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MAY 4, 2002



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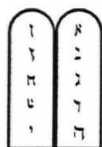


**SARAH ALEXANDRA
WEISS**

Grade 7

Belhaven School, Linwood

Hobbies: Band, Violin, Ski-
ing, Dance, Music, Com-
puters, Being W/Friends and
Family



*Congregation Beth Israel cordially invites you to its
Shavuot and Confirmation Service*

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Sivan, 5762

7:30 p.m.

Jessica Ali Buffman

Stephen Capecci

Jessica Ann Finkelson

Adam Daniel Goldstein

Leslie Elise Hurvitz

Chad Meyers

Nick Milone

Eric Jordan Mintz

Reed Rosenberg

Mallory Laura Roth

Sean Andrew Sinderbrand

Sean Weiss

Rabbi David M. Weiss

Shelley Bernstein, Pres.

Patti Turner, Cantorial Soloist

MAY 18, 2002



JORDAN SILBERMAN

Grade 7

Egg Harbor Township Middle School

Hobbies: Art, Acting, Tennis, Computer,
Skiing, Shopping, Spending Time with
Friends and Family.

MAY 25, 2002



JULIE REBECCA RYAN

Grade 7

Northfield Community School

Hobbies: Piano, Acting, Computer,
Writing, Spending Time w/Friends

FROM THE RABBI

ENVISIONING TOMORROW V

BETH ISRAEL ENGAGES A CANTOR

History is being made at Congregation Beth Israel. For the first time in the synagogue's 112 years, we have a cantor. You are probably saying to yourselves that we have had cantors before. In truth, however, while our pulpit has hosted students who were studying for the cantorate, and there have been soloists who inaccurately used the term cantor to describe themselves, we have never actually had a fully trained and invested cantor at Beth Israel. It may be long overdue, but we have recently added a full-time, invested cantor to the professional staff. Our cantor will bring so much to our synagogue. She will bring unparalleled depth and beauty to our worship music. She will bring a warm heart and an eager soul to our programming. She will bring Torah, tenderness, and enthusiasm to our classrooms.

On July 1, 2002, Larisa Averbakh will begin what we anticipate will be a long tenure as our Cantor. She will be graduating from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary, this May. Beth Israel will be her first full-time pulpit, though Cantor Averbakh has served as a student cantor at congregations in Indiana, San Francisco, and New Jersey. She brings to her cantorate wondrous assets, a personal religious journey, and a profound piece of Jewish history.

Larisa was born in Leningrad, USSR. While she was growing up, all things Jewish were essentially forbidden. Still, her parents quietly celebrated Jewish life and culture as completely as possible during those days. Her Jewish life revolved around a few books they had in their home, recollections of a bygone Jewish life from her grandparents, and recordings of the great Yiddish singers of the Russian Jewish world. With Glasnost, and the eventual end of the Soviet Union, Larisa and her family began to more openly celebrate Judaism. Leningrad, once again, became known as St. Petersburg. Her love of music brought her to the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory of Music where she received her degree in classical singing. She earned a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the Leningrad Institute of Technology, as well as a degree in Judaica and Hebrew at the Petersburg Jewish University. Cantor Averbakh also studied at the Melton Center of the Hebrew University, completing coursework designed for Jewish Diaspora educators. Before coming to the seminary to pursue her studies for the cantorate, Larisa worked as a music specialist for the Jewish community in Russia, organizing seminars for teachers, preparing curricula for children, as well as compiling and publishing a collection of 'Songs of Jewish Holidays' used throughout the Former Soviet Union.

As an immigrant from Russia, Cantor Averbakh brings a profound sense of Jewish history to Beth Israel. Her vast talents and beautiful Jewish soul make her a wonderful partner as we take our first giant steps toward a glorious tomorrow filled with Torah, Avodah (Worship), and Ma'asim Tovim (Acts of Loving-kindness).

