

I pray that for all of us, these cold winter months will be filled with that inner light, the light of joy and gladness, the light of the Eternal One shining through us.



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President's Message

Bagels & Lox



Aside from those of us who might be gluten intolerant, one of the true culinary pleasures of our heritage is bagels and lox. If you don't believe me, just look at the line during the HardLox Festival! They just go together

so well.

Those of you who have studied the "dismal science" of economics may recall the 1960's theory of guns and butter (If you are like the 99.9% of the population who didn't, you are wondering what relevance this has...just hold on). Simply stated, the theory holds that there is just so much money that is available. It is a finite resource that can be allocated in some combination to equip the armed forces or to put food on the table – thus guns or butter. It comes down to a trade-off. Choosing one takes away from the other.

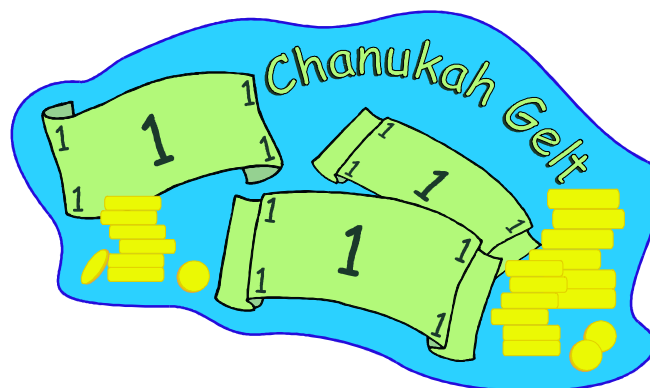
Fast forward to late 2010. We are still focused on raising enough funds to break ground for the building renovations. Some folks have asked how we can focus on this when we have pressing needs on the operating front. We are asked to explain why we ask for one when the other is in short supply.

The need to provide for the long term sustainability of our temple requires capital. More than paying for repairs out of our operating budget, this takes a commitment on our part to reach out for some period of time to sponsor the future of our place of worship and gathering. This is the foundation of what will serve us tomorrow and the days that follow. I call this the bagel, or the facility that we **will** have to enjoy our daily events with.

The lox is our operations. This is what allows us to serve the ongoing needs of our congregants. It allows us to have the exceptional clergy with which we are blessed, the clean and orderly facility from which to stage activities, the first rate religious school, the stimulating offerings that allow us to quench our intellectual desires. This includes a warm building in the winter and a cool building in the summer. Dues, fund raisers, and endowment contributions sustain this topping that we can enjoy with our bagels.

My point is that we need to appreciate the fact that this isn't an 'either/or' situation. We need both to carry us into the future. This is an important time when we need to consider how to support a bit more for just a while. Who eats lox without a bagel?

Larry Weiss





Yiddish Verter

This month I'm going to use one word; it's masculine and feminine origins and how the words are understood differently as circumstances change.

Baleboss is the masculine form. It rhymes with moll-eh-boss. It comes from Hebrew, baal means master and bayis means house, or master of the home. In the shtetl a man who owned a piece of property or business was a baleboss. If he managed a business or had authority he could also claim the title.

Balebosteh is the feminine form. Going back to the shtetl or Lower East Side very often the store was a mom and pop operation. Therefore the title fit. However, as spice (plural for spouse) began to separate in regard to work roles the balebosteh title became a very strong compliment. It means she manages an excellent home, is an excellent cook, keeps things so clean "you can eat off the floor" and raises superior children. This compliment is enhanced when it is bestowed by another known balebosteh.

HEBREW/ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED BY JENNY MERCER

Intermediate Hebrew: Learn to translate and comprehend Hebrew grammar to better understand and participate in services and Torah study.

Textbook "Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way" is available in the office

Twenty-one 1-hour lessons. Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM, January 4th – May 31st (no class April 19th)

\$155 members, \$175 non-members.

Torah study – Advanced Hebrew

Begin at the beginning, Genesis chapter 1, verse 1, as we make our way through our Torah, reading the Hebrew and discussing the religious, historical, cultural and literary points of view. **Hebrew literacy necessary.**

Two more sessions, nine 1½-hour classes per session, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Session two: January 4th – March 1st

Session three: Mar. 15th – May 17th (no class April 19th)

\$95/session members, \$105/session non-members or \$15/class for drop-in.

All classes will be held in the Religious School building. To register or for further information, please contact the Administrator at the Temple office at 253-4911, ext. 10.



