

Congregation B'nai Israel

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The Worship of Gold

Gary Wolfman, Religious Director

The reader might be quick to point out that the editor made a typographical error in the title of my article thinking it should read “The Worship Of God.” But I was thinking about gold. A few weeks ago, we read in the Torah portion about the golden calf. After only 40 days at Mt. Sinai, a large group of people lost faith and went back to want they knew, the worship of graven images. I asked the question, why include this lapse of faith in the Torah?



Perhaps this lack of faith occurs regularly today. We attend the High Holy Day services and then within 40 days, have a lapse of faith as we are consumed by the materialistic world of gold or money. Rabbi Greenburg dubbed this “Materio-Sclerosis.” Many wrap their belief system around the idea of having money and many things. Now Judaism does not consider making money a sin or being poor as a sin. It is how we act with or without it. As Shalom Aleichem wrote, “Poverty is no crime, but it is no great honor either.”

Rabbi Greenberg wrote the following: “What Judaism did was to alert us to the perils inherent in possessions, the tyranny that lurks in things, the danger of becoming afflicted with materio-sclerosis and worshipping the golden calf. What are some of the symptoms of this idolatry? We make a graven image of gold when we sacrifice our health for it, when we surrender our moral integrity for it, when we neglect our families for it, when we betray our principals for it.”

We must always remember that gold cannot bring us genuine love, peace of mind or self respect. Gold can help us to help those in need,

and those who have grave challenges in their lives. Gold can help rebuild lives and buildings. Gold can help build a sanctuary to help all of us worship in the glory of God.

In the Torah, people gave their gold to build the golden calf. Later they gave their gold to build a sanctuary in the desert. This prompted a rabbinic comment: “With jewels they sinned and with jewels they were restored to God’s favor”. Worshipping gold will not lead to a full life. But by using gold with wisdom and compassion, we can help bring the presence of God into our lives, and those who are dwelling in the wilderness.

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Special Events

DON'T NEED A REASON TO PARTY

Saturday, March 1

It's time again for another "Don't Need a Reason to Party". Join us in the Social Hall at Temple for an enjoyable social evening. We'll begin at 7 p.m..



Please bring an appetizer to share and also what you'd like to drink or share. Soda will be provided.

In the past, this has proven to be a fun and relaxing time getting to know each other a little better. Gary will lead us a rousing sing-along with the songs from "Fiddler on the Roof".

Even though we don't need a reason to party, here's a good one - Rick & Kaye Slater will be there and you can wish them well in their new endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE

Our congregational 2008 Holiday Bazaar is November 16! Please think about what you would like to donate for a raffle (like we did for this past holiday bazaar). We will sell tickets for a month or two and then have the drawing at the Hanukkah program. More details will follow...

Passover Seders

The date for this year's Seder is Saturday, April 19th and it will again be at Lawrence University. More information will be forthcoming.

Our Model Seder for religious school students will be Sunday, April 13th. We'll need volunteers to help with the traditional foods for this event, so please answer the call when it comes.★



Special Messages

A Goodbye Message from the Slater's

Rick Slater has accepted a transfer to Steubenville Ohio, to be plant manager of the Mingo Junction Energy Center. Rick and Kaye will be moving to Pittsburgh, PA.

We have enjoyed the past 25 years we have been in Appleton. We leave many good friends and will miss them all. This move will take us closer to our parents and our son David and his wife. Rick has already started in his new position and is currently looking for a house in Pittsburgh. I have resigned my job with the Appleton School district as of March 7th and will be getting our house ready to put on the market. As soon as we find a place to live, we will be moving.



Temple has been a big part of our lives here in Wisconsin. We have enjoyed the services, onegs, programs and fellowship. We will miss Gary's services and all the wonderful people. We wish everyone a happy and healthy life and will keep in touch to let you know how we are doing.

Rick and Kaye Slater



Temple Wish List: If you're at the store and see a great buy on any of the following, please feel free to buy them as a donation from you for temple. These are items that we always need...

