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Beth Israel

# TIDINGS

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## BAT MITZVAH DECEMBER 1, 2001



### SAMANTHA GOLDHAGEN

Grade 7  
Belhaven School, Linwood  
Hobbies: Basketball, Softball,  
Playing clarinet in school band,  
Shopping, Being with friends

## BAT MITZVAH DECEMBER 8, 2001



### EMILY WILKINS

Grade 7  
Upper Township Middle School  
Hobbies: Dance, Drawing and  
Reading

## ENJOY A WONDERFUL CHANUKAH HOLIDAY!

The Chanukah  
It has nine candle holders.  
night of Chanukah. The

The Shamash is  
The Shamash is lit first and

are placed in the **HANUKIYAH** from right to left. But when the candles are lit, you light from left to right. Every night during Chanukah, when the candles are lit this is the prayer: **Ba-ruch ata, Adonoi E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-she-  
Ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tov, ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik neir shel Chanukah. Ba-  
ruch ata, A-do-noi E-lo-hei-nu, ne-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim las-a-vo-tei-  
Nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-ze-man ha-zah. Ba-ruch ata, A-do-noi E-lo-hei-nu,  
Me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-chya-nu ve-ki-ya-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu las-man ha-zeh.**  
*We praise you, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with  
Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.*

*We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed  
wonders to our fathers and mothers in days of old, at this season.*



menorah is called a **HANUKIYAH**.

There are eight candles, one for each  
ninth is called the **SHAMASH**.

used to light the other eight candles.

then is used to light the other candles. The candles



**"Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel—I made it out of clay..."**

One of the best known symbols of Chanukah is the **Dreidel**. It is a four-sided top with a Hebrew letter on each side. The four letters are: **Shin, Hey, Gimel, Nun**. These letters mean **"A Great Miracle Happened There."** In Israel, the dreidel is a bit different in that their letters mean **"A Miracle Happened HERE!"** Dreidel is also a popular game played during the holiday. Players use pennies, nuts, raisins, or chocolate coins (gelt) as tokens or chips. The player spins the dreidel. When the dreidel stops, the letter that is facing up decides the fate.



## Favorite Dish for Chanukah!

### Potato Latkes

A classic potato latke – you can't go wrong with these  
crispy hot cakes. Serve with applesauce, sour cream  
and chopped green onions!

Ingredients needed: 2 cups peeled and shredded potato; 1  
tablespoon grated onion; 3 eggs beaten; 2 tablespoons all-

purpose flour; 1- 1/2 teaspoons salt; 1/2 cup peanut oil.

**Directions:** Place the potatoes in a cheesecloth and wring, extracting as much moisture as possible. In a medium bowl stir the potatoes, onion, eggs, flour and salt together. In a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil until hot. Place large spoonfuls of the potato mixture into the hot oil, pressing down on them to form 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick patties. Brown on one side, turn and brown on the other. Let drain on paper towels. Serve hot! Makes 10 to 12 latkes (six servings).

## FROM THE RABBI

### Beth Israel Temple Youth Bring Light to Those in Need

On Sunday November 18, 2001, our three youth groups gathered in the Joseph and Esther Ashner Auditorium for the first annual Youth Mitzvah Day. Sixty youngsters, ages ten to seventeen came together to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for the recipients of Manna dinners. Thanksgiving is a time when we come together with our families and friends for great feasting. But, if we remember the first Thanksgiving, we recall a time in our nation's history when the earliest settlers prepared a feast of thanksgiving to God for the bounty with which they were blessed. To give thanks to God, it is important that we also reach out the hand of generosity to those in need. The Native Americans were also invited to that first Thanksgiving table. Indeed, it was those natives who, through their kindness and compassion, taught the Pilgrims how to survive in their new home.

Our youngsters celebrate Thanksgiving with a long weekend vacation from school. They and their families stuff themselves on turkey and all the trimmings. Some take family trips. Sadly, in our culture today, we fail to dwell, even momentarily, on the gratitude we feel for our bountiful existence. We are so abundantly blessed, and yet we hardly notice. This year, the Beth Israel Youth Groups took a couple of hours and spent it thinking about those whose blessings are limited. Truly, our youth worked to bring a small window of sunshine into the lives of those in need. Each Manna client received a beautifully hand decorated basket with their Thanksgiving dinner. As we reach out to touch the lives of those in need, we express our faith in God, and we advance the Jewish mission of Tikkun Olam, the Repairing of the World. What better way can we express our gratitude than to share our bounty with others? What a wonderful lesson our children learned as they prepared for the Thanksgiving holiday!