Don't Miss This Sunday Adult Education Opportunity For All! Sunday, December 12th at 9:15 AM in Unger Hall

Language plays a powerful role in leading us towards peace or violence. Whether in the home or between nations, violent behavior relies on a bedrock of stereotypes, labels, and judgments that dehumanize others. Happily, there is a way we can speak honestly about our unmet needs and ask for change without blaming, stereotyping, or labeling others (or ourselves!). On Sunday, December 12th at 9:15 AM in Unger Hall, Kristen Wall will introduce the principles of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) as developed by psychologist Marshall Rosenberg, a Jewish peacemaker whose work has been taught globally. NVC trains us to recognize and communicate the universal aspects of human experience — our feelings and our needs — in order to connect effectively through our differences. With provocative teachings, such as the principle that our needs are never in conflict (only our strategies to meet our needs are in conflict); NVC offers a practical step-by-step model to help us navigate interpersonal conflict, create Beyt Shalom, and make peace with ourselves. Watch for a multi-week course in NVC coming in January!

This introduction is open and free to the community.

Kristen Wall holds a masters degree in Conflict Transformation and has taught NVC in maximum security prisons, the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, and Bay Area Nonviolent Communication.

Learning

CHANUKAH

Corner

Among Jewish ritual objects, the Chanukah menorah, or to use the more Modern Hebrew term coined at the end of the nineteenth century in Jerusalem, the chanukiah is perhaps the best known. Different from the seven-branched menorah used in the ancient Temple, the nine-branched candelabrum symbolizes the legendary miracle that a seemingly inadequate amount of oil burned for eight days when used to rededicate the Temple following the successful revolt against foreign conquerors sparked by the Maccabees in 160 BCE.

The story of Chanukah is far more complex than the simple version we heard growing up or even now convey to our children and grandchildren. It involves the love-hate relationship between the rich cultural and religious heritage of the Jewish world of the Second Century and that of the Greek or Hellenic legacy reflected in everything from Corinthian columns to Homeric odes of that once dominant culture of the Mediterranean. It involves the sometimes-violent conflict among Jews about the purity and survival of their religion.

One outcome of the Maccabees-led revolt was the subsequent annual public display of lighted lamps to commemorate this victory and to demonstrate loyalty to the Jewish state. A little over 2,000 years later, Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, issued a directive to his followers that public chanukiah lighting ceremonies should be conducted to which elected officials would be invited. The US Supreme Court upheld the legality of these and other public ceremonies and displays related to Chanukah and Christmas in 1989. The Christmas tree and chanukiah were deemed symbols of the winter-holiday season, not endorsements of the Jewish or Christian faith.

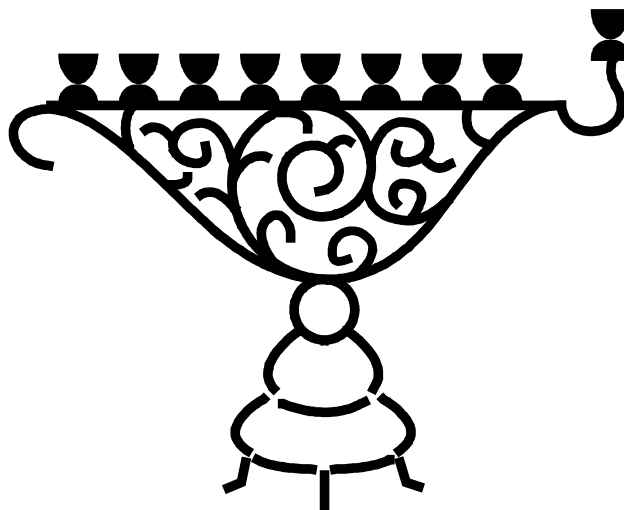
No Jewish holiday is without controversy and that includes the disagreement between the sages Hillel and Shammai. The former directed the observant to place candles in the chanukiah from right to left and kindle them left to right, adding one each night. The latter disagreed, insisting that all eight candles should be lit on the first night and, by subtraction, the single one on the last night. The Hillel camp prevailed.

Those old enough to remember will picture the Chanukah candles of the 1950s as uniformly one, seemingly sacrosanct, color — orange. By the 1960s, Chanukah grew in importance from a minor holiday celebrated with the twirling of dreidels, munching of latkes, and giving of a few coins or gelt to a high profile festival. Consequently, the candles became multicolored, gifts lavish, and displays elaborate, replete with colorful lights and even inflated lawn decorations in blue, silver and white. There's even a "super jumbo, 11-foot Hanukkah bear" that you can get for only \$159. Chanukkiot now range in style and substance from crystal to chocolate.

Is today's American version of Chanukah a reflection of Jewish pride and public affirmation of religious loyalty or is it more the expression of a historically distorted, secularized "winter holiday?" Can we have it both ways? What would Judah Maccabee think?

