

Monthly Schmooze

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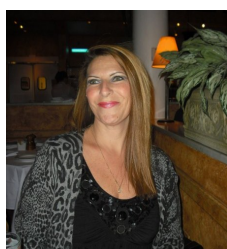
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Letter from the President



Dear Family and Friends of B'nai Torah,

For me there is no better way to start a Newsletter than announcing new members to B'nai Torah. Better yet, when they are previous members.

Please welcome back to B'nai

Torah the Mielziner Family. It was great to see Jim and Charlotte at our recent Shabbat dinner. It always pleases me to see those that went to Religious School at B'nai Torah return grown up as is the case of their daughter Valla. We are looking forward to seeing her when she returns from college for winter break.

Appreciation goes to AJ for the planning and preparation of our Shabbat Dinner on Veterans Day. Each Veteran took a turn sharing their Service experiences. The stories shared by each of them were of great interest. Songs, Prayers, Pizza, Salad, Desserts were also enjoyed by all. It was a great turnout with at least 23 adults and children everywhere!

Looking ahead please join us for our December 9th Service led by Rabbi Schrieber who will have Will Sol accompanying her. Also coming up on Wednesday December 21st we will be having a Chanukah party. Bring your Menorahs, we will supply the candles, for a Candle Lighting followed by a Potluck Dinner. There will be a Chanukah Treat for each child so a RSVP is necessary. More info to come.

As we wind down 2011 and Chanukah grows closer it reminds me to recognize the many blessings we have in our lives. With each candle may our lives be illuminated and remind us of the extraordinary miracle that took place and the relevance in our own lives.

Shalom,

~ Madi

Lets nosh on some sweets!



Want to host an Oneg or Kiddush?

Please share your Simchas and memories with our congregation by hosting an Oneg or Kiddush in 2012.

Reserve with Madi at madib.0213@yahoo.com

Sunday School Update



Praying everyone had a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family.

We've had a very busy first half of the Religious school year, and believe it or not...we really are at the half way mark!!

We are going to continue this trend into the month of December, with lots of Hannukah activities. Once again, the Sunday school program will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Hannukah Helper program. We are asking each family of the Sunday school, and congregation to please donate one toy. There will be a special collection box to place your toys in, and a volunteer will deliver them to the Jewish Federation.

On Sunday, Dec 18th the students will be participating in a special Hannukah program at Sunday School. This program will include the making of edible menorahs/hannukiahs and edible dreidels. This has really been a fun day in past years, and I am looking



forward to it again.

For anyone that is interested, the JCC will be hosting a Hannukah Hooplah on Dec 25th. The program will be at the JCC Millstone Campus, and includes menorah and candle making, stories, music, games, and open gym and swimming. There is a \$10 per family for J members, and \$15 per family for non-j members who pre-register, and \$20 per family at the door. This program will start at 10am and end at 1pm. If you are interested in pre-registering, you can contact Marianne Chervitz at mchervitz@jccstl.org or 314-442-3454.

As a calendar reminder, there will be no Sunday school on Sunday Dec 25th or Sunday Jan 1st.

Hope everyone has a great winter break!!
Shalom,
Shelby Cooke
Director of Education

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Upcoming Events

- December 4th, 9-11:30—Sunday School—snack, Moll Family**
- December 9th, 7:30 — Friday Night Services—Oneg, Helmans**
- December 11th, 9-11:30—Sunday School—snack, Rumfelt Family**
- December 18th, 9-11:30—Sunday School—snack, Trujillo Family**
- December 21st, 6:00 — Chanukah Party and potluck**
- December 14th, 6:30 — Board Meeting**
- January 8th, 9-11—Sunday School—snack,**
- January 8th, 11:00—Annual Congregation Meeting**
- January 13th, 7:30—Friday Night Services**
- January 15th, 9-11:30—Sunday School—snack,**
- January 22nd, 9-11:30—Sunday School—snack,**
- January 29th, 9-11:30—Sunday School—snack,**

December 25th



Have any of you ever wished that there was something fun for us poor Jews to do on December 25th? How many years in a row can a Jew go to Chinese Food and the movies? Well, how does bowling sound?