Rabbi David M. Weis

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRI., MAY 3, 2002

Parshat Be-har-Be-Hukkotai/Lev.
25:1/27:34

Shabbat Services, 5:30 pm

SAT., MAY 4, 2002

Torah Study, 9:45 am

Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Rosenberg, 11:00
Daughter of Marc and Patti Rosenberg

FRI., MAY 10, 2002

Parshat Be-Midbar/Num. 1:1-4:20

Shabbat Services, 8:15 pm

SAT., MAY 11, 2002

Torah Study, 9:45 am

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Weiss, 11:00 am
Daughter of Michael and Julie Weiss

THURS., MAY 16, 2002

Erev Shavuot

Confirmation Service
7:30 pm

FRI., MAY 17, 2002

Shabbat Services, 5:30 pm

3rd and 4th Grade

Presentation of Siddurim

SAT., MAY 18, 2002

Torah Study, 9:45 am

Tot Shabbat, 10:30 am

Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Silberman,
11:00 am

Daughter of Hal and Barrie Silberman

WED., MAY 22, 2002

Healing Services, 7:30 pm

FRI., MAY 24, 2002

Parshat Naso/Num. 4:21/7:89

Shabbat Services, 8:15 pm

SAT., MAY 25, 2002

Torah Study, 9:45 am

Bat Mitzvah of Julie Ryan, 11:00 am
Daughter of Kirk and Abby Ryan

FRI., MAY 31, 2002

Parshat Be-Ha'alotkha/Num. 8:1/12:16

Shabbat Services, 8:15 pm

SAT., JUNE 1, 2002

Torah Study, 9:45 am

Shabbat Minyan Services, 11:00 am



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

The observance of Passover, a spring festival, has come and gone, and we are reminded that during the season of spring, it is the moment when prosperity, technology and the dedication of human achievement is at its height.

Congregation Beth Israel has reached an important milestone in its 112-year history. Our latest achievement is a divine blessing from God: our "new" Cantor will join our spiritual community, gracing us with her presence at an important impasse in our Congregation's life.

Larisa Averbakh will be joining us on July 1, 2002. She is a newly invested Cantor from UAHC-HUC-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. She comes to us with an impressive Jewish background where she began her life in Russia, emigrating to the U.S. five years ago. Her knowledge of English, Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew is extensive, lending her expertise to our own growing community. We will certainly benefit from her musical knowledge, as well as her cultural experiences. A weekend of welcome is in the near future. We look forward to this milestone step as a successful "marriage". I am very excited with this choice and hope you will join me in my enthusiasm.

It is through our successful monetary support of this Cantor project that we are able to continue in this vein. It is only through your contributions that we can continue our Temple's growth spiritually and economically, and be a forerunner in the Jewish community.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Mark Grossman's undying support of this Cantor search. When I approached him to be committee chairperson, I had the ultimate confidence in his ability to lead and add a new dimension to this project. He is a man of charisma, one I am very proud to work with.

The committee was dedicated and continues to be so: Adria Light, Sharon Altman, Gusti Engelberg, Ted Rich, Debra Rosman, and Ina Cohn. Thank you, friends, for your great service.

Shalom,

Shelley Bernstein

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

One of the most interesting aspects of my position as the Temple administrator is that everyday is different from the one before. Sometimes I need to use my brain and sometimes I need to use my brawn. Some days are emotionally draining and some days are emotionally uplifting. Tuesday, April 23rd falls into the latter category. I had the privilege of joining with Rabbi Weis and Mark Grossman and members of the Cantorial Search Committee in traveling to NYC to the Hebrew Union College Campus to hear our new Cantor, Larisa Averbakh perform her Senior Recital. The music she performed was enthralling. Her presence, her essence, her sweetness shone throughout her performance.

When Larisa begins her tenure with our Temple family, we will have forged a new path. She brings a love of liturgy and great talent to join with the Rabbi on the spiritual journey we share as a congregation.

In the last decade the size of our congregation has just about doubled. We are approaching 500 families. Together, our Temple family becomes stronger and more dedicated. This is a most exciting time for us.

Susan Sokalsky



YOUTH GROUP

In April, all our youth groups had a great time. The older kids Galactic bowled 'til midnight and, afterwards, enjoyed a late night breakfast at Denny's. The younger BI kids had a pizza lunch after Sunday school and then headed into the kitchen to make chocolate covered pretzels. We packaged them up in cellophane bags with ribbons and prepared them for Mother's Day gifts.