Paper towels	Toilet Paper
Aluminum foil	Zip Loc bags (all sizes)
Cling wrap	plastic cups
napkins	plastic cutlery
paper plates	coffee

Pesach Meditations

From Barbara Kuhn

Rather than reading through these as you might the rest of the newsletter, set these aside and use them one a day, during the Pesach season. You might try reading one of them and then doing some brief writing about your own thoughts and questions. Or phone a friend to discuss and share opinions. Or use one each day around the dinner table seeking a personal response from each family member.

Saturday, April 19, First Seder

The Torah portion for this week includes Lev. 17 which offers details on sacrifice and food. In Gen. 1:29 God said "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit, they shall be yours for food. Genesis goes on to say this is the food God gave to all living creatures. Does this mean to me, literally what it says? What do I think about those who say that if I eat more meals of grains, seeds, fruits and vegetables I suck up less of the earth's resources? How have I rationalized the fact that Americans are 4% of the world's population and every day we use 20% of the daily energy available to the entire globe?

Sunday, April 20, Second Seder, first day of Pesach

After the exile to Babylonia and the return to Palestine, the Israelites are told that if anyone kills an animal and does not bring it to the Tent of Meeting as an offering to the Lord, God will cut that person off from his kin. This is followed by the well-known verse, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have assigned it to you for making expiation, for your lives upon the altar; it is the blood, as life, that affects expiation. (Expiation means punishment, amends, penance.) Why is God going to deal so harshly with anyone who simply kills an animal and eats the flesh? When have I been cut off from my kin? Do I agree it's OK to bring an animal for a sacrifice but it's not OK to eat one? Do my beliefs agree with the Bible? Lillian Freehof, in her collection of midrashim, quotes the rabbis as saying "the Law is not in heaven," meaning that once the Torah was given to the Jewish people, it was for the Jewish people to interpret. How does that change a literal reading of these verses from Leviticus?

Monday, April 21, second day of Pesach, first day of the Omer Counting

Following the verse quoted yesterday is this: "No person among you shall partake of blood, nor shall the stranger who resides among you partake of blood." What is remarkable about this sentence? Am I forcing my beliefs on another person if I follow this? Or am I asking them to respect my rules in my house? Do I need to keep quiet and let them do as they wish in my home? Why did it change from Genesis where no meat was to be consumed to Leviticus where only consumption of the blood is prohibited? Why do some Jews say the change has continued from forever ago to now and other Jews say the change is not allowed?

Tuesday, April 22, third day of Pesach, second day of the Omer Counting

Continuing on to Lev. 18, it begins, "The Lord spoke to Moses saying, 'Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: 'I, the Lord, am Your God. You shall not copy the practices of the land of Egypt where you dwelt, or of the land of Canaan to which I am taking you, nor shall you follow their laws. My rules alone shall you observe, and faithfully follow My laws: I the Lord am your God.'" Notice that even though it is likely this was written after the exile, the writer tweaked the sentence so it appears as if it was written before the Israelites entered the Promised Land from Egypt. What do I think about this kind of adjustment by a writer? Have I ever "adjusted" a detail to make things fit together? Why does

God or the writer keep repeating "I, the Lord, am Your God?" Why, a few verses earlier, was I to treat the stranger the same way I treat my family and now I'm supposed to carefully distance myself from their laws? I give them in exchange for you and peoples in your stead."

Wednesday, April 23, fourth day of Pesach, third day of the Omer Counting

The Haftarah for this week is Isaiah 43:1-15. It was probably written by a poet exiled in Babylon in the Sixth Century BCE now known as Second Isaiah. Even though their homeland lay in ruins, the poet reminds everyone of God's unending care and attention to Israel. It also reminds Israel that God's saving the Israelites at the sea is proof of God's care for them. "But now thus said the Lord Who created you, O Jacob, Who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I will redeem you; I have singled you out by Name, you are Mine."

It appears that over 2,600 years ago, it was important for people to be singled out and known by their own name. Is this true among my group of friends? Do I honor people by calling them by their name? What about when I call people by endearing names or by rude and hurtful names?