Well, I am happy to share that the Kolliel of St. Louis has rented the Brunswick XL in St. Peters. On December 25th from 2-4PM there will be free bowling. There are game cards available for purchase too from the Kolliel for \$15 to access the laser tag and arcade area.

Hanukkah Celebration

Get ready to celebrate Hanukkah at a special Family Party!!
 For all children through age 9 and their parents and grandparents
 Tuesday, December 13, 2011 6:45 pm
 Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library
 Jewish Federation Kopolow Bldg. 12 Millstone Campus Dr.
 Hanukkah stories and puppets! Special Hanukkah crafts! Treats! Fun!!!
 No charge, but reservations required
 (314) 442-3720 or email Brodsky-library@jfedstl.org



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Annual Meeting

All members should keep an eye out in their mail. You will be receiving a letter about the upcoming meeting on January 8th. There will be details on what the meeting will involve along with the list of the positions that will be voted on.



Just a little way to say thank you.

Never hurts to say thank you.

Thank you to A.J., our hospitality chair, for a wonderfully successful Shabbat dinner. It was so nice to have a large turn-out of new and old friends. We are looking forward to many more fun events.

Thank you to our Honored Veterans for joining us in the celebration of YOU!

Thank you to all that helped clean up. It is amazing how fast it can go with so many wonderful helpers.

Thank you to B'nai Torah for letting us celebrate Michaella's 1st birthday at the synagogue. It was really special to us to be able to celebrate her 1st birthday in a place that we consider to be home.—Robin and A.J. Moll

Yartzits

Marion Cohen	12/10/1973	Kislev 15: 12/11/11	Ken Cohen and family
Rose Levy	12/10/1987	Kislev 19: 12/15/11	Stan Levy & Fran Karp families
Moe Gaynor	12/15/1992	Kislev 20: 12/16/11	Beverly Moll and family
Fay Cohen	12/23/1997	Kislev 24: 12/20/11	Sylvan ,Steve, Andrea Cohen families
Jeff Weeks	12/07/2007	Kislev 27: 12/27/11	Steve Weeks and family



In addition, at each Service during the 11 month period prior to their yahrtzits, we will remember the blessed memory of our following loved ones who recently passed away: Molly Pierce , Shirley Kaufer, Bob Kurtzman, Bernie Litt, Beverly Banks, Gertrude Nicholson, and Isadore Diamond .

Our condolences go out to Rabbi Schreiber for the recent loss of her uncle Isadore Diamond

Tributes

All tributes should be mailed to Terry Steinberg at:
13035 Geranium Ct., St. Louis, MO 63146

Needle Work Class

Do you know B'nai Torah has a Needle Work Class that is held at our building on Tuesdays 1 – 3 pm and Wednesdays 7 – 9 pm ? Hosted by Laurie Seale the class formed in January to teach knitting, crocheting and sewing of hats for the benefit of Chemo Therapy Patients. Rabbi Schreiber had been distributing them at Jewish Hospital. Laurie shared that she has had a good turnout in the evening class. Also, no experience is necessary, great opportunities to learn a fun skill, the materials for the class are furnished and the class is open to woman as well as men. For more information please contact Laurie Seale at 636-397-1323.

PJ Library

Do you have children that are seven or younger? Sign up to be a member of the PJ Library. Once a month they send out a new book, CD, or DVD. They vary from Jewish holidays, stories and also just good to know lessons for any child.

Fundraising

We have 2 easy ways to help generate funds to the synagogue that won't cost you anything.

- 1) We have escript cards for Schnucks Supermarkets. Just give the card to your cashier as you ring up your grocers and we will get a percentage from your purchase. Need a card? Ask one of our board members and they can help you.
- 2) Do you search on the internet? If you did all your searches through Goodsearch.com we get \$0.01 for every single search. Just go to Goodsearch.com and register Bnai Torah as your charity. It's that simple.

**For any questions, concerns or submissions,
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