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SUNDAY SCHOOL MADNESS!!

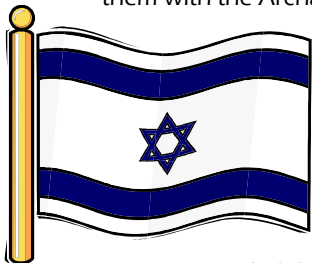
So much has been going on in Sunday School, it is hard to know where to even begin!

The combination "Israel Independence Day" and "Open House" was a huge success!

Each student was given a passport that they got stamped at each location they visited. The students were able to go on a Masada Walk scavenger hunt and get their "Israeli Air



Force" pictures taken at the booth of Paul Dorn. We had the "Israeli Price is Right" led by game show host Rolf Cooke, where the student's got to learn the value of a shekel. Then it was on to making Postcards to send to the Kahn family in Israel, with the help of Shelby Cohen, and Israeli Flag Making with Rachyl Cooke. Katlyne Cooke guided the student's in a mosaic art project of the Temple of Solomon, and Julia Cooke helped them with the Archaeological Dig. If that was not enough to keep them busy, then it was off to the Israeli Air Force Obstacle Course, with Drill Sergeant Philip Cooke, where students



were awarded their own dog tags for completing the course. Of course, no trip to Israel would be complete without a stop at the Kotel wall, where tour guide Jack Cohen, helped students write a prayer or two. In addition to all the activities, AJ

Moll prepared kosher hot dogs and some amazing Falafel for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to our Israel Independence Day festivities, the students also took a field trip to the St. Louis Zoo on May 2nd. The students divided

into three groups: toddler through kindergarten, 2nd through 4th graders, and 5th through 12th graders. Parents were allowed to join the groups and participate too. The goal was to introduce the students to animals found in the TaNaK.

The toddler through kindergarten group were each given 10 animals and an Ark to fill. As they found each of the ten animals on their scavenger hunt, they loaded them into their arks. Once the ark was full, they had completed their hunt.

The other two groups were each given 10 clues pertaining to stories found in the TaNaK. Some of these clues were well known, such as the story of Eve and the serpent, some were stories the students had never heard, such as the story of the Prophet Elisha and the two she-bears. The first team to solve all their clues was declared the winner.

Congratulations to the toddler-kindergarten group, and their worn out parents!! This was our winning group for the scavenger hunt! Alia & Adin Cooke, Anya & Devin Dorn, Kaelen Raible, and Ida Moseley along with a LITTLE help from group leader Shelby Cohen, and parents Rolf Cooke, Julie Dorn, Sharon Raible, and Tony Moseley, gave the older kids a run for their money. When I say run, I'm not kidding around...you should have seen the sweat on these poor adults who were literally running through the zoo while carrying toddlers and pushing strollers!!



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Special points of interest:

- Student Service
- Casting call for Aliyah Theatre
- Participate in June 9 board meeting

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

"It doesn't cost anything to say thank you." — Fannie Cohen

Thank you, Lorie and Wayne Ault for the use of the Knight for our Obstacle Course, and for setting up and lending the use of your tent for people to eat under during Israel Independence Day/Open House.

Thank you, Shelby Cohen for help in planning the Israel Independence Day/Open House and for borrowing the huge floor map of Israel for us. We'd also like to say thank you for your help in setting up and cleaning after the festivities were over.

Thank you, Jack Cohen for helping out at our Kotel Wall for Israel Independence Day/Open House.

Thank you, Rolf Cooke for hosting the "Israeli Price is Right", and for all the setting up and clean up you provided.

Thank you, Rachyl Cooke for helping the students make the Israeli Flags, and for all your help with setting up and clean up.

Thank you, Philip Cooke for running the Obstacle Course, and

helping with the setting up and clean up.

Thank you, Katlyne Cooke for helping the students with our Mosaic project.

Thank you, Julia Cooke for helping with the Archaeological Dig.