*Rabbi David M. Weis*



## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001

*Parshat Va-Yishlach/Gen. 32:4-36:43*

**Shabbat Services, 8:15 p.m.**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2001

*Torah Study, 9:45 a.m.*

**Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Goldhagen,  
11:00 a.m.**

*Daughter of Jerry and Ina Goldhagen*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2001

*Parshat Va-Yeshev /Gen. 37:1-40:23*

**Shabbat Services, 5:30 p.m.**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2001

*Torah Study, 9:45 a.m.*

**Bat Mitzvah of Emily Wilkins,  
11:00 a.m.**

*Daughter of Dr. Arthur and Dr. Julianne  
Childs*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001

*Parshat Mi-Katz/Gen. 41:1-44:17*

**Chanukah Dinner, 6:15 p.m.**

**Shabbat Services, 8:15 p.m.**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2001

*Torah Study, 9:45 a.m.*

**Tot Shabbat, 10:30 a.m.**

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2001

*Parshat Va-Yiggash/Gen. 44:18-47:27*

**Shabbat Services, 5:30 p.m.**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2001

*Torah Study, 9:45 a.m.*

**Shabbat Minyan Services, 11:00 a.m.**

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2001

**Healing Services, 7:30 p.m.**

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2001

*Parshat Va-Yehi/Gen. 47:28-50:26*

**Shabbat Services, 8:15 p.m.**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2001

*Torah Study, 9:45 a.m.*

**Shabbat Minyan Services, 11:00 a.m.**





## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

As we prepare to celebrate the spirit of Chanukah, I begin to realize how fortunate we are that we can celebrate this festive occasion together, proudly professing our Judaism openly and not having to hide the fact that we are Jews.

This idea brings to mind a recent movie, "Focus", where declaring one's religion as Jewish was not socially acceptable; in fact, it was downright dangerous to do so. The movie depicts anti-Semitism as something tasteless that infects and invades, causing a division in society, something like a plague would do. The story "focuses" on the character of Lawrence Newman, a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant, a seemingly innocuous man, who wishes to go about his business in private, until one day he dons glasses which appear to change his looks so much so, that even his mother says he looks like a Jew. Where people used to welcome him, now they are sneering. He becomes a threat because of his looks. Does this sound familiar?

In these tension-filled days of sometimes suspecting our neighbors of terrorism because of their appearance, we need to clarify misrepresentations and stereotypes as well as to gain accurate information about another's faith. Sometimes what people know little about scares them and thus causes confusion, at times ending in enmity for others because they are different. It seems we are always trying to teach our children about respecting differences when we as adults should be following the examples we teach.

Shalom,

*Shelley Bernstein*

*Rabbi, Staff and all of you  
who were there - it was a  
beautiful weekend!*

*Thank you from the bottom  
of my heart!*

*Gusti*

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Celebrate Chanukah with our Temple family. The Chanukah Dinner, so graciously sponsored by Sisterhood, is not only for families with young children, but for all those that are young at heart. Seeing the reflection of little faces and bright eyes in the glow of the Chanukiah remind us of when we, too, were those faces and bright eyes.

This year our Chanukah Dinner will be held on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the Joseph and Esther Ashner Auditorium. Regularly scheduled services will be held at 8:15 p.m. Now that we have established our rotation of services during the month: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 5:30 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 8:15 p.m., we feel it is important to maintain that schedule. We know that it may be difficult for families of young children who come to the dinner to stay for services. That is just fine. We would much prefer to share some of the holiday and Shabbat with you than none at all. As we continue to grow in programming and activities, we will strive to serve all the different facets of our temple family. If you have suggestions that would enhance what we do, please call me. We welcome and encourage all suggestions.

As we look forward to the New Year, I wish all of you peace and love in your lives.

*Susan Sokalsky*



## ADULT EDUCATION

Just a little reminder that Book Break occurs on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at 12 noon!