(This is the second in a yearlong series on Jewish rituals. If you have a story about Jewish rituals and celebrations that might be of interest to other members of the Temple, please contact Ron Manheimer, 301-4728.)

Ron Manheimer, Chair
Ritual Committee





Religious School

"Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah." One mitzvah leads to another. It's sort of become our school's theme song this year. Back in October, we launched our year-long mitzvah project: our mitzvah chain.

Here's how it works. Every child is given a stack of paper strips. During the week, they are challenged to perform mitzvot, both acts of loving-kindness and fulfillments of ritual commandments, like keeping Shabbat or saying blessings. Each Sunday morning, the children bring in their strips and each of these strips become a link in a paper chain!

And what a joy it is to see those tiny strips of paper become a great long chain of mitzvot. I estimate that after just four weeks, our chain is about 80 feet long. Here's a sample of some of the mitzvot we've read in our mitzvah chain:

- I said HaMotzi at dinner every night.
- I made my mother a birthday card.
- I held a door open for an elder.
- I shared a snack with a friend.
- I chose to walk away from friends who were gossiping at school.
- I raised \$120 to fight hunger.
- I said the Shema before bed.
- I fed and walked the dog without being asked.
- I helped my brother with his math homework.

Anyone who has any doubt that our children can be agents of positive change in this world should come read our mitzvah chain. It is proof positive that every mitzvah, no matter how large or small, truly counts, because it links together with other mitzvot.

And there is another piece of this project as well. We are asking religious school parents (and other congregants who would like to participate) to pledge a small amount of money (even a few cents) for every foot that the mitzvah chain grows to by the end of the school year (anyone who pledges can also indicate a maximum amount that they will donate at year's end). The proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards the Goldstein Educational fund, which will benefit children in our congregation in need of financial aid for Religious School. So that these mitzvot these wonderful children are performing throughout the school year will ultimately translate into further Jewish education for their peers! If you would like a pledge form, please write me at bhtdirector@gmail.com and I will gladly email you one. Then you too can become part of our chain of mitzvot.

In other Religious School news, we are more than a quarter of the way through our Religious School year and what amazing activities and projects I see transpiring in our classrooms. Here's just a sampling of the fantastic things that you would have seen this past month if you had taken a peek into our school

- In Susan's Pre-K, children made some beautiful handprint menorahs as they learned Hanukkah songs from Cantor.
- In Natalie's first grade, students are learning their Hebrew colors through art, games, and song.
- Amanda and Karla's second graders collected donations from school families and other congregants to take to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue on a field trip. What a huge mitzvah.
- In Sarah Kim's 3rd/4th, children are learning all about Israeli geography and got to play a fun game of "Pin the Jerusalem on Israel."
- In Ellen's 5th grade, some of the students collected money for trick-or-treat for UNICEF! Thanks for making the world a better place!
- The 6th and 7th graders (taught by Jenny, Smadar, Mark and Kristen) have been mastering the "Avot v'Imahot," growing their vocabulary, listening to Hebrew pop music, making medallions using Hebrew words that represent their character, and making board games based on Jewish life cycles!
- In Kristen's tephila class, children are making their own siddurim beginning with L'Cha Dodi – and even got a surprise visit from the Shabbat Bride!

This is what the joy of learning and making the world a better place is all about. I am so very proud of our teachers, our students, and our remarkably hard-working parent volunteers for making our school such a vibrant center of Jewish learning.

B'Shalom,
Lauren Rosenfeld
Religious School Director



Sisterhood News



Preparations for Sisterhood's Chanukah luncheon on **Thursday, December 2nd** at Unger Hall are underway! I hope to see lots of new faces at this wonderful program! After our catered hot Chanukah lunch, we will be serenaded by the Maccabi Academy children. Then we begin our White Elephant Gift Exchange. All you need to do is bring a gift of no more than \$15 value for the exchange! Please fill out the Sisterhood Chanukah flyer below and send it in to Nicky Erickson with your check. Keep in mind that the luncheon is open to the whole community. You need not be a Congregation Beth HaTephila member to attend.

The next program being sponsored by Sisterhood is a family Tu B'Shevat Seder on **Sunday, January 23rd** at 5:30 PM. If you've never attended a Tu B'Shevat Seder, you and your family are in store for a real treat! Many of our holidays are tied to the cycle of the growing seasons and so it is with this holiday. In many parts of the world, the ground is still snow-covered but in Israel, where Tu B'Shevat began more than 2,000 years ago, the winter rains have tapered off, and the sap that brings food to the limbs of the tree starts to rise. For this reason Tu B'Shevat is called the "New Year of Trees." This holiday is also a celebration of ecology, which has always been a Jewish cause. After a short seder service that includes four questions and four cups of wine, songs and poems, we will have an Israeli-style dairy supper. The flyer for this wonderful event is at the back of this Menorah.