On Sunday, May 19, BI Kids will be heading down to the Cape May County Zoo for a scavenger hunt. It'll be great fun! We will need some parent drivers, so call me if you can help transport.

In May, BITY will be heading to the Ocean City boardwalk for our own (mini) golf tournament and dinner. Watch for your flyers.

Keep June 15 open for a Beth Israel night at the Surf Baseball field. BI Kids and Ity Bity will be getting their flyers soon and we invite parents and siblings to join us. If you had fun our Bully's outing, you'll love this one.

For the brave at heart, BITY is paint balling on June 2. Be prepared to get pelted and have a blast as we engage in a number of regulated, different scenario and objective games.

As always, call me if you have any questions and please RSVP early as many of the upcoming events will have a limited number of spaces available.

Susan Weis



FROM THE EDITOR

The weather is becoming balmy, spring is in the air, the birds are singing and nature is responding as the leaves on trees begin to sprout. In our own little bailiwicks it would appear that all's right with the world. However, the truth is that there is much ugliness in our world. So long as there are terrorists, and people willing to blow themselves up and taking out as many Jews as possible, all is not right with the world.

Each of us keeps abreast of the news on a daily basis and there's no doubt that uppermost in our minds is the State of Israel. While we verbally and financially support Israel, it is the Israelis themselves who are putting their lives on the line in defense of their land. Yet that small country is being pressured to pull out of Palestinian areas and cease-fire. I find it difficult to understand President Bush. From one side of his mouth he has stated that in fighting terrorism the nations of the world are either with us or against us. And yet he asks Israel to halt its military incursions to root out terrorism. May God be with His chosen people and grant victory – which will mean victory for the entire world in the war against terrorism. The nations of the world need to learn that the Jewish people will no longer allow themselves to be led to the slaughter, that we will resist and strike back.

It is painful to everyone involved in war to lose loved ones. We need to find that common thread that makes us realize that bloodshed is not the answer. We need to end the sacrifice of young men and women who are the next generation. Talk and civility is needed to work out problems and differences with a willingness to make compromises. As a Jewish mother and grandmother, I pray that I will see peace in my lifetime. I wish for all of you the same.

Speaking of grandparenthood, Morris and I enjoyed a visit from our grandson David and his wife, Dani. Dani has become very precious to us. Both sets of her grandparents died before she was born, and she is just so bubbly that she has us as her grandma and grandpa. She believes, as we, that we are all part of the human race and that love is the ingredient that can hold us all together. We just need to turn the keys to open our hearts and let love in. So, in our own little household, we know real peace and much love from which we are quelling! May all our Beth Israel family have much to quell about, too!

Selma Boudov

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Thanks to everyone who participated to make the Thrift and Bake Sale a huge success!

Please earmark **Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. for our Sisterhood Dinner at Tupelo Restaurant in Northfield.** Your check for \$30.00 if a member of Sisterhood, \$36.00 if a non-member, payable to B. I. Sisterhood will reserve a place for you, and also your seating preference. **Guest Speaker, Penny Bilofsky,** will bring you her humorous formula for maintaining good relations with in-laws. Call **Lisa Belkin** if you have any questions – **646-4189.**

Plans are in the works for a trip to Grounds for Sculpture this spring. We will supply all the details in a flyer. Sisterhood will also present a Fashion Show geared to youngsters and oldsters alike in October. As you can determine, Sisterhood is always on the move, bringing you programs of interest and pleasure.

If you have not joined Sisterhood ranks, come aboard and be a part of its activities. Its roots are deeply imbedded in the Temple's foundation and its branches flourish with many blossoms representative of its good works. Each and every member adds her own particular talents to enhance the beauty, strength and purpose of a great organization.

Looking forward to seeing you at Tupelo's on May 7th.