The book to be reviewed is "The River Midnight" by Lillian Nattel, who brilliantly brings To life the richness of Shtetl culture through the story of an imagined village, Blazka, Poland. Myth meets history and characters come to life through the stories of women's lives, secrets and intimate details of everyday life.

Remember—Shop Sisterhood's Judaica Shop for all your Chanukah gifts!!!



## FROM THE EDITOR

Ah, the agony and oh, the ecstasy! After what seemed like an interminably long period of time, we were finally packed and ready for the big move to our new residence. I cannot begin to describe the aches and pains involved in schlepping, lifting and wrapping, and there were moments when I thought we'd never make it. How many times we prayed to God for the strength to do what needed to be done.

If ever I had doubts that God wasn't near, they were completely dispelled. The truth is that God is constantly at our sides, hearing our prayers, and giving us the needed stamina to get over all the hurtles.

Now Morris and I are in the throes of settling in (at our leisure, which is the ecstasy!) and we know the livin' will be easier. Hopefully, our years will be lengthened—we are happy and we are blessed.

We thank, with whole hearts, everyone who participated in the beautiful gift of a Mezuzah which will be lovingly placed at our entranceway. We also thank everyone for their offers of help and their support through this traumatic transition.

With the approach of the happy holiday of Chanukah, we pray that its warmth and spirit enter the homes of our Beth Israel families, and Morris and I wish you all life's richest blessings as we enter the year 2002!

*Selma Boudov*

**ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2001**  
**11:00 A.M.**

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Sisterhood Thrift Sale was once again a successful venture. Our many thanks to the dedicated women, who folded, pinned, hung and schlepped the items donated by one and all. There are never enough hands to set up and run the sale – so, keep this in mind – you will get another chance to help out in the spring of '02.

Our November meeting was delightful. There was a short agenda followed by a light supper and a guest speaker – Nina Soifer. Thanks to Nina, we now have a better insight on how to run a terrific party.

Back by popular demand – **THE CHANUKAH DINNER**. This year it will be held **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm** with services to follow at 8:15 pm. **Adults \$16, children 5 to 12 years are \$12 and children 2 to 4 years are \$6.** Your check is your reservation. **We need your help to set up on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Just call Ilene, 822-3362 or the office, 641-3600.**

Have you stopped to browse in the **GIFT SHOP** lately? Its shelves and cases are filled with beautiful items for that special gift you may need or for something wonderful just for you. **For assistance call Lisa, 641-4189 or the office, 641-3600.**

**PRICE BREAK!** The Sisterhood trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to see the Thomas Eakens Exhibit is now \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members. **On Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, '02 we will leave Beth Israel parking lot promptly at 7:30 am and return by 3 pm.** This great day includes a continental breakfast, a private guided tour by Barbara Rosenberg, a fabulous lunch at The Artists Table and time to shop. Your check is your reservation – don't be shut out – reserve early.

**WANTED** – Someone to take care of the publicity for Sisterhood. For details call Ilene at 822-3362.

We are planning another trip to New York in '02. Keep reading the Tidings for this and other upcoming exciting events offered by Sisterhood.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR, ALL MEETINGS ARE ON TUESDAYS AND ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME:

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<b>Dec 4 10 am</b>	<b>Meeting &amp; Latke Lunch</b>
<b>Jan 8 10 am</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>Feb 5 10 am</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 5 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Exercise Evening and Healthy Supper</b>
<b>Apr 2 10 am</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Sisterhood Goes to Dinner – Details to follow</b>

**Note: Executive Board meets half hour before general meeting.**

It's never too late to become a member of Sisterhood. Looking forwards to seeing you at the **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10 am.**

*Ina Cohn*, Corresponding Secretary



## MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING

### PERRY FOGEL

Father of Elyse Fogel-Gottlieb

### MARCELLA GOSIN

Mother of Dr. Stephen Gosin

### RENEE MELAMED

Congregation Beth Israel extends  
deepest sympathy to  
the family of the bereaved

## GRACIOUS GIFTS

### *In Memory Of:*

**Rosa Blumberg** – Sidney and Nettie Portnoy  
**Lillian Portnoy** – Sidney and Nettie Portnoy  
**Bernard Strouse** – Betty Strouse  
**Benjamin Bendoroff** – Ruth Bendoroff  
**Philip Millstein** – Dr. Sidney and Janet Millstein