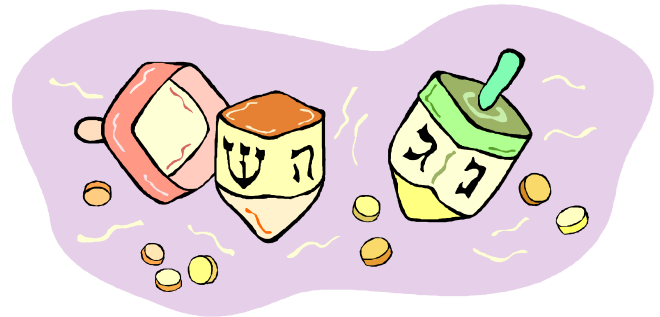
Mark your calendars for our annual theater party at North Carolina Stage Company on **Tuesday, March 1st**. Our play this year will be the award-winning comedy "Boeing, Boeing." See next month's Menorah for all the details.

Sisterhood is happy to report that we have 108 members for 2010 – 2011. We appreciate having such great support and we thank all of you for your participation.

I also want to remind all of you about the holiday gift shop hours. There is still time to complete your Chanukah shopping at our gift shop. We will be closed Thanksgiving week but will be open on:

Monday, November 29th — 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
 Tuesday, November 30th — 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Carol Gillen, Sisterhood Co-President



Temple Beth HaTephila Sisterhood's Chanukah Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 12:00 PM in Unger Hall

FOR RESERVATIONS: Please fill out and send the following:

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Send this form along with your check for \$18.00/person (made out to Sisterhood CBHT) to:

Nicky Erickson, 193 Rose Hill Rd., Asheville, NC 28803 Tel: 828-298-1298

For additional information, you may also contact Nicky via email at: hilltyn@charter.net.

From the Social Justice Committee

Acts of Racism in Our Community Will Not Be Tolerated

*Op Ed piece written by Kathryn Liss in
Asheville Citizens Times*

Asheville has had a recent outbreak of racist acts that have shocked and saddened many in our community. Some may think that these are just “bullying” and thus can be dismissed. Bullying happens both in schools and in the community. Studies have shown that, at some time, 85% of students witness negative interactions among other students. Passive and negative bystanders empower the actor and disempower the victim. Active bystander-ship can take many forms: Comments that help defuse the situation, disapproval by witnesses of harmful actions, expressions of caring about the target, casually removing the target from the group of aggressors, or finding an authority figure to intervene. Positive bystanders can gain substantial power by turning to each other and joining together to take constructive action. This is what we must do today to respond to the unacceptable behavior which has been taking place.

Much of what is labeled bullying is really harassment and it doesn't just happen in school. It also takes place in the community, as we have seen with the three recently reported acts of racial harassment: the Hodges in Leicester, the Briscoes in Black Mountain and the Wilsons in Fletcher. These egregious acts of disrespect harm the targets and intend to instill fear in the people who are being targeted. I believe that we, as a community, need to become active bystanders – letting those who perpetuate these actions notice that we are not standing by and allowing this behavior, but standing up and saying “no.” We need to show our support for those who are targeted and clearly disapprove of the behavior of those who are committing these acts.

In this case, several organizations in Asheville have chosen to empower and support the families by attending the church which has been supporting the Hodges family in Leicester.

The groups supporting this action are: Building Bridges of Asheville, Mountain Area Interfaith Forum, Center for Diversity Education, A-B Community Relations Council, Western North Carolina Citizens for an End to Institutional Bigotry, Christians for a United Community, Ethical Culture Society and the YWCA.

On Sunday morning, November 7th, I participated in the gathering at Grace United Methodist Church in rural Leicester in support of victims of racism, to which we were invited in the Nov. 3rd Beth HaTephila Weekly Update. Spearheaded by our own Kathryn Liss, as Board member of Building Bridges, we were more than 50 people from 10 organizations and faith groups including Building Bridges, the Community Relations Council, Western North Carolinians to End Institutional Bigotry, the YWCA, the Center for Diversity Education, the Mountain Area Interfaith Forum, the Ethical Culture Society, Temple Beth HaTephila, Christians for a United Community and others.

The host church had reached out to the nearby family, one of three recently harassed by racist acts, including a cross burning, in rural areas near Asheville. We were there to say we will not be silent in the face of these acts. I was proud to add a Jewish voice.