Thursday, April 24, fifth day of Pesach, fourth day of the Omer Counting

Isaiah 43: 2-4 When you pass through water, I will be with you; through streams, they shall not overwhelm you. When you walk through fire, you shall not be scorched; through flame, it shall not burn you. For I the Lord am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as a ransom for you, Ethiopia and Saba in exchange for you. Because you are precious to Me, and honored and I love you, I give men in exchange for you and peoples in your stead. Has something happened to me or to someone I watched, that looked like the Hand of God caring for a particular person? If I sit quietly for several minutes can I picture the Hand of God on me?

Friday, April 25, sixth day of Pesach, fifth day of the Omer Counting

Let's continue with the moving poetry of Second Isaiah: Fear not, for I am with you: I will bring your folk from the East, will gather you out of the West; I will say to the North, "Give back," and to the South, "Do not withhold! Bring My sons from afar, and my daughters from the end of the earth. All who are linked to My name, whom I have created, formed and made for My glory – setting free that people, blind though it has eyes and deaf though it has ears." All the nations assemble as one, the peoples gather. Who among them declared this, foretold to us the things that have happened? Let them produce their witnesses and be vindicated, that men, hearing them, may say, "It is true!" What are the promises? What requires faith on my part?

Saturday, April 26, seventh day of Pesach, sixth day of the Omer Counting

What is this Counting of the Omer? Lev. 23:15 says we are obligated to count the days from Pesach to Shavu'ot. During the days of the Great Temple in Jerusalem, on the second day of Passover, an omer of barley was cut down and brought as a Temple offering. The omer was a measure of barley.

To systematically count the days of the Omer, a special daily prayer can be said. This reminds us of the link between Pesach celebrating our deliverance from Egypt and Shavu'ot commemorating the giving of the Torah on Sinai. This prayer was to remind us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah. Is my redemption from slavery now complete? What could I do now during the counting of the Omer to move myself further away from slavery? How have I changed over seven days?

Youth Group Happenings...

From Lowell Louis

Yesterday we were making potato latkes and tomorrow we will be making hamantaschen! What happened to all those days in between?



Our Youth Group has met several times to make plans for a huge Craft Rummage Sale to be run in April. Watch for exact times. The place naturally will be down in our Congregation Social Hall. Barb Kuhn, the source of our inventory, assures everyone this will be a sale you won't want to miss, as there will be bargains for everyone!

We are looking into a weekend trip to a nearby water park for a great getaway adventure and a wonderful bonding experience for our youth.

We are also checking into a trip to Chicago in June to attend the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival.

At each Festival, seven hours of continuous entertainment are provided on four stages: Two main stages for musical entertainment, a family stage and a stage for dance groups, theater groups and storytellers. In addition, the Art Fair and Craft Fair display works of more than 80 artists. A variety of delicious, and strictly kosher, food is provided by dozens of vendors. The Festival also includes a Book Fair and a Hands-On Children's Activity Area, which is staffed by various organizations and museums serving children and in the past, has included a petting zoo, clowns and various Judaic projects to bring home. This truly will be an event to attend!

In our spare time, we are raising funds to investigate the possibility of replacing our outdated Gates of Prayer Books. We are attempting to get the newly released prayer book for Gary Wolfman to review and take to the Congregation Board.

Hope to see you all at our Craft Sale in April.

Space-Filling Jewish Humor Break

President Bush to Convert to Judaism

From Michelle Missner via Lorrene Schreiber

In an effort to overcome the continuing criticism that he is not sufficiently supportive of Israel, one of America's closest allies today, President Bush announced that he is converting to Judaism in the hope that this will demonstrate his affinity and empathy with the Israeli people.

Authorities have been unable to handle the millions of applicants who volunteer to be the moyel.



Jeff Foxworthy on Wisconsin

Contributed by Dr. Marc Blum

If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 38 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you have ever refused to buy something because it's "too pricey," you might live in Wisconsin.

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from November through March, you might live in Wisconsin.

If someone in a store offers you assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Wisconsin.

If your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you have either a pet or a child named "Brett," you might live in Wisconsin.

If your town has an equal number of bars and churches, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you know how to say Oconomowoc, Waukesha, Menomonee & Manitowoc, you might live in Wisconsin.

If you think that ketchup is a little too spicy, you might live in Wisconsin.

If every time you see moonlight on a lake, you think of a dancing bear, and you sing gently, "From the land of sky-blue waters,"...you might live in Wisconsin.