Thank you, Paul Dorn for the Masada Walk and the Air Force pictures, for all the setting up and cleaning up, and for burning all the music videos onto DVD for us.

Thank you, AJ Moll for cooking the hot dogs, and Amazing Falafel!!

Thank you, Robin Moll for all your help preparing for Israeli Independence Day, and for letting us use your artifacts from a "real" Israel Archaeological Dig. Also a big thank you for the Safari Passes for our scavenger hunt at the zoo!!

Thank you, Rick and Sharon Raible, for helping us set up for Israel Independence Day.

TRIBUTES

Donations were made to B'nai Torah for the following tributes:

To: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Helman	In honor of your grandson Joshua's Bar Mitzvah
From: Itta & Herb Hyman	
To: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Helman.	In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of your grandson Joshua.
From: Arlene Caplan & Joe Tripodi	
From: Harvey & Carol Derfeld	Tribute for Larry Comensky
From: Toby Braverman & Leona Tenenbaum	In remembrance of the yahrtzeit of Emanuel Tenenbaum.
From: Deborah Wodraska	Generous donation to our Holocaust Torah Restoration Fund in remembrance of your cousin <i>Joseph Vodrazka</i> who was murdered by the Nazis. <i>Debbi</i>, we will add <i>Josef</i> to our Yahrtzeit list and say Kaddish for him each year, henceforth.

Honor your loved ones and friends with a tribute. Simply send your messages to the address below with a donation made out to B'nai Torah. Please include the recipients mailing address.

Laura Cohen
202 Goldeneye Court
St. Peters, MO 63376

Your message will be printed in this newsletter and sent to the individual/family.

B'nai Torah will provide the recipient your name and address.

LOOKING FOR ACTORS — ALIYAH THEATRE

The Aliyah Theatre of B'nai Torah will present "The Sunshine Boys" this fall. The play will open on September 23 and will have a total of six performances over two week-ends. The play has seven characters, four of which have been cast. The three roles yet to be cast are Eddie (or Edie), a TV technician at CBS, and a patient (male or female) and buxom blonde in the Vaudeville sketch "The Doctor Will See You Now".

At this time, I want to cast the patient in the Doctors Sketch. This character (MAN in the original script, here, PATIENT) can be male or female, an adult of nearly any age. The

PATIENT does not have many lines of dialogue and is on stage for just a few minutes. However, he/she will make the audience laugh and will push the sketch to a higher level. It is a small, but important part.

The actual part is presented below. As the curtain rises, we see the PATIENT, in a chair, being examined by WILLIE, who plays the doctor in the sketch. WILLIE is looking into the PATIENT'S throat, holding his tongue with an 'aah' stick.



WILLIE. Open wider and say 'Ahh'.

PATIENT. Ahhh

WILLIE. Wider

PATIENT. Ahhh!

WILLIE. (Moves with his back to the audience) A little wider.

PATIENT. Ahhh!

WILLIE (Steps away) Your throat is alright but you're gonna have some trouble with your stomach.

PATIENT. How come?

WILLIE. You just swallowed the stick. (The PATIENT feels his/her stomach).

PATIENT. Is that bad?

WILLIE. It's terrible. I only got two left.

PATIENT. What about getting the stick out ?

WILLIE. What am I, a tree surgeon?...Alright, for another ten dollars, I'll take it out.

PATIENT. That's robbery.

WILLIE. Then forget it. Keep the stick.

PATIENT. No, no, I'll pay. Take the stick out.

WILLIE. Come back tomorrow. On Thursdays, I do woodwork.