Lotte Meyerson

The Social Justice Committee has decided to focus for the next two years, on the broad issue of Economic Justice. If you attended services on November 12th, you heard the Rabbi relate the story of Jacob's journey to find Adonai in Vayetze, to the issues concerned with economic justice, such as homelessness, poverty, loneliness, hunger, and health. Stay tuned as we sort out the various aspects that we can realistically affect. We welcome your ideas and participation. Please contact **Judy Leavitt** or any member of the committee for more information or come to the meetings, listed in the Menorah or the weekly email.

DO YOU OR A FRIEND HAVE A FINANCIAL PROBLEM? HERE'S A GREAT RESOURCE

Since 1975 On Track has been Western North Carolina's trusted non-profit source for financial education and counseling. Formerly known as Consumer Credit Counseling Service of WNC, the agency's services have expanded over the years to provide a broad range of financial services. By working with certified counselors and educators, people of every age can gain the knowledge and skills needed to navigate financial crises, stabilize finances, build savings, and ultimately increase their assets and security through home ownership and long term savings and investment. Specific programs include budget counseling, bankruptcy counseling, housing counseling (including foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage help, home protection, homebuyer education, pre-purchase counseling, and tenant services), credit report and review, student loan counseling, and debt management. Most programs are free, but some require a small fee to offset agency costs. Due to the recent financial crises, On track has been serving many more people. In this economic climate, people are encouraged to seek out the help. For an appointment call 828-255-5166. More information is available online at www.ontrackwnc.org.

Temple Happenings



Xmas Mitzvah Day

Xmas Mitzvah Day will fall on Saturday, December 25th, and we will soon be seeking volunteers to serve at various agencies in Asheville. In the past few years, we have worked with the Red Cross Blood Center, Eliada Homes, the Veterans' Quarters, A-Hope / Homeward Bound, Meals on Wheels gift wrapping, the Council on Aging gift deliveries, and so on. If you have been a XMD volunteer in the past, and would like a particular assignment, or if you would like to become involved, e-mail **Jerry Plotkin** at geraldplotkin@hotmail.com or call him at 782-8025. Please leave a message if there is no answer, providing your name, contact information, and a message.



Lunch & Learn

November 7th was a Global Day of Jewish Learning across the country. Join the Rabbi from 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM with your bag lunch in Unger Hall for the following presentations with world class teachers, thinkers and experts from the 92nd Street Y's Global Day of Jewish Learning.

Monday, Dec 6th, On Love: Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Rabbi Jennifer Krause.

Monday, Dec 13th, On Ecology: Jonathan Greenblatt, Rabbi Arthur Waskow.



Capital Campaign Update as of November 15, 2010

Fund Raising Goal	\$4,000,000
Total \$ Pledged to Date	\$2,930,140
% of Target Pledged	73.3
# of Active Families Pledged	163

Have YOU made your pledge yet??
Please contact joseph.karpen@gmail.com
to discuss your options.
EVERY dollar and EVERY family counts!



December Onegs

- Dec. 3rd Sisterhood
- 10th The Procidas in honor of Tino's birthday.
- 17th Judy Kaplan and Bob Shuster in honor of their birthdays.
- 24th The Feldsteins in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 31st Anonymous

If you would like to sponsor an oneg in 2011 please contact **Sue Snyder** at 890-1611.



Lost & Found

FOUND: A woman's sweater, salmon-colored.

FOUND: Blue silk wrap (might be a table cloth).

FOUND: Several umbrellas.

To retrieve something that has been found or to let us know that you've lost something, please contact the Administrator at the Temple office at 253-4911, ext. 10.



THE PARTY IS ON! Friday, December 31st

Come and celebrate Shabbat and the arrival of 2011 with your Temple Family and Friends.

Our extra early 6 PM service with Rabbi Meiri and Cantor Winston will allow us to reflect on our affirmations made during Yom Kippur and review them for 2011.

Come prepared to share your intentions to make a difference in our community and in your own life. Who knows whom you might inspire!

CBHT NEEDS YOU



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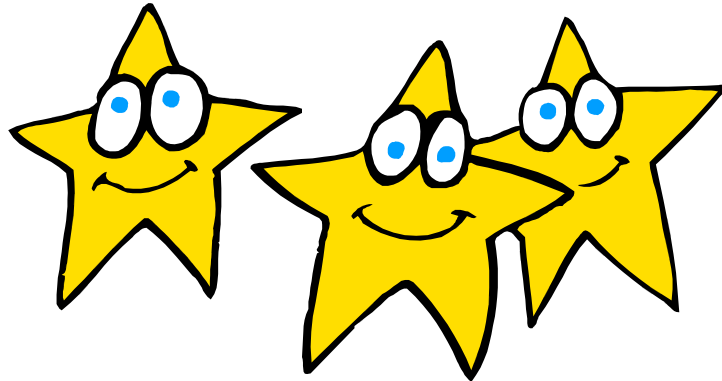
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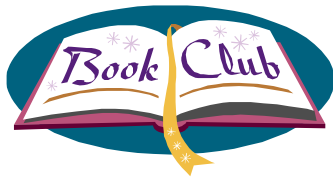


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More Temple Happenings



The Sisterhood Book Review Club will review the following selections at 3 PM in Unger Hall.