FROM THE BOARD

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FIRETRUCK COLLECTION

With the latest snowstorm, we will extend our collection of Fire Truck tzedaka to the first Sunday in March when we're back in Sunday School.

BUILDING FUND AND RENOVATION

From Lorrene Schreiber

The bathroom repair is set to begin on May 21st. **The social hall will not be usable this summer. Please let Lorrene Schreiber know if you are planning an event at the Temple during the summer.**

The construction people promise to make sure that things are clean and neat.

So far we only have one pledge for cash and one pledge for a new microwave to be able to continue our work. We will be getting an estimate in the next few weeks for 3 phases; one for the repair of the bathrooms in the basement, the installation of a lift and all of the remodeling that needs to go with that, and the reworking of the bathrooms on the classroom floor to make one of them ADA compliant (wheelchair accessible). Obviously, if we opt to do all of this work at the same time, the cost will be lower and they will include a price for this option as well.

We will call a special board meeting and invite the congregation to join us while we talk about funding for this project. We will begin actively seeking funds and fund-raising projects after this meeting. However, we are still hoping to have people come forward with donations as soon as possible.



PURIM CARNIVAL NEEDS HELP

The Purim carnival is scheduled for Sunday, March 16th.

We have people signed up for this event, but no one has come forward to chair. The chairperson would only have to get the food needed (hot dogs and chips and soda), and send out the notice and coordinate with the rest of the committee. So far we have Julie Kurutz in charge of ordering prizes, Caren Benzer will organize the hamentashen baking and Mark Lasky has volunteered to help where needed. This is during Neenah's spring break, so we will be shorthanded. Most everyone who is there helps with cleanup. This is a very fun event for the students and we appreciate parent participation. If you are willing to chair this event, let Lorrene Schreiber (725-2131) know at lmschreib@aol.com.

Sayings of the Jewish Buddha:

From Lorrene Schreiber

If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?

Wherever you go, there you are. Your luggage is another story.

Accept misfortune as a blessing. Do not wish for perfect health, or a life without problems. Because then, what would you talk about?

There is no escaping karma. In a previous life, you never called, you never wrote, you never visited. And whose fault was that?

The Tao does not speak. The Tao does not blame. The Tao does not take sides. The Tao has no expectations. The Tao demands nothing of others. Clearly, the Tao is not Jewish.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Breathe in. Breathe out. If you forget this, attaining Enlightenment will be the least of your problems. Let your mind be as a floating cloud. Let your stillness be as a wooded glen. And sit up straight. You'll never meet the Buddha with rounded shoulders.

JEWIS IN THE NEWS

A Note from Ed Klug...

Ed recently testified at the trial of Mark Jensen, accused of murdering his wife, Julie. Mark Jensen was convicted of murder the week of February 18, but the Milwaukee Journal reported that there may be another trial. Ed will appear on 20/20 on Friday, February 29, discussing this case. He hopes to get back to the Temple soon.

Historic Torah Dedicated on US Navy Ship

From *The Galilean Word*

Submitted by Helene Jablon via Julie Kurutz

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - A Torah scroll rescued from Lithuania has a new home aboard the United States Navy aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman.

The carrier is one of the few U.S. Navy vessels to have its own Torah. Few ships are large enough to need one, said Sam Werbel, an organizer of a dedication ceremony attended by a crowd of 500, including some Holocaust survivors.



"This is not a ceremony alone," said Mark E. Talisman, founder and president of the Project Judaica Foundation. "It's about humanity or a lack thereof. It's about all of us understanding the dignity of human life."

Several Jewish service members celebrated the event, taking photos with the heavy 26-inch high scroll bearing the words of the Hebrew Bible.



Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jesse Kopelman, USS Harry S. Truman's (CVN 75) Jewish Lay Leader, holds a holy Jewish Torah, one of the few scrolls from Lithuania to survive the Holocaust, which was presented to Truman.

About 5 percent or less of Lithuania's Jewish population survived the Holocaust. No religious artifacts, other than this Torah, are thought to remain of that country's Jewish population, organizers said.