I would like to cast two or three members of B'nai Torah in the part of the Patient. Then, each cast member would appear in 2-3 performances of the play. This would provide support and back-up for each person playing the Patient. Please contact me if you would like to audition for the part of the PATIENT in The Sunshine Boys. The audition will be held at B'nai Torah on a mutually convenient date and time. The PATIENT-WILLIE dialogue presented above will be the audition material. Be prepared to read the part of the PATIENT. I will read the part of WILLIE. No prior acting experience necessary.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,

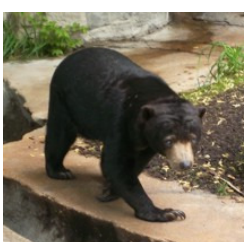
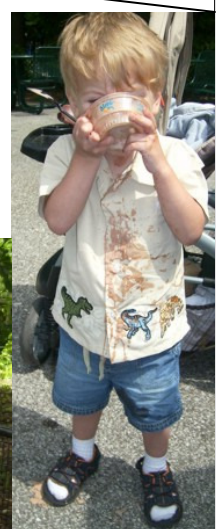
Gil Nussbaum

Artistic Director, Aliyah Theatre

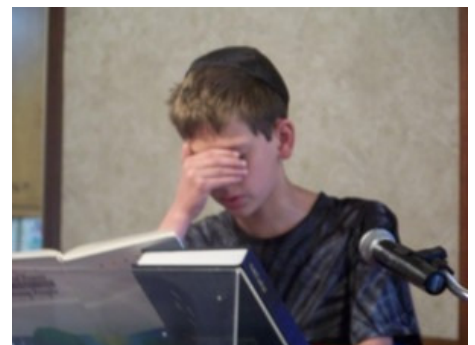
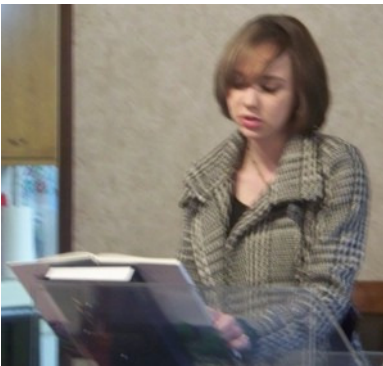
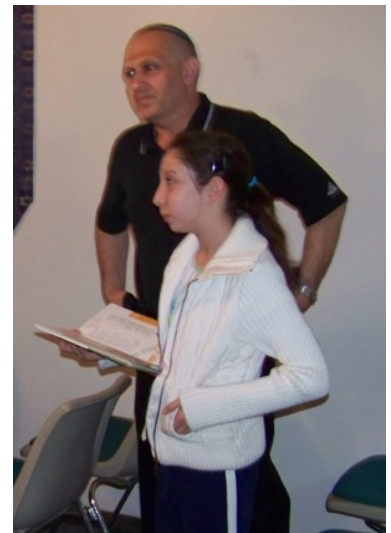
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At The Zoo



STUDENT SERVICE PREPARATION



KADDISH...OF BLESSED MEMORY

We recall with affection those who no longer walk this earth, grateful to G-d for the gift of their lives.