Dec. 13th — "Digging to America" by Anne Tyler
Leader: *Kathryn Liss*

Jan, 10th — "Zabelle" by Nancy Kricocorian,
Leader: *Evelyn Gates*

Feb. 14th — "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen
Leader: *Carol Gillen*

Join us, and happy reading!!

For information contact Sue Lerner — 484-4226 or Cell: (908)568-7255.



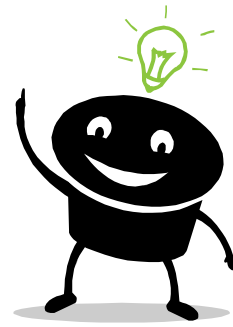
Friendship Circle

Saturday, December 18th at 9:45 AM

Join us in the temple vestibule on the main floor, as we continue in our reading and discussing of Jewish folktales from the book "A Treasury of Yiddish Stories" edited by Irving Howe and Eliezer Greenberg.

As always, we will start with a light breakfast in Unger Hall and a short Sabbath service. For further information, check out the weekly congregational email or contact **Mark Boyd** at boyd@unca.edu.

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Save these dates on your calendar: **2010: December 18th**

2011: January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, April 30th

We look forward to seeing you & sharing the joy of Shabbat!



Our Temple Family



Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Perlman, PO Box 282, Edneyville, 28727, 686.1323, heartsong35@yahoo.com. Elizabeth has two children, Sarah, 11, and Denver, 3.

Nancy Silver, 2400 Timber Place, Asheville, 28804, 424-7122, nancysworkshop@gmail.com. Nancy is an artist.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and/or EMAIL ADDRESS:

Myron Corets' new address is: 631 Wilcox Ave Apt 3D, Los Angeles, CA 90003, 323-333-2167.

Victoria Roberts' new address is 15 Stony Ridge, Beaverdam Condominiums, Asheville, 28804. Her phone number is 450-2077.

Please make note of all of the above changes/corrections/additions in your copy of the congregational directory. Also, if you move or get a new/different telephone number, please be sure to let the Administrator know. Thank you!



2010-2011 CBHT Directory

The CBHT Directory should have arrived in your mailbox. Please check and make sure that your information is correct — if not please let Julie know so it can be updated in the database and Menorah.

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Condolences to **Eric & Roberta Naimark**, on the loss of their uncle, **Richard Iszak**.



Condolences to **Sam Kaplan** and **Geri Garfinkel**, on the loss of their uncle, **Herman Robinson**.



Sincere thanks to all my friends in the Temple family for your good wishes, cards, and prayers during my recent hospitalization. It is much appreciated.

Sally Cohn



Please join us on **Friday, December 24th**, as we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary and renew our vows.

Our daughter and son-in-law, Rabbis Paula Feldstein and Jordan Millstein, will lead the services.

Ann & Rubin Feldstein



Join us at services on **December 10th** as we send off the Israel pilgrims with a special blessing.

Those wishing to, may bring candy that is hekshtered (marked with a valid kosher symbol) for delivery to the IDF soldiers the group will be meeting on their trip. Examples of kosher candy include M&Ms and Reeses Pieces.