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Marguerite Creamer – Dawn Gadon
In Honor Of:
Richard's unique spirit and contribution to our B.I. Family – Mark, Anne, Daniel and Noah Grossman
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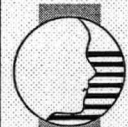
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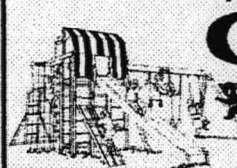
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MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

You may be reading this article before, or possibly after the fact, but I take this opportunity to thank you, the members of our congregation, for your participation in the Men's Club Lox Box Brunch fundraiser on May 5th. You will have been contacted by a member of the Brotherhood, and we hope you placed an order with him.

While it may seem an insignificant matter to have a well dug, monetarily speaking it will save our Temple a lot as we will not have to pay water bills for the watering of our grounds.

We shall keep you posted on our progress.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our congregation.

Moe Boudov, President



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Please think about this project and, more importantly, do something about it. Remember, the more you do for Temple makes it possible for the Temple to provide the programming and activities you want.

In the BETH ISRAEL FAMILY...

Congratulations to:

Zoe, daughter of **Marc and Patti Rosenberg**, on her Bat Mitzvah

Sarah, daughter of **Michael and Julie Weiss**, on her Bat Mitzvah

Jordan, daughter of **Hal and Barrie Silberman**, on her Bat Mitzvah

Julie, daughter of **Kirk and Abby Ryan**, on her Bat Mitzvah
Ed Hurst—a very nice article appeared in The Press on April 21st relative to American Bandstand. Ed had been offered the job of emceeing the program but was committed to a radio network and couldn't accept. However, he and his partner initially created a program upon which American Bandstand developed. Ed, you're still a star in Beth Israel!

Our sincere prayers and good wishes to all who are ill: **Ben Schreiber, Hilda Uniglicht, Herb Monheit, Stanley Cossoy, Bert and Renee Saber, Marilyn Bigney, and Hana Yusem.**



When in Need ... Let Us Know

It has come to our attention that there are members of our congregation who enter the hospital for more than "minor" repairs and the word never gets to the Rabbi.

So, please, if you hear of someone going into the hospital or know of a member who is in the hospital or ill at home, the Rabbi will appreciate your calling the Temple office to alert us. The number to call is 641-3600. Thank you very much.



We warmly

welcome to

our Congregation:

Edmonde and Barbara Levitt

Heidi Mae

Stephen and Stacey Marchel



Beth Israel Religious School Extra Edition

The next several weeks are chockfull of programs and events to end our school year. Please post this on your refrigerator so you will not miss any of these exciting events.

Sunday, May 5th: 4th Grade PPEPS Program
4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah
Parents meeting with the Rabbi, 10:15 am-10:45 am

Friday, May 17th: 3th & 4th Grade Siddur Presentation during Kabbalat Shabbat Services, 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner to follow

Sunday, May 19th: Last Day of Sunday School – All congregants with or without children welcome and encouraged to attend. All students meet for ONE session, 9:30 – 12:30. Parents please join your children for this great morning.

T'zar Ba'alei Chayim – Being Kind to Animals

The morning will begin with a school wide assembly honoring our teachers. A round robin of interactive activities centering on our theme will follow. Congressman LoBiondo will address the students on "Congressional Action on Endangered Species. The morning will conclude with lunch and a fantastic Karate demonstration by Mal and Ryan Perkins and members of the Ninja Academy. We will also select the winner of this year's Pot of Gold Raffle.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Each Sunday in every class we collect Tzedakah. Pennies, nickels, dimes and the rest, we gladly take it all. The children drop those coins in the yellow envelope and the teachers drop them off on Donna's desk. Each week the money is sorted, counted and then deposited in the bank. While it doesn't really seem like very much, those coins have a way of growing. This year we've collected already over \$800.00 to give to the charities that the children selected at the very first assembly of the school year. The money collected will be divided between the Red Cross, Humane Society and the Make a Wish Foundation. We hope our Tzedakah projects teach children how important it is to help others and share with the less fortunate.

May is almost here and with it comes the end of school. We've made many changes this year regarding curriculum and programming, and this summer we'll continue making more adjustments. The teachers have been very helpful in making recommendations concerning curriculum, and their input will be used to refine our programming for next year.