The Kaddish Prayer will be said for your loved ones at our May 21 & June 11 Service			
Name	Memorial	Jewish Yahrtzeit Date	Remembered By:
Dorothy Nussbaum	5/22/2000	Iyyar 17: 05/01/10	Gil Nussbaum
Ida Shear	5/27/1959	Iyyar 19: 05/03/10	Rina Kenkel and family
Samuel Shear	5/12/2026	Iyyar 28: 0512/10	Rina Kenkel and family
Yom Yerushalayim		Iyyar 28: 0512/10	Freedom of Jerusalem (1967)
Stanley Whitman	5/30/1995	Sivan 1: 05/14/10	Hat Taylorson family
Michael Gray	6/3/1954	Sivan 2: 05/15/10	Madi Brown and family
Earnest Azorsky	5/23/1985	Sivan 3: 05/16/10	Hat Taylorson family
Jack Hirsch	6/10/2003	Sivan 6: 05/19/10	Marcus Spiegel and family
William Stone	5/22/1983	Sivan 10: 05/23/10	Sharon Powell and family
Stuart Cohen	6/8/2006	Sivan 12: 05/25/10	Ken Cohen and family
Rose Sabblut	6/14/1985	Sivan 25: 06/07/10	Norman J. Sabblut
Estelle Muller	7/6/2003	Tammuz 6: 06/18/10	Rina Kenkel and family
Irv Comensky	7/16/2000	Tammuz 13: 06/25/10	Larry Comensky and family
Michael Canis	7/5/2009	Tammuz 13: 06/25/10	Robin Moll and family
Cindy Cohen	7/10/2006	Tammuz 14: 06/26/10	Ken Cohen and family
Rita Michelson	7/2/1996	Tammuz 15: 06/27/10	Laurie Feierberg and family
Milton Drogin	7/1/1988	Tammuz 16: 06/28/10	Faye Drogin, Sonia Heller and family
May Azorsky	6/26/1994	Tammuz 17: 06/29/10	Hat Taylorson family
Sue Ann Blatt	7/25/2006	Tammuz 29: 07/11/10	Mark Blatt and Family
Harry Sabblut	07/27/1976	Tammuz 29: 07/11/10	Norman J. Sabblut
Robin Cohen	7/18/1996	Av 2: 07/13/10	Steve Cohen and family
Faye Derfeld	8/1/1992	Av 2: 07/13/10	Harvey Derfeld and family
Gene Nussbaum	7/21/1993	Av 3: 07/14/10	Gil Nussbaum
Saul Cohen	8/8/1997	Av 5: 07/16/10	Sylvan, Steve , Andrea Cohen families
David Hirsch	9/29/2009	Av 8: 07/19/10	Dan Bain and family
Paula Tencer	8/17/1997	Av 14 07/25/10	Laura Vermeire and family
Rosalind Schatz		Av 15: 07/26/10	Mark Schatz and family

B'nai Torah invites you to honor your loved ones by sharing your memories during the 5/21 and June 11 service



MORE EVENTS AT B'NAI TORAH

Date	Activity
Sunday @ 7pm	Rabbinical teaching of <u>Ethics of our Fathers</u> and <u>Parsha Insights</u> Dates: May 23, June 20 (attend one or all) In addition to Torah and Talmud, the best-known and most quoted Jewish text is "Ethics of Our Fathers" written in 2nd century. Many rabbis recommend studying this text before one begins a study in Torah or Talmud. The ethical lessons taught by this text will be especially useful to parents and teachers. Rabbi Kamenetzky concludes by discussing how the weekly Torah portion gives us insight into our Jewish heritage, tradition, and religion. This is time well spent for your mind, soul, and family. Eager to see you there.
May 21 7:30pm	B'Nai Torah's first student led Shabbat service.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Date	Activity
Sunday @ 7pm	Shir Ami and HaShemesh Join Together in a Celebration of Jewish Music When: Sunday, June 27, 7:00PM Where: The Focal Point, 2720 Sutton Avenue in Maplewood Cost: \$10 in advance/\$12 day of show (if tickets remain) Information: jewishconcert@yahoo.com Shir Ami, and HaShemesh, the two groups that have kept the spirit of Jewish music alive in St. Louis for the past several decades, will be presenting a special concert on Sunday, June 27 at 7:00 PM at The Focal Point in Maplewood (2720 Sutton Avenue, just south of Manchester). Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the show and are available by mail (e-mail jewishconcert@yahoo.com or call 314-276-0235 for information). Seating is limited to only 120, so advance purchases are encouraged.

2010 B'NAI TORAH CALENDAR

We are eager to see you at each celebration. This calendar can be conveniently posted as reminder of forthcoming events.

Share your enthusiasm by **hosting an Oneg** for any remaining Friday night Shabbat celebrations. Call

Next Shabbat celebrations: May 21 & June 11

Make a **mitzvah** during each celebration by bringing non-perishable food, paper products, or personal grooming items for the homeless and hungry.



now to schedule your opportunity, and either bring food and beverage or arrange for catering. Consider sharing the opportunity with another member. As always, B'nai Torah will provide Shabbos wine.