Celebrate With Our Temple Families

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Bruce Berger | 16 Alan Cutter |
| 1 Diana Gergel | 17 Judith Kaplan |
| 1 Joseph Goldenberg | 17 Gail A. Manheimer |
| 1 Rachel Zivony | 18 Carson Slosman |
| 2 Rona Wisniewski | 20 Cheryl Blum |
| 3 Michelle Lee | 20 Scott Evans |
| 4 Lea Schultz | 20 Robert Winston |
| 5 Bo Farson | 21 Abraham Julius Kaplan |
| 6 Wolfe Lanier | 23 Jonathan Reese |
| 8 Monroe (Mick) Naimark | 23 Oliver Sholder |
| 10 Nancy Emanuel | 23 Wally Wolf |
| 10 Buna Gada Mandell | 25 Jenny Mercer |
| 10 Michael Masterman | 25 Phyllis Scher |
| 11 Ellen Gilreath | 26 Jakob Karpen |
| 11 Allen Hope | 27 Merima Friedman |
| 11 Tamara Landau | 27 Jill Huebner |
| 11 Lewis Tuch | 28 Dena Ratner |
| 12 Nicki Benatan | 28 Rachel White |
| 12 Linda Kavanaugh | 30 Debbie Adams |
| 12 Brenda Lebensburger | 30 Ruth Chicurel |
| 12 Barbara Whitaker | 30 L, Neil Friedman |
| 13 Markus Procida | 30 Rebeccah Ratner |
| 13 Jaeden Vargas | 30 Cheryl Whitt |
| 15 Karla Diamond | 31 Veronica Grant |
| 15 Robert Shuster | 31 Kay Kuczynski |
| 16 Michael Cotellese | 31 Jennifer O'Connor |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Gerald & Sharon Plotkin
- 5 Anthony & Jan Joseph
- 9 Michael & Bernadette Masterman
- 12 Larry & Linda Kavanaugh
- 17 Anthony & Debbie Adams
- 21 Darren & Cheryl Blum
- 23 Jack & Claire Orenzow
- 23 Ned & Eileen Simon
- 24 Wally & Rene Wolf
- 25 Lenny & Danny Bernstein
- 25 Rubin & Ann Feldstein
- 27 Victor & Sharon Fahrer
- 27 Ron & Rona Kappalman
- 29 Vance & Jean Reese
- 30 Martin & Ivy Dyckman
- 31 Bruce & Zoe Berger



**The last Menorah reminder for 2010 is
December 15th**

Let's all try to make it in on time.

Thank you.

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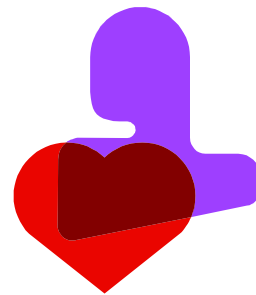
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Help A Family In Need

Unfortunately, we have congregants who are struggling with some of life's basics, including putting food on the table. If you are able, please make a donation to help these congregational family members. Ingles cards may be purchased through the Temple in denominations of \$50, \$100 or more. If you purchase them through the Temple, the congregants get the benefit of the food and the Temple gets the benefit of earning 5% of the face value of the card. If you send a check, please note in the memo section that this is for a food card to be donated to a congregational family. Thank you!

Rabbi Meiri



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.

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Community Events



The Asheville Lyric Opera and One Jewish Asheville Present:

Strange Beauty: *“Brundibar”* and the Art of the Holocaust

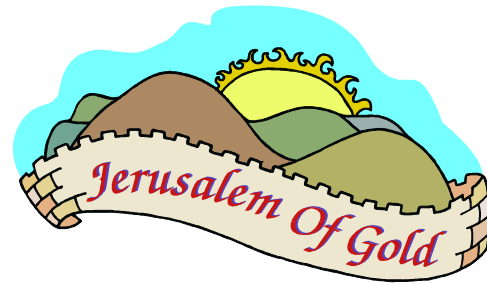
Of all the experiences of the Holocaust – horrid and courageous, despicable and surreal – few were as poignant as the 55 performances of the opera *“Brundibar”* given by the children of Theresienstadt. Written by Jewish composer, Hans Krasa, and based on a play by Aristophanes, the story of *“Brundibar”* is a cruel irony, the story of a neighborhood bully. Its performance at Theresienstadt was the centerpiece of a Nazi charade designed to showcase the “humanitarian treatment” of their Jewish prisoners.

As we know today, Theresienstadt was merely the penultimate stop on the road to Auschwitz, where Krasa and many of the children who performed *“Brundibar”* perished. And yet, as one survivor who attended the performances remembered, “For a while we had our normal selves back – we even joined them in singing those songs.”

On Saturday evening, January 29th, the Asheville Jewish community is invited to the Diana Wortham Theater for a special encore performance of *“Brundibar.”* The show is produced by the Asheville Lyric Opera (ALO) and features an all-star children’s cast from the Asheville and Buncombe county school systems.

As this year’s Education Opera, a program developed by ALO to make opera accessible to all ages, *“Brundibar”* offers a unique educational opportunity for adults as well as teens; a springboard from which to explore issues that affect us all. To take advantage of this opportunity, there will be a community-wide program for adults and teens held on Sunday, January 16th. Together, and in age-appropriate groups, we will discuss these larger issues and how they affect our lives today.

Tickets for this extraordinary and moving encore production are on sale now through the Diana Wortham box office. Look for more information on the Jan. 16th community-wide forum.