**Arthur Ferrin** – Dr. Sidney and Janet Millstein

**Jonathan Wood** – Bernard and Harriet Rothman; David and Felicia Lowenstein

**Alfred Coane** – Louis and Sandra Milone

**Louis Brandow** – Helen Pogachefsky

**Seymour Rosman** – Dr. and Mrs. Marc Feldman

**Edward Polin** – Hana Yusem

**My Loved Ones** – Sandra Kossoff-Katz

**Renee Melamed** – Reba Neufeld; Bert and Betty Wilson; Estelle Arch, Ted and Janet Rich

**Harold J. Rich** – Ted and Janet Rich

**Helen Gallancy** – Therese Wertheimer

**Irving Goldmann** – Dr. Gary and Ruth Kelman

**Irene Schwartz** – Eugene and Dorris Alexander

**Samuel Weiss** – Jerry and Ina Cohn

**Dr. George J. Slotoroff** – Dr. David and Barbara Slotoroff

**Frances Applebaum** – Mel and Sue Cohen

**Dorothy Rosenthal** – Ruth Bendoroff

**Debra Ann Hoffman** – Jeanette Hoffman

**Bessie Alexander** – Eugene and Dorris Alexander

**Gertrude Waldman** – Benjamin and Shula Schreiber

**Shirley Adler** – John Adler

**Morris Feinstone** – Stanley and Raye Feinstone

**Milton Lovitz** – William and Linda Lovitz

**Jonathan Wood** – Larry and Carla Gash

**Stan Harris** – Norman and Sharon Zlotnick

**Debra Ann Hoffman** – Jeanette Hoffman

**Eve Schwartz** – David and Maxine Fahringer

**Adelaide Alper** – Ronnie Alper

**Fannie Schwartz** – Shirley Gottlieb

**Marcella Gosin** – Martin and Golda Wood; Bert and Renee Saber

**Anna Kuznitsky** – Rabbi David M. and Susan Weis and Family

*In Honor Of:*

**Consecration of Alexandra Horn** – Dr. Sidney and Janet Millstein

**Speedy recovery of Don Ravnich** – Allan and Renee Fischer

**Consecration of Trevor Tibbrine** – Herman and Ruth Aqua

**Norman Cohen for his great coaching job** – Dan and Amy Ojserkis

**New granddaughter, Raya Anastasia Slotoroff** – Dr. Michael and Renee Slotoroff

**New granddaughter, Haley Anna Smilow** – Dr. Michael and Renee Slotoroff

**Bar Mitzvah of my grandson, Justin David Garrett** – Jeanette Hoffman

**Gusti Engelberg** – Hana Yusem and Bill Bressler

## MANNA FUND

### *In Memory Of:*

**Jonathan Wood** – Larry and Carla Gash

*In Honor Of:*

**New home of Dr. Gary and Debbie Rosman** – Larry and Carla Gash

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### *In Memory Of:*

**Jonathan Wood** – Stanton and Lenna Wolf; Davi Kane

*In Honor Of:*

**Recovery of Sylvia Schatz** – Stanton and Lenna Wolf

**Birth of Fallon Jacqueline Trachtman** – Mike and Glad Pred

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jack and Doris Rand** – Mike and Gladd Pred