"I'm very proud of our servicemen who are serving, and I'm very proud that they saw fit to have a Torah on board the ship," said Julius Marcus of Portsmouth, who attended with his wife, Jeanne.

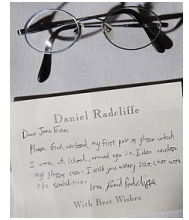
On May 14, 1948, President Truman was the first world leader to grant diplomatic recognition to the newly reborn State of Israel. Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann, thanked Truman with a Torah scroll that now belongs to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library. That Torah was on loan to the carrier and displayed next to the Torah that was dedicated.

Harry Potter is Jewish!

From AP Wire

"Harry Potter" star Daniel Radcliffe, who captivated moviegoers as the bespectacled schoolboy wizard, has donated the first pair of glasses he wore as a child to an art exhibition marking the horrors of the Holocaust.

The British actor joins several other celebrities and members of the public whose spectacles will be linked together in the shape of a railway track, recalling the trains that carried many of the Nazis' victims to concentration camps throughout Europe. An estimated 6 million Jews died.



The exhibition in Liverpool will open January 21. The port city in northwest England will host Britain's Holocaust Day commemorative service on January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Muslim leaders are set to attend the multicultural service, which is the culmination of a series of lectures, exhibitions, stage shows and musical events recalling the Nazi atrocities and more recent genocides. Jason Isaacs, who stars as the sinister Lucius Malfoy in the "Harry Potter" films, will also take part in the service.

The 18-year-old Radcliffe, whose mother is Jewish, sent the oval, gray metal-framed pair of glasses he wore as a 6-year-old.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, US chat-show host Jerry Springer and Yoko Ono have also donated glasses to the exhibition.

"[It is] such a symbolic piece of artwork, which will help people to learn how important it is to never forget the horrors of the Holocaust and to challenge hatred and prejudice wherever it arises," Ono said in a statement released by Liverpool City Council.

Organizers are seeking a total of 110,000 pairs of eyeglasses. When installed inside Liverpool Town Hall's main ballroom, organizers hope mirrors will multiply the number of spectacles and give the appearance of 330,000 pairs - the estimated number of Jews in Britain at the time of the Holocaust.

"We wanted to remind people of the horrors of the Holocaust, but we wanted an artistic response and not just want a mound of spectacles," Jean Evans, the project's director, told The Associated Press.

The exhibition will also offer a legacy of its own. Within weeks, it will be dismantled. The glasses of the famous will be auctioned for charity while the others will be sent to people in developing nations through the charitable group Vision Aid Overseas.

Sisterhood News

From Lorrene Schreiber

We had a very relaxing and enjoyable retreat this year. The weather was cooperative and we had a nice long walk on the lake. Caren Benzer led the group in making bagels for breakfast on Sunday. As promised, here is the recipe she used:

90 Minute Bagels NYC Style

2 c warm water
2 Tbs barley malt syrup
1 Tbs SAF instant yeast
2 tsp salt
5 c bread flour (the higher in gluten the better)
3 qt water
2 Tbs barley malt syrup (in addition to the first)
Toppings
Cornmeal

Mix the syrup with the water in a large mixing bowl. Then fold together the flour, yeast, and salt in another bowl, reserving ½ c. of flour or so for kneading. Combine dry ingredients with water/syrup mixture. After the dough has consolidated in the bowl, knead vigorously for 10-12 minutes. If you want your bagels to be really chewy, you have to work for it! Use reserved flour as necessary.

Roll the dough into a log and cut into 12 equal sections (we just pulled out little balls and pulled into shape with a hole in the middle); shape each section into a ball, and make a hole in the center with your thumb about the size of a quarter. Let rise on floured surface about 25 min.

About 20 minutes into the rising, start the 3 quarts of water boiling. Add the syrup and mix well. Kettle the bagels four at a time for about four minutes. Turn the bagels gently with a wooden spoon every now and then.

While the bagels are settling, prepare a baking sheet with cornmeal (or you may use a baking stone if you have one for an even better crust). Use a slotted spatula or similar tool to transfer bagels to the baking sheet. Put on toppings as desired.

Bake in a 425 degree oven for about 20 minutes, or 450 for a darker crust.