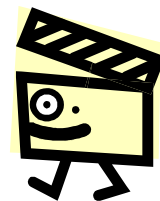
Hadassah Presents “Dudu Fisher in Israel”

Wednesday, December 8th @ 7 PM
At Congregation Beth HaTephila

Free to entire community

Dudu Fisher is known worldwide for his starring performance as Jean Valjean in “Les Miserables.” But he is one of Israel’s leading performer’s with a repertoire in English, Hebrew, Yiddish and several other languages. Join Hadassah on December 8th at 7 PM at Congregation Beth HaTephila as we present his Emmy nominated special, DUDU FISHER IN ISRAEL, from the Valley of Beit She’an. The very talented musicians and the scenery are spectacular. You will be humming the music for weeks. The program is being offered free to the entire community, but donations would be appreciated.

Our guest for the evening will be Susan Moye, a member of the National Board of Hadassah. She is a four-generation member of Hadassah and was President of the Southern Region from 2003 to 2006. She currently serves as National Co-chair of Grassroots Fundraising and as a Leadership Development Trainer. We welcome Susan and her husband Gary to Asheville.



The Caring Community Committee presents the L’Chaim Jewish Film Festival

November 28th at 1:00 PM — “My Mexican Shiva” (Mexican Comedy). When family patriarch Moishe drops dead, his disgruntled friends and relatives meet to sit shiva. As family members complain about the deceased, two angels evaluate Moishe’s life to determine the fate of his soul. This ribald Mexican comedy opened the 2007 New York Jewish Film Festival.

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December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>HAPPY HANUKKAH</h1> <p>The office will be closed on 12/24</p>			1 1st candle	2 12:00 PM Sisterhood Hanukkah luncheon 2:15 PM Sisterhood Board meeting Hanukkah 2nd candle	3 6:30 PM Family/Hanukkah Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Hanukkah Shabbat dinner oneg - Sisterhood 3rd candle	4 10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service Mikeitz 4th candle
5 9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Education 11:30 AM Relig School Hanukkah Party 2:00 PM Trope Class NO SHIR TEPHILA REHEARSAL 5th candle	6 10:30 AM Social Justice meeting 12:00 PM GMGM Lunch & Learn series with Rabbi Meiri 7:30 PM Great Minda/Great Moments: Elaine Stritch with Jordan 6th candle	7 3:00 PM Ritual Committee meeting 5:30 PM Beginning Hebrew 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Maccabi Academy Chanukkah show 6:30 PM Intro to Judaism at CBI 7th candle	8 6:00 PM Hadassah dinner and a movie (contact: Lana Waltzer) Rosh Chodesh Tevet 8th candle	9 1:00 PM BYO Lunch and Torah Study with Rabbi Meiri	10 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Torah Service (blessing for Israel pilgrims) Guest speaker from Homeward Bound oneg - The Procidas in honor of Tino's birthday	11 Vavioash
12 9:00 AM Relig School 9:30 AM Adult Ed 11:00 AM Confirmation 11:45 AM Relig School staff meeting 11:45 AM Shir Tephila rehearsal 2:00 PM Trope Class	13 12:00 PM GMGM Lunch & Learn series with Rabbi Meiri 3:00 PM Sisterhood Book Club 7:00 PM Board Meeting	14 5:30 PM Beginning Hebrew 6:30 PM Introduction to Judaism at CBI 7:00 PM Brotherhood meeting	15 Menorah deadline	16	17 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service oneg - Judy Kaplan and Bob Shuster in honor of their birthdays	18 9:45 AM Friendship Circle 10:00 AM K'tanim Vavechi
Israel Trip led by Rabbi Meiri						
19 9:00 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Adult Education (lay led)	20	21 5:30 PM Beginning Hebrew NO INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM	22	23	24 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Mitzvah Day kick-off OFFICE CLOSED (FED HOLIDAY) oneg - The Feldsteins in honor of their 50th anniv	25 TEMPLE CLOSED Shemot
Israel Trip led by Rabbi Meiri						
26 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OR ADULT EDUCATION Israel Trip led by Rabbi Meiri	27	28 NO INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM	29	30	31 6:00 PM Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service oneg - Anonymous New Year's Eve	

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December Dates to Note

Dec. 2 nd	Sisterhood Chanukah Luncheon	Dec. 15 th	<i>Menorah</i> deadline
Dec. 6 th	Great Minds/Great Moments: Elaine Stritch	Dec. 18 th	Tot Shabbat
Dec. 6 th	Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Meiri	Dec. 18 th	Friendship Circle
Dec. 13 th	Lunch & Learn w/Rabbi Meiri	Dec. 25 th	Xmas Mitzvah Day