**Birth of Nathan Louis Rubenstein** – Mike and Gladd Pred

**Rabbi Weis for helping me with my Bat Mitzvah** – Melissa Resnick

**In appreciation of Rabbi's comfort and kindness** – Gary and Dana Gold; Jerry and Sybil Gold

**In appreciation of Rabbi and staff for our warm welcome as new members** – Ralph and Bette Madway

**Rabbi's blessing on my birthday** – Cissie Hurst

## MARTHA MALLIN/ BARBARA MALAMUT FUND

### *In Honor Of:*

**Consecration of our grandson, Henry Parlin Sacks** – Mel and Sandra Parlin

**Marriage of Brad Rose** – Lewis and Rhoda Malamut

**Special Birthday of Cissie Hurst** – Lewis and Rhoda Malamut

## GUSTI ENGELBERG VISITING SCHOLAR FUND

### *In Honor Of:*

**Gusti Engelberg** – David and Kate Wallen

## RICHARD K. GADON MEDIA CENTER FUND

### *In Memory Of:*

**Matthew Kramer** – Myrna Roberge

**Abraham Kaminsky** – Steven and Barbara Gadon

*In Honor Of:*

**Recovery of Karen Sherman** – Drs. Arthur and Julianne Childs and family

**Jessica Rich's consecration** – Ted, Janet and Hank Rich

## SAUL SINDERBRAND/ HARRY ROSENBERG RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

### *In Memory Of:*

**Doreen Fleischer** – Debbie Levine; Ryan Bailine and Ashley Bailine

**Saul Sinderbrand** – David and Jennifer Sinderbrand

**Harold Rich** – George and Jean Kripitz

**Dr. Myer Baylinson** – Debbie Rosenberg

**Isaac D. Sinderbrand** – Dr. Bill and Cookie Vilensky

*In Honor Of:*

**Consecration of Henry Parlin Sacks** – Scott and Michel Sacks; Norman and Audrey Fischer; Christopher and Sally Jo Carter

**Cissy Hurst's special celebration** – Norman and Audrey Fischer

**Matthew Sinderbrand's Bar Mitzvah** – Christopher and Sally Jo Carter

## CHARLES N. COHEN NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

### *In Memory Of:*

**Judy Doherty** – Adam, Emily and Andrew Weiss

## BETH ISRAEL GROVE, S. J. FOREST IN ISRAEL

### *In Memory Of:*

**(10 trees) Esther Robins** – Leslie and Kay Furst

## GUSTI ENGELBERG WALL OF HONOR

### *In Honor Of:*

**Marriage of Merali Chalfin to Mitchell Drucker** – Mitchell and Merali Drucker

**Erick Harrison Chalfin on his Confirmation** – Mitchell and Merali Drucker

**Bat Mitzvah of Marni Mae Pogachefsky** – Helen Pogachefsky

**Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Rose Pogachefsky** – Helen Pogachefsky

**Charles Thierman's 85th Birthday** – Eleanor Thierman

**Birth of Simha Kohn** – David and Janet Levy

**80th Birthday of Paul E. Schwab** – Daniel and Terri Mittelman

**Our precious grandchildren, Leo Franklin Amer and Rex Hayden Amer** – Dr. and Mrs. Hisham Amer

**Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sinderbrand** – Alexandra Sinderbrand

### *In Memory Of:*

**Rhoda "Ricky" Godorov** – Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Wolf; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Linsky; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gordon; Ms. Roberta Cherry; Mr. Paul Cohen

**Congregation Beth Israel gratefully acknowledges all contributions which enables the synagogue to continue its good works.**



## Celebrate Chanukah with Beth Israel!

Friday, December 14, 2001

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

followed by Shabbat Worship Services at 8:15 p.m.

Join your congregational family for a festive & traditional Shabbat Dinner to celebrate Chanukah in the Joseph and Esther Ashner Auditorium. Don't forget to bring your menorah and light the candles with us. (And a high chair, if needed)

No reservations will be accepted after December 7.

Prices for the Dinner are as follows:

Age	# of guests		Price		Total
12+	_____	@	\$16	=	_____
5-12	_____	@	\$12	=	_____
2-4	_____	@	\$6	=	_____
Total					_____

Non-members please add \$3 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the reservation form to:

Chanukah Dinner  
 Congregation Beth Israel  
 2501 Shore Road  
 Northfield, NJ 08225



## NURSERY SCHOOL

Each year as the holiday season approaches, we all become inundated with flyers filled with "stuff" to buy. Each year there's a new something that we all just must have. The companies are very smart because they first introduce this very cool toy to your children, then they make it very hard to find. I still remember getting up very early to stand in line for my daughter's cabbage patch doll. How could Chanukah come without her getting a doll? Actually that year she did do without because I wasn't crazy enough to go in the middle of the night and stand in line in a parking lot waiting for the store to open. And you know the amazing thing-she actually survived and lived to celebrate another Chanukah! We were even able to get her to smile that year!

Having said all of the above, the point of this article is to say that sometimes we need to think about what's important and exactly what messages we are sending to our children. It's a very hard decision for some of us because we want to give our children the world. It's hard knowing when to draw the line. I think we can all admit to falling under that magic spell at holiday time and purchasing the unnecessary.