Brotherhood News

The March men's group meeting will be held at Zuppa's Restaurant, Neenah, on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Join us.

SPACE-FILLING JEWISH HUMOR

A bus with 30 Hadassah ladies turned over and were dispatched to heaven. Unfortunately the computers were down, so God had to ask Satan to provide temporary housing. Soon after, He received an urgent telephone call from Satan telling Him to take the women off his hands.

"What's the problem?" asked God.

Satan replied, "Those Hadassah Ladies are ruining my whole set-up. Only two hours and already they raised \$100,000 for an air conditioning system!"

Rivka tottered into a lawyer's office and told him she wanted a divorce.

"A divorce?" asked the shocked lawyer. "Tell me, how old are you?"

"Ninety - this July," answered Rivka.

"Ninety! And how old is your husband?"

"He's 92."

"And how long have you been married?" he asked in disbelief.

"September will be 70 years."

"Children?"

"Four. Gorgeous."

"Why would you want a divorce now?"

"Because," said Rivka ... "enough is enough."

A rabbi was talking to precocious six-year-old Mendel. "So, you tell me that your mother says your prayers for you each night. That's very commendable. What does she actually say?"

Little Mendel replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

A new flood was predicted and nothing could prevent it. In three days, the waters would wipe out the world. The Dalai Lama appeared on worldwide media and pleaded with humanity to follow Buddhist teachings to find nirvana in the wake of the disaster.

The Pope issued a similar message, saying, "It is still not too late to accept Jesus as your Savior."

The chief rabbi of Jerusalem took a slightly different approach: "My people," he said, "we have three days to learn how to live under water."



What's Nu?

Condolences to ...

Jeff and Angie Lipschutz on the death of Jeff's father, Dr. Robert Lipschutz of Palm Springs, California. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Lipschutz family.



Steve and Sherry Taylor on the death of Steve's sister, Susan Stucker. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Taylor and Stucker families.

Get well wishes to ...

Perry Missner, son of Marshall and Michele Missner. Perry is recovering nicely from a 12 hour surgery at the Texas Medical Center in Houston on January 31. He had an auditory neuroma tumor on his brain which has caused him to lose his hearing in his left ear which will not return. Perry, Devy and Marsela Missner now live in Lafayette, La. Perry is looking forward to returning to work within the next month. Michelle and Marshall are enjoying the winter in Austin, Texas. They will return in early April.

Julie Kurutz. She has had recent, severe bouts with influenza. May her recovery be speedy and complete!



Mazel Tov to ...

Julie Kurutz, for celebrating her 25th anniversary at VF Corp.

The congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions...

In memory of Dr. Robert Lipschutz, father of Jeff Lipschutz, from Michele and Marshall Missner.

In memory of Dr. Robert Lipschutz, father of Jeff Lipschutz, from Kathy & Marc Blum.

To the B'nai Israel Building Fund, from Gayle Hirsch in memory of Blake Joseph Cadkin.

To the B'nai Israel Building Fund, from Cheri and Robert Fishelson.

To the B'nai Israel Building Fund, from Laura Sindberg and Gary Wolfman.

To the B'nai Israel Building Fund and a contribution to the Holocaust Memorial Garden Fund in memory of Ben Nelson, from Barbara Kuhn.

To the B'nai Israel Building Fund, from Steve Freschl

To the B'nai Israel Building Fund, from Dr. Marc and Kathy Blum

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To the B'nai Israel Building Fund, from Lorrene Schreiber

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In appreciation of Lowell Louis' participation in the Oshkosh interfaith events from Ralph & Carol DiBiasio-Snyder, First Congregational Church, Oshkosh.

To the fire truck fund, from Abby Weisenberger

Check out our synagogue website:

Did you accidentally throw away the last Newsletter? Need to contact someone from the congregation? Want to give a prospective member an introduction to our synagogue?

Login to the Internet and check out our lovely synagogue website at:
<http://www.bnaiisraeloshkosh.com/index.html>.

If you want to post something or have any comments/suggestions, please contact Sam Coe at:
samcoe123@gmail.com.