	Date	Day	Time	Event	Oneg Host
	8-JAN	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	
	17-JAN	Sunday	10:00 PM	Annual Congregational Mtg	
	12-FEB	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	Julie & Paul Dorn
Purim	27-FEB	Saturday	5:30 PM	Purim Spiel	
		Saturday	6:00 PM	Pot Luck	
	28-FEB	Sunday	10:00 AM	Purim Carnival at B'Nai El	
	12-MAR	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	Laura & Jack Cohen
	26-MAR	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	Cori & Dan Helman
	27-MAR	Saturday	10:00 PM	Josh Helman Bar Mitzvah	
	30-MAR	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Congregational Seder	
	30-APR	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	Larry Whelan
	21-MAY	Friday	7:30 PM	Student Celebration	Robin & A.J. Moll
	11-JUN	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	Shelby & Rolf Cooke
	9-JUL	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	Steve & Shelby Cohen & Robin
	13-AUG	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Celebration	YOU
	4-SEP	Saturday	6:00 PM	Selichot Service	
Rosh Hashanah	8-SEP	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Myra & Lenny Baer
	9-SEP	Thursday	10:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah	
	12-SEP	Sunday	9:00 AM	Children's Service	
	17-SEP	Friday	7:30 PM	Kol Nidre	
Yom Kippur		Saturday	10:00 AM	Yom Kippur	
	18-SEP	Saturday	5:30 PM	Yizkor Service	
		Saturday	6:30 PM	Neila Service	
		Saturday	7:00 PM	Break-the-Fast	
26-SEP	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sukkoth Celebration		
8-OCT	Friday	7:30 PM	Simchat Torah Celebration	Carol & Mark Shatz	
12-NOV	Friday	7:30 PM	Veteran's Celebration	Rina & Paul Kenkel	
10-DEC	Friday	7:30 PM	Chanukah Celebration	Laura & Drew Vermeire	



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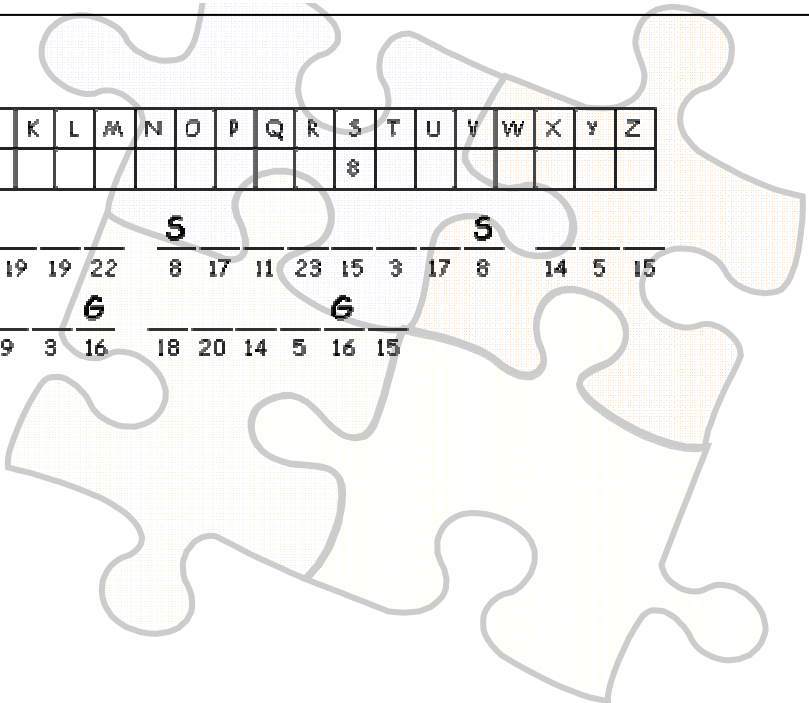
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Beverly Moll	Robin Moll
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The board meets monthly at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Attendance by our members is greatly appreciated to ensure the community is well represented.