As Chanukah is quickly approaching, those decisions are right at hand. Having survived many Chanukahs, I'd like to share some of what I've learned both as a parent and as a nursery school teacher. Children love presents and they don't always have to be extravagant or expensive. Children, especially young children, love simple toys that they can make come to life. Their imagination is the key and they can create a wonderful story with very few props. The toys that get the most use in nursery school are the simplest ones.

Chanukah is also a wonderful time to create family traditions that your children will remember long after the toys are lost. Make a menorah with your child out of clay or even with tile and bolts. You'll both treasure this one for years to come. Prepare special meals and have them help make potato latkes. Light the candles together, sing songs and play dreidel. Make your own wrapping paper with their handprints or even their footprints. Have the children shop for someone less fortunate and give him or her a Chanukah they'll remember as well.

*Cookie Feldman*

## IN THE BETH ISRAEL FAMILY

*Warmest congratulations to:*

**Samantha Goldhagen**, daughter of **Jerry and Ina Goldhagen**, on her Bat Mitzvah

**Emily Wilkins**, daughter of **Dr. Arthur and Dr. Julianne Childs**, on her Bat Mitzvah

**Steven and Denise Kintish** on the birth of their son **Bryan Alexander** and to **Richard and Sylvia Kintish**, the proud grandparents **Stanton and Lenna Wolf** on the birth of their grandson, **Saul Kane**

**Dr. Michael and Renee Slotoroff** on the births of their granddaughters, **Raya Anastasia Slotoroff** and **Haley Anna Smilow**. Get well wishes are extended to **Sandra Kossoff Katz; Hilda Uniglicht, Mel Nathanson, Lois Baker** and all others who may be ill. We do try our best to keep in touch with those who may be ailing. It helps to be informed. All it takes is a phone call to the Temple office. Rabbi Weis, especially, wants to know. We will appreciate hearing from you.

Join Beth Israel Sisterhood  
on Friday, January 4, 2002!

We are going to see the Thomas Eakins Exhibit  
at the Philadelphia Art Museum.  
A docent will guide us through the exhibit  
followed by free time in the museum and  
a lovely lunch in the Artists Café.

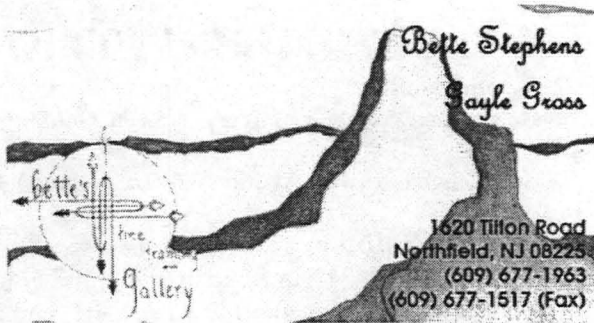
Cost is \$60.00 per person.  
The bus departs at 7:30 a.m.  
Your check is your reservation.  
Deadline: December 15<sup>th</sup>.



**We warmly welcome to our Congregation:**


*Theodore and Andrea Gill  
Stephen and Marilyn Keiner  
Harriet Perlman  
Dr. Rick and Judy Rappaport*





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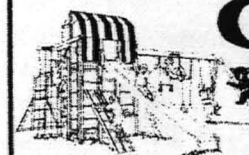
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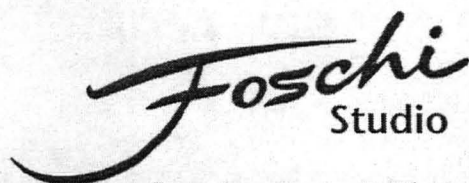


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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Chocolate coins, dreidel and candles are everywhere. It must be the season of Chanukah. The Sunday school mini courses have been busy preparing a presentation of a Chanukah play by Debbie Friedman. The children are divided into four groups; music, art, drama and dance. The presentation will be on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are invited to bring their child to school and come to the downstairs foyer for coffee. **We'll have information as well as a video on Camp Harlam also that morning.**

For those of you not familiar with the Camp, the video will show you how incredible your child's camp experience can be. Camp Harlam is located in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. The camp offers an extensive sports and recreation program combined with the experience of living Judaism. It's the perfect place to spend a summer!