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For \$50-\$100, you could be a sponsor for the Congregation Newsletter! Because of our swelling membership (and Newsletter pages), donations are being sought to help with the printing and mailing of this Newsletter. Please send a check to Steve Freschl at 2134 Sunrise Drive, Appleton, WI 54914

Next Newsletter

Liz and Avi Stern, Editors

Please submit your article(s) for the **May/Summer 2008** newsletter to us by **April 25th**. Be sure to include information about events taking place during (or close to) May, June, July and August.

PLEASE send us any information you would like the congregation to know. Avi and I try to know what's going on, but we don't hear about everything.


Everyone is welcome to submit articles. Send yours via e-mail to lstern@new.rr.com or through the USPS to:

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March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Party at the Temple!
2 Religious School 9:00 a.m. Board Mtg	3	4	5	6	7 Soup 6:30 pm Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	8
9 Religious School 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed. 10 a.m.	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Religious School 9:00 a.m. Purim Carnival	17	18	19 Brotherhood Mtg 6:30 p.m. Zuppa's in Neenah	20 Purim 	21 Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.	22
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27	28	29	30			

Y A H R Z E I T S

This Yahrzeit list is a work in progress. It currently reflects all the information I have received from members and some from the synagogue Yahrzeit plaques. Please forgive any errors or deletions – just let me know and it will be corrected. You can contact me (Liz Stern) at: 920-727-9797 or lstern@new.rr.com. I would be glad to hear from you!

March 2008

Date	Loved One	Member	Relationship
3/1	R. Betty Blum	Dr. Marc Blum	Mother
3/3	Karen Tegley	Paulette Glassheim	Aunt
3/3	Michael Cook	Member	Member
3/4	Alfred Israel	Member	Member
3/5	Sally Palow	Member	Member
3/6	Sam Tvert	Member	Member
3/8	Ely Boschwitz	Member	Member
3/9	Goldye Baker	Member	Member
3/4	Arpad Neuman	Lisa Weiner	Father
3/9	Besse Rakita Zimmerman	Dr. Marc Blum	Cousin
3/11	Sam Gorwitz	Joyce Gorwitz	Husband
3/14	David Gazerowitz	Member	Member
3/15	Abraham Kagan	Member	Member
3/17	Hugh Goldstein	Michele Missner	Father
3/18	Bernard Nemschoff	Member	Member
3/19	Bessie Zimmerman	Dr. Marc Blum	Great Aunt
3/19	Roy L. Emanuel	Dr. Marc Blum	Great Uncle
3/20	Joseph Friedman	Claire Round	Father
3/20	Dr. Jacob Shapiro	Member	Member
3/22	Mabel Evan Rasmussen	Member	Member
3/23	Ruby Hirschber	Member	Member
3/24	Isadore Borsuk	Member	Member



April 2008

Date	Loved One	Member	Relationship
4/4	Marie Baum Callin	Member	Member
4/5	Sally Palow	Ann Dreyfus	Mother
4/5	Max Gorwitz	Member	Member
4/6	Millie Rosner Israel	Member	Member
4/6	Yetta Rosenstein	Member	Member
4/6	Irving Weiner	Phil Weiner	Father
4/7	Samuel Finkler	Marty Finkler	Father
4/9	Louis Urdan	Member	Member
4/9	Rose Pass	Member	Member
4/11	Keith Baker	Member	Member
4/11	Kay Ansfield	Paul Ansfield	Mother
4/12	Lillian Elegant	Member	Member
4/12	Ernst Rosenberg	Member	Member
4/13	Louise Israel	Member	Member
4/15	Nathan Edelson	Member	Member
4/16	Mollie Levin Rosenberg	Member	Member
4/16	Walter Benjamin Goldstein	Avi Stern	Grandfather
4/16	Shirley Horky	Barbara Kuhn	Mother
4/17	Abe Penn	Member	Member
4/22	Antonia Nacinovich	Angie Lipschutz	Mother
4/23	Rose Stern	Avi Stern	Grandmother
4/28	Samuel Myers	Member	Member
4/29	Jerome Kitzis	Mark Kitzis	Father
4/30	Kitty Friedman	Claire Round	Mother
4/30	Gertrude Horowitz	Member	Member

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