Every family should have received a letter in the mail concerning our teacher booklets. Please spend some time with your child and help them submit a page that will be commensurate with our teacher's efforts. Our Religious School Committee has graciously volunteered to collate all the material and make our books. Teachers will be presented these rebalances at our final school assembly. Parents are encouraged to come to school that day with their children.

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POT OF GOLD DRAWING

ON MAY 19, 2002

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

AT \$100.00 EACH.

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NURSERY SCHOOL

Each year at this time there is always a great deal of conversation about pre-school. Most of the conversations revolve around the various options and the differences in philosophies of the schools. It becomes a very difficult choice for parents as they wish only to make the best selection for their child. Many times parents set up days to observe the class their child will enter. This provides them with the opportunity to see how well their ideals match the school's programming. It also allows parents to get a feel for the staff and experience the general atmosphere in the facility. It's vital that parents, children and the school all mesh well together. Parents need to feel secure in their choice.

Parents of young children are faced with very difficult decisions. There is a tremendous push for children to excel at everything at a young age. Children are often so caught up in this race that they hardly have time to be children. This being said, then the subject of what should happen in a good preschool needs to be explored.

Preschool should provide children with the opportunity to play. Children's work is their play. Children learn through play. They need time and the opportunity to develop the social skills necessary to successfully play with other children. They need time to explore, touch, imagine, feel and experience their environment. Their environment needs to provide the materials, space and time to allow this exploration to happen when they are most receptive. As each child is ready, the teacher and the environment should provide the materials to help them develop.

A preschool needs to offer a warm and fuzzy environment. Children need to feel safe and secure. Children need sunshine, stories, silly music, crayons, messes, water and sand to name a few of the important ingredients necessary to promote their development. They need laughter, hugs and a lap to cuddle on when the day is overwhelming. We must remember, as educator John Holt states, "it is love, not tricks and techniques of thought, that lies at the heart of all true learning."

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!
TUESDAY, JULY 16 2002
BETH ISRAEL GOLF TOURNAMENT
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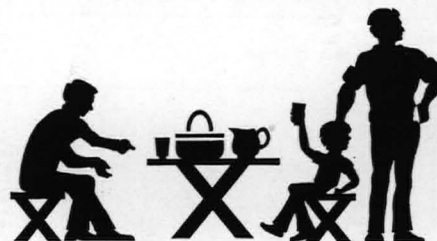
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 H.S. Confirmation Reh., <u>7:30 pm</u> MANNA	3 Shabbat Services, <u>5:30 pm</u>	4 Torah Study, <u>9:45 am</u> Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Rosenberg, <u>11:00 am</u>
5 R.S. 4th Gr. Parents and PPEP	6	7 H.S. Sisterhood Dinner at Tupelo's, <u>6:30 pm</u>	8	9 H.S. Men's Club, <u>7:30 pm</u> Confirmation Reh., <u>7:30 pm</u>	10 Shabbat Services, <u>8:15 pm</u>	11 Torah Study, <u>9:45 am</u> Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Weiss, <u>11:00 am</u>
12 NO SCHOOL	13 ROSH CHODESH, <u>7:30 pm</u>	14 H.S. Book Break <u>12:00 noon</u>	15 Confirmation Reh. <u>7:30 pm</u>	16 NO HEBREW SCHOOL Erev Shavuot Confirmation, <u>7:30 pm</u>	17 3RD & 4TH Gr. Siddur Service Dinner Shabbat Services, <u>5:30 pm</u>	18 Torah Study, <u>9:45am</u> Tot Shabbat, <u>10:30 am</u> Bat Mitzvah of Jor- dan Silberman, <u>11:00 am</u>
19 R.S. ONE SESSION Gala Temple Picnic	20	21 H.S.	22 Healing Services. <u>7:30 pm</u>	23 H.S. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MTG., <u>7:30 pm</u>	24 Shabbat Services, <u>8:15 pm</u>	25 Torah Study <u>9:45 am</u> Bat Mitzvah of Julie Ryan, <u>11:00 am</u>
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30 MANNA	31 Shabbat Services, <u>8:15 pm</u>	

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