One of the goals of our Religious and Hebrew Schools is to give our children the tools so that they may learn to embrace and practice Judaism. It is so important for parents to set an example and show their children the importance they place on Jewish traditions. Parents are the first and best role models for their children. By observing Jewish traditions such as the lighting of the Chanukah candles, celebrating Shabbat and giving Tzedakah, we demonstrate to our children our personal commitment to Judaism. Children live what they learn and love what they learn with the involvement and participation of their parents.

*Cookie Feldman*

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## MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

The initial meeting of the winter season in November got us off to a good start. However, the attendance could be much better and I appeal to you, the members, to come out and join us for an evening of getting to know each other and discussing what we can do to help our Temple.

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month which means **December 6<sup>th</sup>** is the day to remember. It will be my sincere pleasure to greet you.

We do have in mind a Breakfast with speaker in January, and a Bullies Hockey Game in February. You'll hear more about these events very shortly.

Meantime, accept my best wishes to one and all for a very happy Chanukah season as well as a glowing soon-to-be year 2002!

*Moe Boudov*

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

December was the month to do Mitzvahs for both youth groups. It was a very easy task to get everyone to come out and help those less fortunate. We often hear about how today's youth is so spoiled, but if the truth be known, they are very eager to help. It was refreshing to watch these kids in action.

Ity-Bity (grade 7 & 8) finished a basket project they had been working on since fall. Thanks to the most generous donations of our congregants, local physicians and Caesar's Casino, we were able to make over thirty baskets. These were overflowing with toiletries and other essentials. The group did a great job in assembling the baskets.

We also got the opportunity to tie dye with Mrs. Susan Weis. The group brought the clothing of their choice and Mrs. Weis shared her expertise. Mrs. Phyllis Cohen brought us snacks to munch and Mrs. Peg Wenner just came out to help. Thank you to all the parents who make time to help with youth group activities. We couldn't do it without you!

Beth Israel Kids did a mitzvah project to help Manna with their holiday meals. The group assembled goodie bags and made holiday cards to send along with the dinners. The cards were elaborately decorated with glitter and markers. I'm sure the recipients will smile as they read the cards.

As always, watch for the flyers in January. Youth group activities are great fun and I look forward to having more of you come and join in our activities.



# DECEMBER 2001

## KISLEV/TEVET 5762

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1 Torah Study 9:45am Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Goldha- gen, 11:00 am</i>
<i>2 R.S. Adult B'nai Mitzvah MANNA BENEFIT</i>	<i>3 MANNA</i>	<i>4 H.S.</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6 H.S. Men's Club, 7:30 pm</i>	<i>7 Shabbat Services 5:30pm</i>	<i>8 Torah Study, 9:45 Bat Mitzvah of Emily Wilkins, 11:00 am</i>
<i>9 R.S.-Arts Assembly Adult B'nai Mitzvah Chanukah begins at sundown</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 Book Break. 12:00 noon H.S.</i>	<i>12 Nursery School Chanukah Celebration</i>	<i>13 H.S. Men's Club Card Night</i>	<i>14 CHANUKAH DINNER, 6:15 PM SHABBAT SVCS. 8:15 PM</i>	<i>15 Torah Study, 9:45</i>
<i>16 R.S.</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18 H.S.</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20 H.S. Bd. of Trustees, 7:30 pm</i>	<i>21 Shabbat Services, 5:30 pm WINTER BREAK</i>	<i>22 Torah Study, 9:45 Shabbat Minyan Services, 11:00 am</i>
<i>23 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26 Healing Services, 7:30 pm</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Shabbat Services, 8:15 pm</i>	<i>29 Torah Study, 9:45 Shabbat Minyan Services, 11:00 am</i>
<i>30 NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Jan. 1, 2002 Happy New Year!</i>				

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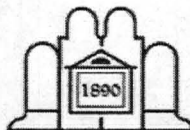
### What we really need is your support!

Every \$100.00 purchase means \$5.00 in the Temple's coffers. You do have to shop for food anyway so it's not costing you a penny more than what you'd spend, so please get into the act! We are very grateful to our many true blue members who won't shop unless they have scrip in their pocket. BUT...there are many more of you who could and should help your Temple by purchasing food certificates.

It takes so little effort on your part.

Please think about this project and, more importantly, do something about it. **You may call Gertrude Leibowitz at 822-6691.** She will gladly explain the project and help you to participate very easily. Remember, the more you do for Temple makes it possible for the Temple to do more to provide the programming and activities you want.

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